

pressive of the congratulations of both the Bishops and the members of the Lower House upon his attainment of his ninetieth birthday. The presentation of the address took place in the Lower House, to which place the Bishops, headed by the Archbishops of Montreal and Rupert's Land, proceeded at five o'clock. There were some fifteen Bishops, all vested in their robes, present, and they were received by the members of the Lower House, standing. The Archbishop was preceded by the crozier, and the scene was an impressive one during the performance of the ceremony. The address, which was read by the Most Rev. Archbishop Matheson, Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, expressed in the name of the whole Church, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, represented by the Bishops and Synod, the warm congratulations and testimony of their affection on the attainment by His Grace of his ninetieth birthday. To few men had it been given to reach that great age and to preside over the great councils of the Church. Tracing the Archbishop's career from Catechist to Primate, there was no office in the Church which he had not graced and adorned by the beauty of his life. Reference was made to the great satisfaction which it must have been to His Grace to have been able on the ninetieth anniversary of his birth to take part and preach in the closing centenary services of the Quebec Cathedral. The address closed with the hope that the Primate would be spared long to preside, not alone over the diocese which loved him so well, but over the whole Church, which bore him such warm affection.

Archbishop Bond briefly responded. He said he could not pretend to attempt to reply to the gracious words which he had heard. Sixty-five years ago three young men had been ordained by the Bishop of Montreal. A clergyman from the sister church had preached the sermon from the text, "Thou shalt do no murder," and had pressed home to them the sin of blood-guiltiness, had pressed home to them the admonition to take heed lest they should be guilty of other men's sins. That text had cleaven to him till this day as he thought of the awful responsibility which rested upon the Bishops and clergy, and, he could not help but think, upon those who exercise authority among the laity. In conclusion he asked the prolocutor to offer up a prayer on his behalf. The prolocutor, Rev. Canon Farthing, in hushed tones then made a short but eloquent prayer, the whole assemblage standing with heads bowed, after which the Primate gave those present his benediction. The Bishops then withdrew to their own apartments.

#### THE SYNOD'S VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF THE REMARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS.

It was within a minute or two of midnight on Saturday, the 9th of September, that the vote was taken in the Lower House of Synod upon Dr. Davidson's motion for concurrence in the message from the House of Bishops, submitting a canon to prohibit clergymen of the Church of England in Canada from remarrying a divorced person during the lifetime of the other party to the divorce. The vote was taken by orders, and resulted as follows:

Clerical Vote.—Yeas—Revs. Archdeacon Kaulbach, J. Simpson, Canon Crawford, Canon Vroom, Archdeacon Smith, E. A. Harris, S. Weston Jones, Canon Balfour, Dean Williams, Dr. F. G. Scott, Dr. Langtry, Canon Spragge, Canon Welch, Canon Ingles, J. Pitt Lewis, Canon Richardson, Dean Partridge, A. G. H. Dicker, J. R. de W. Cowrie, Dr. W. O. Raymond, Archdeacon Naylor, Archdeacon Ker, Dr. G. Abbott-Smith, Canon Farthing, Canon Craig, Archdeacon Richardson, Dean Smith, Rural Dean Beauharnois, H. H. Bedford-Jones, J.

Boydell, Archdeacon Gillmor, Rural Dean Spencer, A. J. Belt, Archdeacon Bogert, Dr. A. W. Mackay, Canon Kittson, Canon Muckleston, Canon Hamington, S. MacMorine, A. V. de Pencier, E. A. W. Gill, S. G. Chambers, Archdeacon Vincent, Dean Sargent, Archdeacon Harding, T. G. Beal, G. N. Dobie, Dean Paget, Archdeacon Webb, Archdeacon Page, John Matheson, C. E. Cooper, Archdeacon Scriven, Archdeacon Pentreath, H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, F. H. Graham—56.

Nays—Revs. W. J. Armitage, Canon Cody, Canon Dixon, Dr. Symonds, Archdeacon Tims, Canon Stocken, Dean Coombs, G. Lloyd—8. Clerical majority in favour of the motion, 48.

Lay Vote.—Yeas—Messrs. R. Campbell, John Hamilton, James Dunbar, Col. Forsyth, G. B. Kirkpatrick, J. C. L. Ketchum, L. H. Davidson, Lansing Lewis, H. L. Mudge, A. P. Tippet, C. Jenkins, E. G. Henderson, C. C. Hodgins, Judge McDonald, E. J. P. Pense, W. B. Carroll, R. V. Rogers, J. R. Dargavel, R. J. Carson, Kirwan Martin, W. H. Rowley, F. H. Gisborne, G. R. Coldwell, R. S. Lake, Spencer Page, H. H. Campkin, M. Morris, P. Wollaston, C. W. Busk—29.

Nays—Messrs. J. L. Jennison, Judge Savary, Judge Fitzgerald, G. W. Parmelee, N. W. Hoyles, J. A. Worrell, F. E. Hodgins, J. E. Jones, W. M. Jarvis, G. O. D. Otty, A. C. Fairweather, R. Bayly, M. Wilson, Judge Ermatinger, W. F. Cockshutt, A. J. Matheson, C. F. P. Conybeare, Captain Thomas, G. H. Cowan, W. Taylor—20.

