

with the continuance, where it may be found desirable or necessary, of a system of lay-agency, which has already been employed in this country. Your committee recommend that a canon annexed to this report, be adopted by this house, and respectfully submitted to the Upper House for their concurrence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) E. H. DEWAR, M.A.,
Chairman.

CANON ON THE DIACONATE.

1. Candidates for the office of deacon shall undergo such examination as may satisfy the bishop of the diocese, that they are well versed in the Holy Scriptures, in the vulgar tongue, in the liturgy, offices, and articles of the church, and an outline of church history, regard being had especially to the period of the Reformation.

2. No deacon shall be admitted to the priesthood until he shall have served as deacon at least three years, and have passed a satisfactory examination in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, and have further complied with such conditions as the bishops of each diocese may require. Nevertheless a bishop may, if he thinks fit, advance a deacon to the priesthood, after twenty years' service in the diaconate, without such additional qualifications.

3. No deacon shall have any independent spiritual charge, and no deacon shall officiate in any parish or congregation without the express consent of the incumbent; nor in any case without the assent of the bishops; and when so officiating, he shall be entirely subject to the direction of the incumbent in all his ministrations.

REV. MR. DEWAR gave notice that he would move to-morrow, that the report and canon attached thereto be printed.

A discussion arose as to whether the above report should take precedence of other business.

The PROLOCUTOR stated he would look over the rules and regulations, and endeavor to decide the matter in accordance therewith.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HON. G. MOFFATT submitted the treasurer's report, showing a balance in hand of \$256. The report was referred to the auditors.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

REV. MR. ELLEWOOD gave notice that he would move that the despatch of the Duke of Newcastle, with the opinions of the law officers of the Crown of England mentioned in the address of the Metropolitan, be printed and placed in the hands of the members of Synod for their guidance when the important question of the appointment of successors to the Metropolitan comes before the Synod.

THE LETTERS PATENT.

The PROLOCUTOR now said the next subject to be considered was the special business for which the Synod had been convened—the consideration of the Metropolitan Letters Patent.

After some discussion on a motion which was afterwards withdrawn,

HON. J. H. CAMERON, who had just entered the room, moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the succession of the Metropolitan Sec. He proposed, if this motion were passed, to have one lay and one clerical delegate, or more if thought better, from each diocese on the committee. The principle of having each diocese represented should be adhered to in the matter.

MR. ARMSTRONG moved in amendment, seconded by the REV. MR. SLACK, that inasmuch as the

Synod has been called together to give its opinion on the Letters Patent of Her Majesty, appointing the Lord Bishop of Montreal and his successors Metropolitan, the Synod do now take into consideration the said letters patent with reference to the future succession to the office.

REV. MR. SLACK thought the amendment should be carried, as the appointment of a committee would only delay the settlement of this important question. No committee would be unanimous on the question, and lay and clerical delegates from each diocese would not amend the matter. It was impossible that any delegate could, from his own knowledge, express the feelings of his diocese on this subject. It was better for the house itself to take up this matter.

REV. MR. PALMER supported the motion of Mr. Cameron, in a few remarks.

MR. HEMMING supported the amendment, arguing that a committee was not more competent to consider the matter than the Synod. The appointment of a committee would cause a delay of twenty-four hours, which should not unnecessarily be thrown away.

REV. DR. FULLER having made a few remarks against the amendment, it was put to the vote and lost.

The main motion was carried.

HON. MR. CAMERON moved, seconded by the HON. MR. BOULTON,

"That the following members compose the committee to consider the letters patent, with reference to the succession to the Metropolitan: Dean of Montreal, Dr. Leach, Judge McCord, Mr. E. Carter, Rev. Mr. Roe, Dr. Nicoll, Mr. Irvine, Major H. W. Campbell, Archdeacon of Ontario, Rev. Mr. Mulock, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Steele, Archdeacon of London, Rev. Mr. Marsh, Mr. Lawason, Mr. Roe, Archdeacon of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Hon. Mr. Boulton, and Hon. J. H. Cameron.

TIMES OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by the REV. W. STEWART DARLING, seconded by MR. SIMPSON, and carried:

Whereas the Provincial Synod is henceforth likely to meet only once in three years, and whereas its proceeding ought confessedly to be marked by deliberation and devotion, and whereas those protracted and indefinite sittings, by which it was distinguished on a previous occasion, proved exhausting both to mind and body, and left little time for united prayer, be it

Resolved,—That the members of this House be requested hereafter to meet in the Cathedral at 9 a.m., for Morning Prayer; that the Mid-day adjournment shall be from one o'clock p.m., until 2.30 p.m., and that business (except the work of Committees) shall conclude at 6 p.m., at which hour this House shall proceed to the Cathedral for Evensong.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

The PROLOCUTOR submitted to the Lower House the following Address to the Queen, adopted by the Upper House, dated Sep. 10:

"May it please Your Majesty:

"We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishops, Clergy and Lay Delegates of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, now assembled in Provincial Synod, humbly beg to be allowed to approach your Majesty with the expression of sincere affection for your person, and respect for your authority; and while still continuing to feel that deep sympathy with your Majesty of which we have already assured you in addresses from our several Dioceses, under the severe bereavement with which it has pleased Almighty God to send you since we met last year in the General Assem-

bly of the Church, we wish now to express the lively interest we have felt in the marriage of another of your Majesty's Royal children, a daughter who has already proved herself not unworthy of her noble lineage, and has won for herself, by her virtues, the esteem and affection of all your subjects.

"And we also beg to thank your Majesty for your gracious compliance with the memorial forwarded to you from our Provincial Synod after its first meeting in September last; in which we humbly prayed for certain alterations and additions to be made in the amended patent then about to be prepared for the appointment of a Metropolitan for this Province.

"Being conscious of the value of the union subsisting between the church of the mother country and ourselves, we prize this and every other token of your Majesty's concern for our welfare; and we take this opportunity to assure your Majesty that it shall be our endeavour so to give effect to the provisions of this measure as shall most conduce to the peace and well-being of this branch of the Church Catholic, and to the eternal good of those of your subjects who are comprised within its fold.

(Signed,)

"F. MONTREAL."

The address was unanimously concurred in by the Lower House.

EMBER SEASONS.

The REV. W. STEWART DARLING then moved the following, of which he had given notice:

"Whereas the feeling of this Synod is adverse to the setting forth of any new office for the Ember Weeks, be it

Resolved,—That the Upper House be respectfully requested to consider whether in calling attention to the present neglect of those seasons, a step which was last year agreed to by the Upper House, a short and appropriate form of private devotion might not be published under the sanction of the Bishops, for distribution among the members of our several congregations."

The mover spoke in support of his motion, remarking that a due observance of those seasons, which had hitherto been too much neglected, would no doubt be attended with great blessing to the Church and the community.

After some discussion, the REV. MR. ROE moved in amendment, seconded by REV. CANNON LEACH,—

"That their Lordships the Bishops of the Upper House be requested to issue a Pastoral Letter, urging upon the members of the Church in the Province the duty of observing the Ember Seasons."

The discussion on this subject was proceeding when the House rose at 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At half-past two the Synod was again convened, and proceeded with the consideration of the amendment.

A CLERICAL DELEGATE said that several previous Speakers had taken it for granted that the Ember Seasons were observed in the Canadian Churches. He could say that this was not the case. He would ask the Rev. Canon Bancroft, for instance, if he intended to give notice next week of the Ember Season? (Hear, hear.)

The PROLOCUTOR ruled that the question would be out of order.

The REV. GEO. SLACK felt satisfied that they were not duly observed and notified to the congregations.

Another CLERGYMAN thought it would be un-