

ex-officio members of the Synod, with full power to exercise their membership individually by vote or otherwise.

Rev. E. H. DEWAR.—That the alterations in the by-law respecting the management of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund passed by the Church Society in November last, be confirmed by the Synod.

Rev. Dr. LETT.—That the assessment of parishes for the next year be reduced 25 per cent. on the assessment for the present year.

Rev. H. MULKINS.—That the Clerical and Lay Delegates in the Diocese of Ontario to the Provincial Synod, are hereby appointed a Committee to draft and present an address to Dr. Lewis, on his arrival at Kingston, after his consecration. The Ven. Archdeacon, Chairman: Thomas Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chairman, and the mover Secretary. The said Committee to have power to add to its numbers, and to make arrangements for the due and becoming reception of their bishop

Rev. Dr. LETT.—That he will move the Synod to appoint a Committee to consider and report on the most appropriate mode of expressing our good wishes for the new Diocese of Kingston.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS.

Rev. Dr. BEAVEN on behalf of the Ven. Arch. of York, moved the adoption of the Rules, Constitution, and By-laws of the Synod, according to the report adopted at the last session of the Synod, with the exception of Article I., Title I., which he moved, seconded by Dr. Bovell, be now amended, as follows:—

“Instead of ‘Clergy of the same licensed to the Cure of Souls,’ read ‘Priests and Deacons of the same licensed by the Lord Bishop.’”

MOTIONS.

Rev. Dr. PATTON moved the adoption of the Report of Committee on Parsonages.—*Recommended.* The Synod shortly after six o'clock adjourned till eight.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod assembled at eight o'clock.

Hon J. H. CAMERON moved.—That so much of the canon of Synod introducing the English Church Discipline Act as relates to the 21th section of that act be repealed, and that the Bishop of the Diocese shall exercise all the powers conferred by that act, notwithstanding that he may be the patron of any benefice which may be effected by any proceedings taken under that act.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, and *Carried.*

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Moved by Wm. B. SIMPSON, Esq., seconded by the Rev. E. H. DEWAR, that the following reports on amendments to constitution be adopted:

That the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th clauses of the Constitution as amended at the last meeting of the Synod be altered and amended to read as follows:

Clause 2.—The Lay Representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing of the full age of twenty-one years. They shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings, held by each minister having a separate cure of souls, immediately after the transaction of the parochial business by the Vestry, and all Laymen within the cure, of twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have declared themselves in writing in a book provided for such purpose by the parish, to be members of the Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination, shall have the right of voting at such election; provided, however, that in no case shall the declaration be made in said book except in the presence of the meeting, and

immediately before the election at Easter, or at such other elections as are hereinafter provided for.

Clause 3rd.—The minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election, and in his absence the curate or assistant minister, or in case neither of them are present, a chairman elected by a majority of the meeting. It shall be the duty of the chairman to cause a poll book to be opened for the election, if required to do so by three or more duly qualified electors

Clause 6th.—If any Lay Representative is elected for more than one parish, he shall within one week after receiving notice thereof select the parish for which he intends to sit and vote, and shall signify the same to the Secretaries of the Synod, who shall at once notify the minister of the other parish or parishes for which such representative shall have been elected; and thereupon such minister shall proceed to call a new election by giving due notice thereof on two consecutive Sundays, such new election to take place within fifteen days from the receipt of the notification from the Secretary of the Synod. And in the event of the erection of a new parish or cure, or of a vacancy occurring in the number of representatives of any parish or cure, either by death or otherwise, the minister of the said parish or cure shall in like manner and within the same period proceed to hold a new election to fill such vacancy, and the voters at the last election shall be entitled to vote at such new election without further registration.

Moved by Mr. CAMERON, seconded by Mr. DENISON.—That the canon proposed by Mr. Simpson be referred to a committee to be composed of the Rev. E. H. DEWAR, and Messrs. Simpson and R. A. Harrison.—*Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Dr. LETT, seconded by the Rev. T. S. KENNEDY.—That the Clerical List of the Diocese of Ontario be adopted as part of the Clerical Members of this Synod to the Provincial Synod. The names were read over.—*Carried.*

Moved by J. BOVELL, M.D., seconded by R. B. DENISON.—That the Lay List of the Diocese of Ontario be adopted as part of the Lay Members of this Synod to the Provincial Synod. The names were read over.—*Carried.*

Rev. Dr. LETT moved, seconded by Mr. SIMPSON.—That the Synod do proceed to the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod forthwith.—*Carried.*

The Synod then proceeded to ballot for twelve clerical and twelve lay delegates to the Provincial Synod from the Diocese of Toronto.

