

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

SEVENTH DAY—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

CANON OF THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD ON THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

Art. I.—This Society shall be called The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

Art. II.—This Society shall consist of all persons who are members of this Church.

Art. III.—This Society shall be under the control of a General Board of Missions, consisting of the Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province, and the clerical and lay delegates for the time being of the Provincial Synod, together with the Board of Management as hereinafter described.

On the third day of each triennial session of the Provincial Synod the business of the Synod shall be suspended to allow the business connected with this Society to be transacted.

Art. IV.—The Board of Management shall consist of all the Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, members ex-officio, together with two clergymen and two laymen from each diocese, to be appointed by the General Board on the nomination of each Diocesan Synod, which nomination shall be made by such Synod at the meeting next preceding the triennial session of the Provincial Synod, and this Board shall have as far as possible the collection and administration of the General Missionary Funds of the Church (subject to the provision hereinafter set forth), and shall remain in office until their successors are appointed, and shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. This Board of Management shall, when the General Board is not in session, exercise all the powers of the General Board, and shall report to the General Board of Missions on or before the third day of such triennial session of the Provincial Synod, and shall meet at such times and places as they may see fit.

Art. V.—The Board of Management is authorized to appoint such committees as it may deem desirable, and such officers as shall be needed for carrying on its work, and may frame such rules and regulations (not inconsistent with the constitutions and Canons of the Provincial Synod) as may be necessary for the transactions of its business.

Art. VI.—It is recommended that the funds collected in the several dioceses for missions under this Canon be sent in to the Board, and the appropriations therefrom on behalf of Domestic Missions shall be made in gross to be disbursed by the local authorities of dioceses to which such appropriations shall have been made.

Nothing in this Canon shall be held in any wise to interfere with or affect the several Diocesan Mission Funds, or with any other consistent agreements made by any parish for special missionary aid, nor apply to contributions specially appropriated, which shall be paid in strict accordance with the wishes of the donors.

Art. VII.—In connection with the Board of Management there shall be in each diocese of this Province a corresponding committee, or board of missions, to be constituted as such diocese may determine, who shall report all statistics and other information relating to the general purposes for which the Society is organized.

The Diocesan Board of Missions, as at present constituted, shall be the corresponding committees, or boards, until other committees shall have been appointed under the provisions of this Canon.

The first Board of Management shall be appointed by the Provincial Synod at this session.

Ven. Archdeacon Jones moved, seconded by Judge Wilkinson, that the Prolocutor name the Board of Management as directed by the Canon. Carried.

The Prolocutor then named the following as a Board of Management:—

Clerical—Rev. Canon Norman, Rev. F. Partridge, Rev. Jno. D. H. Browne, Rev. Charles Hamilton, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. Canon Carmichael, Rev. Canon Innes, Rev. W. F. Campbell, Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Rev. Dr. Mockridge.

Lay—Judge Savary, Mr. W. C. Silver, Judge Hemming, Mr. W. H. Carter, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. R. T. Clinch, Mr. G. R. Parkin, Mr. Thomas White, M. P., Mr. L. H. Davidson, Mr. E. Baynes Reed, Mr. Benjamin Cronyn, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Mr. James Reynolds, Mr. McLaren and Mr. Mason.

Rev. Canon Dart, D. C. L., moved That Clause III. of Constitution, p. 126, Journal of 1880, be amended by substituting eight for twelve as the number of delegates of each order from each diocese.

Chief Justice Allan seconded the motion.

Rev. G. M. Armstrong moved in amendment, That the question of reducing delegates be referred to the committee already appointed to consider the amending of the Constitution of the Synod.

This amendment was seconded by Dean Baldwin, and adopted.

Rev. Canon Davidson read the following Report:—

The committee appointed to take into consideration the

on such an occasion. The church was very tastefully decorated. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a. m.—a good way of beginning a day of thanksgiving. At 11 a. m. there was choral Mattins and a sermon. The choir was surpliced, and was composed of parishioners exclusively, I believe. The intoning was tolerably fair. Indeed it and the singing of the hymns was very good, considering the few opportunities they had had for practising together, half the choir belonging to another congregation in the Mission. The Psalms and Canticles were sung to Anglicans, except the Benedictus, which was sung to the customary Gregorian, 7th tone, 1st ending. This tone is peculiarly fitted to the Cantic, especially when the intonation is sung throughout. In the afternoon the people amused themselves in various ways, as well as doing justice to the luncheon provided. The day was concluded with choral Evensong. The offerings were considerably in excess of former years. It might be added that the festival was not for the purpose of raising money, but for thanksgiving and a day of enjoyment for the parishioners,—a very proper way of acknowledging God as the Giver of the fruits of the earth.

