

ministration, and that they are to be congratulated upon their choice.

Another event memorable in many aspects occurred last Sunday also in the opening of the beautiful new Grace Church, Point St. Charles, with not only appropriate but beautiful and highly reverent services. We hope to have a somewhat full account of these proceedings for our next number.

SYNOD OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA.

On Wednesday the 14th September the fifteenth session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada was opened with service in Christ Church Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. Owing to the funeral of the late Metropolitan of Canada having been fixed for Tuesday the 13th there was not as large an attendance of delegates Clerical and Lay as usual those from the dioceses of Fredericton and Nova Scotia being for the most part absent for this cause. The Clerical and Lay delegates met in the Synod Hall on University street and the Bishops in the Synod Office, and having robed they proceeded to the Cathedral in procession as follows :

Lay Delegates two and two preceded by the Lay Secretary ; Cathedral Rector's Verger ; Clergy of the Church of England in Canada, in surplice, stole and hood in order of precedence ; Rural Deans ; Canons of Cathedrals ; Rectors of Cathedrals ; Archdeacons and Deans. These were followed by the priests of the P. E. Church of the United States forming part of the delegates to the Provincial Synod viz : the Rev. Dr. Elliott of Washington, D.C., and Ven. Archdeacon Carey of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. After them came the Prolocutor of the Lower House followed by the Bishop's Verger preceding the Bishop elect of Quebec and the Canadian Bishops present in order of seniority viz : the Bishop of Niagara ; the Bishop of Huron ; the Bishop of Toronto ; the Bishop of Montreal. Next came the visiting Bishops, viz : the Bishop of Nassau, W.I. (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Churton) the Bishop of Ohio, (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Leonard) and the Bishop of Milwaukee (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholson). The senior and presiding Bishop owing to the death of the Metropolitan viz : the Lord Bishop of Ontario followed ; preceded by his Chaplain bearing the Metropolitan's Crozier. His Lordship wore the scarlet Convocation Robe and the Mitre ; the Lord Bishop of Niagara also wore the Convocation Robe and carried his pastoral staff. On arriving at the Cathedral the procession opened out and allowed the Bishop of Ontario to enter the Church first, followed by the other Bishops and the Clerical and Lay delegates, the procession being met at the principal door of Christ Church Cathedral by the Rector (Rev. Dr. Norton) ; the curate, (the Rev. Mr. Capel) and the choir who sang as the procession advanced up the aisle, the well-known and appropriate hymn "The Church's one Foundation." The Litany was said by the Bishop of Niagara, the responses being intoned by the choir. The Bishop of Ohio read the Epistle and the Bishop of Nassau the Gospel, the Bishop of Ontario being himself the Celebrant and also reading the other portions of the ante-communion service. The sermon—an elo-

quent one—from the text 2nd Timothy II—19 was preached by the Lord Bishop of Huron after which the Holy Communion was administered, the several Bishops assisting therein ; the Clerical and a large proportion of the Lay delegates together with a number of the congregation remained for Communion. After the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Ontario—the Crozier being held before him by his Chaplain—the Nunc Dimittis was sung as a Recessional, and Bishops, Clergy and Laity returned to the Synod Hall.

The musical portion of the service, which was conducted by Mr. J. E. Birch, was as follows : Litany, Helmore ; anthem, "Lovely Appearance," Gounod ; "Kyrie," Hopkins, No. 74 ; "Gloria Tibi," Dykes, in F ; Nicene Creed, recited ; hymn 160 ; offertory, organ voluntarily, "O Rest in the Lord," Mendelssohn ; "Sursum Corda," Dykes, in F ; "Sanctus," Dykes, in F ; hymn 323 ; "Gloria in Excelsis," Stainer, in A ; "Sevenfold Amen," Stainer ; "Nunc Dimittis," Barnby.

BUSINESS SESSION.

The Synod assembled for business in the St. George's schoolroom at 2.30 p.m. the Bishops in the Library and the Lower House in the schoolroom proper up stairs.

At 3.20 the Bishops in their robes, preceded by the Chaplain of the acting Metropolitan carrying the crozier, entered the lower house, and, having taken their seats on the platform, the acting Metropolitan spoke as follows :—"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 The Church in Canada has suffered a very serious loss indeed when we think of 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 since 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."

Their Lordships then departed, and the proceedings of the Lower House were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Langtry.

The Prolocutor explained that owing to the resignation of the Very Rev. Dean Norman since the last session he had, under the constitution, appointed the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M. A. to act as Clerical Secretary until the election, in due course took place. The Rolls of Clerical

and Lay delegates were then called by the Rev. L. N. Tucker and Dr. Davidson, Q. C. respectively as Clerical and Lay Secretary, and it appearing there from that a quorum was present the Prolocutor having invited Canon O'Meara and the Dean of Rupert's Land who were present as a Deputy from the ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land to seats on the platform and and having extended like courtesy to the delegates from the American Church he read the following letter from Dean Norman in regard to his resignation.

"Some months ago, by medical advice, I tendered my resignation as hon. clerical secretary of the Provincial synod to the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, who, in a very kind letter, in which he expressed his regret at the step I had felt called upon to take, duly accepted my resignation. I feel it only courteous and respectful to yourself and the synod for me to convey this fact to you, and the more because I do not propose to attend the session this year. I can assure you that it was not without much thought that I determined on this action, and that it has cost me some sorrow. I have filled the office for 12 years, and it is time some one else younger and more energetic should fill so important a post. I desire to express my sincere thanks to the members of both houses for the invariable courtesy with which they have treated me and the forbearance they have shown to my shortcomings. The tenure of the position, though responsible and at times laborious, was to me truly pleasurable. I esteem it a high honor to possess the confidence of the synod, and through my office I was brought into closer contact with the members, Clerical and Lay, which contact helped to create earnest and valuable friendships. That the divine blessing may attend your deliberations for the good of The Church.

I remain, etc.,

Dr. Langtry then expressed his desire to be relieved from the office of Prolocutor which he had held for six years through the kindness and consideration of the Synod, thinking that the holding of such office should not be perpetual and that it was advisable to elect another person in his place. Dissent was expressed by many to this view, and in evidence thereof his re-election as Prolocutor was at once moved by Canon Worrell seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach. Canon Von Iffland seconded by Chancellor Hencker nominated the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal and Mr. W. F. Burton of Hamilton nominated the Hon. G. W. Allen, claiming that there was nothing to prevent the election to this Office of a Lay delegate ; this was admitted but Mr. Allen positively declined to be put in nomination. So also did Canon Doumoulin, whose nomination was made by a Clerical delegate.

The Prolocutor having asked permission to put the second nomination of Dean Carmichael first the vote was taken and prevailed ; whereupon he was escorted to the chair and returned thanks for the honor which had been done to him in his election to this important office. Having been conducted to the Upper House as required by the Constitution, he on his return invited the Bishop of Nassau and the Bishop of Ohio to seats upon the platform and they were received by the members standing and with much applause. The Prolocutor then named the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, D.D., of St. John as his Deputy. The Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., was upon motion elected Honorary Clerical Secretary ; Dr. Davidson, Q.C., was re-elected Honorary Lay Secretary, Mr. A. F. Gault re-elected treasurer, and Mr. Charles Garth and Dr. Burton re-appointed auditors.

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