

CANADIAN CHURCH UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Church Union was held in the Cathedral Schoolroom, Monday, May 7th. The Rev. W. W. Bolton lectured on "Reasons for being a Churchman," and the lecture may be briefly summed up as follows:

(a) Why I am a Churchman, not a dissenter.

(1) Because the teaching of our Lord and the Church is *Union*, the whole life of dissent is *disunion*.

(2) The Church founded by our Lord and His Apostles. Dissent the foundation of man.

(3) Dissent, inasmuch as it has no liturgy, is at the mercy of the individual minister whose particular views and hobbies are, as is most natural, magnified at the expense of other parts of the truth. The Church by her seasons and lessons preserves the equality of the gospel.

(b) Why I am a Churchman, not a Roman Catholic.

(1) Because the Church of England keeps the faith as once, and once for all delivered. The Church of Rome has added to the faith.

(2) The Church of England is the mother Church of all English speaking people, as the Roman Church is of all Latin races and the Greek Church of Eastern races. The English Church, therefore is the Church to which all English speaking people should belong, and the Church of Rome, wherever found in English speaking places, is an intruder.

After the lecture came the questions, and these having been very satisfactorily answered, the meeting closed.

A PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The delegates appointed by the Diocesan Synods of Columbia and New Westminster to confer with a view to the formation of a Provincial Synod, met in the Cathedral school, on April 20th. There were present the Bishops of Columbia and New Westminster, the Archdeacons of Vancouver and Columbia, the Revs G. W. Taylor, W. W. Bolton, R. Small, H. Finnes-Clinton, C. B. Nash, Mr. M. W. T. Drake, Hon. Justice Crease, Major Dupont, Dr. Bentley, Mr. Corbould and Capt. Tatlow.

The Lord Bishop of Columbia having been voted into the chair, opened the conference with prayer.

The following resolutions were passed:

1. That this conference is deliberative only, and any resolutions adopted will have force only on approval by the several diocesan synods.