

Chancellor Walkem read the summons by which the meeting had been called, which defined the limits of the new diocese, and recited the intention to elect a bishop. When he had concluded, His Grace Archbishop Lewis rose to address the meeting. He was received with applause, the whole audience rising to its feet as a token of respect.

His Grace said that he had not prepared any elaborate address, not thinking such necessary. He met those before him, he said, with very mingled feelings. The first was gratitude to God, who had brought so far toward a successful issue his own attempt to effect a division of the present diocese. There was no room for doubt of the necessity existing for such a division. He had laboured in the diocese for 34 years, and he was assured that the increase had been so great, both in the additional number of churches, in the multiplication of the clergy, and in the extent of work, as to have made such a division necessary. But he also felt acutely his own separation from the diocese with which he had been so long connected. Continuing, he referred to the favourable circumstances under which the new diocese was starting out, saying that both in wealth and numbers, and in loyalty to the Church, they were getting the best of it. He hoped that in the future there would be nothing more than an honourable rivalry between them, and that they would strive together to work for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. There were very few churches to be built in the new diocese, and in every respect he believed that the man who was to-day to be elected, would have an easier time than he himself had had in his time. In approaching the ballot to-day, he hoped that they would be preserved from error, ignorance, pride and prejudice, and so guided in their decision that they would do what was best in the interests of the new diocese. In concluding, His Grace expressed in warm terms his deep regret at severing his connection with the parishes and churches of the new diocese. He would, of course, still retain his connection with them as Archbishop and Metropolitan, and in this capacity would visit them occasionally. He commended the delegates to God and to His grace for guidance in the mission which they were called upon to perform.

The First Ballot.—Immediately at the conclusion of His Grace's address, the first ballot of election was proceeded with. The Rev. A. Elliott, the Rev. A. W. Mackay, and Judge Senkler were appointed clerical scrutineers, while Messrs. J. F. Orde, J. S. Higginson and the Rev. R. W. Samwell, acted as lay scrutineers. The voting took a considerable time, each delegation, both lay and clerical, being called forward in turn. There are fifty-three parishes in the new diocese.

During the counting of the first vote the Synod took a recess of an hour, and re-assembled at half-past four, when the result was given out as follows: Clerical vote, 53 votes polled—Bishop of Niagara, 18; the Rev. A. Phillips, Hawkesbury, 11; the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ottawa, 9; the Rev. Dr. Boddy, Toronto, 6; the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Toronto, 5; the Rev. G. O. Troop, Montreal, 3; the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, Perth, 2; the Rev. E. B. Crawford, Halifax, 2; the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, Ottawa, 1; the Rev. A. Elliott, Carleton Place, 1.

In the lay vote forty-nine parishes voted, with the following result: The Rev. Dean Carmichael, Montreal, 11; the Bishop of Niagara, 8; the Rev. A. Phillips, Hawkesbury, 6; the Rev. C. L. Worrell, Kingston, 5; the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, Perth, 3; the Rev. A. Elliott, Carleton Place, 2; the Rev. G. O. Troop, Montreal, 2; the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, Ottawa, 2; the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Toronto, 1; the Rev. R. L. M. Houston, Cornwall, 1; the Rev. Dr. Boddy, Toronto, 1; the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ottawa, 1; the Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Ottawa, 1; the Rev. A. Saddington, Richmond, 1; the Rev. R. W. Samwell, Moulinette, 1; the Rev. H. Pollard, Ottawa, 1; the Rev. T. Garrett, Ottawa, 1; the Rev. T. H. Phillips, 1.

As no one person had received the requisite number of votes to secure election, another ballot was taken, which resulted as follows:

The Second Ballot.—Clerical votes, 53; necessary to elect, 27. The result of the ballot was as follows: The Bishop of Niagara, 22; the Rev. Dr. Boddy, 10; the Rev. A. Phillips, 10; the Rev. G. O. Troop, 8; the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, 2; the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, 1; the Rev. E. B. Crawford, 1; the Rev. Dean Carmichael, 1; the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, 1; the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, 1; the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, 1.

