

black gowns, Cathedral rector's verger, Canadian clergy in surplices, priests, rural deans, canons of Cathedrals, rectors of Cathedrals, archdeacons, deans. American delegation—(Presbyters), the Prolocutor; Bishop's verger; Canadian bishops and chaplains; American bishops; the acting Metropolitans; chaplains carrying crozier, acting Metropolitan Bishop Lewis. At the Cathedral the procession halted, and formed in two lines, through which the bishops proceeded first, the clergy following, and the laity bringing up the whole. The sun broke through the clouds, and as it lighted up the scarlet and white and purple robes of the bishops and clergy and rested upon the spare figures and white locks of many of them, the spectacle was not only highly picturesque but deeply impressive.

The following Bishops were in attendance, and who constitute the Upper House:—Bishop Bond, Montreal; Bishop Baldwin, Huron; Bishop Hamilton, Niagara; Bishop Sweatman, Toronto; Bishop Lewis, (Ontario) acting Metropolitan; Bishop elect of Quebec, the Rev. Dr. Dunn; Bishop Kingdon, Fredericton; Bishop Courtney, (N.S.); Bishop Churton, of Nassau, West Indies; Bishop Leonard, Ohio; Bishop Materson, Milwaukee.

The procession, as it entered the cathedral, was greeted with the strains of the beautiful hymn, "The church's one foundation." After impressive choral service, Bishop Baldwin ascended the pulpit and preached an earnest, vigorous, eloquent sermon from the following text:—

Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal; the Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.—II. Tim., ii. 19.

*Wednesday.*—The first business session of the Anglican Provincial Synod was held yesterday afternoon in St. George's school house. The opening of the session was accompanied by much less ceremony than that of the morning. The bishops constituting the Upper House met on the ground floor, and the other clerical and lay delegates assembled upstairs.

At 3.20 the bishops, preceded by cross and crozier, entered the Lower House and took the seats on the platform prepared for them. The Acting Metropolitan then delivered the following address: "In opening the fifteenth session of the Synod, my sad duty is, in the first place, to announce to the Synod the death of the Most Rev. our Metropolitan. I do not intend speaking of him, because I think the eulogium that was so eloquently passed upon him this morning by the Lord Bishop of Huron will suffice, but I am quite sure you all share with me the belief that the Church in Canada has suffered a very serious loss indeed in the wisdom and the experience that he might have brought to bear upon our discussions during this Synod, but of which we are unhappily deprived. We have also since our last meeting suffered a severe loss in the death of the Lord Bishop of Quebec. I knew him very intimately from the day I assisted at his consecration, and I express here to-day what I cannot contain without expression—that I believe the Church not only in Quebec, but in the province of Canada, has suffered a great loss in the death of that eminent prelate. We shall have very solemn and serious work engaging our attention during this Synod, and I trust that God's Holy Spirit may direct and rule our thoughts. I have no intention of detaining you by a long address; I think it out of place at the opening of the Synod, and I therefore ask you now, members of the Lower House, to proceed to elect your prolocutor, and until you have done so I call the Rev. Dr. Langtry to the chair."

The Upper House then adjourned and the proceedings of the Lower House were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Langtry, of Toronto, who afterwards explained that he had asked the Rev. L. N. Tucker to act as clerical secretary *vice* the Rev. Dean Norman, of Quebec, resigned.

The delegates then answered the roll call:

The election of a prolocutor was the next order of business. The Rev. Dr. Langtry tendered his resignation of that office, thanking the Synod for the kind confidence with which they had honored him. Many dissenting voices were raised against his resignation, but when he persisted the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach moved, seconded by Canon Worrell, that the Rev. Dr. Langtry be re-elected. Dr. Langtry still declined the honor, and three other nominations were made. They were those of the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Canon Dumoulin and the Hon. G. W. Allan, D.C.L., of Toronto. The two latter declined to stand and the ballots were taken. The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael was elected by a large majority.

The prolocutor then appointed the Rev. Canon Brigstocke as his deputy.

The Rev. L. N. Tucker and Dr. L. H. Davidson were elected clerical and lay secretaries by acclamation.

