

the matter stand over, until it could receive the collective judgment of the whole Canadian Church in Provincial Synod, had received the approval of the Synod at Toronto. The Bishop then referred to the meetings of Convocation in England, and expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which they had been conducted, and at the prospect that there was of the province of York now following the example of that of Canterbury. He expressed his opinion that it was highly desirable that the laws and canons of the Church, many of which were now quite obsolete, should be adapted to the existing state and condition of the people. He went on to say, that while it was to be wished that some special services for days of thanksgiving or humiliation, and also for some other occasions, should be added to the Book of Common Prayer, yet he was decided in the conviction that it was very undesirable that the existing services should be altered or tampered with. His Lordship recommended the *Church Chronicle* to the members of the Synod, as a publication which was likely, if extensively circulated, to be very useful. He then expressed his hope that the working of the Synod would materially advance the welfare of the Church, and would afford to many of her members enlarged opportunities of practical usefulness. He concluded by referring to the approaching census, and recommended the Clergy to remind the members of their congregations, that they must be careful to return themselves as belonging to the "Church of England." "Certain it is that under any circumstances, we shall be found but a small minority; but we know that numbers are no test of truth. I do believe, however, that our grain of mustard seed is growing and expanding, and if we be not faithless but believing, we may yet look for great and continual increase, while we bear witness for the faith, once for all declared to the saints, and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and righteousness of life."

The Bishop's address was followed by the presentation of the Report of the Executive Committee, which on the motion of the Hon. Geo. Moffatt, was received. Its clauses were then discussed and with some slight alterations were adopted. The Secretary then read the report of the Finance Committee, which was ordered to be printed and brought up for consideration on the following day. The next report was that of the Committee on the Organization of Parishes, which was likewise received and ordered to be printed, with the proceedings of the Synod. The meeting was then adjourned.

On Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, the Synod assembled at Trinity Church, which had been kindly offered for its accommodation, by the incumbent, the Rev. Canon Bancroft. After prayer had been said, the names of the delegates were called. A vote was passed thanking the Rev. Mr. Scott for his sermon before the Synod. The Rev. G. Slack then brought forward a resolution pledging the Synod to appoint a Standing Committee, which after a lengthened and able discussion was rejected. An amendment was carried to the effect that the Bishop be requested to give notice to every parish, of the names of candidates coming forward for ordination.