

mer, and in reply to some observations of V. C. Blake, Rev. Mr. Langtry said the charge was made that those who were designated Ritualists taught doctrines contrary to those agreed to by the Reformers. He simply quoted from Cranmer to show that the views of the Reformers were much stronger. . . . The quotation he read was made by Cranmer writing during the reign of Edward VI.

Hon. V. C. Blake in the course of a speech on the subject of funds, intimated that he felt more at home among other religious bodies, and had more love for them. He said: "The most enjoyable anniversary of the year was that Society meeting at which ministers of all denominations assembled around the object of their universal adoration—the Bible!"

The report of the Conference was then received. Col. Boulton thereupon moved the following resolution—"Resolved, that the Synod for this and every succeeding year order an assessment upon the several parishes *pro rata* by the general purposes, statistics and assessment committee for an amount sufficient to provide for the sum voted for the Widows and Orphans, as well as the sums accruing to the Synod from other or invested sources applicable to this fund on the system proposed by the Executive Committee."

#### FOURTH DAY.

The Synod met again at ten o'clock, the Lord Bishop presiding.

After prayers and routine proceedings, on motion of Rev. J. H. McCollum, Rev. Thomas Koy Lloyd of the Diocese of Algoma was invited to take a seat.

The Lay Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wadsworth in reference to the closing of St Philip's Church, Weston.

Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker said in reply to Mr. Wadsworth, he had stated that it was the duty of the incumbent to hold service in the parish church and nothing could relieve him from his responsibility. He also told Mr. Wadsworth that he would forward the communication to the Chancellor, and that the matter should be dealt with.

Mr. Harman said he was sorry that Mr. Wadsworth had seen fit to address the Synod on this matter, but of course it relieved him of responsibility. He had told him he had intended to communicate with his Lordship on the matter; but as his Lordship was away at confirmation he could not see him till he came back.

A long discussion ensued as to certain practices, said to have been introduced at Weston, in the course of which his Lordship said that it was in the year 1855 that Mr. Johnston was appointed to Weston. For ten years there was no complaint against him. He was exceedingly popular, and his congregation became very large. The charges against him were first made at the commencement of the year 1875. He was summoned to attend a commission, but he would not come. He (the Lord Bishop) induced him to consent to resign in the following July; but when the time came Mr. Johnston said there was some irregularity, and had changed his mind. He would do his best to put things right; but whether he could suspend Mr. Johnston was a legal question. The Synod would see that he, therefore, was placed in a difficult position.

Rev. Rural Dean Givens thought the parish might be separated, and matters accommodated in this way.

Hon. G. W. Allan moved the following resolution, which was carried: That the practices and opinions ascribed on the floor of this Synod to the incumbent of St. Philip's, Weston, if true, call for the condemnation of this Synod, and these matters, as well as the condition of the parish, require prompt and serious action, and this Synod pledges itself to give the Lord Bishop all necessary and proper support in taking steps towards that object.

In the discussion on the resolution Rural Dean Givens recommended the parish to be divided.

Mr. Bovell considered that Mr. Johnston did not go beyond what was authorized in the Prayer Book.

#### Afternoon Session:—

##### ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP.

Rev. Septimus Jones moved, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, the appointment of the fol-

lowing Committee to draft an address to his Lordship, on the occasion of his departure from the diocese to attend the approaching Pan-Anglican Synod:—Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, Rur. Dean Allen, Mr. A. H. Campbell, Mr. Clarke Gamble, and the mover. Carried.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, on behalf of the Executive Committee, reported the following list of Standing Committees, which was adopted:—

1. Commutation Trust Committee.—Very Rev. Dean of Toronto, D.D., Revs. Canon Brent, M.A., W. W. Bates, B.A., W. R. Foster, C. W. Paterson, B.C.L., John Davidson, M.A., A. J. Broughall, M.A., I. Middleton, B.A. Messrs. G. H. Grierson, Hon. V.C. Blake, Clarkson Jones, A. H. Campbell, Peter Paterson, William Ince, Richard Snelling, LL.D., Clarke Gamble Q.C.