THORN HILL.—On Thursday last the congregation of Trinity Church, Thorn Hill, held their annual Harvest Home Festival. For several days previously skilful hands, prompted by hearts full of love for the Church, were busily engaged in preparing decorations wherewith to beautify God's sanctuary. Grains and grasses, fruits and flowers, amaranthine wreaths and autumnal leaves, with suitable texts from Holy Scripture, done in various colours, all combined to make dear old Trinity present quite a festive appearance. "Comparisons are odious," distinctions invidious, and neither of them would be in place where all worked so enthusiastically and harmoniously. The service commenced at half-past one o'clock, and, for an afternoon, the congregation was very good indeed. The prayers were said by Rev. J. B. Mead, M. A.; the lessons were read by Rev. C. G. Snapp, B. A.; the sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Mussen, M. A.; and the remainder of the service was taken by Rev. H. B. Osler, R. D. Immediately afterwards all these at the church and many others repaired to the Grange, the residence of John Langstaff, Esq., who, with his usual kindness, gave the use of his beautiful grounds for the occasion. First came the boys' races and distribution of prizes; then a similar programme for the girls; after which Rev. Dr. Scadding read an elaborate paper on the history of Trinity Church, Thorn Hill, which was of absorbing interest to those (and they were many) who remembered the place as it was many years ago. Speaking of those who came amongst the first settlers, the families of Messrs. Thorne (from whom the place takes its name), and Parsons, of Dorsetshire, England, he said: "They had around them the good, calm, healthful, Church of England atmosphere there." The company, about three hundred, young and old, then sat down to tea, for which such ample provision had been made that enough was left to supply many more than had been present. Racing, jumping, swinging, and foot-balling (if such a word may be coined) formed the chief amusements of the younger people; whilst many of the older ones, seated on the verandah or under the shade of the fine old trees which adorn the place, chatted perchance of days gone by when they themselves sported in childhood on the undulating greensward. One very pleasant feature of the affair was that both in the church and on the grounds all the professedly Christian denominations in the parish were well represented, and Church of England people, Methodists, Roman Catholics, and Presbyterians, might be seen standing in groups, and talking as pleasantly as if they had not a single religious difference between them. All who attended to the affair at all said that they had never seen the church so prettily decorated, and had never had so successful a festival.

subject of the representation of the missionary diocese of Algoma recommend the Incorporation of the following into the Constitution, or in the form of a Canon of the Province: "That two clerical and two lay delegates, to be chosen by any convocation of all the clergy and representatives of the laity, convoked by the authority of the Bishop of Algoma within his diocese, shall be admitted as members of this House."

J. BURROWS DAVIDSON,
Chairman.

After discussion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Rules of Order.

Rev. R. Lindsay presented the report of the Committee on the Year Book, which stated that the committee felt the importance of this publication for the information of the Church and recommended the appointment of a committee to carry out this work without any expense to the Synod.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Lindsay the report was adopted.

The Prolocutor then appointed the following committee:—Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Chairman; Rev. Dr. Carry, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. W. F. Campbell, Rev. Canon Empson, Rev. R. Lindsay, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Rev. M. Fothergill, Rev. Dr. Lobley, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. T. E. Dowling and Mr. E. Baynes Reed.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, asking for a Joint Committee to prepare and report a prayer on behalf of those whose occupation is upon the sea.

A message was also received stating that the Upper House desired that the business of the Synod be brought to a close this afternoon.

Chief Justice Allen moved—

That the report of the committee appointed to consider the constitution of the Synod and the order of proceedings and rules of order of the Lower House be adopted clause by clause.

Dr. Henderson moved in amendment that clause one be not now adopted, but with the entire report, be made the first business before the House at its next session.

Carried.

Dr. Hemming having moved with reference to the business which could legally come before a special session, and Mr. J. G. Foster, having moved an amendment, it being one o'clock Synod took a recess.

Dr. Henderson moved the following amendment to Mr. Foster's amendment:—

That the resolutions of Dr. Hemming and the amendment thereto by Mr. Foster be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Orders, with liberty to recommend such changes in the constitution as may be considered desirable to clear up the question as to what business may or may not be transacted at special meetings.

The amendment of Dr. Henderson was then put and carried.

A motion of Mr. R. S. Walkem's, that copies of such journals of Provincial Synod as are out of print be reprinted was lost.

On motion of Mr. E. J. Hodgson, the Secretary of the Synod was directed to obtain copies of the reports of the several Diocesan Synods.

Rev. Canon Carmichael moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Empson:—

"Resolved that this Provincial Synod would respectfully request the House of Bishops to appoint a settled Sunday to be set apart for the purpose of laying before the Church in this province the claims of the Church in the Northwest, and to receive the offerings of the Church in Canada for the extension of North-western Missions."

Carried.

The Prolocutor informed the House that the House of Bishops was ready to prorogue as soon as the Lower House was.

Dr. Henderson then moved that the Metropolitan having announced readiness to prorogue, the motions not now disposed of be treated as unfinished business.

Carried.

After the usual votes of thanks had been proposed and warmly carried, the following message was read to the Upper House:—

"The Metropolitan begs to inform the Prolocutor that the Upper House has concurred in the appointment made by the Lower House of members to form the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

"JOHN FREDERICTON,
"Metropolitan,"