

On Thursday morning, June 28th, between seven and eight o'clock, a public breakfast was given in the Tecumseh House, to the Clergy and Lay Delegates, and to the Diocesan Synod, the ladies of London bearing the entire expense.

About 150 were present. The Bishop was in the chair. Grace was said, and after partaking of a very excellent breakfast, the Rev. Chairman rose to propose that the company should evince their feeling of loyalty by standing up to the sentiment, "Our Gracious Queen," for whom every churchman had the highest respect. After warmly exclaiming, "The Queen, God bless Her!" the Rev. Dr. Townley, Judge Cooper, and Revs. Messrs. Pinkney and Gordan (both coloured) responded in eloquent terms. The Bishop then proposed, "The United Churches of England and Ireland," which the Rev. E. V. Rogers, the Rev. E. H. Dewar, and Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, appropriately replied to. The Bishop, before closing this very interesting meeting, in returning thanks to God for His mercies, expressed the indebtedness they were under to the ladies of London for the enjoyment of this feast of true Christian charity, loyalty, and devotedness to their Church. The meeting then separated.

At ten o'clock the members of the Diocesan Synod, and others, met for Divine worship in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Rev. Dr. Townley read the morning service and Epistle, and the Rev. Mr. Flood the Gospel, after which the Holy Communion was administered. The Synod thereafter held its sessions in St. Paul's School House. The number of Clergy present was forty-six, absent 10; Lay Delegates present, forty-nine, and eighty-five

A letter was read from the Bishop of Toronto, enclosing a copy of a petition to her Majesty, praying that a Metropolitan Bishop be appointed, with the view of holding Provincial Synods. The petition had been drafted by the Bishop of Montreal.

After debate, a motion, appointing a committee to draw up a courteous reply to the Bishop of Toronto's letter, stating that the Synod considered the subject as premature for decision, was made by the Rev. Mr. Dewar, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Goodhue, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. Townley moved the following resolution:—

*Resolved*,—That this Synod regarding the separation of religious and secular education as alike opposed to the principles of Holy Scripture, and the rights of individual conscience, as well as dangerous to personal morality and national prosperity, earnestly trust that the legislature of this Province will, at its next session, so amend the present Common School Law of this Province, so that in every locality where a distinct religious community is sufficiently numerous to establish a school under its own direction, and is desirous to do so, it shall be entitled to receive the school taxes of all those who wish to support it, together with its corresponding proportion of the Government School Funds; such schools to be open to Government inspection as respects their secular efficiency.—That a copy of this resolution, signed by the Lord Bishop and the Secretaries of Synod, General, and the honourables the Governor and two Houses of Legislature, and that a printed copy, with those signatures, be also sent to every member of the same.

A spirited debate arose on the resolution, resulting in the adoption of the following substitute; offered by the Rev. W. Smythe:

*Resolved*,—That this Synod fully recognises the principles that religious instruction ought to be included in every system of education, but

much as there seems to exist considerable doubt as to what is the true construction of the common school law, in regard to the establishment of separate schools in cities and towns; and inasmuch as measures have been resorted to by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, for legally testing this question, the further consideration of the subject be deferred until the next meeting of the Synod.

The Bishop stated that he was empowered to form a court for the trial of ecclesiastical offenders, and he intended to establish the same immediately, to which he desired the consent of the Synod. A motion having been passed desiring that such a court should be established, the Bishop said in reply to an enquiry from Judge Cooper, that the court would have much the same power as the ecclesiastical courts in England. It could not interfere with questions of doctrine, but only with questions of morality. The cases to be brought before this court would first be brought before himself and the Synod, and an appeal could be made from the court to the Queen. As far as his experience went, there was no real necessity for this court; but to complete the system, it was proper to form it.

This concluded the business of the Synod. His Lordship expressed his thanks to the delegates for the manner in which they had acted, and trusted that all future Synods would be carried on in the same harmonious and Christian spirit. The ladies who had given the breakfast to the delegates, were alluded to by his Lordship in a very happy manner. The Synod was then closed by prayer.—*Church Journal*.

CONFIRMATION AND CONSECRATION OF A GRAVEYARD.

