

many of the prejudices, which existed against it at its foundation have been dispensed. And these mists will still further be dissipated as time goes on. The advance may be slow, but it will, I am convinced, be sure, and we must never forget that strength and endurance are the concomitants of the old motto: "Festina lente." The means for accomplishing what I have above sketched out will and must come from the people; and I have no doubt the people will contribute of their funds as they become from year to year assured of the success of the work we have undertaken.

Dr. Heneker announced that an honorary course in Theology had been established in connection with the Divinity Faculty: referring also to the Canon passed by the Provincial Synod on Divinity Degrees. He mentioned that a scheme was on foot for establishing a "Post Graduates in Arts" course, and speaking of the higher education of women said that whilst the ordinary sphere of women was and ever would be domestic life, "it seemed both right and proper that opportunity should be given to women to cultivate the mind—the great gift of God to man—to the highest degree, but whether this should be done jointly with men or separately was a difficult question. If a Woman's College in connection with Bishop's College should be established here with the advantages secured, of residence under competent administrations, I for one should rejoice and fearing no evil should be confident that the results would be good." He concluded his address by a reference to the Bishop's College school, in which during the past year there had been an attendance of from 110 to 115 boys and which was making rapid progress.

The conferring of the degrees was then proceeded with, the candidates being presented by Dr. Adams and the degrees conferred by the Chancellor. The list was as follows:

- B.D. [*ad eundem*].—Rev. John Ker, B.D., University of Trinity College, Toronto.
- M.A. [*in course*].—Rev. R. W. Wright, Rev. Duncan Mackenzie, [*ad eundem*], Rev. L. W. Williams, Oxford, and Rev. R. Spong.
- B.A. [*honore*].—B. G. Wilkinson, Theology, first class.
- Classical, second class—T. N. Kerr, T. N. Montgomery, W. T. Lipton, C. B. B. Wright.
- B.A. with option—H. A. Brooke, T. H. Lloyd.
- B.A. [*ordinary degree*].—L. D. Von Iffland, J. W. Y. Smith, E. R. Brown, T. B. Pyke, T. W. Ball.
- L.S.T.—Rev. George J. Sutherland, B.A.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL

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On the conclusion of the reply of the Bishop to the address presented to him, and referred to in our last number, the elections for the Executive Committee, Provincial Synod delegates, and Diocesan Court, were proceeded with. A marked improvement this year was the preparation in ballot form of a list of Clerical and Lay delegates for use in voting, it being intended that such lists should simply be marked with a + opposite the name of such members as the voter desired to choose. It was hoped that the introduction of this official ballot paper would put an end to the wretched system of partisan lists heretofore used, the result of a previous caucus, which system was strongly condemned before the meeting of Synod by the Rev. G. O. Troop and others in our columns. Unfortunately this result did not follow; and attention was called to the circulation of such partisan lists and the practice severely denounced by Mr. J. S. Hall, Rev. Dr. Norton, Rev. John Ker, Rev. G. O. Troop, Rev. F. Smith, and finally the Bishop being appealed to declared that he forbade caucusing and the use of such papers, but apparently without avail. The result of the elections was not de-

clared until the following day, with the exception of that for the Diocesan Court, which is composed as follows: Dean Carmichael, Archdeacons Evans and Lindsay, Canons Anderson, Davidson, Ellegood, Empeon, Henderson, Mills, Mussen and Robinson, and Revs. J. H. Dixon, B. Lindsay, J. F. Renaud and G. O. Troop.

A long discussion took place upon a motion declaring, The Church opposed to the use of commercial practices to raise funds for strictly Church purposes. There could be no doubt that the sentiment of the Synod was entirely opposed to certain schemes or plans used for raising money, such as Pink Socials, &c. But the motion itself being most indefinite, and the Provincial Synod having taken order upon this matter, and its decision being binding upon all Dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province, it was not considered advisable to make any further declaration upon the subject and an amendment to this effect was carried by a large majority.

In the course of the session one of the scrutineers upon the vote of the Executive Committee reported that in a number of cases the tickets had been marked for the name of Treasurer or Secretary, both of whom were *ex officio* members of such committee which would only leave fourteen names upon the list, where the rule required a ballot for fifteen, and he asked how such ballot papers were to be treated. The Chancellor and Dr. Davidson both gave their opinion that such ballot should be null, as not containing the required number of names. The Bishop was understood to be of the same opinion, and in fact in a case similar had so ruled in 1886, but ultimately it was left to the scrutineers to take action and make their report.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and that of French work, were severally adopted, as also that on Education, with the addition to the latter that the report be referred to the Executive Committee with a request that they should consider how assistance could best be given to Church schools throughout the Diocese.