2. Endowment of See, Rectory Lands and Land and Investment Committee.—Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough, M.A., Revs. G. I. Taylor, B.A., Wm. Logan, M.A.; J. H. McCollum, A.M., Canon Stennett, M. A., W. H. Clarke, B.A. Messrs. S. B. Harman, B.C.L., F. Farncomb, Herbert Mason, J. H. Perry, His Honour Judge Scott, J. W. G. Whitney.

3. The Mission Board.—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, the Ven. the Archdeacons of York, M.A., and Peterborough, M.A., Revs. Rural Deans Allen, M.A., Lett, D.D., LL.D., Stewart, M.A., Osler, Givins, D.C.L., Smithett, D.D.; C. C. Johnston, Dr. Hodgkin, Middleton, B.A., Canon Morgan, Rev. J. S. Baker; Messrs. Seth Smith, Major Bligh, J. C. Morgan, M.A., Hon. C. I. Douglas, Frank Evans, J. H. Perry, Col. Boulton, T. A. Ager, S. S. Peck, W. J. McCleary, C. J. Blomfield.

4. Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee.—Rev. Canon Tremayne, M.A., Revs. J. Fletcher, A. H. Baldwin, B.A., J. Pearson, F. A. O'Meara, W. F. Checkley, M.A. Messrs. Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Huson, W. M. Murray, M.A., Capt. Blain, C. J. Campbell, Jas. Browne, S. J. Vankoughnet, D.C.L.

5. General Purposes, Statistics, and Assessment Committee.—Rev. S. J. Body, M.A., R. W. Hindes, B.A., John Vicars, B.A., Thomas Ball, Septimus Jones, Johnstone Vicars, M.D. Messrs. Dr. O'Reilly, Marcellus Crombie, M.A., F. A. Ball, R. H. Bethune, S. W. Farrell, C. S. Gowzski, jr.

6. Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.—Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., A. Sanson, S. J. Body, J. M. Ballard, B.A., W. M. C. Clarke, Messrs. Thomas W. Rawlinson, S. G. Wood, LL.B., J. C. Morgan, M.A., J. H. Knight, John Gillespie.

7. Audit Committee.—Revs. R. W. E. Greene, B.A., S. W. Young, M.A., John Fletcher; Messrs. N. W. Hoyles, F. D. Barwick, M. M. Matthews.

8. Church Music Committee.—Revs. J. D. Cayley, M.A., C. R. Bell, Mus Bac, J. McLean Ballard, B.A. Messrs. John Carter, H. G. Collins, J. H. Knight.

9. Printing Committee.—Revs. T. Walker, B.A., J. Fletcher, B.A., A. Williams, M.A. Messrs. John Hague, F. D., Barwick, and the Honorary Clerical and Lay Secretaries.

Committees on Missions in Rural Deaneries, 1878-79.—1. *Toronto*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. Canon Givins, R.D., A. J. Broughall, M.A., Messrs. Clarke Gamble, Q.C., G. W. Buckland.

2. *West York*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. H. B. Osler, R.D., Canon Tremayne, M.A., A. J. Fidler, B.A., Hon. C. J. Douglas, Stephen Fry.

3. *East York*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Rev. C. C. Johnston, John Davidson, John Fletcher, Messrs. J. H. Perry, D. Ledingham.

4. *East Simcoe*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. A. Stewart, R.D., Canon Morgan, G. A. Anderson. Messrs. J. C. Morgan, C. H. Clark.

5. *West Simcoe*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. S. Lett, LL.D., R.D., W. W. Bates, H. B. Owen. Messrs. R. Tyrwhitt, Capt. Wheeler.

