

weighty responsibility which attaches to the vote of each individual, a responsibility so great and important that it cannot be exaggerated; and also on the danger incurred by those who come forward heedlessly, or from selfish motives, and who have not carefully informed themselves as to the fitness of the person to be selected, and who do not act in the matter in the strict accordance with the suggestions of an enlightened conscience, I have now little to add, and shall therefore confine myself to a very few words. I have sometimes pondered, my brethren, on the proceedings of the small congregation of one hundred and twenty which once met in an upper chamber in Jerusalem, to make the first election ever made of a minister in the Church of Christ. For although the choice expressly referred to the Lord himself, who had appointed all the other Apostles and willed the selection of Matthias, he nevertheless condescended to make use of human instruments in completing it. Only one restriction, or rather, perhaps, qualification was introduced: the vacant Apostleship or Bishopric must be filled by one who had accompanied our Lord all the time that he went in and out among his disciples, beginning from the baptism of St. John unto the same day he was taken to Heaven. Only such a disciple was eligible to be ordained an Apostle, and to be a witness with the eleven of our Lord's Resurrection; now simple and natural as this qualification appears, it was at this early commencement of the Church possessed by very few beyond the Apostles, and perhaps Matthias, and Barnabas who was surnamed Justus, were the only two in Jerusalem at that time, for it was a day of persecution. After prayer to the Lord, to show whom He had chosen, they gave out the lots, and the lot fell on Matthias, and Barnabas was left. But both were tried and proved for the situation. And we find from history that Justus was only neglected for a season, since he became in a few years not only an Apostle, but the fellow-labourer and companion of St. Paul in preaching the Gospel.

"Now, my brethren, transport yourselves to the upper chamber in Jerusalem, and look at this humble congregation before you, praying for light and direction in their choice; and do not merely look, but make yourselves, each and every one of you, members of this holy society, and pray earnestly for the same light and direction in your choice on this solemn occasion; pray for the same purity of intention, for the same singleness of purpose and submission to the will of God. Proceed then, my brethren, in this holy state of mind and heart: whatever partialities and differences may have been disturbing and thwarting your better resolutions up to this moment, let them be dismissed now and for ever, and let your votes be like the votes of the one hundred and twenty disciples, dictated by the Lord who bought you."

## ELECTION.

His Lordship then directed that the Synod should proceed to ballot for a godly and well learned man to be recommended to Her Majesty the Queen, the temporal head of the United Church of England and Ireland, as Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, naming as scrutineers of the ballots of the Clergy, the Rev. Edward J. Boswell, D.C.L., the Rev. W. B. Lauder, LL.D., and H. A. Campbell, Esq.; and as scrutineers of the ballots of the Laity, Thomas Kirkpatrick, the Hon. Geo. Crawford, Esq., and the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, M.A., delivering to the Clerical and Lay Scrutineers respectively, two boxes, with an opening in each for the reception of the ballots, first having satisfied himself by inspecting that the same were empty. His Lordship then locked the boxes, retaining the keys. The Clerical Secretary then called the clergy *seriatim*, who cast their lots into

the ballot box. The Lay Secretary following in like order, calling the laity by Parishes. The ballots having been deposited,\* the Clerical Scrutineers delivered their box to the Bishop, who, when he had unlocked the same, gave the ballots to the scrutineers, and they having examined and returned them, reported as follows:—

KINGSTON, June 13th, 1861.

"We hereby certify that of the votes which have been cast by the Clergy of the present meeting of Synod, thirty-one have been in favour of the Rev. Dr. Lewis, and one in favour of the Venerable Archdeacon Bethune."

(Signed)

"EDWARD J. BOSWELL,  
W. B. LAUDER,  
A. H. CAMPBELL."

"Scrutineers."

"THE HON. AND RIGHT REVEREND,  
THE BISHOP OF TORONTO."

The above certificate was then countersigned by the Clerical Secretary, and verified by the Lord Bishop.

The Lay scrutineers then delivered their box to the Bishop, who when he had unlocked the same, gave the ballots to the scrutineers, and they having examined and returned them, reported as follows:

KINGSTON, June 13th, 1861.

"We do hereby certify that thirty-nine Parishes or Missions cast their votes for the Rev. J. T. Lewis, LL.D.; one for the Rev. A. Bethune, D.D., and one for the Rev. William Macaulay."

