

It was then moved by the Hon. W. Sheppard, seconded by the Revd. D. Falloon, D. D.

1.—That we, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Quebec legally convened, adopt the Act of the Provincial Parliament entitled "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland to meet in Synod."

The first resolution was then put to the meeting and unanimously adopted.

The second Resolution was proposed by the Revd. S. S. Wood, M.A., seconded by the Revd. E. C. Parkin.

2.—That pending the adoption of a constitution by the Synod at its first meeting, the Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the clergy of the same, being in Priests Orders, instituted or licensed to the cure of souls, or being Principals or Professors of Divinity in any College, or being head masters of Schools under the jurisdiction (in either case) of the Bishop, and not being under ecclesiastical censure : and of lay Representatives, as hereafter to be provided.

Revd. Mr. Wood said, in moving the resolution, that he hoped it would not meet with opposition, as he disliked opposition very much. There were occasions when an open and manly opposition was required, and no one admired more than he did opposition of that nature ; the opposition he disliked was that of a factious nature, and he hoped that nothing of that description would characterize the proceedings of the present meeting. He was not much in favor of long speeches, and indeed there was nothing in the resolution which would enable a person to make a long speech upon it.

Mr. Jeffrey Hale here rose and said that he had an amendment to propose. The idea of this amendment had arisen in his mind from what he had heard at that meeting, and of course, he had not yet put it upon paper. Previous to doing so, he would explain the opinion which, although he was no lawyer, he entertained on the subject under discussion. He doubted very much whether this meeting could delegate its power of forming a constitution to any other parties. The act distinctly stated that the bishop, clergy, and laity of the Church of England must meet and frame their constitution and regulations themselves ; no one else could frame the constitution. In laying the foundation of our edifice therefore it would be but wise to lay it surely. The body

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