

Christian communion, and animated with a more fervent zeal for the Saviour's honour and the salvation of souls, we may do our endeavour to prepare His Church for the coming of him whom we lovingly adore, and whose advent in power and glory we ardently look to and long for.

Introduction to Resolutions.

We, Bishops of Christ's holy Catholic Church, in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland, professing the faith delivered to us in Holy Scripture, maintained by the primitive Church and by the Fathers of the English Reformation, now assembled by the good providence of God, at the Archbishop's Palace of Lambeth, under the presidency of the Primate of all England, desire—*First*, to give hearty thanks to Almighty God for having thus brought us together for common counsels and united worship; *Secondly* we desire to express the deep sorrow with which we view the divided condition of the flock of Christ throughout the world, ardently longing for the fulfilment of the prayer of our Lord, "That all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me:" and, *Lastly*, we do here solemnly record our conviction that unity will be most effectually promoted by maintaining the faith in its purity and integrity—as taught in the Holy Scriptures held by the primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils,—and by drawing each of us closer to our common Lord, by giving ourselves to much prayer and intercession, by the cultivation of a spirit of charity, and a love of the Lord's appearing.

Resolutions.

Resolution I.—That it appears to us expedient, for the purpose of maintaining brotherly intercommunion, that all cases of establishment of new sees, and appointment of new Bishops, be notified to all Archbishops and Metropolitans, and all presiding Bishops of the Anglican communion.

Resolution II.—That, having regard to the conditions under which intercommunion between members of the Church passing from one distant diocese to another may be duly maintained, we hereby declare it desirable—

(1) That forms of letters commendatory on behalf of clergymen visiting other dioceses be drawn up and agreed upon;

(2) That a form of letters commendatory for lay members of the Church be in like manner prepared;

(3) That his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury be pleased to undertake the preparation of such forms.

Resolution III.—That a committee be appointed to draw up a pastoral address to all members of the Church of Christ in communion with the Anglican branch of the Church Catholic, to be agreed upon by the assembled Bishops, and to be published as soon as possible after the last sitting of the Conference.

Resolution IV.—That, in the opinion of this Conference, unity in faith and discipline will be best maintained among the several branches of the Anglican communion by due and canonical subordination of the Synods of the several branches to the higher authority of a Synod or Synods above them.

Resolution V.—That a committee of seven members (with power to add to their number, and to obtain the assistance of men learned in ecclesiastical and canon law) be appointed to inquire into and report upon the subject of the relations and functions of such Synods, and that such report be forwarded to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, with a request that if possible it may be communicated to any adjourned meeting of this Conference.

Resolution VI.—That in the judgment of the Bishops now assembled, the whole Anglican communion is deeply injured by the present condition of the Church in Natal; and that a committee be now appointed at this general meeting to report on the best mode by which the Church may be delivered from the continuance of this scandal, and the true faith maintained. That such report be forwarded to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, with the request that he will be pleased to