

## APPENDIX A.

## Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30th April, 1877.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows :

Three matters were referred to the Committee for consideration during the past year, viz.:

- I. The proposed alteration in the Constitution in regard to the Standing Committees of Synod.
- II. To provide for a Diocesan Conference in the evenings of each Session of the Synod.
- III. To present a list of names of members to serve on Standing Committees of Synod.

1. In considering the best mode of dealing with the question of re-constructing the Standing Committees, your Committee took as their guide the relative numbers of the members of the Synod as at present constituted, and as it stood before the Diocese of Niagara was separated. These they found to be as nearly as possible two-thirds to one. They therefore have endeavored so to re-construct the Committees as to reduce the number of them in a similar ratio; and while doing so, they do not think that they have in any wise detracted from the efficient working of the Synod.

At present the Standing Committees comprise 125 members. They propose to reduce these members to 81, to be distributed among the Committees, re-organized, as set forth in Appendix A<sup>1</sup> attached to this Report.

Your Committee recommend that no member should serve on more than one of the Committees mentioned in clauses II., III., IV., and V. of said Appendix A<sup>1</sup>.

As a saving of expense was urged as a reason for the re-construction of the Standing Committees, your Committee would recommend that the number of meetings in the year should be reduced from four to two, viz. May and November: by thus reducing the number of members and the times of meeting, it is calculated that the expense at present incurred would be reduced to about one-half.

2. Your Committee have done their best to carry out the instructions of the Synod, directing them to make arrangements for the holding of a Diocesan Conference during the session of Synod. The matter was of necessity referred to a Sub-Committee which encountered at the last moment serious and unlooked for difficulties. Arrangements, however, have been made for the meeting of the Conference and the reading of papers followed by discussion, on the evenings of Wednesday the 20th, Thursday the 21st, and Friday the 22nd: the evening of Tuesday the 19th being, at the instance of the Lord Bishop, left vacant in view of a reception which his Lordship proposes to give on that evening.

3. In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Synod in June 1876 your Committee present as part of their Report the list of names set forth in Appendix A<sup>2</sup>, recommended by them to serve on the several Standing Committees for the ensuing year.

Referring to the resolution adopted by the Synod last year on the subject of the reduction of the expenses of the Synod Office in proportion to the reduction of the income of the Synod by the erection of the Diocese of Niagara, your Committee recommend that the sum of \$400 per annum be allowed to the Secretary-Treasurer for the payment of an Accountant and Messenger, instead of \$200 for each of those Officers. As the division of funds between the Dioceses of Toronto and Niagara was not carried out as soon as was expected (it not being in fact yet completed) your Committee postponed taking action on the above resolution until the 1st May last, on which day the proposed reduction took effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON, *Chairman.*

SYNOD OFFICE, June 8th, 1877.