

in this respect more closely to primitive usage, they recommend to the Synod that, in the event of a vacancy of the See, or the erection of a new See within the limits of the present Diocese of Toronto, the Bishops of the Province of Canada be requested to present the names of three clergymen to the Synod of the Diocese in question, of whom the clergy and laity in Synod assembled shall be called upon to elect one as Bishop of the said Diocese. That this recommendation be not understood necessarily to apply to the case of the first election of a Bishop in the new diocese to be formed in the eastern part of the present Diocese of Toronto. That if after ballots no election shall have taken place, the Bishops shall be requested to present a second time the same number of names. That the Canon of the Synod, (Section 1, paragraph 9,) be amended in such a way as to bring it into conformity with the change proposed.

In speaking of the report, Mr. Whitaker adverted to the solemn importance of the election of one who was to rule over them. He took up the recommendations of the committee, answering the objections that have been or are likely to be brought against the alteration of the canon for the election of a Bishop. The plan was not a temporary expedient, but one which was intended to become the law in time to come. He mentioned that it was not recommended unanimously by the committee, and he believed that more than one of those who formed the minority would state their reasons for dissent. He was glad that he was privileged to bring it forward, and he was sure that in looking to the solemn task which it would be their duty at some time to exercise within this Diocese, he hoped that nothing would occur to mar the peace and friendship of the Diocese, but that by the operation of this rule, if adopted, the work would be accomplished in the spirit which it should become them to bear. He moved the adoption of the report.

An animated discussion followed as to primitive custom, and its applicability to the present time.

The Lord Bishop in closing it testified to the great benefit he had derived from the various speakers, and with respect to the plan adopted at the election of the Bishopric of Huron, he said it was the best that could be devised at the time; however objectionable it was, the people would see the propriety of acting conscientiously on it. He believed it would become more perfect, and that individuals would approve themselves worthy of the trust. He would not advocate a change at present. He might not live to see it, but he thought the election would become purer, a greater degree of impartiality would prevail, and why should we not expect the same consequences among ourselves. Give the law a fair trial, and if it would not be found to answer, then amend it. Let us endeavour as far as is in our power to mitigate the evil, and trust to God for the fruits. The future Bishops might effect much by holding their duty above all other considerations.

The Report of the Committee was then put and lost, the effect of this decision being to leave the election entirely in the hands of the Synod.

The Synod met again at eight o'clock.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, "That in the congregations of the diocese, the offertory taken up on Christmas-day every year shall be devoted to the use of the Incumbent of that congregation."

The motion was cordially agreed to.

A series of resolutions was moved by Dr. BOVELL, seconded by the Rev. W. S. DARLING, for the establishment of a Diocesan Board of Missions, to which all payments for the support of clergy should be made, and from which all the clergy should receive their stipends.

Dr. BOVELL supported the resolutions in a very able speech. He reviewed the history of the Church in Canada, and the changes which had altered her position from being a Church supported by the State to one self-supporting, and which had to look for her existence and her diffusion to the people within her fold. He drew a short but startling picture of the condition of the missionaries, the poor provision for their labours; and nothing to look to when they are worn out in the service of God. He went into a long and lucid explanation of the mode in which it was intended the Board should carry on its operations. It was no new organization. The present means were quite sufficient, only they wanted stimulating. It was merely the appointment of a committee within the Church Society to manage the missions alone.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, seconded by Mr. DENISON, "That the resolutions on the subject of the Board of Missions be referred to the committee to whom was referred the motions on the incorporation of the Synod, and that the Church Society be requested to appoint a committee to co-operate with this Committee of Synod, and that the resolutions of such joint committee, on being approved of by the Church Society, shall be the resolutions of the Synod, and be acted upon and reported at the next meeting of Synod."

Mr. Cameron's resolution was adopted.

Dr. BOVELL moved the adoption of a petition to Her Majesty the Queen, for the preservation of the Book of Common Prayer in its present state.

Dr. LEIT seconded the adoption of the petition, which was carried.

Mr. R. B. DENISON moved, "That this Committee be respectfully requested to cause the report of the Commutation Trust Committee to be laid upon the table, and printed."

