

Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt wished the canons to be taken up and discussed clause by clause. He and other clergymen objected to the revised canon which would prevent any representative, either clerical or lay, sitting in synod as long as the assessment of his parish remained unpaid; and Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt moved an amendment to the effect that that canon should remain the same as before revision, disqualifying the lay delegates and not the clergy.

His Lordship thought there was a misunderstanding in the minds of the clergy, which he wished to remove. They seemed to think they held their seats in synod by virtue of their priestly office. Such was not the case. They held their seats by Act of Parliament. The synod was simply a business corporation for the purpose of dealing with the temporalities of the Church.

Judge Macdonald thought the clergy were standing in their own light who opposed the passing of the revised canon, because, when the assessments were unpaid, the deficiency was indirectly paid by the clergy, as it was made up out of the other funds of the diocese.

However, there was very strong opposition among the clergy to the canon excluding them from participation in the work of the synod. Rev. Mr. Bousfield urged that the clergy, by passing the revised canon, might be excluded from the privilege of voting for their Bishop if such an emergency should arise. Rev. Mr. Harrington urged that they could not legally pass the canon, as by the Act of Parliament incorporating the synod, the Bishop, coadjutor Bishop, priests, deacons, and superannuated clergymen were by virtue of their office members of the synod.

The question was warmly debated, and when put to a vote the canon objected to was amended, and, with this exception, the revised canons as a whole were adopted.

*The Chancellor's Motion*—That the revised canons of the diocese of Ontario, numbered from i to xxxviii inclusive, and passed at the twenty-seventh session of the synod of the said Diocese, be and the same are hereby confirmed; that the said canons, together with the Acts of Parliament which have any bearing on ecclesiastical matters in the Diocese, be printed and offered for sale at a price to cover the cost of publication—was passed.

The Registrar presented a report, which was considered, read and adopted.

The synod then proceeded to elect members of the Mission Board and delegates to the provincial synod, and adjourned to 3 p. m.

*Afternoon Session.*—The synod opened at three o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

The canons confirmed in the morning were signed by the Bishop.

The following clergymen were elected delegates to the provincial synod: Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Rev. Rural Dean Bogart, Rev. A. Spencer, Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rev. Canon Burke, Rev. Canon White, Rev. W. Lewin, Rev. Rural Dean Baker, Rev. Rural Dean Pettit, Rev. B. B. Smith, Rev. E. A. W. Hanington. Substitutes—Rev. W. J. Muckleston, Rev. Rural Dean Carey, Rev. C. L. Worrell, Rev. G. J. Low, Rev. Rural Dean Grout, Rev. Rural Dean Pollard. Lay delegates—Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, R. V. Rogers, A. J. Matheson, Judge Sinclair, Judge Carman, Judge Macdonald, J. A. Henderson, Q. C., R. T. Walkem, Q. C., James Shannon, Col. Summer, F. H. Smyth, Q. C., Dr. Preston. Substitutes—T. C. Wilson, Dr. Jackson, Judge Reynolds, E. Elliott, Major Mayne, A. Gault.

The following were elected clerical members of the mission board: Revs. Rural Deans Nesbitt, Bogart, Bliss, Baker, Grout; Canons Burke and White, and Rev. Mr. Houston. The lay members are E. H. Smythe, Judge Macdonald, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Judge Senkler, Judge Carman, A. J. Matheson, James Shannon, H. Hartney.

Rev. Canon White and R. T. Walkem were appointed delegates to attend a conference to be held in Winnipeg to discuss a scheme for the union of the Church in British North America. The substitutes are Rural Dean Bogart and R. V. Rogers.

The members of the see house committee are: Archdeacons of Ottawa and Kingston, Rev. Rural Dean Carey, Rev. B. B. Smith, Rev. Rural Dean Lewis, Rev. D. F. Bogart, Rev. J. K. McMorine, Rev. Rural Dean Loucks; Messrs. F. J. B. Pense, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Smythe, R. T. Walkem, Dr. Garrett, G. Greeggan, W. B. Carroll, James Shannon, Judge Macdonald, Col. Matheson, Judge Carman.

Rev. Mr. Bogart presented the report on the better observance of the Lord's Day. The statement was a very hopeful one, and gave details of a meeting of the Dominion Alliance held in Ottawa, on March 20th.

