

In the last few weeks a conference has taken place between a representative of the Cathedral body and myself, which has led to an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned, and setting at rest sundry questions hitherto undecided. A series of statutes have been drawn up for future guidance, and have received the signatures of the Rector and Churchwardens of the Cathedral, as well as my own.

As these statutes are interesting, not merely to myself or to the Cathedral body, but to the whole Church of the Diocese, I will now read them.

These statutes are intended only to meet the question at issue between the Cathedral and myself, and are not intended, of course, to cover the whole ground of the Cathedral constitution. Additions can be made at any future time, should fresh complications arise needing solution. The Bishop's position in the Cathedral, which up to this time has been undefined, is now settled in a manner which claims my approval, and will not, I would fain hope, be again disturbed.

It is a cause of no little thankfulness to me that a dispute, which has prevailed for many months, and has caused very great anxiety to myself and others, has thus been happily and effectually closed. I am sure that you, my brethren, will share with me the joy which I feel in the attainment of this happy issue.

And now I commend you to the guiding Spirit of God. May your counsels be subject to His influence! May He animate, direct and control us in all we say and do! May we speak as His oracles, and may His love tincture every expression that we utter!

Remember, we meet here not to contend, but to confer; not always to gain our own point, but sometimes to yield it; not to compass any selfish end, but to promote the glory of God, and the welfare of our beloved Church; not to triumph over any man, but to defer to wise counsels wherever they are expressed.

I may, perhaps, be allowed to express a wish that a more strictly religious character should pervade our Synod meetings. The harsh and contentious spirit which once prevailed here has, I trust, for ever passed away; but there is still room for more of that chastened tone of piety which ought, I think, to mark an Assembly like this, which meets for the avowed purpose of promoting the spiritual well-being of the Church in this Diocese.

It was moved by Canon BANCROFT, seconded by the
CHANCELLOR:

That the report of the Executive Committee which was printed and circulated, be considered as read, and taken up for discussion to-morrow morning.—*Carried.*