

within the Diocese to contribute. And let it be remembered that although my health is at present good, yet I am so far advanced in years that I may pass away at any moment, and it would be a great comfort to me to know that this desirable object if not quite accomplished had made promising progress before my departure.

"I have reserved to the close of this address the Christmas Offering of our congregations to their respective pastors last winter; many feared that an attempt to revive this ancient and seasonable act of Christian benevolence would fail. Not so, my brethren, it was, on the contrary, nobly responded to from warm hearts and willing hands, and with a generous liberality which more than satisfied the most sanguine expectations, for it somewhat exceeded four thousand four hundred dollars, or eleven hundred pounds currency. Now, I hail this renewed inauguration of so laudable a custom as a happy omen, and one well calculated to knit together the hearts of our people with those of their Pastors, and I trust that it will be the desire of our congregations to continue this blessing annually, for it certainly appears to me a most beautiful and affectionate illustration of the Angels' song."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Dr. Bovell brought up the following report from the committee appointed by His Lordship to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates: The committee beg leave to report that the list of Lay Delegates as furnished by the Secretaries, is correct.

J. G. D. MCKENZIE, M. A.
A. J. BROUGMALL, M. A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Dr. FULLER moved, seconded by the Rev. Dr. PATTON, That the Rev. Stephen Lett be re-elected Clerical Secretary for the current year.

Rev. Dr. Lett thanked the mover and seconded for the compliment they had paid to him, but as he had served for three years as secretary he begged to decline re-election. He moved that the Rev. T. S. Kennedy be elected Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Fuller withdrew his motion, and that of Dr. Lett was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. PATTON, a vote of thanks was then passed to the Rev. Dr. Lett for his valuable services as Clerical Secretary during the past three years.

W. B. SIMPSON, Esq., moved that Dr. Bovell be re-elected Lay Secretary.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

J. W. Brent, Esq., was then elected Treasurer, and W. H. Westmacott, Esq., and C. J. Campbell, Esq., Auditors.

READING THE MINUTES.

The Rev. Dr. PATTON moved, and the Rev. Dr. LETT seconded,

That as the minutes of the last Synod have been printed and circulated among the clergy and laity of the Diocese, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.—Carried.

The minutes were then signed by the Lord Bishop.

ADMISSION TO SEATS IN SYNOD.

The Rev. Messrs. Marsh, Haines, and Stinson, of the Diocese of Huron, were invited to seats in the Synod.

The same privilege was accorded to the Rev. Mr. Roe, of the Diocese of Quebec; and His Lordship invited also the Rev. J. T. Lewis, LL.D., Bishop elect of Ontario, and the Rev. Archdeacon Brough, of Huron, and the Rev. Dr. McCaul, of the University, Toronto, to seats on his Lordship's right.

His Lordship the Bishop then ordered the reply to the address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to be read.

Reply of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the address of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the diocese of Toronto.

GENTLEMEN,—I am grateful for the assurances of your loyalty to the Queen, and for the welcome to myself conveyed in your address.

I am a member of the Church of England, and as such, I rejoice to meet in this distant land, and in so important a diocese, the representatives of that venerable body in whose creed I have been nurtured and have lived.

I trust that Almighty God will guide your efforts to maintain the efficiency of the Church under the guidance of the venerable prelate who has so long watched over you in this diocese.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Kingston, 19th June, 1861.

MY LORD,—I have been directed to forward the enclosed memorial in reference to the election of clerical delegates from this diocese, to attend the Provincial Synod.

The memorialists and many others here feel that the matter was not gone about in a proper manner, and they are therefore anxious that the election should be begun *de novo*, especially as the names which appear on the list, with one exception, are all selected from a particular party.

I remain,
Your Lordship's obedient servant,
A. STEWART.

Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Toronto.

Cornwall, 18th June, 1861.

MY DEAR DR. LETT,—Being again, by the mercy of God, permitted to resume the pen, I avail myself of this the first opportunity afforded me of requesting that you will erase my name from the list of clerical delegates to the Provincial Synod, chosen at Kingeton. While I am grateful to the brethren who voted for me, and while I regard it as an honour to be elected a delegate to so important a body, yet I could not for one moment hesitate to decline the invidious distinction of being the only supporter of Dr. Bethune chosen on the clerical ticket. I deeply regret the exclusively party nature of the clerical vote, as it is calculated to perpetuate divisions that should now cease, utterly and entirely. Such a procedure is, moreover, calculated to place the Bishop elect in a false position, by making him appear to be the Bishop of a party instead of the Bishop of the whole diocese, and as I am well convinced that Dr. Lewis himself would be the first to repudiate so false a position. I do, for his sake, as well as for the future peace and prosperity of the church of Christ, in this new diocese, protest against the exclusiveness of the clerical delegation, and only hope that an opportunity may be afforded for rectifying the mistake at the approaching synod.

Both parties should now endeavour to meet each other in a spirit of conciliation; and it is especially meet that those who gained the victory should display a noble magnanimity, in making the first advances towards unity, peace, and harmony. By so doing they will most surely advance the interests of Christ's cause, and increase most effectually promote the comfort and increase the usefulness of him who was the object of their choice.

May God give grace to our Bishop Elect wisely

to conduct himself in his responsible position, and I can assure him that in his efforts to advance the interests of Christ's cause, he will find no more zealous or faithful supporters than will be many of those who conscientiously supported the interests of Dr. Bethune.

I remain,
My Dear Doctor,
Yours most faithfully,
HENRY PATTON.

The Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D.,
Clerical Secretary, Diocese of Toronto.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND LORD BISHOP TORONTO.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—

WE the undersigned Clergy, officiating within the limits of the newly constituted Diocese of Ontario, beg leave to memorialize your lordship, in reference to the election of delegates to represent the said newly constituted diocese in Provincial Synod.

1. We are of opinion that, according to the Canon on the subdivision of a diocese, no election of delegates to attend the Provincial Synod can take place until after the consecration of the Bishop Elect, and that should such election be confirmed by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the delegates chosen on the 13th of June, must go to the Provincial Synod as representatives of the said diocese of Toronto, thus giving the appearance of an undue preponderance to that Diocese in the Provincial Synod.

2nd. That a large number of the clergy entitled to vote for delegates to represent their body in Provincial Synod, were absent when the said election took place; having been informed by your Lordship's Chancellor and the Clerical Secretary of the Diocesan Synod of Toronto, that no such election would take place.

The undersigned beg your Lordship, therefore, to forbid the confirmation of the delegates elected on 13th June, at the City of Kingston.

We remain,
Your Lordship's obedient servants,
R. V. ROGERS, M.A., Rural Dean.
A. STEWART, M.A., Assistant Minister, St. George's, Kingston.
H. E. PLEES, Minister to St. John's, Murray and Carrying.

W. F. S. HARPER, Rector of Bath.
THOMAS BOUSFIELD, Incumbent of Sophiasburg.
JOHN BELL WORRELL, R. D., Bathurst District.
F. W. DOBBS, Incumbent, St. John's Church, Portmouth.

Letter from A. Cochran, Thornhill, referred to Assessment Committee.

The Synod then adjourned for an hour.

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THIRD SESSION

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, the 5th of June, A. D., 1861, being the day appointed by the Lord Bishop for the meeting of the Diocesan Synod, Divine Service, including the administration of the Holy Communion, was held in the Cathedral Church, at 10 a.m. The Revs. G. V. Housman and J. H. Nicolls, D. D., officiated at Morning Prayer. The Revs. S. S. Wood and G. V. Housman read the Ante-Communion Service.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. D. Falloon, D. D.

The Lord Bishop consecrated, and, assisted by