

of Archdeacon Lauder, seconded by the Chancellor was adopted.

It was directed, with the approval of the Bishop, that the Minutes of the Proceedings of the last day of each Session, should be read and confirmed before the close of the Session.

The Bishop appointed the following as the Book and Tract Committee:—Archdeacon Lauder, Archdeacon Patton, the Clerical Secretary, Rev. W. Bleasdel, and Rev. J. W. Loosmore.

The notice of motion of the Rev. C. Forest was postponed till the next Session of Synod.

The election of members of the Mission Board by the Clergy and Lay Delegates was then proceeded with by ballot.

The following were chosen by the clergy: Revs. Messrs. Forest, Worrell, Boswell, Baker, Denroche, Stephenson, Bleasdel, Armstrong; and the following by the Laity: Judge Jarvis; Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Ellis, Simpson, Percival, Shaw, Baker, Campbell, and Rubidge.

It was moved by Archdeacon Patton, seconded by H. D. Shaw, Esq., "That the Chancellor and the two Secretaries be a committee to prepare a corporate seal for this Synod, which if approved by his Lordship the Bishop, shall be the seal of this Incorporated Synod."

The Bishop nominated the Rev. Dr. Boswell as a delegate to the Provincial Synod in the room of the late Very Rev. the Dean of Ontario.

The minutes were read and confirmed, after which the Lord Bishop dismissed the Synod with the apostolic benediction.

Divine service was held in Christ's Church on Friday evening, as a fitting conclusion to the Synod.

Prayers were read by the Rev. J. Muloch; the Rev. J. J. Bogert read the lessons.

His Lordship preached with his usual earnestness, from 2 Tim. iii. 7. The sermon, which was delivered extempore, was listened to with deep attention by the immense congregation.

## English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF EDINBURGH.

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#### MEETING OF SYNOD.

A special meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Edinburgh was held on the 17th inst. in the Scottish Episcopal Church Society's Chambers, 16, Dundas Street.

Divine service had been performed in St. John's Church at eleven A. M. The Synod was constituted at twelve o'clock in the Church Society's Chambers.

In the absence of Bishop Terrot, the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh presided.

The Rev. Mr. White, Leith, the Synod Clerk, read the minutes of the synodical meeting, held in St. Paul's Church on the 30th April last.

It was agreed that the election of a coadjutor bishop should be the first business.

The Clerk then read the Synod roll, from which it appeared that all the instituted clergy of the diocese were present except Mr. Coventry, of St. Peter's, who was prevented by illness, and sent a medical certificate.

The Dean then read the mandate of the Primus, and the following letter from the Bishop of Edinburgh:—

"Rev. and dear Brethren,—Before you take up either of the important subjects, for the consideration of which you have been summoned to meet this day, I wish to lay before you a short statement of the steps I have been obliged to take affecting the due exercise of episcopal functions in this diocese. During the sitting of our General

Synod in July last, I felt that, from bodily nervous weakness, I was disabled from taking that share in the business of the Upper Chamber which properly fell to me as Bishop of Edinburgh; and that the little exertion I did make was sensibly injurious to my health and comfort. Immediately, then, after the adjournment of the Synod, I made application to my brethren of the Episcopal College for a mandate to empower you to proceed to the election of a bishop coadjutor. This application was not complied with till, in consequence of my urgent and repeated applications, the mandate was at length issued near the end of August. Before that issue I had fixed on the 17th of this month as a suitable day for your meeting to consider the proposed Code of Canons; and as I thought few of you would wish to be summoned twice to a synodical meeting in the same month, I directed our Synod Clerk to announce that at the same time you would have to elect a coadjutor bishop. Of course I saw, as you must see, that very little time is thus left for the various forms necessary before the object of your choice can, by consecration, be empowered to sit and vote in Synod. On this subject I consulted the Primus as soon as the mandate was issued, and found, to my regret, that he considered the consecration at any time previous to the 30th of this month—on which day the Synod reassembles—as inexpedient and improper. Others of the Episcopal College were of a different opinion, and have promised to be in Edinburgh during the whole of the last week of September, in order to be ready for any course of action which may ultimately be approved of.

