

Archdeacon Palmer moved in amendment that the Conference requested by the Upper House be at once agreed to. He thought the time to confer with the Upper House was before they had arrived at anything decisive. Perhaps after the Conference they might receive such information as would enable them to come to a wise decision. Their Lordships did not seek to interfere with this House. The Dean of Huron had said that the sending of the message down was a singular coincidence. Now, the Dean was too acute a man to say this and not seem to imply that their Lordships had some little design in the matter.

Dean Hellmuth said it was not fair for his friend to assume the prerogative which belonged to God alone, and judge of his thoughts and intentions.

Archdeacon Palmer was happy to know that there was not the least insinuation against their Lordships. He entreated the Synod to proceed temperately, to have the Conference with the Upper House, and then proceed to business.

Rev. Mr. Geddes seconded the motion. He did not look upon the sending of the message as a singular coincidence, but as a happy occurrence. He was going to say a Providential occurrence. (Oh!) He wished that he could, as an honourable gentleman did last night, congratulate this Synod upon the spirit in which this discussion had been entered into. He could not do so. He had expected that this discussion would be entered upon in a calm, wise, moderate and Christian spirit. He was led to that expectation from the fact that the deliberations of the Committee on Ritualism had been conducted with harmony and in a temperate spirit. He thought they should be guided in their deliberations by such counsels of the Upper House. Their wise counsels would be much more likely to lead to a proper conclusion than discussing the subject in the manner that it had been done, calling gentlemen caricaturists and pantomimists.

Archdeacon Fuller was not prepared to vote for the amendment, because he considered that no Conference was needed except when a difference between two Houses arose. They were not in that position. The Upper House had arrived at a conclusion; now let the Lower House come to a conclusion, and then, if there was any difference, it would be time enough to have a Conference.

Rev. Canon Loosemore said it appeared to him that this question could never be decided without a Conference with the Bishops.

Mr. Harman said that he had heard some strange things since he came to the Synod. He did hope a better spirit would be manifested. According to the Constitution it was incumbent on the Lower House to obey the request, and it was a mark of disrespect of the grossest kind to disobey.