

agitation to run the street cars on Sunday the employees of the Street Railway were as a body strongly in favor of the observance of the Lord's Day, and appealed in strong terms to the citizens of Toronto to preserve to them the inalienable right of abstaining from work on that day, and, 3. that steps were being taken in Parliament towards the observance of the Lord's Day, was adopted.

Quite a discussion took place upon a proposal that all appointments to rectories, parishes, or missions should be made for a term not exceeding five years, the proposal was not approved by Synod.

A long discussion also ensued upon a motion introduced by the Rev. J. Langtry, praying that:

Therefore resolved, that this Synod do petition the Government of Ontario to adopt such legislation as will secure to every Christian denomination in the country the privileges which these ministers evidently thought they already possessed, and will also secure to them equal rights with their Roman Catholic fellow citizens in regard to the religious education of their children. Resolved (2). That this Synod invites the Synods and Assemblies of the different denominations now meeting or about to meet to appoint delegates for the purpose of agreeing upon as wide a basis of Christian teaching as may be, with a view of urging the Government of Ontario to make the same a necessary part of the curriculum of every Public school in the land.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

SYNOD NOTES.—The following resolution was adopted in regard to Sir John A. Macdonald:—"That the Diocese of Niagara in Synod assembled embrace this opportunity of giving expression to the deep sorrow and regret with which in unison with our Most Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and the entire population of the Dominion of Canada, they have received the announcement of the lamented death of that great man Sir John Macdonald, the distinguished statesman who, for nearly half a century, has so ably guided the councils and administered the Government of the old Province of Canada and of this vast Dominion. They desire also to convey to the bereaved widow, who has so nobly sustained her husband in his arduous duties, their sincere condolence upon the irreparable loss she has sustained in this painful dispensation of Divine providence."

The discussion in regard to the revision of the Constitution engaged the attention of the Synod for a length of time. The principal point upon which difference of opinion existed was the requirement as to membership. This the Committee recommended in the following form:—

"I, ———, solemnly declare that I am a member of the Church of England; that I am an habitual worshipper with this congregation, [naming it], and have not voted as a member of any other congregation within the year."

An effort was made to require also that the party should be a communicant but it was lost by a vote of 63 to 24. Ultimately the resolution was adopted as reported by the Committee.

The list of Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod was reported as follows:—

Clerical Delegates—Rev. W. R. Clarke, Canon Houston, Archdeacon Dixon, Canon Bull, E. P. Crawford, Dean Geddes, Canon Sutherland, E. M. Bland, Canon Curran, Rural Dean Forneret, Rural Dean Belt, Canon Belt. Substitutes—Rev. W. J. Armitage, Canon Worrell, R. Kerr, Canon Read, C. E. Whitcombe, P. L. Spencer.

Lay Delegates—J. J. Mason, Geo. Elliott, W. F. Burton, H. Roberts, Lieut.-Colonel Murray, Wm. Bell, J. M. Bassell, Alex. Gaviller, Archdale Wilson, Hugh James, R. Stanley, C. A. F. Ball. Substitutes—Adam Brown, K.

Martin, E. A. Gaviller, W. Y. Pettit, Dr. Ridley, A. H. Petit.

On the afternoon of the third day a special Memorial service was held in the Cathedral, attended by members of Synod.

An important condition to the Constitution of the Diocese is the appointment of a Standing Committee composed of eighteen clergymen and eighteen laymen, twelve of each order elected annually by the Synod, and six of each appointed by the Bishop. This Committee is intended to perform the duties formally transacted by the Executive and Special Trust Committees on the Mission Board. Its chairman will be elected by the Committee and have a deliberative vote only.

The proposition to remove the appointment of clergy out of the hands of the Bishop and place it virtually in the hands of the people created a most lively discussion. The clause as suggested by the Committee was as follows:—

"When any vacancy shall occur in any rectory or parish, except a parish receiving aid from the mission fund, a meeting of the vestry shall be called for the purpose of nominating to the Bishop a clergyman to fill the vacancy. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person nominated shall immediately be forwarded to the Bishop, and if the clergyman so nominated be licensed by the Bishop, he shall be inducted into the rectory or parish; but if the Bishop do not grant the license to the nominee, then the vestry shall have the right to make further nominations, but the nomination of any clergyman to the Bishop shall not confer any right or interest whatsoever on the nominee. The Bishop shall, within two months after receiving notice of nomination, as aforesaid, decide whether he will license the nominee, and if he shall not license the nominee, he shall notify the vestry to that effect by letter addressed to the chairman and secretary of the meeting who certified to the previous nomination, and the vestry shall thereupon proceed to call another vestry meeting and make a fresh nomination. If no nomination be made to the Bishop for four months after the happening of the vacancy, then the Bishop shall have the right to fill the vacancy." Ultimately the vote being taken by orders the proposal was negatived and the appointment remains as it has been.