"My objects in applying for a coadjutor were, that I should be relieved from all obligation to attempt attending the Synod, and that the Diocese of Edinburgh should be effectively represented in both Chambers. I have done all in my power to secure both of these objects. Should you, brethren, consider that your interests and those of the diocese are involved, it will be for you, so soon as you have made your election, to communicate the result to the Primus and to the Clerk of the College of Bishops with a clear expression of your judgment as to the equity and expediency of delay or of immediate action. Should you consider immediate consecration inadvisable, I shall feel myself relieved from all responsibility as to the results of the Synod, and shall be prepared to obey such canons as may finally be adopted.

"I see that my brethren in the episcopate have generally taken part in the Diocesan Synods held for the consideration of the proposed canons. I am sorry to say that in such discussion I feel myself unable. The points which appear likely to provoke much serious conflicts of opinion are the representation of the laity and the use of the Scotch Communion Office. With respect to the representation of the laity, I have long been convinced that it is their right—a right founded both upon equity and on the practice of the primitive Church, as recorded both in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles of St. Cyprian. But rights are in all cases associated with duties; and when rights have been long in abeyance and unclaimed, I doubt whether it is prudent to restore them before any attempt has been made to prepare the minds of those about to be enfranchised, for an intelligent and conscientious exercise of these rights and duties.

"With regard to the Scotch Eucharistic Office, I am not disposed to say more than that I am contented with Canons 26, 27, as they stand in the proposed code, approved by both Chambers in the last sitting of the General Synod; and that I particularly disapprove of any attempt to remove objections, or disarm animosity, by any verbal alterations in the Scotch Office.

"In Canons 41, 42, I think there ought to be a limitation as to the period within which an accusation can be brought, whether relative to heresy or immorality.

"And now, brethren, I earnestly pray that at this important crisis you may be guided and strengthened to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. That with a zealous watch over your own feelings and expressions, and a charitable construction of the opinions and expressions of one another, you may be led to the passing of such laws as are most accordant with Scripture, and most conducive to the peace, order, and efficiency of the Church; and that you may be directed to elect a bishop as desirous as I have been, and more able than I am, to execute those laws in a firm and kindly spirit—I am, rev. brethren, your faithful friend and brother in Christ,

"C. H. TERROR, Bishop."

The DEAN having called upon any member of Synod to propose a brother for the office of coadjutor bishop,

Mr. HENDERSON, Stirling, said—In rising to propose a coadjutor bishop for this diocese, I am sure that I express the feeling of every one here, when I say that it is with a feeling of deep regret that it should be necessary for Bishop Terrot that one should be appointed, and that we should lose the advantage of his experience, his age, and his clear head at our meetings. (Applause.) I trust, however, that Providence may spare him for some years to give us the benefit of his countenance and advice as he has done in years past; and in proposing that a coadjutor should be appointed to the Bishop according to his wish, I beg to mention a name which I believe and hope will meet with warm acceptance at your hands—a name long and well known to the Church for the eminent services which he has rendered to it. It is very difficult, indeed, in the presence of Mr. Ramsay—(cheers)—to speak of all that he has done for the advantage of our Church, but of those services every one who hears me is well aware—(applause)—and in proposing Mr. Ramsay, I shall say no more than that I sincerely wish that he may be induced to accept the office, and that Divine Providence may long spare him to continue his valuable services to the Church. (Applause.) The expressions in the mandate of the Primus, and in the letter of Bishop Terrot, describe well the qualifications required in a bishop; and I am very sure, from all I know of Mr. Ramsay, that he possesses all those qualifications in a very eminent degree. I shall not say more, but shall conclude by reading an address to the Very Rev. Dean, signed by me instituted clergy, and seven of the non-instituted clergy of the diocese—

Mr. FAITHFULL was not sure that it was in order for Mr. Henderson to read this letter or address.

After some discussion it was agreed to hear the address, which was as follows:—

TO THE VERY REV. DEAN RAMSAY.

"Dear Mr. Dean,—We, the undersigned instituted clergy of the Diocese of Edinburgh, having learned that our rev. diocesan has made application for a coadjutor, beg leave most respectfully to assure you that it would afford us the greatest possible satisfaction to see you appointed to that office. Knowing as we do the deep and fatherly interest you have for so many years taken in all that concerns the well being of our Church, we feel it to be our duty to show, in the most solemn and public way that lies in our power, the sense we entertain of your great services to this diocese and to the whole Church—services which, as they have placed you in a position of the highest dig-