

and stated the reasons which had induced them to come to the conclusions they had enunciated in their resolutions, and their desire that the Lower House should concur in the same. The Bishops of Huron and Ontario were the speakers, and both counselled patience and moderation in any present course, until these questions should be decided at home; and they expressed their belief that it was beyond the power of the Provincial Synod to touch the rubrics of the Prayer Book. After the departure of the Bishops, some little discussion took place on the question of the day, and the Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock, without having effected any work or even apparently made any substantial progress.

On the following day the discussion was resumed, and various technical difficulties having been overcome, it was finally decided to adopt the resolutions of the Bishops, with certain omissions proposed by the Rev. Canon Balch, and to pass their resolutions with certain amendments, several of which were proposed. The most noticeable feature of the debate on the 16th was a long and eloquent speech made by the Rev. W. S. Darling, of Toronto, in which he pointed out the true limits of ritual, and the necessities for mutual charity and toleration, inasmuch as there were defects as well as excesses of ritual, and also dwelt upon the important question of the powers of the Synod. He further expressed his regret at the means taken by some members of the Church to further their views, and read from a paper entitled the Church Observer, a few lines of a most vituperative article on a clergyman of Montreal, which were an extraordinary specimen of the English language, as well as a proof of the way in which party spirit leads men to lose sight of Christian charity. Mr. Darling further pleaded against a bare uniformity as an undesirable result, even if possible, and also against the ruinous attempt to define with rigid exactness the great and undefinable mysteries of the Christian faith, an attempt which usually landed men in the errors of either the Romanist or the Puritan. Mr. Darling's speech was not without its effect; inasmuch as it did much to put the question on its proper basis, and to ensure as far as might be in the excited state of men's minds a calm and reasonable settlement of the question. The next day several amendments were made to the resolution of Dr. Balch, which were lost, and the original resolution of the Bishops, as amended by Dr. Balch and the Prolocutor conjointly, was passed unanimously. The resolution thus altered stands as follows:—

Whereas the elevation of the elements in the celebration of the Holy Communion, the use of incense during divine service, and the mixing of water with the sacramental wine are illegal, it is resolved by this Synod that the above mentioned practices are hereby forbidden in the Church

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