

ance with the 2nd clause of the Articles of the Constitution of the Synod of this Diocese, declared themselves, in writing, in the book kept for that purpose, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other denomination.

And such certificate shall be considered and taken as sufficient proof of due election—but without such certificate, the Delegate presenting himself shall be required, before taking his seat, to afford sufficient proof that the requirements of the Synod have been fully complied with in his election.—*Carried.*

#### OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Rev. R. V. ROGERS moved, and Dr. SHORTT seconded,

That this Synod desires to sympathise with the renewed effort of our Mother Church to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day; to record its deep conviction of its vast importance to the well-being of religion, and that it bids God speed to these and all other efforts to secure the inestimable privilege of a whole Lord's Day to every one of the human family.—*Carried.*

#### SUSTENTATION OF THE CLERGY.

The Hon. Mr. PATTON moved, and the Hon. J. H. CAMERON seconded, that the following resolution, of which he had given notice, be referred to the Select Committee on the Sustentation of the Clergy:

"That whereas the growing necessities of the Church are not sufficiently met by the provisions of the Church Society, in so far as relates to the establishment of Missions and sending forth Missionaries into destitute parts, it is advisable that a Committee of seven be named, whose duty shall be to make such recommendations as will best secure the object in view, and to report to the Synod before the close of the present Session.—*Carried.*

The Rev. Mr. READ moved, and the Rev. H. B. OSLER seconded, That the following resolution be referred to the Select Committee on the

#### SUSTENTATION FUND.

Whereas the Church being now thrown to a much greater extent upon the voluntary system, it has become necessary that that system should be worked in a more regular manner than has heretofore been the case.

In order therefore to extend the missions of the Church, and to provide for their more proper maintenance, it is desirable that all the parishes or missions in the Diocese of Toronto be divided into five classes.

No. 1.—To consist of newly-formed and poor places, from which no stated amount shall be required for the first three years, during which time they shall prepare to conform to the requirements of the second class.

No. 2.—To be required to contribute towards the support of a resident minister not less than the sum of £75 or £50, to be paid half-yearly into the hands of the Churchwardens, and by them to the incumbent.

No. 3.—To contribute in like manner not less than the sum of £—.

No. 4.—To contribute in like manner not less than the sum of £—.

No. 5.—To contribute in like manner not less than the sum of £—.

And that no Parish shall be entitled to have the benefit of a resident Clergyman continued to it, which fails to fulfil the conditions attached to that class in which it has been placed.

That in order to carry out this system, the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to nominate one experienced Clergyman and one Layman in

each rural Deanery, who, with the rural Dean as Chairman, shall form an Ecclesiastical commission in and for the Deanery.

That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to visit each Parish in the Deanery as soon after their appointment as conveniently may be, to confer with the Clergyman and Churchwardens, and obtain from every proper source, all available information upon which the ability of the Parish or Mission may be estimated, to classify the several Parishes accordingly. And further, to visit from time to time all new places, where it may be desired to form missions, to judge of their claim to be exempt (for the time before specified) from stated payments, or to place them at once in their proper classes. And further, to report the result of all their investigations to the Bishop, and to the Diocesan Appeal Commission, hereinafter mentioned.

They shall also use such means as may be deemed most effective to obtain liberal contributions to the mission or sustentation fund of the Church Society in every place they visit, especially the more wealthy, in order that relief may at once be given to those places evidently incapable of sustaining a clergyman unaided.

And all places desirous of being formed into new Parishes shall apply to the Rural Dean, in order that the enquiry before named may be made.

That the Churchwardens of every Parish, on Easter Monday in each year, report to the Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission the fulfilment or otherwise for the past year, of the terms required for their parish, who shall report the same touching all the parishes of the Deanery to the Diocesan Appeal Commission.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Rev. Dr. O'MEARA moved, and Dr. WILSON seconded,

That a Committee of this Synod be appointed to determine what are the best means of carrying on and increasing the Indian Mission.—*Carried.*

His Lordship named the following as the Committee.—Dr. D. Wilson, Revs. Dr. O'Meara, McMurray, H. J. Grasett, Hon. Mr. DeBlacquiére.

