

hope the subject and the occasion will be sufficient excuse. I should have rejoiced if it had fallen to my lot to have listened to another occupying this place instead of me; but, having been called to this office, I have given the subject long and anxious thought and enquiry, and in any discussion that may arise, or in any arrangements that may be prepared for our future proceedings, whatever difference of opinion may be manifested, I trust that we shall all endeavour to preserve such a temper as becomes those who are met together to consult for the welfare of Christ's Church, and to promote the glory of God. I have no intention to dictate to the Synod what shall be their present course of action; but in case we are prepared to proceed to our organization, with a view to the future despatch of business, I have caused some papers to be printed, which can be placed in the hands of the different members, and form the bases of our deliberations. They are framed something upon the same plan as was acted upon when our Diocesan Synods were first constituted, and consist of a proposed "Declaration of Principles," "a Constitution," and a "Permanent Order of Proceedings." Something of this kind will be necessary before we shall be in a condition to enter upon any Synodical business. The Synod will, of course, adopt, alter, or amend them, as they shall think fit. And may God, in His goodness, for Christ's sake, give us grace to do that which shall be most conducive to the increase of piety and the furtherance of true religion and plenty of life.

His Lordship was repeatedly interrupted by applause during the delivery of his address.

Archdeacon BROUGH asked whether they were met under the provisions of the Synod Act, or under the authority of the Patent just read?

His Lordship the METROPOLITAN had called the Synod together under the authority of the letters patent; but did not know that there was any difference between them, and the Provincial Act. That was a question to be investigated.

The Rev. Dr. FALLOON gave notice that he would, at the earliest fitting opportunity, move a resolution with respect to the letters patent.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON begged leave to move that a Committee be appointed, to consist of—Clergymen and—Laymen from each Diocese, to consider of a constitution for this Synod, and of the powers granted, or to be granted to the Metropolitan Bishop, with power to report from time to time. He conceived, with respect to the question asked by Archdeacon Brough, that they were clearly met under the authority, both of the Colonial Act of Parliament, and the Imperial Letters Patent. He thought the best way to reconcile any apparent conflict of jurisdiction, would be for a Committee carefully to consider the whole subject, and report upon it for the action of the Synod. For the rest, there was not time to do much at that sitting, but he thought they might, and should do one thing at once, to determine whether they should have a separate House of Bishops, as in the United States and in Britain, or continue to sit together in one house as now. He thought the former course would be found, for many reasons, advisable. He could not sit down without expressing the deep gratification he, and other members of the Synod, had felt at the manner in which His Lordship the Metropolitan Bishop had adhered to the question of the powers proposed to be conferred upon him, and the manner in which he had relieved many of the difficulties they had felt on the subject by retaining the patent and submitting it for the opinion of that Synod. His Lordship, by the course he had pursued, had won, he was sure, the hearty respect and approbation of the whole body of the Church. (Applause.)

Mr. J. W. GAMBLE heartily concurred in the opinion expressed by the Hon. Mr. Cameron. The course adopted by His Lordship could not fail to win their cordial approbation. But before proceeding to any business, he thought it would be better to declare formally under what authority they constituted themselves, and he had therefore drawn up a resolution, for which he hoped his hon. friend would make way, declaring that they were met under the authority of the Synod Act of the Canadian Parliament.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON did not think this necessary. There could be no doubt that they were properly assembled under the Synod Act. There was no need to give expression to any doubt about it by passing such a resolution, and he would beg his friend, Mr. Gamble, therefore, to withdraw the resolution, and allow any necessary declaration to be drawn up by the committee, he proposed, to be by them submitted to the Synod.

Mr. GAMBLE thought there would be no doubt cast on the legality of their proceedings by his resolution, but it might rather remove doubt, but he was willing to allow the committee to be first struck if that were the general wish of the Synod.

Rev. Mr. MANSU hoped Mr. Gamble would not withdraw his resolution. When the Diocesan Synod was organized for Toronto, the first act was the adoption of the first clause of the Synod Act. The same thing was done in organizing the Huron Synod, and he thought it desirable that similar action should be taken here.