Lay votes, 49; necessary to elect, 25. The result of the ballot was as follows: The Bishop of Niagara, 15; the Rev. G. O. Troop, 13; the Rev. A. Phillips, 9; the Rev. Prof. Worrell, 3; the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, 2; the Rev. S. J. Boddy, 2; the Rev. A. Elliott, 1; the Rev. P. H. Phillips, 1.

Three votes were counted as lost for various reasons.

Bishop Hamilton elected.—This vote again failed to give a decision, no one candidate having secured the required majority, and a third ballot was accordingly

called, amid a scene of much interest. The results were eagerly awaited, and were duly announced as follows: Clerical vote, 53 cast; number necessary to an election, 27: Bishop of Niagara, 33; the Rev. A. Phillips, 11; the Rev. G. O. Troop, 4; the Rev. Dr. Boddy, 4; total, 52; the other ballot having been cast in blank. The lay vote was as follows: Votes cast, 49; necessary to elect, 25: The Bishop of Niagara, 25; the Rev. A. Phillips, 16; the Rev. G. O. Troop, 3; the Rev. Dr. Boddy, 1; the Rev. P. H. Phillips, 1; total, 46; the other three being unable to be counted for various reasons. It was therefore announced by His Grace Archbishop Lewis, amid great enthusiasm, that His Lordship Bishop Hamilton, of Niagara, had been elected bishop of the new diocese, subject, of course, to his acceptance. The election was made unanimous, and on the suggestion of His Grace, the Synod adjourned in order that His Lordship might be informed by wire of his election, and asked for a reply.

As His Lordship was away from home, the following reply was not received until Thursday at 2 o'clock.

"POWASSAN, ONT.—The resignation of the diocese, which is necessary to the translation of a bishop, is vested in the House of Bishops. I am ready to submit to the bishops' decision whether I should leave Niagara and begin in Ottawa. Should this, which involves delay, be objectionable, I am ready to relieve the Synod by deciding my duty is in Niagara. I am deeply sensible of the confidence and love of the Churchmen in Ottawa Diocese.

"BISHOP OF NIAGARA."

After reading the message, which was received with loud applause, Archbishop Lewis said: "I need hardly tell you that the acceptance of that resignation by the House of Bishops is perfectly certain, and I can therefore assure you that in all human probability Bishop Hamilton will be the Bishop of Ottawa. As it is so near Easter, there will be some little delay in calling the House together, but I shall call it without delay. The bishops have to meet in Montreal on the 15th of April, at the Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, and it would not do to bring the bishops so far twice, so I trust you will bear with the unavoidable delay. I am very thankful that my dear friend has accepted, and I may say that there seems to me something very suitable that a Hamilton should come back to the Diocese of Ottawa. I desire to take this opportunity of correcting a misapprehension. It has been said that the division was in a manner forced upon me. That is not true. I inaugurated the division five years ago, and assisted it in every possible way. There is no bishop, priest or deacon, to whom I would so willingly hand over my pastoral staff as to the Bishop of Niagara. I am deeply grateful to the Synod of yesterday. I do not think there ever was a Synod assembled that had such self-control, and now, when I am stepping down and out, I can look back with the greatest possible comfort to the Synod meeting in Ottawa. I entreat you to further the interests of the Church of God, and with the support and the same sympathy extended to me, I have no doubt in the world but that the increase in the past will be nothing to the increase in the future. May God bless you."

His Grace's words were received with the utmost respect, and elicited enthusiastic applause.

He was followed by the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, who, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese, expressed their regret at parting from His Grace, and wished him God-speed.

Chancellor Walkem, the Rev. Mr. Muckleston and Mr. G. C. Smith, of Cornwall, also delivered addresses, after which, with cheers for the old and the new bishops, and with parting religious services, conducted by the Archbishop, the special meeting of the Synod was concluded.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

We are pleased to hear the Hon. G. W. Allan is steadily improving.

Trinity.—The Rev. Alexander Sanson is recovering from his serious illness, and is able to leave the house.

St. George's.—The Rev. Prof. Clark gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on Gustavus Adolphus, last Tuesday evening in the schoolhouse, in aid of St. Margaret's Church. A large number were present and thoroughly enjoyed the lecture.