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON suggested that it would not be advisable to print the report, but there could be no difficulty in laying it upon the table.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON brought up a motion, "That His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese be authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Synod, to take such measures as he shall consider necessary to carry out the object proposed by the address of the Synod during its last session, in the appointment of a Metropolitan, with a view to the assembling of the Provincial Synod during the present year."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and carried.

On motion of Mr. DIMSDALE, it was resolved that petitions respecting education, similar to those presented last year, be again drawn up by the Synod, and presented to both branches of the legislature.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Denroche, and carried.

THIRD DAY.

After divine service in St. George's Church, a meeting of the Church Society was held for a few moments, in order to give the Secretary of the Society an opportunity of laying some resolutions before the meeting, which it was necessary should now be brought up. The resolutions were with reference to the Board of Missions, and the appointment of a committee of thirteen for the purpose of taking up the resolutions on the formation of such a Board, and to devise measures for the best way in which the Board could co-operate with the committee appointed by the Synod for the same object.

The resolutions were carried.

The meeting of the Society was then adjourned till the close of the Synod.

The unfinished business of the Synod was then taken up, when the Clerical Secretary read the report of the Commutation Trust Fund. The several investments yield an aggregate income of £14,598 3s. 6d.; while the charges on the fund for the current year are estimated at £14,300, leaving a surplus of income over expenditure of £298 3s. 6d., which is at the disposal of His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, under the bye-law of the Society in that behalf.

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON moved, "That the Committee on the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, be instructed to report the address to a special meeting of the Synod, which His Lordship the Bishop be requested to call for that purpose, in order to its presentation to His Royal Highness."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. P. B. DE BLAQUIERE, and carried.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN brought up and read the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the getting up a collection of Psalms and Hymns for the Worship of congregations. Some discussion took place on the wording of certain hymns, when the Rev. Dr. Beaven moved that the report be received, and the book sent down to the Provincial Synod to be reported on by their Lordships the Bishops of Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, in bringing up the Report of the Music Committee, read a suggestion which he wished embodied in a resolution, "That the Committee on Church Music, in order to meet the present requirements of Choirs and Music classes, publish a neat and cheap collection of Psalms and Hymn Tunes and chants, embracing such metres as are likely to be required for any collection of Psalms and Hymns, so that the same be done without expense to the Synod, and that with a view thereto they shall add to their number such members of the Synod as they shall understand to be acquainted with Church Music, and other competent professional persons."

It was seconded by Mr. SIMPSON, of Kingston, and carried.

The Rev. Dr. LEIT moved that the committee appointed be requested to revise the assessment of parishes. Seconded by the Rev. Dr. FULLER and carried.

Colonel O'BRIEN moved, that his Lordship the Bishop be requested to set apart, both in seed time and harvest, a day for the purpose of more especially asking the Divine blessing on the labors of the husbandmen; and that he will appoint suitable prayers to be then read in addition to the ordinary service of the day.

The Rev. Dr. FULLER cordially seconded the resolution.

The Bishop stated that he would gladly recommend the same, but he had not the authority of appointing days of thanksgiving imperatively. If altered to suit this view, he would gladly put it to the Synod, which was done and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. FULLER brought forward the resolution, of which notice had been given, that the report of the Committee on Discrepancies in the Celebration of Divine Service be adopted.

The alterations proposed in the report was the subject of considerable discussion. It was agreed by most of the speakers that some uniform method of worship should be adopted, as the diversity in the details were often a matter of disagreement between the clergymen and their congregations.

The Rev. E. E. DEWAR moved in amendment, that the report be laid on the table, and that his lordship be requested to call the attention to such of the points contained in it as may seem to him necessary.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN seconded the amendment, which was adopted.

Professor WILSON, of University College, submitted the report of a committee to inquire into the question of administering religious instruction to prisoners and the inmates of asylums, &c. The committee respectfully submitted the propriety of bringing the case before the attention of the Legislature and of local boards, the necessity of providing a duly qualified chaplain to superintend the