On the evening of the second day a Missionary meeting was held in the Synod Hall, at which the Bishop presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. P. Chambers on 'Church Extension in the Country,' and he was followed by the Rev. H. Plaisted, of River Desert, on the Gatineau, who gave a most interesting and touching though simple account of the work which he was doing in that distant portion of the Diocese, and of the difficulties which he experienced. Certainly the work is one of great hardship, involving almost complete isolation, and that Mr. and Mrs. Plaisted should have continued in their present field of labor for so long a time evidences not alone their zeal for the Church, but also the utmost self denial, and is worthy of, as it has received, the highest commendation. The Rev. Mr. Harris, of Arundel, also gave a short *resume* of the work in that missionary field, and Mr. Smith, Rector of Hull, related his experience of former years as a Missionary in the Ottawa district.

After the singing of a hymn the Ven. Archdeacon Evans gave an address on 'Church Extension in the City,' in which he referred to the parochial division of the city proper and its effect in regard to the extension of the Church. A discussion somewhat lengthy followed upon his remarks, especially in regard to the Parochial distribution of the city, in which Dean Carmichael, the Rector of Montreal, Archdeacon Lindsay, Revs. G. O. Troop and Dixon and several laymen took part.

Altogether the meeting was not only enjoyable but also an instructive one. The departure from the old practice of limiting the addresses to set speakers and of allowing discussion upon the several matters referred to seems a good one, and certainly the result was to increase the interest of all present. There was a fair attendance though there was room for much improvement in this respect. Again we have to chronicle as in the case of the C.E.

T.S. meeting on the previous evening, the almost total absence of Lay delegates of Synod, and the presence of but few of the clergy.

The first business of the third day of Synod was the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee and connected therewith of the Treasurer. Some discussion took place on the schedule of grants particularly as to the proposal to appropriating \$300 from the Mission fund for a Lay Visitor within the city limits. Strong objection was taken by a number of members to the appropriating of any part of the Mission fund to the payment of other than ordained ministers; and it was pointed out that the practice in the past had been to refuse payment to *Laymen*, except in the case of the students of the Theological College. It was also objected that if the lay visitor were required in the city he should be paid by the congregation requiring his services. On the other hand it was contended that the demands made upon City Rectors, owing to the rapid increase of population through immigration made it impossible for them to look after these strangers, especially as they were uncertain in location and moved about from place to place, and that the work of the Lay visitor was under direction of the Bishop and not that of any particular parish, and that therefore payment from the Mission fund was in accordance with the spirit of the Canon. A long debate followed but ultimately the grant was allowed. The remainder of the report occasioned no discussion, the several funds under control of the Treasurer appearing to be in a satisfactory state—the Mission fund showing a surplus of \$2,123.38.

The work amongst the Jews, and especially that of the S.P.C.K. and the Parochial Mission Society received attention, and a resolution was passed on the motion of the Rev. E. A. W. King declaring interest in the work, and asking that a special sermon be preached yearly in behalf thereof.

A discussion of considerable interest and of some warmth arose upon a motion to put into immediate operation the Canon on Deaconesses adopted in 1883, and for the appointment of a Special Committee in addition to the Standing Committee on Deaconesses for the purpose of taking action; the names added to the Standing Committee being all the clergy of the city not thereon, Rev. Canon Davidson, Rural Dean Naylor, Messrs. Marling, Nicolle, Lightbound, Mills, Crawford, Chipman, Carsley, with the mover and seconder, Dr. Davidson and the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal. The debate drifted into a controversy as to *sisterhoods*, and strong opposition was made by Major Bond and others who entertained fears lest this should be a step *homewards*; ultimately the resolution was carried, all of the clergy present with the exception of four or five voting for it, and of the laity 17 against and 19 for; the resolution, therefore, being carried by a majority of both orders,—a vote by orders having been demanded by members of Synod.

On the morning of the 4th day, after routine business, the Synod took up the consideration of the following motion, moved by Dr. Davidson, seconded by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop:

That this Synod, recognizing the desirability of enlisting the hearty and combined assistance of young men in seeking after and retaining of the formation of a Dominion Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on the lines of that existing, in and so highly commended by the Bishops, of the Church in the United States and would earnestly call upon the young men of our several parishes and specially in the larger centres of population, to renewed effort to seek out and bring this class under the influence of the Church.

Both mover and seconder spoke earnestly in favor of the resolution, and of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, and Canon Davidson declared that he had already a Chapter in operation. Canon Mussen also advocated the formation of