Rev. Mr. Nesbitt asked, on behalf of Rev. Mr. Jones, that the report of the committee dealing with the disposal of the funds of the Kingston rectory lands, be referred back. The synod would not entertain the appeal, and the report was adopted.

The members of the committee on the Mountain memorial mission canonry selected are: Rev. Canon

Pettit, Prof. Jones, M. G. Poole, Judge Carman, G. C. Smith, A. Gault.

Major Mayne moved that a committee be appointed to consider the most economical way of raising money to erect church buildings or to pay off existing debts on the same. Carried.

Major Mayne said that since his motion, asking for a committee to devise means by which the doctrine and polity of the Church of England may be disseminated and the errors of dissenting Churches pointed out, and to arrange for the extension of the Episcopate throughout the Dominion, had become public, he had received a number of anonymously signed letters. One writer said he wanted more Protestantism and less Papacy. Another hoped he was not going to annihilate the Roman Catholic Church. Another writer intimated that there was too much churchism and not enough Christ. In speaking of the motion he contended that if they denied the historical basis of Christianity they denied it altogether. He referred to statements made by a Presbyterian divine in the city, from text books that were pure forgeries. The divine, undoubtedly, believed his authority was good. He referred to the matter of duty as relating to the members of the Anglican Church. If they thought more of duty and less of rights they would be better Christians and better Churchmen. In referring to marriage he said it was the keystone of the social arch and the foundation of the family. The ceremony had been desecrated in many countries. The Catholic Church looked upon marriage as an important ceremony, and therefore should assert her authority to remedy the evils complained of. The Church should be true to her mission by deeds, and educate her people to learn the principles of her Christianity, and then anarchism, socialism and infidelity would be prevented from spreading as much as they do now. He referred to efforts being made to get separate schools for the Church of England, and he hoped the synod would consider the question. He was willing to submit the motion to the Bishop for his approval and allow him to cut out what he liked.

Archdeacon Lauder seconded Major Mayne's motion and said that the word Protestant did not apply to the Church of England people. They had a noble name and their Church was called after a noble nation. The sects outside of the Church of England had confused Protestantism, and in consequence of this Roman Catholics were in power in Ontario. He pointed out that the union of the sects would never be brought about except on the basis of the Catholic Church and the historic episcopate.

Judge Macdonald did not think the word Protestant, in reference to the Church, should be done away with. Their Church was a protesting one and he hoped they would not repudiate that glorious word "Protestant." It had accomplished a great deal and should not be ignored. He also asserted that if the union of the Christian bodies ever took place it would not be complete unless the scheme included the Greek Church and Church of Rome.

Rural Dean Nesbitt said he was a Protestant, and so was the Pope. (Applause.) They all protested against any kind of sin or error. There was no people on the earth as liberal as the Church of England people.

The Bishop thought that in its main features Major Mayne's speech and resolution were to be commended. He was very willing to appoint a committee in compliance with Major Mayne's request. The worst of it was that very few committees were in earnest. He trusted, however, with God's blessing, to be able to appoint a committee which would be able to accomplish some good results.

The motion was then carried in the following form: That it is advisable for the Anglican Church in Canada to publicly maintain her divine authority and assert her position; that it is essential that the necessary steps should be taken at an early date to institute and carry out the instruction of all Church people and others in matters of Church history, government and doctrine, (a) by the episcopally sanctioned personal work of suitably educated and trained men of both clergy and laity; (b) by the spreading broadcast of suitable Church literature, and (c) by city and diocesan missions, mission schools and chapels; that this synod request the Lord Bishop to appoint a committee at the earliest date possible for the purpose of considering and reporting the ways and means by which the foregoing resolutions can best be carried out.

The following is the committee on the foregoing resolutions:—The Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rev. B. B. Smith, Major Mayne, Judge McDonald, and Dr. Smythe, Q. C.

