

ment." He hoped, for the women's own sake, that the movement would not succeed. He was sincere in this, and he felt as he did, particularly because the women's movement aimed at the equality of the sexes and the independence of women. Physically and in many other ways women could never be either the equals of men or independent of them. In New Zealand, the most democratic country in the world, where women have the franchise and sit in Parliament, the Synod of the Church had just refused them the rights proposed by Dr. Hencker and Mr. Dunbar. It would be against the old traditions of the Church to grant them. Mr. Hemming said that he was one of an old and fast disappearing class, who hold to the old traditions of the Church, and he begged the members of the Synod not to increase the friction at present existing between the sexes on the woman's suffrage question. He feared that the movement, if carried much further, must end in the destruction of the family. He finally asked that the matter be deferred, as it had been sprung on the meeting and no petitions had been received from the women themselves on the subject.

After one or two other short speeches, Mr. Dunbar, in view of the fact that many members of the Synod had already left for home, decided to defer it to the next Synod, but he would have no further delay in its mature consideration.

Previous to the above mentioned discussion, a motion was passed regretting the absence, through illness, of R. H. Smith, Esq., and also another, couched in very feeling terms, referring to the lamented death of Mrs. Williams, relict of the late lamented Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Canon Von Inland then moved the following resolution, which was adopted *nem. con.*

"That the members of this Synod have learned with regret that the Board of Management of the D. and F. M. S. of the Church of England in Canada have deemed it necessary to employ a paid General Secretary-Treasurer, at an annual expenditure of \$2,000. That this Synod ventures to represent to the Board of Missions that such action has already diminished the confidence of the Church in this Diocese in the wisdom of the Board, especially when it is known

that the Board has repeatedly rejected proposals made with the view of giving the Church in the Ecclesiastical Province an opportunity of supplying competent officials ready to undertake the work without pecuniary reward. That this diminished confidence in the Board must necessarily lead to diminished interest in the work and a reduction in the contributions required to carry it on. That this Synod therefore ventures to express the hope that the Board of Missions will direct the Board of Management to reconsider its action in this matter, and take steps first of all to secure, if possible, honorary officers, before permanently adopting the principle of a paid Secretary-Treasurer at so large a cost."

In connection with it he expressed the opinion that a Clergyman could easily be found in Canada able and willing to do the work of the Secretary-Treasurer free of charge. Canon Von Inland's statements, judging from the applause with which they were greeted, seemed to meet with general approbation.

The Rev. W. T. Noble then moved three resolutions, the first protesting against Clergymen being obliged to keep registers of births, marriages and deaths, the second asking for a reduction of the marriage license from \$8 to \$2, and the third declaring in favor of the right of every parish to name and appoint its own Clergyman. There were only three votes in favor of the first and only two in favor of each of the other motions.

A number of votes of thanks were passed before the Synod adjourned. Among others to whom such votes were passed were the Clerical and Lay Secretaries, Rev. Canon Von Inland and George Lampson, Esq., the Treasurer, Lieutenant-Colonel George Rolt White, the citizens of Quebec for their hospitality, and the Rev. A. J. Balfour, who made the required arrangements, Mr. E. A. Bishop and Choir for their beautiful musical Service at the Cathedral, the Lord Bishop for so ably presiding over the Synod, and the proprietor of the *Chronicle* for sending a number of copies daily to the Synod.

The Lord Bishop also spoke very highly of the excellence of the reports of the proceedings at Synod, as furnished by the *Chronicle*.

A notice of motion was given to the effect that the Lord Bishop be requested to pre-