

quainted with the work, the resources, and the people of the diocese, so that he could advise the Provincial Synod intelligently as to every proposed change.

Archbishop Lewis explained that the Upper House did not wish to precipitate matters in any way, but just to get things in order for the next triennial synod.

Mr. James Woods expressed fear that the proposed change would dry up the diocese's sources of revenue.

The Archbishop: That is only a matter of opinion. You and others think it will do so; the House of Bishops think it will not, but that it will increase the revenue. Therefore there is no argument necessary about it; it is simply a matter of opinion. The House of Bishops think it will be better financially for Algoma to be an independent diocese than a missionary one.

The Bishop of Quebec said that the Upper House was not surprised that only about six per cent. of the Diocesan Mission Fund was raised in the diocese of Algoma. They doubted whether it would grow to ten per cent. in twenty years under the same circumstances. They felt, however, that self-support would grow greatly if the proposed change were made. The other nine dioceses were not going on for ever contributing in the manner that they had been doing, and, consequently, the House of Bishops were anxious that Algoma should be constituted an independent diocese.

This terminated the conference, and the bishops withdrew.

NO SELF-GOVERNMENT YET.

The Lower House proceeded to discuss the question, Dr. Davidson moving concurrence in message No. 11.

Mr. A. H. Campbell considered that to attempt to make Algoma an independent diocese would be to commit a great blunder.

Ven. Archdeacon Mills did not think that the Bishop of Algoma ought to be put in the position of having to go about collecting for the diocese by practically begging. An effort ought to be made on the part of the Church in Canada to raise the position of the Bishop of Algoma above that of a mendicant; that position had existed too long. If the message from the Upper House were concurred in, the sympathy of the Church would be withdrawn from that diocese. The Church people of Canada had looked upon Algoma as a field they were bound to support, and the moment they came to feel that that relationship had been broken, and that Algoma stood in the same position as any of the other dioceses, they would not contribute as much to the support of the diocese as they had done in the past.

The Prolocutor having requested Ven. Archdeacon Roe to take the chair, addressed the House. He referred to a recent conversation he had had with Bishop St. Nivon, and remarked that the latter had told him that if the Diocese of Algoma were cast, within a short time, on its own organization, and the present

grants withdrawn from it, it would be one of the most detrimental things that ever happened to it. If, added the Prolocutor, an independent character were given to the diocese, notwithstanding all the zeal that he knew the Bishop-elect to possess, he would find that the revenue would go on gradually decreasing, and one main source of his income would be steadily cut off.

Ven. Archdeacon Lloyd favoured non-concurrence in the message.

The Bishop elect of Algoma begged that no over-hasty action be taken in the matter. He should like, however, before anything was done, to have an opportunity of looking over the whole field of work and forming his own opinion on the needs of the diocese.

Judge McDonald moved, seconded by Mr. J. A. Worrell, That the message be not concurred in, on the grounds (1) that the Committee on Canons appointed on the resolution referred to at last synod had not reported, and (2) that, in the opinion of the Lower House, the time had not yet arrived for conferring the power proposed to be given.

On being put to the vote, this was concurred in

ALGOMA'S MISSION FUND.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider the Mission Fund of the Diocese of Algoma was presented by Canon Bland. It stated that, having considered the position of that fund and the condition of the missionaries labouring in the diocese, the Committee felt that it would be most unfair to allow the new bishop to enter upon his duties without some distinct assurance of support to the Mission Fund, and it was, therefore, recommended that, until the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod, the dioceses be requested to continue the payment to the Mission Fund of the diocese of the sums hitherto paid by them to the episcopal stipend, and that the Upper House be requested to concur in this.

The report was adopted, and subsequently the Upper House reported that it had concurred therein.

This concluded the business of the synod, and the bishops, having been apprised of the fact, entered the Lower House, when His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, formally prorogued the synod.

No information is yet to hand concerning the consecration of our Bishop-elect. All we can now say is that it will most likely take place in the Province of Quebec.

All Saints.

They are flocking from the East  
And the West,  
They are flocking from the North  
And the South,  
Every moment setting forth  
From realm of snake or lion,  
Swamp or sand,  
Ice or burning;  
Greater and least,

Palm in hand  
And praise in mouth,  
They are flocking up the path  
To their rest,  
Up the path that hath  
No returning,  
Up the steeps of Zion  
They are mounting,  
Coming, coming,  
Throngs beyond man's counting;  
With a sound  
Like innumerable bees  
Swarming, humming,  
Where flowering trees  
Many tinted,  
Many scented,  
All alike about  
With honey,—  
With a swell  
Like a blast upswaying unrestrainable  
From a shadowed dell  
To the hill-tops sunny,—  
With a thunder  
Like the ocean when in strength,  
Breath and length,  
It sets to shore;  
More and more  
Waves on waves redoubled pour,  
Leaping, flashing to the shore  
(Unlike the under  
Drain of ebb that loseth ground  
For all its roar).  
They are thronging  
From the East and West,  
From the North and South,  
Saints are thronging, loving, longing,  
To their land  
Of rest,  
Palm in hand  
And praise in mouth.

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