Church of the Ascension.—The congregation of this church has selected the Rev. T. R. O'Meara to succeed Rev. Mr. Baldwin, as rector, and his name has been forwarded to the bishop.

Despite the extremely unfavorable weather, there was a good attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Church of England Sunday School Association, held last week in the basement of St.

Simon's Church, Howard street. Among the clergy present were the Revs. T. C. Street Macklem, rector of St. Simon's; Canon Sweeney, B. C. Andrews, E. J. Wood, and G. Card. Canon Sweeney was called upon to preside, and after the singing of the hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," and prayer, gave a brief opening address. This was followed by the reading of an exceedingly interesting paper by Rev. Herbert Symonds, M.A. of Ashburnham, entitled, "Introductory Lecture on the Study of the Bible." He dwelt largely on the subject of faith, showing that until a man had held personal communion with God, his faith was merely potential and not actual. The reverend gentleman was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close of his remarks. The Rev. Canon Mockridge had promised to give "A Model Sunday School Lesson," but in his enforced and much regretted absence, a short Biblical study conducted by the Rev. Canon Sweeney, was engaged in by the audience. The proceedings terminated with the usual devotional exercises. The next meeting of the association, it was announced, will be held in Ali Saints' school house, on which occasion there will be a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the present system of Sunday School teaching is capable of much improvement."

NORWAY.—The Bishop of Toronto has granted one year's leave of absence to Rev. Chas. Rutta, of St. John's Church. Mr. Rutta is 75 years of age, and has been in charge of the parish 28 years.

On Sunday evening of last week, the Rev. Provost Welch preached in St. John's Church.

NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

BARTON.—*Holy Trinity.*—The Rev. P. Fletcher, of Grand Valley, preached in this church on Sunday, 15th inst., owing to the illness of the rector, the Rev. W. R. Clark.

HAMILTON.—*St. Thomas' Church.*—On Sunday evening, March 15th, the Rev. Canon Sutherland, rector of St. Mark's, preached in this church. His sermon was on the Gospel of the day.

St. Mark's Church.—Canon Curran, rector of St. Thomas' Church, officiated at the evening service on the 15th inst. in St. Mark's. The reverend gentleman preached an eloquent and forcible sermon, taking for his text part of the 47th verse of the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."

NIAGARA FALLS.—Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity University, lectured here last Monday week at the Town hall, on Kingsley's "Water Babies." The audience was composed of the cultured people of the town, many Americans from the other side of the river being present. The lecture is one of a course inaugurated by the Collegiate Institute, and was by far the most popular one thus far.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

LONDON.—Thursday evening the annual missionary meeting of the Huron College Missionary Society was held, when addresses, illustrated with stereopticon views, were given by Archdeacon Tims, of Calgary, and Rev. I. O. Stringer, B.A., of Mackenzie River. The Bishop of Huron was in the chair, and among those on the platform were Rev. Archdeacon Tims, of Calgary, N.W.T.; Rev. I. O. Stringer, B.A., of Mackenzie River; Rev. Provost Watkins, M.A.; Rev. Prof. Burgess, M.A.; Canon Smith, Rev. Mr. Hill, Rev. Geo. A. Robson, Rev. Principal English, Rev. W. L. Armitage, Rev. Prof. Sherwood and others. After an opening hymn, the meeting was led in prayer by Rev. Provost Watkins, followed by a fervent address by the bishop, who warmly eulogized the work of the missionaries. Rev. Mr. Stringer called attention to the topography of his mission by means of a large coloured map. His headquarters were at Peel River. There they had darkness for several weeks at a time—in the spring the days lengthened, and they enjoyed equal days and equal nights. About the middle of May continual daylight comes over the region and lasts for two months. Mr. Stringer exhibited several articles of clothing, a number of ornaments, such as snow knife, pipe, a model sled, Eskimo axe, and a piece of dried deer meat belonging to the people of the north. The speaker then gave a brief talk explanatory of the views, showing the peculiarities of these people and their manner of life. * * * * The Eskimo are smaller in stature than the average white man—disfigure their faces by piercing their cheeks in such a way as to show a white stone button on the outside. Their clothing for the most part consists of deer skin. They ornament their coats with pieces of wolverine skin; live in huts erected in bee-hive shape, composed of layers of