#### PARSONAGES.

The Rev. Dr. PATTON moved, That a Committee be appointed on the subject of Building Parsonages, Repairs and Decadations of the same, and to report thereon at next meeting of the Synod.—*Carried.*

His Lordship named the following as the Committee.—Rev. Dr. Patton, Rev. R. V. Rogers, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Judge Jarvis.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Mr. ELLIS moved, That in future, Circular Notices be forwarded to each Clergyman and Lay Delegate separately, at least one fortnight before the time of meeting of the Synod, and the place and time of such meetings be as far as possible particularly described, so as to economise as much as possible the time of those required to attend.—*Carried.*

#### CHURCH IN INDIA.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK moved, and the Hon. GEORGE BOUTON seconded, the following address to the Church in India:

We, the Bishop Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, of the Diocese of Toronto, in Synod assembled, desire unitedly to convey to the Church in India the expression of the deep sympathy we feel on behalf of our Christian brethren, who, in the trials they have been called upon to endure,—have been counted worthy to suffer in the cause of our Common Lord and Master. We unite in assuring them of our

continual remembrance of them at the Throne of Divine Grace, in earnest prayer, not only for their speedy deliverance from their present afflictions, but that the trial of their faith might be formed unto praise, and honour, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

We desire to rejoice in the manifest evidence of the revival in our Church of the missionary spirit in which the first Apostles and Evangelists fulfilled the last command of their risen and ascended Lord, to go forth to all nations, and preach the Gospel to every creature; and we derive fresh assurance from the evidence we have that such self-denying labour is receiving the sanction of the Great Head of the Church, in the evident fulfilment of the Divine promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

That the Divine Redeemer, who freely shed his precious blood for us, and who, as the Captain of our Salvation, was made perfect through suffering, may call forth new life to the Church from the blood of her martyred sons, and cause her present trials in the furnace of affliction, to refine and purify her, and strengthen her noble triumphs in the evangelization of the heathen, is the earnest prayer of the members of this branch of the Church. We desire to assure our brethren, that while we affectionately remember them in our prayers, and desiring to feel for and with them in this time of trial and affliction, it is our determination, to the utmost extent of our means, to aid practically in the promotion of the great cause of evangelizing the British Empire in India, and planting among its benighted races, the glorious banner of the Gospel of Christ, as the noblest monument by which Britain can perpetuate the remembrance of those triumphs of her arms, whereby so vast an empire has, under Divine Providence, been committed to her care.—*Carried.*

#### ALTERATION OF RULES.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, and the Hon. GEORGE BOUTON seconded,

That the seventh rule, regarding Committees, be altered, so as to make the notice of business, given by the Executive Committee, a notice for the first day of meeting of the Synod.—*Carried.*

#### THE SERMON.

The Rev. J. T. M. BLACKMAN, LL.D. moved, and S. B. HARMAN seconded,

That the thanks of this House be tendered to Rev. F. L. Osler, M. A., for his useful and appropriate sermon preached before the Synod yesterday; and that the same be printed for the use of members and for circulation in the country generally.—*Carried.*

#### ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP OF HURON.

The Rev. STEPHEN LETT, LL.D., moved, and the Rev. Rural Dean PATTON, D.C.L., seconded,

That a committee be appointed to draw up an address to the Lord Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Huron on the occasion of their being separated from us, by being constituted a new Diocese.—*Carried.*

The following committee were appointed by the Lord Bishop: The Venerable the Archbishop of York, and the Rev. Rural Dean Fuller, D.C.L.

#### THE LATE CLERICAL SECRETARY.

The Rev. E. DENROCHE moved, and the Rev. Dr. BOSWELL seconded,

That this Synod would express its deep regret for the melancholly occasion of the absence of the late Clerical Secretary, the Rev. J. G. Giddes, from this meeting, and would acknowledge with gratitude the great ability and courtesy with which he discharged his onerous duties during its previous Sessions.—*Carried.*