

your diocese as well as in my own, and especially to those who are to feed them with the bread of life, and lead them to the green pastures and still waters of the heavenly country.

"That God's abundant blessing may rest upon you, and make you His in time and through eternity, shall be my constant prayer."

The Rev. Canon Dixon, B.A., then read the following address to the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Synod, from the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara:—

*To the Reverend the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.*

DEAR BRETHREN, CLERICAL AND LAY,—We, the members of the Synod of the new Diocese of Niagara, cannot permit this, our first session to close, without bidding a loving farewell to our brethren in the faith from whom we are now separated.

While believing that it is for the best interests of the Church of Christ that the division should have taken place, still we cannot part from those with whom we have long laboured in advancing the interests and promoting the cause of true religion without feelings of sorrow that we shall meet them no more in the same brotherly fellowship that we have enjoyed for so many years. But though parted in our Diocesan relations, we shall always feel the deepest interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Mother Diocese, and gladly, as far as we possibly can, avail ourselves of the fruits of its ripe experience and judicious counsel in the exigencies of our own new and independent life. And in all respects we shall endeavour to walk worthy of our high vocation, remembering always that the new rank and position we occupy is also accompanied by new and obvious responsibilities, which it shall be our duty and endeavour faithfully, by God's grace, to fulfil.

Finally, dear brethren, in the faith of Christ and unity of the Holy Spirit, we bid you farewell. Our best wishes and heartfelt prayers will always be with you even as we know yours will be with us. May the Lord bless you, and keep you, and make His face to shine upon you, guiding and directing all your consultations, to the advancement of His glory and the good of His Church.

(Signed) D. I. F. MacLEOD, M.A., *Honorary Clerical Secretary.*  
F. W. GATES, *Honorary Lay Secretary.*

On motion of S. B. Harman, Esq., B.C.L., the members of the deputation were admitted to seats in the Synod.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINEERS.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Lett, seconded by Rev. Canon Ritchie,

That a Committee, consisting of the Rev. The Provost, the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, the Rev. W. Stennett, M.A., the Chancellor, and the Registrar, be now appointed to prepare a reply to the address from the Diocese of Niagara to the Synod of this Diocese.—*Carried.* (For reply see page 170.)

Moved by the Rev. W. Stewart Darling, seconded by the Rev. Canon Osler,

That the Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, M.A., the Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., H. J. Browne, Esq., and J. K. Kerr, Esq., be Scrutineers of the vote for the elective members of the Executive Committee.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. J. H. McCollum, M.A., seconded by the Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A.,

That the following gentlemen be appointed Scrutineers to receive the ballots of the clergy for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod:—The Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., The Rev. Charles W. Paterson, B.C.L., and Marcellus Crombie, Esq. M.A.—*Carried.*

Moved by Dr. Snelling, seconded by Marcellus Crombie, Esq., M.A.,

That the following gentlemen be appointed scrutineers to receive the ballots of the Laity for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod:—Dr. O'Reilly, Roland Strickland, Esq., and the Rev. Canon Brent, M.A.—*Carried.*