

and transferred to the Bishop of Montreal and his successors in the See of Montreal; and to have this Synod represented on the governing body of the College, and that the College Act be subject to the approval of the Synod, all of which arrangements are absolutely necessary, in the opinion of this Synod, to secure to the College the confidence of the Diocese and the constitutional liberties of the Anglican Church. That this Synod, recognizing the excellent work done by the Theological College, and being desirous to strengthen and develop this valuable institution on true Church of England lines, does hereby authorize the Bishop and Secretaries of this Synod to petition the Quebec Legislature to grant to the Montreal Diocesan Theological College the power of conferring divinity degrees from recognized Universities upon the following conditions, viz.:

1. That the College title deeds be vested in the Bishop of Montreal and his successors, with no theological restrictions other than those of the recognized formularies of the Church of England.

2. That no property be hereafter accepted by the College under conditions which would restrict the theological teaching of the College more than it would be restricted by the said formularies of the Church of England.

3. That one-fourth of the governors of the College be elected annually by this Synod by ballot.

4. That the Theological College Act now petitioned for shall not come into force until approved of by this Synod."

The mover and the seconder (Geo. A. Drummond, Esq., who is himself a Governor of the Montreal College, and has contributed very largely to it in the past,) spoke ably in support of their amendment, the speech of Mr. Drummond being one of the clearest and ablest made during the whole of the debate. He pointed out the outrageous character of the conditions contained in the Gault Trust Deed, and the want of knowledge of them on the part of himself and others until the application to Parliament: called upon Mr. Gault to fulfil the agreement made at Quebec, and asked that it should be done at once; strongly urged that until this were done the Synod should not entertain the matter for a moment. He treated the question from the standpoint of an able business man, and with great force and earnestness.

Canon Davidson next rose to speak, but loud and unseemly conduct on the part of the majority occurred, and it was some moments before he could get a hearing. He bravely stood his ground, and after rebuking the discourteous and noisy members, commenced what proved to be a most able and exhaustive argument against the main motion, on historical, doctrinal and educational grounds; but, it being six o'clock, calls for adjournment were made, and an evening session was moved for, upon which the Dean declared in favor of an evening session, and an "all-night session, too," if necessary to come to a vote; and the motion being carried by a large majority, the House adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Canon Davidson resumed his address, supporting his position by references to Bingham, The Homilies, the Synod Reports, and other authorities, etc.

The debate was continued by various speakers until 10 o'clock, when the Rev. J. G. Norton's amendment was put and lost on the following vote (taken by orders and entered on the minutes on demand of three members):

	Nays.	Yeas.
Clerical.....	40	9
Lay.....	76	18
Total.....	116	27

Dr. Davidson's motion was also lost on the following division, and also entered:

	Nays.	Yeas.
Clerical.....	45	21
Lay.....	66	27
Total.....	111	48

(Great applause.)

Dr. Davidson then moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. W. R. Brown,

That the following words in the original motion be omitted therefrom: "That this Synod approves the action of said College in petitioning for said degree-conferring power," and "that said petition be renewed."

Considerable noise and confusion again occurred, and several points of order were raised: (1) that no person could move two amendments; (2) that the two amendments having been disposed of, no further amendments could be made to the main motion, etc., etc.

Dr. Davidson held that he was acting according to the rules of the British and Canadian Houses of Commons. He also quoted several sections of the constitution of this body to show that he was in order.

The Bishop, after appealing to the Chamber, ruled the amendment out of order, and the mover entered his protest.

The vote on the main motion was then taken, and resulted as follows:—

	Yeas.	Nays.
Clerical.....	45	19
Lay.....	64	24
Total.....	109	43

(Applause.)

The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock until Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY.

The Synod resumed its sessions at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning. Several reports were read and notices of motion handed in, after which the election of the members of the Executive committee, Delegates to the Provincial synod, etc., was proceeded with.

The report on the Committee on Canons recommending the adoption of canons respecting the Widows' and Orphans' fund providing that every clergyman applying to be licensed to a charge in the diocese of Montreal should, before being licensed, agree to subscribe and pay the sum of \$5 per annum to the Widows' and Orphans' fund of said diocese, and continue to pay said amount annually, and, in default his license shall be revoked, was submitted.