6. *Durham*: Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. T. W. Allen, R.D., Canon Brent, John Creighton. Messrs. T. M. Benson, Thomas Willan.

7. *Northumberland*: Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. Canon Stennett, H. D. Cooper, Capt. Rogers.

8. *Peel*: Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. I. Middleton, W. S. Westney. Messrs. J. D. Evans, T. A. Agar.

9. *Haliburton*: Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. T. Smithett, R.D., J. E. Cooper, Philip Harding. Messrs. S. S. Peck, James Golborne.

The following is the Executive Committee previously appointed:—Rev. Wm. Logan, Rev. A. J. Fidler, Rev. John Pearson, Rev. J. S. Baker, Rev. J. H. McCollum, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. John Carter, Mr. Alex. Marling, Mr. Marcellus Crombie and Dr. O'Reilly.

Mr. Marcellus Crombie, gave an explanation of the items appended to the report of the General Purposes Committee. In explaining the item charged for the Diocesan Conference and Sunday School Convention, he said that these meetings were held by the authority of a resolution of the Synod, and there being no other fund against which the expenses could be charged, the General Purposes Committee Fund was drawn upon.

A resolution was passed declaring that this item of expenditure must not form a precedent.

#### CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Archdeacon Whitaker read the report of the Special Committee on Canon for enforcing Church Discipline as follows:—

The Committee on the Canon for enforcing Church Discipline, beg to present the following report:—The experience of the last two years, has led the Committee to regard as simply hopeless the attempt to present to the Synod the draft of a complete Canon of Discipline, with the expectation of its being adopted, either as it stands or in any amended form. They have therefore restricted themselves to drawing up certain general principles, on which a Canon may be afterwards based and they trust that these principles may be accepted by the Synod, or that others may be substituted for them, as a guide to those to whom the duty of drafting a canon may be hereafter entrusted.

The general principles on which the Committee are agreed are the following: 1. That a Court of Discipline be constituted and established. 2. That it shall be a Court of Discipline for both clergy and laity. 3. That the Bishop of the Diocese shall be sole judge of the court, and that with him associated assessors, under such regulations as shall be hereafter provided in the case of the clergy and laity respectively. 4. That these assessors shall be nominated by the Bishop. 5. That the person accused shall have a right of challenge, under such restrictions as shall be hereafter provided. 6. That it be the duty of the assessors to aid the Bishop in the conduct of the trial, and to advise with him on the evidence adduced. 7. That, whenever a charge shall be preferred and not admitted, then the Bishop shall nominate a Commission of Enquiry, as to whether there are *prima facie* grounds for future proceedings to be taken. 8. That no proceedings shall be instituted unless the same be commenced within two years of the alleged commission of the offence, and within three months of its coming to the knowledge of the person bringing the charge. 9. That no charge shall be entertained, until the complainant shall have given to the Bishop a bond, to be approved by him, in the penal sum of \$200, to pay all costs and expenses, in case that the person accused shall be acquitted of the charge, or the charge shall be dismissed, for want of due prosecution.

He moved that the report be considered clause by clause.

The first two clauses were agreed to.

On the third clause,

Col. Boulton thought it would be well to refer the report back to the Special Committee, which was as able a one as they could choose. He moved therefore that the report be referred back.

Rev. J. Ballard said it appeared to him that in cases of doctrine, the Bishop should be sole judge, but that in question of morals or ritual the Court should be constituted of both clergy and laity. He moved, therefore, that the third clause be changed to that effect.

Mr. A. H. Campbell thought it extraordinary that a clergyman should suggest that lawyers should be called in to decide questions of doctrine. He considered that the extreme inconvenience of making the Bishop sole judge, should make them pause before putting such a burden upon him. With regard to questions other than those affecting doctrine, he thought a lawyer or a judge would be better fitted to decide as to what was the law. He saw no benefit in appointing assessors, seeing his Lordship could get the advice of any member of the church in the Diocese, upon signifying his wish.