

2. UNITY AND REUNION.

REPLY OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS TO A MEMORIAL OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(Copy.)

Montreal, September 16th, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,—I am requested by the Metropolitan to inform you that he has received and has presented to the House of Bishops the Memorial which has been sent by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, which they have duly considered, and concerning which they have passed the following resolution :

"That with reference to the Memorial presented to this House by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and suggesting the appointment of 'a Day of Humiliation and Intercession for Unity, and the Reunion of our Church with other Christian bodies,' the House of Bishops, whilst fully sympathizing with the memorialists in mourning over the lack of union which exists amongst the various branches of the Church of Christ, have not been able to arise at the conclusion that it would be expedient at the present time to set apart a special day for that purpose.

"They would, however, suggest whether this important subject might not be incorporated in the Service used on the day which will probably be again recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as a Day of Special Intercession for the Missions of the Church."

(Signed) FREDERICK D. ALGOMA,
Secretary House of Bishops.

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Proceedings of Synods and Committees.

1. SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Regularly Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of Synod, were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, 13th & 14th August, 1874.

Executive Committee.

Present—The Dean of Toronto, (who was appointed Chairman for the current year) ; The Provost, Revds. A. J. Fidler, John Hebden, C. E. Thomson ; Vice-Chancellor Blake, Dr. Snelling, Mr. Marling.

The Committee took into consideration the following matters which had been referred to them by the Synod, viz:—

1. Resolutions of Mr. N. F. Paterson :

- (a). That two Clerical and two Lay members of the Synod be appointed on motion to take the votes of the members of Synod.
- (b). That a ballot box or boxes shall be provided to receive the votes. That upon each member of the Synod depositing his vote, a mark shall be placed opposite his name on the roll of the order to which he belongs, and that upon the requisition of any three members of the Synod, the number of votes deposited shall be compared with the number of those who have voted upon the occasion. The scrutineers shall hand over the votes to the Secretaries of the Synod, whose duty it shall be to preserve them until the election shall be completed, and then destroy them at the end of the session.

2. Motion of Rev. H. Holland :

That in order to secure greater order and despatch in receiving and scrutinizing the ballots required by the Constitution of Synod, a Committee be appointed to