

Statement by the Bishop.

My Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Lay Members of this Synod,—

Before delivering my annual address to you, it is but right and proper that I, as your Bishop and Presiding Officer, should give my reasons for convening the Synod at this unusual season.

The Constitution provides that the Synod shall meet annually on the third Tuesday in June. This year that day fell on June the 20th, the very day appointed for the holding of the Dominion elections.

Many members of the Synod, by correspondence and personal interviews, pointed out to me that it would be impossible to hold a session of Synod on account of the elections, and suggested that an adjournment should be made.

I was the more willing to approve of this adjournment, for, anxious as I am at all times to see a large gathering at our Synods, I was especially desirous to secure a full attendance at this meeting, inasmuch as many important measures, respecting the good government of the Church, were to be submitted to the Synod.

Not having, however, any power to change the date of the annual meeting, I was compelled to convene the Synod for June 20th, when at the meeting of members then present, a resolution was carried, adjourning the meeting to the 26th of September.

Technical objections have been raised by two Clerical and one Lay member, as to the legality of this adjournment. To remove, however, every objection, and to guard against obstruction, I have, in accordance with the power vested in the Bishop by the Constitution, convened this meeting of the Synod, having taken care that due notice was given of *all the* business intended to be brought before the members of Synod for discussion at this Session, as will be found on reference to the Convening Circular, a copy of which has been forwarded to every member.

I would especially request your regular attendance at our daily sessions, and I feel sure that you will, as usual, render me your loyal assistance in performing the duties for which we are met together.

The following is the Convening Circular referred to by the Bishop :

CHAPTER HOUSE, LONDON, ONT.,
September 9th, 1882.

SIR,—

We are directed by the Bishop to notify you that the Synod of the Diocese of Huron will meet (D. V.) in the Chapter House, London, on Tuesday, September 26th, 1882, for the election and appointment of officers and Committees of Synod; the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod; the reception of the Annual Report of the Standing Committee; the submission of the Audited Accounts; and for the transaction of all the usual business of the Annual Meeting of the Synod; also, for the ratification of the business transacted by the Standing Committee at the meeting held June 22, 1882.

A statement is given herewith of the business sent to the Standing Committee in May last, and which also will be brought before the Synod.

Life members, and such incorporated members as are qualified by Section 2 of the Act of Incorporation, are entitled to the privileges of members of Synod, so far as its financial affairs are concerned.

By resolution of the Synod, no Lay Representative can take his seat unless all assessment due by the congregation he represents is paid.

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