A long discussion took place; the last clause being found untenable, it was dropped.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The discussion was continued and finally the matter was referred back to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund committee with instructions to report at next session.

His Lordship announced the following list of gentlemen as trustees and council of Bishop's College:—

Trustees—Messrs. F. W. Thomas, Canon Robinson, J. S. Hall, sr., Canon Davidson, Hon. G. B. Baker and Rev. R. Lindsay.

Council—Judge Ramsay, Canon Norman, T. W. Mussen, A. D. Nicolls, Dr. Davidson and Dr. Slack.

The report of the executive committee was then submitted. It recommended that amongst other things that the committee on grants do, during the coming year, revise the whole scale of grants and mission work and arrangements of the diocese, by means of a deputation, to be specially appointed, which deputation shall, during the coming year, visit each parish or mission, receiving aid from the mission fund and examine into its position and capabilities with a view of reducing the grant from the board, and of increasing local contributions in order also to increase, if possible the stipends of the clergymen. And expenses of said deputation to for part of the mission fund expenditures.

The report, with some amendments, was adopted.

The Bishop submitted the report of the elections:—

*Executive Committee*—Rev. J. S. Stone, Archdeacon Lindsay, Rural Dean Naylor, Rural Dean Rollit, Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Evans, Rural Dean Longhurst, Canon Ellegood, Rural Dean Renaud, Canon Mussen, Canon Henderson, Canon Mills, Rev. J. H. Dixon, Canon Anderson, Rural Dean Lindsay and Messrs. S. Bethune, T. P. Butler, J. Stephenson, A. F. Gault, Chas. Garth, Alex. Gowdey, Hon. Thomas Wood, Geo. Macrae, H. L. Robinson, Henry Mussen, Hon. W. W. Lynch, Hon. James Armstrong, F. W. Thomas, W. Drake and T. Howard. The Bishop, the Secretaries and Treasurer are members *ex officio*.

*Diocesan Court*—the Dean, Archdeacon Lindsay, Evans, Lonsdell and Leach; Canons Ellegood, Norman, Mussen, Davidson, Henderson, Anderson, Empson and Mills, Rural Dean Lindsay and Rev. J. S. Stone.

*Provincial Synod*—Dean Carmichael, Archdeacons Evans and Lindsay; Canons Ellegood, Mills, Henderson, Belcher and Empson (*ex officio*); Rural Dean Renaud, Revs. J. S. Stone, J. G. Baylis and J. H. Dixon.

Substitutes—Rural Dean Lindsay, Revs. J. A. Newnhrm, J. J. Scully, G. Rogers and H. J. Evans.

Lay Delegates—Messrs. Bethune, Hutton, Macrae, Stevenson, Armstrong, Gowdey, Butler, Garth, Hon. Mr. Wood, Hon. Mr. Lynch, G. F. C. Smith and W. R. Salter (*ex officio*).

Substitutes—Messrs. Gault, Mussen, Howard, Cooper, E. R. Smith and Drake.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. Edgar Judge then moved that the report of the Committee on the Quebec scheme be adopted, and in the course of a lengthy speech explained at length the advantages of the plan which he was firmly convinced was far superior to our own. It was not untried, having stood the test of experience in the Diocese of Quebec for over twenty-five years, and he believed he was justified in the statement that each succeeding year would serve to convince the clergy and the laity of its unequalled advantages.

A long discussion followed, and an amendment was moved to refer the report back for further consideration, but ultimately this was withdrawn, and the main motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Judge then moved that a Committee be now appointed to prepare the necessary details, make necessary enquiries and mature a scheme for putting the Quebec plan into operation, and to report at the next Synod, and that the special deputation under the motion of the Committee on Grants be requested to act and cooperate with this Special Committee on the matter. Carried.

After transacting some minor business the Synod adjourned till Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY FOR FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS will hold a meeting in the City of Montreal in September next, during the Session of the Provincial Synod. We understand that the Bishop of the Diocese has approved of the appointment of a local Committee in connection with the Church-Women's Association of this city, for the purpose of providing hospitality for making the local arrangements. We hope later to be able to furnish our readers with a full programme of the proceedings. At present we are only able to say that it is expected that Miss Emery, of New York, one of the greatest Mission workers of the American Church, together with other distinguished ladies, will be present and give an address.