Mr. A. F. Gault was re-elected treasurer and Mr. Garth and Dr. Butler, auditors.

The Rev. Canon Dumoulin asked that the rules of the House be suspended to enable him to move that

separate seats be allotted on the floor of the House to delegates from each diocese in the order in which they appeared on the roll. The motion was lost.

The following nominating committee was then appointed: The Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, the Hon. Mr. Justice Townsend, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, W. H. Carter, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Mr. A. McLean Howard, Canon Ketchum, Dr. Weldon, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Mr. E. L. Bond, the Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, Mr. Charles Jenkins, Rural Dean Bogert, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Canon Bull and Mr. J. J. Mason. The Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach was named convener.

The report of the joint committee on Christian Union detailed what had been done since its appointment and regretted that small progress had been made towards the unification of the Church of Christ. It then recommended that the Upper House should prepare a special form of prayer on this subject for congregational and personal use. It also recommended the re-appointment of the committee.

The Sunday School Committee presented the proposed syllabus for 1892-93, and recommended that the powers of the committee be enlarged, and that forms of admission be drawn up for the reception of Sunday school teachers.

The following communications from the Upper House were concurred in:

1. That they had passed a resolution asking the Lower House to name four members to act with the Bishops of Huron and Montreal as a joint committee to act on the communication with reference to the health of the Bishop of Algoma, who is lying sick at Sault Ste. Marie, and to devise some means of relief during his illness. The Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rural Dean Pollard, Chancellor Henneker and Hon. G. W. Allan were appointed.

2. That the Lower House be requested to concur with the Upper House in the reception of the American delegates at noon to-day (Thursday). Concurred in.

3. The following had been appointed as a Board of Preliminary Enquiry under Canon 4: Rev. Canon Brigstocke, R. W. Henneker, D.C.L., R. T. Walkem, Q. C., D. C. L.; Ven. Archdeacon Dixon, Canon Partridge, Strachan Bethune, Hon. G. W. Allan, D. C. L.; R. V. Cronyn and Canon Dumoulin. (Acknowledged.)

4. In accordance with clause 4, Canon 5, they adopted the following names of three persons qualified as successors in the Court of the Metropolitan: Hon. Geo. Irvine, R. T. Walkem, and Strachan Bethune.

It was also recommended "that the Lower House be requested to name members of their House who shall form with members of the Upper House a joint committee to take into consideration the communication received concerning the health of the Bishop of Algoma, and suggest some means of relief during his illness, and that this House would name the Bishop of Montreal and the Bishop of Huron as the members of the Upper House of said joint committee." Concurred in.

The Provost, Archdeacon Roe, the Rev. Dr. Henneker, the Rev. Canon Brigstocke and the Rev. Dr. Langtry were appointed a committee to draft a resolution of condolence on the death of the late Metropolitan.

Several notices of motion were submitted and the session adjourned.

*Thursday.*—The Synod met at ten o'clock this morning.

The Rev. Archdeacon Jones having been detained at Grosse Isle, the Bishop of Ontario handed the Rev. Mr. Carey a certificate as a substitute for that gentleman at the Synod. But Archdeacon Jones having been released from quarantine, Mr. Carey wanted to know what he would do. Would he resign, or could he resign?

The matter was referred to the committee on elections.

The report of the joint committee on the consolidation of the various branches of the Church of England in British North America was received. It detailed what was done at the Winnipeg conference in 1890, and also showed that action had been taken by the various synods upon the resolutions passed at that conference. The scheme of the Winnipeg conference had been adopted unconditionally by the Provincial synod of Rupert's Land, the dioceses of Nova Scotia, Toronto, Niagara and Algoma; adopted with amendments by the dioceses of Ontario, Huron and New Westminster; considered, but postponed, by the diocese of Newfoundland; considered, without coming to agreement, by the diocese of Fredericton; dissented from by the dioceses of Montreal and Columbia; not yet considered by the dioceses of Quebec and Caledonia. The report concluded:—"In arranging and carrying out the conference in Winnipeg, and reporting the action taken by the various synods upon the suggested scheme agreed upon thereat, your committee have fulfilled the duties laid upon them; but they cannot forbear the expression of their heartfelt thankfulness to Almighty God for the

