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GENERAL SYNOD

Conclusion of Business transacted at the General Synod.

EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

At 10 o'clock on Friday the proceedings of the House of Delegates were opened with prayer by the Prolocutor.

On motion of Mr. Matthew Wilson, seconded by Mr. Charles Jenkins, a motion of which notice had been given by Mr. A. H. Dymond, relating to the enlargement of the diocesan representation in the General Synod, was referred to the joint committee on constitution, order of proceedings, and rules of order.

A resolution was passed on motion of Canon O'Meara, seconded by Judge Hannington, deploring the increase of the evils of gambling throughout the Dominion, and in every way discountenancing this practice.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Gilroy, seconded by Archdeacon Fortin, it was resolved that the Synod urge upon the postmaster general the early granting of the prayer of the memorial of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land adopted in August, 1896, asking for increased postal facilities in the northern Dioceses of Athabasca, Moosonee and Mackenzie River.

The Prolocutor appointed the following committees.

On lay help and organization—Messrs. J. G. King, convener; Matthew Wilson, Chas. Jenkins, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Rev. J. C. Farthing, Rev. J. C. Roper, Rev. Dr. Langtry and Dr. Hencker.

On revision of the ordinal for deacons—Rev. Dr. Clark, Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Roe, Rev. J. C. Farthing, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Mr. Matthew Wilson and Mr. Charles Jenkins, convener.

A motion by Canon O'Meara, seconded by Dean Partridge, on the relations of substitutes to original delegates, was referred to the committee on constitution and rules of order.

Archdeacon Dixon, seconded by Archdeacon Houston, brought up a motion for the adoption of a statement included, showing the great advancement made by the Church of England in removing obstacles which had deterred their separated brethren from joining their communion. The mover referred particularly to declarations formerly required, of assent and consent to all that is in the prayer book, and the thirty-nine articles. On motion of Canon Von Island, seconded by Chancellor Walkem, the matter was referred to the committee on union.

A resolution of congratulation to the Bishops of Niagara and Qu'Appelle on their recent elevation to the Episcopate, was unanimously adopted on motion of Mr. Thomas Gilroy, seconded by Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines.

The House of Bishops sent down a resolution for a joint committee to carry into effect the scheme of a missionary society of the Church; Their Lordships named the Bishops of Nova Scotia and Ottawa as their members of the committee. The question was laid over, as the action on the scheme was not yet completed.

The House of Bishops announced its nomination of the following standing committees on the education and training of candidates for holy orders. Eastern section, the Bishops of Montreal, Fredericton, Ottawa, Nova Scotia, central section, the Archbishop of Rupert's Land and the Bishop of Qu'Appelle; western section, the Bishops of Columbia and New Westminster.

The Upper House had also appointed on the standing committee on the interdiocesan and provincial relations with respect to beneficiary funds; Eastern section, the Bishops of Fredericton, Niagara, Huron; Central Section, the Bishops of Athabasca, and Qu'Appelle; Western Section, the Bishops of Columbia and New Westminster.

The Upper House concurred in the action on the educational work of the Church, advised that the committee be divided into three sections; and appointed as its members on the joint committee, Eastern Section