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Calendar.

CALENDAR WITH LESSONS.

Date of Day	MORNING.	EVENING.
S. Aug. 2	88an. at Tru.	Kings 13, John 2, Kings 17, Heb. 6
M. 3	88an. at Tru.	Jerem. 33, Acts 1, Jerem. 31
T. 4	88an. at Tru.	87
W. 5	88an. at Tru.	88
Th. 6	88an. at Tru.	89
F. 7	88an. at Tru.	90
S. 8	88an. at Tru.	91
S. 9	88an. at Tru.	92
S. 10	88an. at Tru.	93
S. 11	88an. at Tru.	94

Poetry.

PRAYER FOR THOSE NEWLY ORDAINED.

THE fulness of thy love,
O Father, from above
All that our finite hearts can comprehend,
Be round about our way!
Guard them by night and day;
Thy choicest blessings to their spirits send.

Thy presence be their shield!
Their life, their all, they yield
A free-will offering, Saviour, at thy shrine.
Oh, let thy Spirit's power,
In every fearful hour,
Be theirs, to strengthen them with might divine.

Thy promises we claim,
In the Atoner's name,
For those whom thou hast called to plead for thee.
Oh, Thou that hearest prayer!
From each bewildering snare
Save them. Their Guide, their Friend, their Teacher be.

And bless us through their word:
And when the air was stirred
Even with a mighty rushing wind of old—
When they Thy love proclaim,
Let Pentecostal flame
From heaven, inspire with love each heart now cold.

Be with them when alone
They kneel before thy throne,
Pleading for grace and wisdom to fulfil
All that their Lord commands.
Then strengthen thou their hands:
Say to each doubt, each trembling thought, "Be still!"

Bid them on thee rely,
Give them the victory
In every conflict with the world's dark power.
Oh, let thy conquering arm
Be near to shield from harm
In every scene of life—in life's last hour!

In life's last hour, thy rod
And staff, O gracious God,
Be with them then to comfort and to save.
Let hymns of triumph ring—
O death, where is thy sting?
And where thy boasted victory, O grave?

So when the saints arise
To meet Thee in the skies
At thy appearing, Lord of earth and heaven,
Oh, be it theirs to say,
"Father of life we pray,
Here am I, with the souls whom thou hast given."
—Episcopal Recorder.

Religious Miscellany.

Toronto, July 10th, 1857.

LONDON, C. W., the scene of an event unparalleled in the annals of the English Church, is one of those places whose wondrous growth is the amazement of old country people. A very few years since, the site of this flourishing town was covered with the primeval forest. Now there are rows of splendid stores, handsome dwelling houses, and stately public buildings, that would be no discredit to its great English namesake. It is situate in the midst of one of the finest farming districts on the continent, between two arms of the river Thames, and is one of the chief stations of the Great Western Railroad. It is 125 miles Southwest of Toronto. The church is a handsome, substantial building of red brick, with stone cornices, and capable of holding upwards of 1200. It is possessed of an excellent chime of bells. In this sacred edifice, on Wednesday last, the 8th of the month, our venerable Bishop, "the elders, and the brethren," met for the purpose of choosing a man to fill the high and holy office of the episcopate, according to the primitive practice spoken of by Cyprian, "the testimony of the clergy and the suffrages of the people," or as another ancient writer describes the election of St. Chrysostom, "by the common vote of all, both clergy and laity." At 11 o'clock there was divine

service. The singing was excellent, the congregation generally joining in it, giving a lively idea of what congregational singing should be. The Rev. Mr. Holland, of Tyreconnel, preached from the following appropriate text, the 24th and 25th verses of the 1st chapter of Acts: "And they prayed and said, Thou Lord which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these twain Thou hast chosen, that he may take part in this ministry and Apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place; and they cast forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias." The sermon was very appropriate to the solemn occasion, and displayed much eloquence as well as research on the part of the preacher. Having shown the distinction between the apostolical and episcopal functions, he proceeded to illustrate from ecclesiastical history the various methods of selecting a man to fill the office of a Bishop. But the method of election was of minor importance. Consecration by the laying on of hands of other Bishops was indispensable before his recognition as a true successor of the Apostles. He then showed that in many parts of the Bible precepts had been laid down to guide the Church in the spirit in which she should proceed, and that history gave numerous precedents to show that the course now about to be pursued was consistent with the early practice of the church. He concluded by pointing out the scriptural requirements of a bishop, and urging that all those who were to take part in the election ought to rely for their guidance rather upon prayer than upon their own wisdom. The sermon was listened to with deep attention.