The following motions of the Rev. Rural Dean Bliss were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Rural Dean Bliss, Rev. S. Daw, Mr. Shannon, and Dr. Smythe, Q. C., viz:—

(1) That with the sanction of the Lord Bishop, the following be adopted as the table of fees to be taken by clergymen of the Church in the Diocese of Ontario for the following services:

Marriages, \$4.00; burials, \$2.00; burials at a distance, \$3.00; calling of banns (payable in advance),

\$1.00; baptisms, no fee; churchings, no fee; certificate of baptism, marriage, or burial, each, \$1.00. And that a card containing the above table of fees be printed and supplied to each clergyman, to be hung up in the church porch.

(2) That inasmuch as the safe-keeping of the register of baptisms, marriages and burials is most important, the Churchwardens of every parish or mission be required to provide a strong box, with lock and key, in which such register and other valuable documents must be kept, and that the Rural Deans, each in his own Deanery, acting under the authority of the Bishop, see that the provisions of this resolution are complied with, reporting any neglect or failure to the Bishop.

That all clergymen having cure of souls shall, in removing from their parishes, deliver to the Churchwardens the register of baptisms, marriages and burials of the said parish, obtaining a receipt therefor, which receipt shall be exhibited to the Bishop before the issuing of a new license to him, or in the case of intended removal from this Diocese, before the granting of a *bene decessit*; and that the non-production of such receipt shall be a bar to the issuing of such license or *bene decessit*, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Bishop.

(3) That in order to facilitate the preparation of statistics as required by Canon XXIII., a committee be appointed to prepare and report upon a form of Parochial Registration, this Synod pledging itself to take, at the instance of the Bishop, such steps as may appear to be necessary in order to make the system of registration, according to the form to be hereafter adopted, universal and available for the information of the Diocese.

The following resolutions were carried on motion of the Rev. Rural Dean Bliss, seconded by Judge McDonald:

That in view of the inadequate stipends received by many clergymen in this Diocese, the Lord Bishop be requested to instruct the Rural Deans to visit every parish or mission in their Deaneries where the clergyman in charge represents the stipend to be below the minimum fixed by synod, viz.: for Priests \$800 and house; Deacons \$600; and to endeavour to bring the income up to the required amount and report thereon at the next meeting of Rural Deans.

That the Rural Deans of the Diocese be a committee or Board of Rural Deans, and that through their chairman they make a report annually to the synod on the condition of the Church in their several deaneries, in particular informing the synod of any neglect on the part of parishes or missions in contributing to the maintenance of the clergy.

Divinity Students' Fund.—The following resolution was carried on motion of the Rev. C. L. Worrell, seconded by the Rev. J. K. McMorine:

That special offerings be asked for during Lent in each year from every parish in the diocese, for the Divinity Students' Fund.

On motion of Judge McDonald, seconded by the Chancellor, the travelling expenses of the delegates to the conference at Winnipeg were ordered to be paid.

The Bishop was authorized to fix up the vacancies in the several standing committees at his convenience, after the adjournment.

The business of the synod being concluded, the Bishop expressed his great pleasure at the harmony and good feeling which had prevailed throughout the session, and the Doxology having been sung, his lordship dismissed the synod with his episcopal benediction.

*Changes in the Committees.*—The changes in the committees are as follows:

Committee on Major Mayne's resolution—Major Mayne, Judge McDonald, Dr. Smythe, Archdeacon Bedford Jones, Revs. A. C. Nesbitt and B. B. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Bliss' resolution—Revs. Bliss and Dow; J. Shannon and Dr. Smythe.

Executive Committee—The new names are R. G. Wright, J. P. C. Phillips, E. J. B. Pense, T. P. Richardson.

Clergy Trust Fund—W. B. Carroll, in place of R. T. Walkem.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund—Rev. A. Jarvis, in place of the late F. Prime.

Divinity Students' Fund—Archdeacon of Kingston and Major Mayne added.

Book and Tract Committee—Major Mayne, Capt. Wurtelle, Dr. Jackson, added.

Finance Committee—Judge Carman added.

Rectory Lands—Judge Senkler.

Foreign Missions—Judge McDonald and R. G. Wright added.

Clergy Superannuation Fund—J. B. Walkem, T. P. Richardson.

State of the Church—E. J. B. Pense.

Mission Board, appointed by the Bishop—Rev. W. B. Carey; Messrs. H. Wood, R. G. Wright, E. J. B. Pense, and Judge Reynolds.

The provisional committees, except that of insurance on Church property, were wiped out.