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On the resignation, at a subsequent period, of Mr. Blomfield, the Rev. Rural Dean H. C. Cooper, B.A., Rector of Islington, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Immediately on the completion of the Constitution and Rules, before finally adopting them and printing them, the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto, the Hon. Chief Justice Draper, the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, and Prof. D. Wilson, LL.D., were appointed a deputation to wait on the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to submit them for his consideration, and to request his Lordship to become patron of the Association. They accordingly waited on him on the following morning, when the Hon. Chief Justice, as President of the Association, informed his Lordship of the object and purposes aimed at, and having produced the Constitution and Rules as already adopted, he, with his Lordship's permission, read the principal parts of it which referred to the purposes of the Association. He explained that the Constitution had been framed with an earnest desire to avoid anything which could justly give offence; and that the members of the Association believed that it contained nothing to which any sincere and loyal member of the Church of England could not cordially assent. That before making public this declaration of their organization they had unanimously resolved to solicit his Lordship to become their Patron, and thereby to give them the influence and weight which his sanction of their purposes would carry with it. He further stated that they would gladly avail themselves of any suggestions his Lordship might be pleased to offer, with a view to render it still more unexceptionable. With this explanation, the President, in the name of the deputation, and on behalf of the Association, earnestly requested his Lordship to become their Patron.

After a prolonged interview, in which all the members of the deputation took part, his Lordship stated that he was not then prepared to give an answer, but would take the request made by the deputation into his most serious consideration, and reply in writing. The deputation then retired.

On the 19th of the same month his Lordship replied to the Chief Justice, assigning his reasons for declining to become Patron of the Association, while assuring its members that he believed them to be actuated by pure intentions and a conscientious sense of duty.