

in any of the proceedings.

On the arrival of the procession at the ground, the Lord Bishop addressed the assembly and afterwards offered up an appropriate prayer, which was devoutly responded to by the audience.

The bottle containing the coins and documents intended to be placed under the stone, was then handed to the Lord Bishop by Dr. Burnside, and the Hon. Chief Justice Robinson read the inscription engraved on the brass plate, which being cemented into its place, Professor Hodder, M. C., read an English translation of the inscription, after which the Architect handed the trowel to the Lord Bishop, and the stone having been adjusted, the Bishop said:

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*Answer.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it."

Upon which his Lordship, having struck the stone three times with the mallet, said

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. I lay this corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of Trinity College, to be a place of sound learning and religious education in accordance with the principles and usage of the United Church of England and Ireland. Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ, Who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in Whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Amen.

After the laying the Corner Stone, Sir Allan Napier MacNab addressed the Lord Bishop, and an oration in Latin from the pupils of the St. Paul's Church Grammar School, Toronto, was then presented by one of the pupils who read it in a clear audible voice to the Bishop, who also replied in Latin.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bethune said the Bidding prayer, and the services concluded by prayers from the Rev. H. J. Grasett, and the Benediction from the Lord Bishop, after which God save the Queen was sung by the assembled thousands. Three cheers were then given for the Queen, with one cheer more; three cheers for the Lord Bishop; three cheers for the Chief Justice; three cheers for Sir Allan MacNab; and finally, three loud and lusty cheers, with one cheer more, for the success of Trinity College, after which the vast crowd dispersed.—*Toronto Church.*

#### VISITATION OF THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

THURSDAY, May 1, 1851, *Festival of St. Philip & St. James.*

This being the day appointed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in his Pastoral Letter, dated 2nd of April, 1851, for the holding of the Triennial Visitation, there was Divine Service at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Prayers were said by the Rev. E. Denroche, A. M., Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Brockville; the Lessons were read by the Rev. Saltern Givins, Incumbent of St. Jude's Church, Oakville, and Rural Dean of the Midland Deanery; the ante-Communion Service was read by the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Saltern Givins reading the Epistle; the Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M. Herchmer, M. A., Chaplain to the Lord Bishop, from the 2nd chapter of Malachi, 7th verse; Holy Communion was administered by the Lord Bishop, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, and the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Domestic Chaplain to the Lord Bishop.

Divine Service being ended, the Lord Bishop stated that he would deliver his Charge at 3 o'clock.

Three o'clock.

The clergy and the lay representatives from their several missions or congregations whom they had invited, at the request of the Lord Bishop, to accompany them to this Visitation, having taken their places in the Church,

The names of the clergy were called over by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop; when 122 clergymen answered to their names.

The Lord Bishop, having desired the clergy and lay representatives to be seated, delivered his charge.

The charge being ended, the lay representatives from the several parishes or missions were desired to come forward, and hand in their credentials to the Lord Bishop's chaplain, which having been done, the clergy were desired to occupy the right side of the church, and the laity the left. The assembly then proceeded to the election of Secretaries. The Rev. J. G. Geddes, B. A., Rector of Hamilton, was chosen Clerical Secretary, and Dr. Bovell of Toronto, Lay Secretary.

His Lordship, after a few brief and appropriate observations, then submitted two questions to the consideration of the meeting.

1st.—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect the property and endowments of the Church?

2nd.—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations?

Both questions were answered unanimously in the affirmative, and a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions in accordance with the views that had been affirmed.

His Lordship then pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY, May 2, 1851.

Prayers were said by the Rev. S. S. Strong, of Bytown, the Rev. John Wilson, of Grafton, reading the Lessons.

The Lord Bishop took the chair.

The names of the lay representatives were called over by Thomas Champion, Esq., acting as Lay Secretary to the Lord Bishop, from the certificates presented the previous day.

The Rev. J. G. Geddes, Clerical Secretary, read the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting.

Moved by Sir Allan Napier MacNab, M. P. P. of Hamilton, seconded by the Rev. T. B. Fuller, Rector, Thorold, and Rural Dean of the Niagara Deanery,

1. "That the Bishop, clergy, and laity of the Diocese of Toronto, in Conference assembled, by request of the Lord Bishop, at his Triennial Visitation, holden 1st and 2nd May, 1851, do solemnly protest against the alienation to any secular purpose whatever, of the lands, called Clergy Reserves, originally set apart by Act of 31st George III., cap. 31, and finally sanctioned by 3rd and 4th Victoria, cap. 78, for the maintenance of religion and religious knowledge in the Province; as being opposed to the constitution of the Church of God in every age—at variance with principles acted upon by all Christian nations—subversive of the recognized rights of British subjects—and in violation of the fidelity and integrity of parliamentary enactments and the decisions of law." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Colonel Kingsmill, of Niagara, seconded by Absalom Shade, Esq., of Galt,

2. "That no class or condition of persons in this Province can be endangered in estate or conscience by the maintenance of this religious property to its original purpose." Carried unanimously.

Moved by the Hon. George S. Boulton, of Cobourg, seconded by the Rev. Michael Harris, A. M., Rector, Perth, and Rural Dean of the Bathurst Deanery,

3. "That the maintenance of this property for its original purpose is necessary; because it has been found from experience, that Religion cannot be generally diffused or permanently supported, in any country, upon the purely Voluntary principle: its maintenance upon this system is proved to be inadequate, even in towns and villages of considerable size; while it is discovered to be wholly impracticable in rural districts,—a large proportion of the inhabitants of which are comparatively poor." Carried unanimously.

Moved by J. H. Hagarty, Esq., of St. James's Church, Toronto, seconded by the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, M. A., Rector, London, and Rural Dean of the London Deanery,