

within the mission, and shall be elected annually, during Easter week, by each duly organised congregation, from among their own members, at a meeting legally convened: and it shall be the duty of the wardens of each congregation to provide a book in which each member of the congregation, or habitual worshipper in the same, of the full age of twenty-one years, shall record his name previous to voting, and such, and no others, shall be entitled to vote at the election of lay representatives.

4. The clergyman himself, or his assistant, shall preside at the election; and in their absence a chairman elected by a majority of those present.

5. The number of representatives shall be as follows: For every congregation one; when the registered voters exceeds fifty, two; and when they exceed one hundred and fifty, three. That the chairman of the meeting read over the list of registered voters, and strike off all who have died, or become disqualified from voting previous to the election of a delegate.

6. Each representative shall receive from the clergyman, or chairman of the meeting, the following certificate:

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Town, or Township, of _____, Congregation of _____, number of registered voters, _____ I hereby certify that at a meeting of this congregation, held on _____ day of _____, 18____, Mr. _____ was duly elected a representative to Synod for the current year.

_____, Chairman.

And the representative shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

7. If a vacancy occur by the death, removal, or resignation of any representative, the clergyman shall proceed to hold a new election within one month, due notice being given him during divine service on some Sunday preceding the meeting.

8. It shall be the duty of the chairman, within _____ days after every election of representatives to send to the Secretaries of the Synod a duplicate of the certificate given by him to the party or parties elected.

9. That the Synod shall meet annually, or oftener, at the option of the Bishop.

10.—Each clergyman within the Diocese shall send to the Bishop, through the Secretaries, a list of his present congregations, entitled to send representatives to Synod, distinguishing each by a certain name, and prescribing its locality, in order that they may be recorded in a book, to be kept for that purpose. Any congregation hereafter established must furnish similar information, and make application to the Bishop to be admitted to the privilege of sending representatives to Synod.

11.—When the Bishop is not present he shall appoint his deputy to preside in his place. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of the Bishop, his deputy, and not less than one third of the whole number of both Clergy and Lay representatives, respectively.

12.—Two Secretaries shall be chosen annually by the Synod from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the next annual meeting of the Synod. Their duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of their successors all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Synod, which may be in their possession; and, in case of a vacancy in the Sec, to summon the Synod for the election of a bishop.

13.—The expenses incurred by the Synod shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Church Society, out of a special fund to be raised by the Church

Society for that purpose, all accounts to be paid before the Synod, and signed by the president and Secretaries.

14.—No act or resolution shall become law without the concurrence of the Bishop, and a majority of the clergy and laity present, provided that, ordinarily, the votes of the whole Synod shall be taken collectively; but that at the desire of the Bishop, or at the request of five clergymen, or of five laymen, the votes of each of the above named orders shall be taken separately.

15.—In case of a vacancy in the Sec, it shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the Synod to give notice of such vacancy, to every clergyman and representative within ten days from his knowledge thereof; and at the same time, to summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held within six weeks, for the election of a bishop, giving one month's notice; and at such meeting the senior dignitary present shall take the chair; and, in the case of Secretaries failing to perform their duties, it shall be in the power of the clergy of the city to summon the Synod for that purpose. In the election of a Bishop the clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot, a majority of the votes of each order shall determine the choice.

16th clause.—Every proposition for an alteration in the rules of the Synod must be sent to the executive committee, to be forwarded to members of the Synod, and no alteration shall take place unless agreed to by majorities of two-thirds of the clergy.

18th clause.—That each congregation, through their clergyman and wardens, shall make an annual statistical report to the Bishop, according to a form to be supplied by the Secretaries, under the bishop's direction. This report shall be forwarded to the bishop one month after Easter.

THE BISHOP'S VETO.

During the discussion on article 14th, the Bishop stated that he had had a conversation with the Bishop of Toronto in regard to this subject. They considered that such power given prevented rash legislation, but after that three-fourths of Synod had twice or thrice decided in favor of a question, altho' not concurred in by the bishop, it was prudent for the bishop to give way in such a case. He (the Bishop of Huron,) considered that it imposed a very heavy responsibility on him to be possessed of such power as proposed, and he thought that after two years' deliberation he would be acting against every right, were he not to accede to the repeated request of the majority of the Synod. He promised to do the best he could as the Lord enabled him.

