

way that the tribunal, if the consent of the different Provinces and dioceses be given to it by the elections of representatives, may be constituted without hindrance or impediment, at once, and may render very valuable help, of the kind much needed at this time, to all the Churches in our communion.

Another Committee was appointed by the Conference to inquire into the question of Diocesan, Provincial, and General Synods, in the various Churches of the Anglican Communion; and very important opinions were laid down by that Committee as to the general value of such Synods in the several Churches, especially if, from time to time, a Council of all the Bishops of all the Churches could be convened. It is the opinion of the Committee: first, that such Synod would not interfere with the civil laws and the contract of Church and State in those countries where the Church is established; and secondly, that it ought to be attended by clerical and lay representatives of the several dioceses as assessors and advisers to the Bishops. The action of Diocesan and Provincial Synods is well understood in this country, so that it is not necessary to refer to the recommendations of the Committee on that head, especially as it appears to have taken the Diocesan and Provincial Synods of Canada and New Zealand, as the principal models for the proposed Synods.

Reports were also read by other Committees, but on points of somewhat lesser importance. Resolutions were then passed, embodying the recommendations of the Committee and tendering the thanks of the Conference to the Bishops who had laboured in the work as secretaries, &c. and to laymen who had acted as assistant secretaries and aided the Conference with legal advice; and then, after the benediction had been pronounced by the Archbishop, the Conference was closed. Surely this first Synod of the whole Anglican Church has indeed been greatly blessed by the great head of the Church. May He, who is the True and Only Vine, from whom comes strength and grace to His Church, continue to bless her until she shed the pure rays of Gospel truth over the world!

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