

The Roll of the Clergy of the Island was called by The Archdeacon, and all answered to their names, but one who was absent from infirmity. After the Charge, the Holy Communion was administered, in which several of the delegates present participated.

In the afternoon of the same day a Meeting was held, to arrange the preliminaries for the following day, when his Lordship explained the present position of the Church in this Island, and stated many points of interest and importance.

On Thursday, 2nd August, a Meeting of the Clergy and Delegates was held in the Masonic Hall.

The Bishop called on the Rector of Charlottetown, to open the Meeting with prayer. The Roll of the Clergy and delegates was called. All answered their names, except a few of the Delegates, who were necessarily absent. The Bishop directed Rev. D. Parnter to act as Secretary.

His lordship then entered fully into the subject of our peculiar position as a Church, now separated from the Mother Church of England, and shewed the necessity of our having laws by which we are to be governed. He also recommended that Prince Edward Island become a Diocese independent of Nova Scotia; our Governments being different. On the question, whether a Synod should be formed or not, the Bishop left it entirely to the Meeting to decide; such being to him personally, a matter of perfect indifference.

The Question of Establishing a Synod for the Island was then taken up by the Meeting. Whereupon it was moved by the Ven. the Archdeacon, and seconded by William Cundall, Esq., and *Resolved* :—

1.—That this Island, although under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, is, and shall from henceforth continue to be, a separate and distinct Diocese.

Moved by the Rev. D. Fitzgerald, seconded by Hon. John Longworth, and *Resolved* :—

2.—That this Meeting, though not appointed for the express purpose of Establishing a Synod in this Island, nevertheless are of opinion that such Church Assemblies (when properly constituted) would be beneficial to the interests of the Church; and since Prince Edward Island is regarded as a separate Diocese, and that some steps should be taken for the future welfare of the Church, (considering its present position) this Meeting express their desire, that such steps be immediately taken by the several Parishes, "as will bring the matter to a speedy issue."

Moved by Hon. John Longworth, seconded by Rev. Joseph Forsythe, and *Resolved* :—

3.—That each Congregation do send one Delegate, (except Charlottetown which shall send three) to meet the Bishop, and report the opinions of the people, respecting the Synod, at a Meeting to be convened by his lordship; the election of such such Delegates, to take place prior to the Easter Meeting of 1867.

Moved by Hon. John Longworth, seconded by W. B. Buckerfield, Esq., *Resolved* :—

4.—That any Parish deciding in favor of the Synod, elect its Representatives to attend the first Synod.

Moved by the Rev. D. Fitzgerald, seconded by Rev. J. A. Richey, and *Resolved* :—

5.—That the new forms of Subscription as authorized by the revised Canons of the Church of England, be adopted. *Resolved* :—That the Declaration of the Constitution Principles, and Regulations of the Synod be the same, as those adopted in Nova Scotia.

Moved by the Ven. Archdeacon Read, seconded by the Rev. D. Fitzgerald, and unanimously *Resolved* :—