A Canon dealing with free pew churches, and in amendment of the Church Temporalities Act was introduced and approved after some discussion, and it was determined to make application to the local legislature to amend the Temporalities' Act accordingly. Before being qualified to vote at vestry meetings this declaration must be made:

"I, ———, am a member of the Church of England and of no other religious body, and have habitually attended public worship in ——— church for the space of six months previous to this meeting, and have contributed not less than \$2 during the year towards said church's support."

The Sunday School Committee in its report made reference to the Convention held on the 22nd and 23rd of October last. It also appeared from it that Sunday School Examinations were held in Hamilton, Orangeville and Guelph, at which nine candidates and certificates were granted. The Committee strongly recommended that the Sunday School Committee should take charge of the Depositories instead of leaving the procuring and disposing of Church literature in the hands of local booksellers. It also recommended Deanery libraries throughout the Diocese and an increased use throughout the Sunday Schools of charts, maps, blackboards, pictures and object lessons. The Inter-Diocesan Leaflet is largely used in the Diocese.

Children's services are held in twenty parishes, and twelve Sunday School periodicals are circulated.

Church Consolidation.—The Synod arrived at no decision in regard to the Winnipeg Conference proposals, further than to adopt the following resolution, 'that the clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod be appointed a committee to consider the report of the Conference on the consolidation of the Church of England in Canada, to report to the next session of Synod.

The Sunday School Committee appointed by the Bishop is as follows: Revs. Canon Bolt, E. A. Irving, E. A. Bland, W. R. Clark, G. A. Forneret, Messrs. George Elliott, W. F. Nellis, K. S. Brooks, E. U. Martin and Robert Stanley.

The following were appointed a Committee on Prison Reform: the Rev. G. Heoggan, W. J. Armitage, G. Francis, G. Johnston, Rural Dean Mackenzie, Messrs. Brown, Gaviller and Taylor.

A portion of the business mentioned on the agenda paper had to be postponed, owing to the persistent opposition of one Mr. Gaviller, who insisted on counting the House out or threatening so to do whenever any matter was brought up on the afternoon of the last day, with which the party with which he is concerned failed to approve. Notwithstanding considerable discussion and some difference of opinion the Synod meeting appears to have passed off with astonishing harmony, considering the efforts which have been made for some time past to excite party feeling in the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

HURON COLLEGE.—The annual commencement of Huron College was held on Tuesday afternoon, the 16th instant, in the College grounds. On the invitation of the Bishop and the faculty the members of Synod with their wives visited the College from five to six o'clock. The Bishop presided, and with him on the platform were principal Miller, Professor Williams and the members of the Council. In his address the Bishop alluded to the fact that more room was required for the increasing number of students and more men were required for the work of the Church in the Diocese, and he trusted that liberal subscriptions would be forthcoming for the institution. The College was instituted in 1864 and had been doing a good work. An address was also delivered by Mr. Charles Jenkins, Petrolia, and a valedictory was read by a Mr. Brownlee. An address of welcome was presented to Principal Miller by the Alumni Association, and the Rev. W. Craig, late President of that Association, followed it with a short address in regard to the work of the College.

The Alumni dinner took place in the College dining-room on the evening of Monday last at which about fifty members were present. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: President, Rev. Canon Smith, Christ Church, London; First Vice President, Rev. H. J. Thomas, Warwick; second Vice President, Rev. R. McCosh, Petrolia; Secretary, Rev. A. H. Rhodes, St. Paul's Cathedral; Treasurer, Rev. Canon Davis, St. James, London; Committee, Revs. Martin, Craig, and Kingsley, with Messrs. Elliot and Sherwood representing the students.

It was resolved that hereafter the Principal and Professors of the College be honorary members of the Association. An interesting paper was read by the Rev. H. A. Thomas, entitled 'Influence of Some Natural Laws in the Vocal world,' and the Rev. N. H. Martin delivered an address on inspiration.

SYNOD NOTES.

The annual meeting of Synod for this Diocese opened in the afternoon of the 16th