On Thursday, 28th ult., the Bishop visited the parish of Mitchell, County of Perth. Divine Service was held, the parish having no church, in the hall of the Commercial Hotel, which was densely filled. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. J. W. Marsh, Chaplain to the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. E. Patterson, Incumbent of Stratford. The Sermon, from Rom. 8, 9, *If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His*, was delivered by the Bishop, who immediately afterwards administered the Rite of Confirmation to fifty-five persons. The Bishop concluded the Service with a brief address to the recipients of Confirmation. The Canticles were chanted *antiphonally*, to single Chants, G. R. Jarvis, Esq., presiding at the melodeon. Immediately after the Benediction, the Bishop and Clergy, accompanied by a majority of the persons present in the Hall, walked to the Graveyard, which is situated on an eminence, overlooking the village. The request to consecrate having been read by the Incumbent, the Rev. W. B. Rally, the Bishop proceeded with the office of Consecration, using the form appointed in the Diocese of Toronto. Much credit is due to the laborious and persevering efforts of Mr. Jarvis, who, for the period of a year, has gratuitously instructed a number of young people in Church Music.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

The Diocesan Synod was in session in Quebec, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 6th, 7th, and 8th.

The first day and a half were taken up with the Visitation of the Clergy and preliminary business in Synod. On Thursday afternoon the LORD BISHOP delivered his Address; after which the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Dr. FALLOON, and seconded by G. O. STUART, Esq.:

*Resolved*,—That an Act having been passed by the Provincial Legislature, and sanctioned by Her

Majesty the Queen, entitled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod," the said Act being the 19th and 20th Vic., ch. 141; and also another Act to explain and amend the same, being the 22nd Vic, chap 139, by which Acts the Bishops of the several Dioceses in Canada have authority to call the first meetings of such Synods: and, when so called such Synods have authority to frame Constitutions, and make regulations for their own order and government; the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, having now summoned the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the several parishes and Missions, chosen according to the directions given in the said Acts, for the purpose of taking action under the provisions of the same: We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates now assembled, do hereby accept the said Acts, and declare ourselves a Synod for the Diocese of Quebec, and will proceed to the consideration of the Constitutions and regulations to be adopted for the due ordering of the same; no rule, canon, law, or regulations to be in force in this Diocese as the Act of this Synod, unless we shall have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Lay Delegates: the assent of the Clergy and the Lay Delegates to be determined by a majority of votes, the same to be taken separately, in each order, whenever it shall be so required.

The Rev. Dr. Falloon supported the resolution in a speech of some length; after which the following amendment was moved by Mr. H. S. SCOTT, and seconded by Mr. LANIGAN:—

That all the words after the word "that" in the original motion be struck out, and the following substituted therefor—No canon, resolution, or proceeding of the Synod to be in force in this Diocese, unless adopted by a majority of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates, provided that if any measure so passed be objected to by the Bishop, such measure shall stand reserved for reconsideration, and if again in like manner adopted at the next session of the Synod, the same shall become law.

After a long discussion, in which the Rev. Dr. Falloon, Mr. Okill Stuart, Mr. H. S. Scott, the Rev. Mr. Balfour, Mr. Justice Stuart, Mr. George Hall, Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, Mr. R. Pope, Mr. Hale, and others, took part, the amendment was put to the meeting and lost by a majority of 105, the division being:—Yeas, 37,—3 clergy, 84 laity; Nays 142,—36 clergy, 106 laity.

MR. GEORGE HALL, seconded by MR. H. N. PATTON, moved in amendment:—

That the following words be added to the original motion:—Provided that the power of staying any measure passed by the concurrent majority of the Clergy and of the Lay Delegates shall be limited to the present Bishop.

This amendment was also negatived on a division: Yeas, 37; Nays, 142.

The original motion was then carried on the same division.

The first Article of the proposed Constitution of the Synod was then submitted to Mr. J. B. FORSTER, as follows:—

ARTICLE 1.—The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Clergy of the same, and of Lay representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided; and no act or resolution of the Synod shall be valid unless it shall receive the concurrence of the Bishop and of the majority of the Clergy and Laity present and voting at the meeting.

The Article was carried by a majority of 100, viz:—Yeas, 146—37 Clergy, 109 laity; Nays 37, 3 clergy, 34 laity.

On Friday, during the morning session, the second article was unanimously adopted, as follows:

ARTICLE 2.—All clergymen instituted or licensed