(Signed)

"GEORGE CRAWFORD,  
T. H. M. BARTLETT, M.A.,  
THOS. KIRKPATRICK."

"Scrutineers."

The above certificate was then countersigned by the Lay Secretary, and verified by the Lord Bishop.

The Clerical Secretary declared the result of the ballot as follows:—

|                          | CLERICAL | LAY. |
|--------------------------|----------|------|
| The Rev. Dr. Lewis ..... | 31       | 39   |
| Archdeacon Bethune ..... | 1        | 1    |
| Rev. Wm. Macaulay .....  | 0        | 1    |

Consequently that the lot had fallen on the Rev. Dr. Lewis.

The Chancellor, finding that although more than two-thirds of the Lay Delegates had recorded their votes by parishes, but that two-thirds of the Clergy had not done so, directed the Clerical Secretary to call the roll of the Clergy, when thirty-eight having answered to their names, he pronounced that there was a quorum of the Clerical members present, (thirty-seven being necessary,) and that the requirements of the Canon had been complied with.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Chancellor having conferred with the Lord Bishop, announced as follows:

The Lord Bishop of Toronto, President of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, does hereby declare that the Rev. John Travers Lewis, Doctor of Laws, of Trinity College, Dublin, is recommended to Her Majesty the Queen, by this Synod as the Bishop designate of the future Eastern Diocese.

The Chancellor then, by direction of the Bishop, conducted the Rev. Dr. Lewis to a seat at the right hand of his Lordship

## DESIGNATION

Moved by Mr HURD, seconded by the Rev JOHN CARROLL,

\* During the ballot the Clerical Secretary mentioned to the Bishop that the Rev. Dr. Lewis declined to vote, and he requested His Lordship to raise whether members of the Synod desiring to be exempted from voting might be permitted so to do? His Lordship decided that any member had a full right to withhold his vote.

That the name of the new Diocese be designated by his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto. Carried unanimously.

His Lordship then named "Ontario," as the designation.

## DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The nomination of Delegates to the Provincial Synod was then proceeded with, the Bishop directing the Secretaries to receive the ballots, scrutinize the same, and report the result to the meeting of the Synod convened to be held in Toronto on the 25th instant.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The Rev. Mr. Mulkins moved, the Rev. Mr. Bleasdel, seconded,

That the following be a committee to draw up an address to his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto: Rev. Dr. Lauder, Rev. H. Mulkins, W. B. Simpson, T. Kirkpatrick, J. A. Henderson.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Kirkpatrick, seconded by Rev. H. Mulkins,

That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby given to the Trustees of the Wesley Hall, for kindly granting the use of the same.—Carried unanimously.

Moved by the Hon. Geo. Crawford, seconded by W. B. Simpson,

That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Salter Givens, for his excellent sermon delivered on the first day of Synod, in St. George's Church.—Carried unanimously.

His Lordship then pronounced the Apostolic Benediction, and the Synod adjourned.

## ADDRESS TO THE REV. E. DENROCHE, M.A.

Last summer the Rev. E. Denroche was induced to pay a visit to the Diocese of Michigan, and only returned a few weeks since, during his sojourn there he exerted himself with the zeal, single mindedness and energy which have ever characterized him to build up a new parish at the western end of the City of Detroit. The success vouchsafed to his labour of love is manifested in the following addresses to him on his return home:

## ST. PETER'S PARISH.

DETROIT, May 18th, 1861.

DEAR PASTOR,—It is with the deepest heartfelt sorrow that we notice the hour approaching when you must part from your flock. We all feel that we are losing a true friend and guide, as you have proved to be. We thank you most kindly for taking hold and working so earnestly with us. We hope you may yet see the time when St. Peter's Church may be one of the best churches in the city. For the short time you have laboured, it has had no equal in success. But now the time has come for you to depart, we wish you a safe return to your family circle, and although you may be far away from here, our prayers shall be with you; and if it should be that we meet no more on earth, may we all meet and be joined in one golden bond in heaven where there is no parting of friends.

Dear Pastor, we give you this surplice as a token of our sincere love and respect to you, hoping you will accept it as such from us all. We know that there is a far better reward for you in that bright and happy land "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal."

Accept the best wishes from all the ladies of St. Peter's Parish, Detroit, Michigan.