spirit of unanimity and enthusiasm which pervaded the deliberations of that memorable gathering; their belief that the great cause of the unity of Christ's Church has been materially advanced by the discussions held and the action taken by so many consultative bodies of Churchmen, clergy and laity; and their lively hope that in view of the substantial agreement on the principles of Church union manifested in these diocesan utterances, the time is not far distant of greater strength, wider usefulness, increased activity, and fuller blessing and honor to our beloved Church, when all its branches throughout British North America shall be united and consolidated under one representative and august general synod."

The following motion by the Rev. Septimus Jones, seconded by Rural Dean Forneret, came up:—"That a representative committee be struck to consider the question of reciprocal arrangements between the several dioceses of this ecclesiastical province, as regards the claims of the clergy upon the superannuation and the widows' and orphans' funds, when removing from one diocese to another; the committee to report during the session. After some discussion the motion was referred to a committee to consider and report at the present synod."

*Committee on Elections.*—The committee on elections reported having considered the difficulty between the Ven. Archdeacon Jones and Rev. Dean Carey. The committee was of opinion that under sec. 28 of the constitution of the synod the certificate of the bishop was final and conclusive, and that Rev. Dean Carey should fill the office of delegate during the session.

Chancellor Cronyn moved the adoption of the report, but prior to the motion being put a delegation from the Episcopal church of America was introduced by the acting Metropolitan, who remarked that this intimacy between churches could not but do immense good. The delegation consisted of the Bishops of Ohio and Milwaukee, Ven. Archdeacon Carey, of Saratoga, and Rev. Dr. Elliott, of Washington, and they brought loving greetings from the body they represent on the other side the border. Each made a few remarks, the Bishop of Milwaukee making touching reference to the death of the Metropolitan, and expressing sympathy with the Canadian Church in the loss she had thereby sustained.

The prolocutor expressed to the delegation the sincere gratitude of the Lower House for the kind, generous and comforting words which had fallen from their lips.

An adjournment was then made for luncheon, and on reassembling the report of the committee on elections was discussed.

Col. Matheson moved as an amendment:

That the Rev. Dean Carey, a substitute in place of the Ven. Archdeacon Jones as clerical delegate from the diocese of Ontario, having stated to this house that the certificate on which he took his seat had been given under a misunderstanding of the facts as to the inability of the Ven. Archdeacon Jones to attend, the committee on elections is instructed to communicate the said statement to the Lord Bishop of Ontario, and on said certificate being withdrawn, the Ven. Archdeacon Jones be allowed to take his seat in place of his substitute Dean Carey.

He stated that the house was establishing a precedent, and it was very important that they should take care no wrong was done. If the information under which the bishop's certificate was given had been false and purposely given, the synod would have had the remedy in its own hands, and where a mistake was unintentionally made, as in the present instance, the house should also have the remedy in its hands.

Dr. Smythe seconded the amendment, contending that a gentleman who had been deprived of his seat in the house should have it restored, if there were no insuperable difficulties in the way. That was the wish of all the delegates from the diocese of Ontario, including Dean Carey. Archdeacon Jones had made considerable sacrifices to be present at the synod, and he (the speaker) contended that the clause in the canon under which the committee had arrived at its conclusion should not be strained so much as had been attempted in the present debate.

Dr. L. H. Davidson stated that the Provincial synod had not a single word to say to a diocese how it should elect its delegates, who they shall be, or what qualification they shall have, provided they are communicants of the Church. If the house admitted the principle the amendment aimed at, it would be directly assuming to itself the power of determining the action of the diocese of Ontario, a matter which it had no power to do. It would be a dangerous precedent for the house, because of a hardship, to endeavor to make a rule which would act in future as a positive law. It seemed to him that the only way out of the present difficulty would be a distinct resignation from Dean Carey to the Bishop of Ontario and a distinct report from the latter that Ven. Archdeacon Jones was entitled to take his place on the floor of the house. It appeared to him that under the canon the bishop of a diocese