Clerical.—Dr. Beaven, the Archdeacon of York, Dr. Fuller, Provost G. Whitaker, M.A., Rev. S. Givins, Rev. E. Denroche, M.A., Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. E. H. Dewar, M.A., Rev. H. Holland, M.A., Rev. Dr. Lett, Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., Rev. T. S. Kennedy.

Lay.—Hon. J. H. Cameron, D.C.L., Hon. G. W. Allan, J. Bovell, M.D., S. B. Harman, B.C.L., Hon. J. Patton, T. C. Street, C. J. Campbell, R. B. Denison, J. W. Gamble, Hon. Geo. Boulton, Judge Boswell, E. G. O'Brien.

The Synod then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 2nd, 1861.

The members of the Synod and Church Society assembled at St. George's Church at 10 a.m., for divine worship.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Roe, of Quebec, and the lessons by the Rev. Mr. Jacobs, Indian Missionary.

The Church Society having concluded its business, the Synod re-assembled at two o'clock.

Rev. Dr. BEAVEN moved that the report of the committee on church music be adopted, and that the committee be re-appointed. He stated that

since yesterday evening the names of a number of additional subscribers to the collection of tunes, &c., proposed to be published, had been received, and that only 400 names were now wanting to enable the committee to undertake the publication of the work themselves, furnishing it to subscribers at 25cts. He hoped the work would be published in September.

The motion was agreed to.

ADDRESS TO THE BISHOP.

A delegation from the Diocese of Ontario presented the following address to the Bishop. The address was read by the Rev. Hanibal Mulkins, the members of the Synod standing.

To the Honourable and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—

The clergy and laity of the proposed Diocese of Ontario embrace the opportunity of this, probably, your Lordship's last official visit, to express the veneration and love which they entertain towards you, their high appreciation of your ability, and success in your episcopal duties, and their regret at the severance of those ties that for so long a period have bound them together as a portion of the Lord's Vineyard under your oversight.

Providence has graciously granted to your Lordship a long and useful life, a vigorous old age, and has given you to see more than ordinarily falls to the lot of even bishops. “The work of the Lord prospers in your hand.”

Your Lordship has had the happiness to behold the Church rising up from infancy to manly proportions and maturity, and the honour of contributing largely to its success and prosperity. “The little one has become a thousand and the small one a great nation.” Spiritually, not less than literally, you have seen “the wilderness budding and blossoming as the rose.” Your Lordship has witnessed the rapid increase of Bishops, Parishes, and Clergymen, multiplying by hundreds, and the laity by hundreds of thousands, in this now happy and prosperous country, which, when your Lordship first set foot upon its shores, was almost wholly a wilderness. Such and so great has been the growth of God's church amongst us, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Under your Lordship's oversight, our children have been received into Christ's church, our youth have solemnly been confirmed therein, and our clergy have been called and ordained to preach the word of life and administer the sacraments of God to his people. It is, then, Right Rev. Father in God, no ordinary regret that penetrates all hearts with sorrow, that your Lordship is amongst us as our bishop for the last time, and, most of all, that officially at least, we shall see your face no more.

Our regret, however, is not without mixture of joy. It is matter of gratitude to Almighty God that the Church has become so prosperous and its numbers so large as to require an additional Bishop; that your Lordship is about to be relieved from the great labour of overseeing this new diocese, far from your residence, and containing nearly sixty Clergymen and Parishes of the Church, and a membership of seventy-thousand souls.

The History of the Church is the record of God's special providence over His people, and is full of comfort for the future. Our hope is, that the same Providence that has prospered us in the past may attend us in the future, and vouchsafe that the mantle of your Lordship may fall upon your successor, already chosen by the Church, and soon to be consecrated for this new See, that God who is always gracious, who sometimes hides His face in clouds and darkness, who