The METROPOLITAN suggested that the Synod ought, before proceeding with any business, to name secretaries. The Rev. Canon Leach being nominated for clerical secretary, declined, as did the Rev. Dr. Patton. The Rev. Canon Bancroft was then elected unanimously. Dr. Bovell, of Toronto, was named lay secretary.

His Lordship then said that without any desire to dictate what should be done but to facilitate the proceedings, he had caused to be prepared and printed a draft of constitution and of rules or orders of proceedings, which had been submitted to the other bishops, and would now be distributed among them to take such action on them as they saw fit.

The discussion was then resumed upon Mr. Cameron's motion.

The Rev. Dr. DAWSON thought it would be better to divide the committee, allowing one to deal with the subject of the powers of the Metropolitan, the other with the constitution of the Synod.

Some further conversational discussion took place, in the course of which it was suggested, and the suggestion generally concurred in that it would be better that both subjects should be considered by the same committee as being intimately connected, so that they would not have to discuss two separate and perhaps conflicting reports. The committee might be divided by its own action into sub-committees to consider the two topics separately at first.

The Rev. Mr. CAULFIELD thought it would be well to decide under what authority they were acting. If under the Patent, then His Lordship, the Metropolitan, was *ex-officio* chairman; if the Act of the Canadian Parliament, then they had a right to select their own chairman.

After some further observations, in which Colonel O'Brien and Dr. Fuller, among others, took part, Mr. Cameron's motion was put and carried. The blanks were filled up with the word *two*, making two clerical and two lay delegates from each diocese to form the committee.

Some discussion then arose as to the manner of appointing the committee.

The Venerable Archdeacon HELLMUTH, sec-

onded by the Rev. A. MOUNTAIN, moved that the bishop and delegates of each diocese should separately elect its representatives on the committee.

Rev. Mr. MOUNTAIN thought no one would accuse him of want of due respect for episcopal authority, but he thought the whole body of delegates from a diocese, acting with the bishop, might think of the names of good men, which might not occur to the bishop himself.

Rev. Dr. FULLER thought it usual to leave it to the chairman to appoint such committees. He would move therefore that His Lordship the Metropolitan, after consultation with the other bishops, should name the committee.

Mr. SIMPSON said he would second the motion. The nomination was always left with the chairman.

Archdeacon HELLMUTH said the work the committee had to do was of the utmost importance, and it would give greater satisfaction to the whole body of the Church if it were known that the committee was selected by the whole Synod.

Rev. Mr. FORESTER said they were there as one body, and ought not to break up into separate Diocesan Committees.

It was also suggested that the action of the committee would not be final. Their report would be discussed and revised by the whole Synod.

Dr. FULLER's motion was then put and carried. Rev. Dr. FALLOON, being called on, said that as the matter was referred to a committee, he would not bring forward his resolution till its report was before them.

His Lordship announced, that, after consulting with the other bishops, he had appointed the following Committee:—

Diocese of Quebec, Rev. Mr. Sewell, Rev. Mr. Roe, Geo. Irvine, Esq., H. S. Scott, Esq.; Diocese of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Hon. J. H. Cameron, J. W. Gamble, Esq.; Diocese of Montreal, The Very Rev. the Dean, Rev. Canon Leach, Hon. Mr. Just. McCord, E. Carter, Esq.; Diocese of Huron, Rev. Mr. Marsh, Rev. Mr. Caulfield, L. Lawrason, Esq., A. Shade, Esq.; Diocese of Ontario, Rev. Dr. Patton, Rev. Dr. Lauder, Hon. Geo. Crawford, T. Kirkpatrick, Esq.

The Hon. Mr. CAMERON then moved the appointment of a Committee to draw up Rules and Orders of Proceedings for the use of the Synod, to consist of one clerical and one lay delegate from each diocese. Which was carried.

Rev. Dr. HOLLAND thought they needed some rules to govern them in the mean time, and he would move the adoption provisionally, until the Committee should report, of those just distributed by order of his lordship the Metropolitan bishop.

Mr. GAMBLE thought it absurd to take the matter out of the hands of the Committee just appointed. If it were advisable to adopt any rules provisionally, those of the Diocesan Synod of Toronto, which he knew had been carefully considered, might be adopted, or those of the Diocese of Montreal, which differed very little from those of Toronto.

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