Lay majority in favour of the motion, 9. There being a majority of both orders, the prolocutor declared the motion carried.

#### HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

The following communication was read to the General Synod on the last day of its sitting:

Quebec, 15th Sept., 1905.

To the Prolocutor of the Lower House, General Synod of Church of England in Canada:

Dear Sir,—As convener of the Compilation Committee of the Hymnal I am directed to ask you to inform the House that the following members have been appointed to serve on the committees:

Compilation Committee—Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, D.D., Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. Canon Crawford, M.A., Halifax, N.S.; Rev. Prof. Clark, M.A., D.C.L., Toronto, Ont.; Very Rev. Dean Partridge, D.D., Fredericton, N.B.; Rev. Canon Welch, M.A., D.C.L., Toronto, Ont.; Rev. F. G. Scott, M.A., D.C.L., Quebec, P.Q.; Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., London, Ont.; Rev. F. G. Plummer, Toronto, Ont.; James Edmund Jones, Esq., B.A., Toronto, Ont.; Charles Jenkins, Esq., Petrolia, Ont.; W. M. Jarvis, Esq., St. John, N.B.; H. L. Mudge, Esq., Montreal, P.Q.

Executive Committee—F. E. Hodgins, Esq., K.C., Toronto, convener; W. B. Carroll, Esq., M.A., Gananoque, Ont.; E. G. Henderson, Esq., Windsor, Ont.

Sub-Committee for Compilation of Chant Book—The Bishop of Quebec, convener; James Edmund Jones and Rev. F. G. Plummer. Mr. E. A. Bishop, organist of Quebec Cathedral, has kindly consented to act as secretary of the last-mentioned committee. A committee will be appointed later to prepare an exceptionally full index of texts and subjects. Members of the committees have been chosen not only with a view to fitness, but also on the principle suggested by the Upper House, of convenience, as far as possible, to a central place of meeting. The Bishop of Ottawa is chairman and the Bishop of Huron vice-chairman of the Hymnal Committee. The following secretaries have been appointed to conduct the plebiscite as to hymns in books now in use in the Church in Canada, and circulars will be sent out shortly so as to enable returns to be made and results

tabulated in time for the first meeting of the Compilation Committee, which is called for 1st January, 1906, at 2 p.m., at 32 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, to select the first 350 hymns. Secretaries—Rev. Canon Crawford, Nova Scotia; Rev. A. G. Dicker, Fredericton; Mr. R. Campbell, K.C., Quebec and Montreal; Mr. W. B. Carroll, Ottawa and Ontario; Mr. E. G. Henderson, Huron, Niagara and Toronto; Very Rev. Dean Coombes, Rupert's Land, Keewatin and Algoma; Mr. Percy Wollaston, Jr., Columbia, Caledonia, New Westminster and Kootenay. Chancellor C. F. P. Conybeare, K.C., the remaining dioceses. A letter is being forwarded to the president of the Woman's Auxiliary, requesting them at their triennial session at Toronto next week to assist the movement and the compilation by conducting a plebiscite in each branch, and sending the tabulated returns to the secretary of the Hymnal Committee. Resolutions were passed by the General Committee formally affirming the general principles to guide the Compilation Committee referred to in the debate before the House, and our devout prayer is that a hymnal may be produced truly representative of all that is best in our Church, and that the Book of Common Praise may, in a measure, however small, be worthy to be bound under the same cover with our Book of Common Prayer. All which is respectfully submitted. (Signed), James Edmund Jones, Convener Compilation Committee.

#### FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

##### Spectator's Comments on Questions of Public Interest.

The schools of this country have reopened after the long vacation, and tens of thousands of children, with books in hand, have entered these sanctuaries of instruction. These little ones have no plans concerning their future, the glorious and unclouded present is enough for them. In obedience to parental suggestion, and possibly in some cases, parental pressure, they have turned their faces school-ward and taken up the duties that wiser heads have seen fit to lay down for them. At home the parent, at school the teacher, predominates. The inclination of the tree is in the hands of the gardener who bends the twig. The character, the ambitions, the mental qualities, the tastes of an oncoming generation are being fashioned at this moment in the class-rooms of our Canadian schools. Here and there on a back concession of our country districts, and here and there in the congested centres of population may be found a young woman who has caught the deeper meaning of her calling. Her heart is full of love for the children about her. Her head is full of visions of usefulness and possible eminence of those whom she instructs. Every walk or journey she takes into the near-by fields or far away city, every book she reads and conversation she engages in are all opportunities for bringing some fresh interest, some new inspiration into that class-room that has become the most sacred spot on earth to her. She can see beyond the harmless mischief that annoys a less devoted teacher, into the large heart and abounding energy of youth, and plans for the direction of these latent powers. With her and her pupils everything lives; glorified by her enthusiasm and simplicity. The geography is a study of real places where men and women live and build homes, direct commerce and reap fruits of the earth. Grammar is the consideration of the very language current in the school and play-ground, in the books they read, and the stories they narrate. It is the taking to pieces and understanding that they have learned to construct from infancy. History is more thrilling than the fairy tales of another day, for it is a true account of the great men who did great deeds in the past. The imagination is lighted up, the ambi-