

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Archdeacon of Kingston; and on his left Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., Chancellor of Trinity College, Rev. Dr. Lett, Clerical Secretary, and James Bovell, Esq., M. D., called over the roll of the clergy and lay delegates, when the following answered to their names:

CLERGY—Rev. Messrs. S. F. Ramsay, M.A.; J. H. McCollum; Robert Arnold; J. Carry, B.D.; J. G. D. Mackenzie, M.A.; William McMurray, D.C.L., John Hilton; A. J. Fidler; John Fletcher; T. P. Hodgo; Edward H. Dewart, M.A.; C. E. Thomson, M.A.; George B. P. Viner; John Hebdon, H. C. Cooper, S. Briggs, M.A.; William Belt, M.A.; George Noel Higginson, M.A.; Richard H. Harris, B.A.; J. G. Geddes, M.A.; S. Givens; Peter Jacobs; James Chance; Edward Morgan; T. B. Fuller, D.C.L.; Frederick A. O'Meara, D.C.L.; Henry Patton, D.C.L.; N. Disbrow; T. W. Allen; Richard Garrett; T. J. W. Blackman, D.C.L.; S. B. Ardagh, M.A.; George Hallen; E. J. Boswell, D.C.L.; E. Denroche, A.M.; Alexander Dixon; Thomas D. Phillips; Henry Brent; George Whittaker, M.A., Provost Trinity College; J. C. Irving, M.A.; George S. J. Hill, M.A.; W. E. Cooper; J. Langtry, M.A.; T. B. Reid, D.D.; C. H. Drinkwater; J. Wilson; Edwin Hatch, M.A., Trinity College; F. J. Groves; A. MacNab, D.D.; T. H. M. Bartlett, M.A.; T. S. Kennedy; Alexander Williams, M.A.; Stewart Houston, M.A.; Charles L. Ingles, M.A.; Thomas T. Roberts, M.A.; John B. Worrell; J. W. R. Beck, M.A.; Jonathan Shortt, D.D.; William Blensdell, M.A.; A. Broughall, M.A.; H. J. Grasett, B.D.; W. B. Lauder, D.C.L.; John A. Mulock, R. Sydney Birch, W. S. Darling, H. W. Stewart, M.A.; F. Tremayne, jr., R. V. Rogers, M.A.; J. Pentland, and J. G. Armstrong.

The names of the Lay Delegates were then called over by the Lay Secretary, when the following Delegates answered to their names:—

Hon. James Patton, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. G. S. Boulton, Messrs. J. A. Blackwell, E. C. Fisher, R. Stupart, A. M. Chisholm, William J. Finney, Beverley R. Morris, M.D.; R. B. Denison, Adam Knox, C. E. Lawrence, Edward Willan, John Tilt, Robert A. Harrison, J. M. Chafee, William W. Roe, James Stanton, Frederick W. Jarvis, Robert Boyd, James Watson, James McGrath, G. T. Kingston, George Pexton, Joseph Hipwell, Paul Sheppard, N. Allan Gamble, George Maxwell, John Parsons, Judge Boswell, William Bryans, W. Y. Pottit, Joseph C. Eager, Charles Brent, Dr. Mewburn, Richard C. Newman, Robert Jackson, C. E. Anderson, John Carter, Frank J. Joseph, Robert Baldwin, George Lefroy, James W. O. Clark, W. A. Parlant, H. R. O'Reilly, Samuel Gallagher, E. Playter, James Peters, George Elliott, John W. Gamble, Peter Vanevry, W. B. Simpson, William Ker, Joseph S. Wilson, Thomas Beatty, M.D.; James F. Macleod, Lucius R. O'Brien, J. W. C. Whitney, James R. Benson, John J. Robson, David Smart, William Ince, Thomas J. Preston, T. Kirkpatrick, Clarke Gamble, J. H. Cameron, George Duggan, jr., Richard Cowan, E. J. Sisson, et. al.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Lett.

His Lordship the Bishop then read the following

ADDRESS:

"MY REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN,—Before proceeding to matters which during the past year more especially relate to the progress of the Church in the Diocese, it is my pleasing duty to mention the interesting visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to this Province, last summer, and to state that your address was presented by the Bishop and Synod, and most graciously received and feelingly replied to, and

which when inserted in our minutes will constitute a lasting memorial of so happy an event.

"The great excitement caused by this Royal visit, first in expectation and then in reality, so far interfered with my official arrangements that I was prevented from commencing my usual confirmation journey till late in October.

"On the 18th of that month I began to visit the Parishes and Missions throughout the District of Niagara, which had been allotted as a portion of my summer work. The Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rural Dean of Niagara District, joined me at the Village of Jordan, on the 10th, and continued with me through the whole journey.