After the administering of the Holy Communion, his Lordship announced that he had appointed a committee to scrutinize the votes, but the Synod would meet at four o'clock to receive the report, and would then be further adjourned until 10 A. M., to-morrow. At four o'clock the clergy and delegates took their seats his lordship presiding—the body of the Church and the front seats of the gallery being filled with spectators, who manifested a very lively interest in the proceedings. The Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., read prayers. The roll of the clergy and lay delegates having been called, 43 clergymen and 71 delegates answered to their name. The Bishop then delivered his charge, of which the following is a synopsis:—

He congratulated the inhabitants of the new diocese upon their having made up the amount required for the new bishopric, and expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which, by the new act, it was decided that the election of a Bishop was to be carried on. All things having been thus arranged, they were now to proceed to their first election. He then went on to relate the mode in which the election was to be held; approving of the spirit which had, on one or two occasions, been manifested in the United States, in cases where, of two candidates one had a majority of the clergy, and the other of the laity; on which occasions, after two or three ballots, the laity usually gave way, believing that the clergy were most interested in the result, and were best qualified to judge as to who should be appointed. His lordship then alluded to the well known election of Dr. Wainwright, which was not decided until after nine ballots. He also alluded to the first election of a Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York, where the constitution of the Synod was similar to our own. He referred to these facts, as showing that no angry feeling had followed the result of the election, and showing also that the election of Bishops in the United States by the joint vote of the clergy and laity, had been attended with the happiest results to the Church generally. He had often, he remarked, pondered upon the proceedings of the 120 disciples, who met in an upper chamber to fill up the vacancy in the apostolic body, caused by the falling away of Judas, and he now called upon them to act in the same meek and prayerful spirit that these one hundred and twenty disciples did.

His lordship having concluded the Rev. Mr. Mack stated that he had been requested to state the wish felt by many of his friends, that the election should be allowed to proceed at once, as many delegates from the western part of the country were anxious to return home.

The Bishop said he could not consent to this. He was himself suffering from indisposition, but it would be unseemly to hurry proceedings of such vast importance.

Mr. Deedes, of Woodstock, seconded by Mr. Prince, then moved a resolution to the effect:

That in consequence of the great differences of opinion which have arisen, the Synod hereby express their deep conviction that it would be for the peace and welfare of the diocese, that an appointment should be made without actuation by the Synod, and that a committee be appointed, consisting of the Bishops of Toronto, Quebec, and Montreal, to select a proper party for the approval of her Majesty, and such selection this Convention pledges itself to accept and ratify without further meeting.

The Bishop (to Mr. Deedes). Unless your proposition was unanimously entertained, it would only lead to trouble. From the appearance of the assembly I think the best thing would be for you to withdraw, but we are willing to hear all your remarks.

Mr. Deedes said that before proceeding to the business of the Synod, it would be well for them to ascertain the resolution, which was a proposition of peace, and would have the effect of doing away with the excitement which had been stirred up by this contest. He felt satisfied that such a proposition would be received with welcome. They had almost unanimously come to the conclusion that the Bishop should be selected from among the clergymen of the country, and no doubt the bishops to whom they proposed to refer the matter would respect that wish—they had always been accustomed to receive the decisions of his lordship as law in all matters of dispute, and why should they not do so in this case? He brought forward this proposition as tending to secure peace, and give them a freedom from the strife which had unhappily arisen. He again read the resolution, which was received with loud cries of "no, no!"

Mr. Lawrence Lawrason would not have come forward if he had not felt himself able to show the Synod that the proposition was utterly impracticable. (Applause.) When the subscription for raising the funds for the new Diocese, under the Bishop's written directions, was first started, the Committee decided that the subscriptions should be raised upon the express condition that they should only be payable on the election of a Bishop by the clergy and laity of the Diocese. (Cheers.) The mortgages and securities in the funds were taken upon that condition; and as Treasurer and Secretary, he held them in trust for that purpose, and the contributors had power to recall their subscriptions if the Bishop was not appointed according to the assigned conditions. Mr. Lawrason then read the heading of the subscription list, which contained these words, "Upon the express understanding that the clergy and the laity shall be permitted to elect their own Bishop."

His Lordship was of opinion that the resolution had better be withdrawn, and the election allowed to go on quietly, as at first proposed. The proposition, although a good one, would not have the effect of securing peace. He had no anticipation that any ill-feeling would follow the result of the election, and he thought it should be allowed to proceed. (Cheers.) They could not get through life without meeting some difficulties, and in all such cases he had been accustomed to throw himself upon the good feelings of his people, and he trusted that in this case he would not be disappointed. (Cheers.)

Mr. Deedes then withdrew the motion. The Synod was then adjourned until ten o'clock, on Thursday.

It was extremely difficult to say this first day which of the two candidates, Dr. Bethune or Dr. Cronyn, was most likely to be successful. The friends of each party were equally sanguine of success. Some, however, were of opinion that Dr. Cronyn had a majority of the laity, and Dr. Bethune of the clergy. Great excitement prevailed as may naturally be expected, but it was restrained within decorous bounds.

The Synod met, according to notice, at 10 A. M. The clergy took their seats on the right of the church, and the lay delegates upon the left—arranged according to their respective parishes.—Prayers were then read by the Rev. Dr. Evans, of Simcoe.