A communication with accompanying documents was then read by the Clerical Secretary, from the Clerical Secretary of the Diocese of Toronto, respecting certain parishes in this Diocese which are in arrear for expenses due to the Synod of Toronto.

Mr. SHADE moved, seconded by Revd. E. H. DEWAR—That a communication having been read from the Clerical Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, stating that certain parishes in this Diocese have not paid up the assessment laid upon them for the expenses of the Synod during their connexion with the Diocese of Toronto, this Synod therefore recommends that those parishes be requested to pay a proportionate amount to their several assessments of such sum as may be required to liquidate the arrears due up to the time of the separation of this Diocese.

Rev. A. TOWNLEY moved, seconded by Mr. J. A. PENTON—That the Lay Secretary be requested to communicate with the Lay Secretary of the Diocese of Toronto, to ascertain the proportion of the assessment required from the parishes.

Rev. C. C. BROUGH moved, seconded by Rev. M. BOOMER—That the Rev. C. E. THOMPSON, of

the Diocese of Toronto, being present, be invited to take a seat in this Synod.

Rev. E. H. DEWAR moved, seconded by Revd. J. G. SALTER—That the "Rules for the Preservation of Order," recommended by the Committee, shall be in force during this session of the Synod.

The Bishop then called the attention of the Synod to the Bye-Law of the Church Society of Toronto, for administering the Episcopal Trust Fund, and pointed out that it was necessary for the Synod to pass a Resolution calling on the Church Society of Toronto to assign the fund to the Church Society of Huron.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. M. BOOMER, seconded by Rev. C. C. BROUGH—That the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in accordance with the 8th clause of their "Bye-Law for administering and disposing of the Episcopal Trust Funds for the support of the Episcopate," &c., be requested to assign all securities, pay over all moneys in, and deliver up the books, vouchers and property appertaining to the Western Episcopal Trust Fund, to the Committee of the Incorporated Church Society of the diocese of Huron appointed to manage the same.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. Revd. E. H. Dewar.

2. Revd. A. Townley.

The Synod adjourned at 1 1/2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod resumed at 3 o'clock.

His Lordship the Bishop having taken the chair, the Rev. C. C. BROUGH, from the Committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the Synod, presented the report, which he begged to submit for adoption by the Synod. The proposed Constitution was then considered clause by clause. Clause 1 to 9 were passed with some alterations and amendments.

The Synod then adjourned at 5 1/2 o'clock, until to-morrow morning, to meet immediately after Divine Service in the Cathedral.

SECOND DAY.

September 22nd, 1858.

Divine Service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral at 9 a.m. Prayers were read by the Revd. M. BOOMER, A.B.; the Lessons by Rev. H. HOLLAND, M.A.

The Synod met in Saint Paul's school-house. The Lord Bishop took the chair at 10 a.m., and called upon the Revd. E. H. DEWAR to read the prayers.

The Rev. ST. GEORGE CALFIELD moved, seconded by the Revd. J. SMITH—That the Rev. Doctor Hellmuth, general Superintendent for the Colonial Church and School Society in British North America, being present, be invited to take a seat in this Synod.

The CLERICAL SECRETARY then called over the roll of the Clergy and Laity; 25 Clergymen and 21 Lay Representatives answered to their names.

The Bishop called the attention of the Synod to an address from the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto to this Synod, which, he called upon the Clerical Secretary to read.

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron.

MY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—

We, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Diocese of Toronto in Synod assembled, cannot separate without presenting to your Lordship, to your Clergy, and to the members of the church in your Diocese in general, the expression of our fraternal sympathy and cordial fellowship.

The Christian Household which composed this Diocese had become too large for the effective and profitable supervision of a single Head, and a portion of it has been delegated to the oversight of your Lordship, yet, although by this division we are separated by artificial limits, there is no parting of our spiritual affinity.