"This was the more pleasant, as I was suffering under an attack of lumbago, and for some days the pain was so acute that I began to entertain thoughts of returning home, but as it was not attended with sickness I persevered, and by God's blessing was enabled to fulfil all my regular appointments, and to consecrate two churches. In accomplishing this I was much indebted to the kind services of the Rural Dean, who relieved me from preaching on my worst days, and at other times when I found it difficult to continue long standing.

"On my return homewards I received pressing invitations from the clergy in Hamilton to stop with them on my way back to Toronto and confirm at their several churches.

"Though still weak I felt on the whole better, and with some hesitation consented to their request. On Sunday, the fourth November, I found myself so much recovered that I was able to preach and confirm at each of the three churches without feeling much fatigue.

"On Monday, the 5th of November, I returned to Toronto in better health than when I left it.

"Since then I have held eight confirmations,—four in the Gore District, Dundas, Ancaster, Glandford and Barton, and four in Toronto—St. George, the Cathedral of St. James, St. John's and the Holy Trinity, to be followed by Yorkville on Sunday next.

"The result of all these confirmations—thirty-six in number—gives one thousand and ninety persons added by this Holy Ordinance to the Church of God.

"On the first of July I purpose, if it please God, to confirm all the Parishes and Missions between Toronto and the Trent, which will occupy me for about twenty days.

"It is also my intention to proceed towards the close of July or beginning of August to the Sault St. Marie, to establish a permanent Mission at that important station, situated on the narrow strait between the two great Lakes Huron and Superior, possessing peculiar advantages of great value, by the favour of Government, added to its central and commanding position, it will soon grow into a city, and perhaps in no long time become the seat of the Bishopric of the great Lakes of Canada. On my return from the Sault St. Marie I had it in contemplation to hold confirmations in the Western portion of the Diocese, as I have already notified. But finding that this duty would occupy a month or more, I may find it necessary to postpone it till the spring, because I shall have to attend the Provincial Synod in Montreal on the tenth of September, and may by that time discover that my avocations have been sufficiently extensive and laborious for the present season.

"I have now, my brethren, the pleasure to announce to you the final separation of the Eastern portion of the Diocese of Toronto by the election of its Bishop, and that it now forms the Diocese of Ontario.

"This completes the plan which I submitted to the Imperial Government in 1850, and estab-

lishes three compact and equal Sees out of the former Diocese of Toronto—nor will they be too extensive for the superintendence and government of an active Bishop for many years to come.

"The final accomplishment of so great a work has not been brought about without much watchfulness, labour and anxiety, and the continued effort of eleven years; but all have been amply recompensed by the successful result. And have we not, my brethren, cause to rejoice in beholding three active Prelates, instead of one, cultivating the same vineyard, and in gratefully anticipating the accelerating progress of Christ's Kingdom in this favoured land. It is true the plan of creating three out of one Diocese was at first lightly thought of by many, as other plans of mine have sometimes been, but I was encouraged by the few. We had faith and felt that the greatest works and most useful designs are in general effected by patient perseverance—a perseverance going steadily forward in hope and ever keeping the desired object in view, and instead of quailing at opposition and disappointments, breasting them with increasing vigour, and never cherishing a doubt of a prosperous result. To succeed in all valuable and important undertakings requires constant efforts, watching events, and never permitting a favourable opportunity to pass unimproved.

"I have yet one thing more to which I desire to invite your serious attention before closing this short address. You are all aware that the Church Members residing within the Dioceses of Huron and Ontario before receiving permission to elect their respective Bishops were under the necessity of providing a moderate endowment for their decent maintenance. This they have from their Christian liberality happily accomplished, and have thus secured the permanence and independence of their Sees. The minimum sum necessary to satisfy this object is ten thousand pounds currency. Perhaps it would have been wise had this Diocese also commenced to collect an Episcopal endowment when the other two began, because, at that time it would have been very easy, being the most wealthy of the three, to have made up the required sum, but we were not in the same urgency as the other two. It was therefore deemed more prudent not to attempt to collect for the Toronto endowment till they had completed theirs, or at least had made some progress. Four years ago the sum might have been quickly realized, for at that time I knew four of our Church members who would not have hesitated a moment to give five hundred or even a thousand pounds each. But now, although the same liberal spirit exists, a change of times makes it a matter of great difficulty, and we cannot from any one of the four expect any thing like so large a contribution. We have, nevertheless, the example of the two Dioceses—Huron and Ontario—before us, the Church inhabitants of which are far less numerous than we are, and they have each contributed the required amount. What they may have done with some difficulty, our Church members, being, I trust, equally willing, may do with much more ease and convenience. But it does not seem necessary for me to dwell upon this subject, or to enter into any of the details by which it may be accomplished. All that I deem necessary is to suggest a large committee of true and zealous members of the Church for the management of the business. The Clergyman of each Parish and Mission with the Wardens and Lay Delegates might form Local Boards throughout the Diocese in communication with the Central Board. The Parochial Boards of each township might unite and occasionally meet to forward the work. County and District Boards might also be employed and means taken to solicit every grown up member