

This was followed by a discussion on the appointment of a Day of General Thanksgiving for the harvest.

The Bishop intimated that he intended conferring with other bishops of the Province, who were soon to meet in Ottawa, upon the subject, and if no united action was taken, he would himself appoint a day.

The Rev. R. Lewis then delivered a speech on *The Separate School System* (Appendix I.)

A short discussion followed, until the chairman pronounced it out of order, as the first subject to be taken up was the *Burial Service*.

After many of the clergy had expressed views generally favorable to that advocated in the Paper, the Bishop said that he wished for a special Burial Service for persistent non-communicants, as they were *ipso facto* excommunicated.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p. m., when evening prayer was sung by Rev. G. N. Higginson and Rev. W. Roberts.

FRIDAY, October 25.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. by Revds. C. P. Emery, G. C. Robinson, and A. Jarvis.

At 10, the Litany was sung by Rev. E. P. Crawford. Immediately after, the Lord Bishop took the chair.

Several of the clergy had left for their parishes, about thirty only being present.

The subject of *Free Churches* was first taken up, but as there was almost unanimity in favor of Churches being wholly free, the discussion turned chiefly on the various modes of obtaining a revenue by means of the offertory, envelope system, &c. His Lordship, in summing up, said, that a practical suggestion had been made, which met a difficulty in churches where envelopes were used, namely, that on the days of special collections, no envelopes should be allowed to be put on the plates.

In connection with this subject the Bishop stated, that although he had not applied for a grant this year from the S. P. G., the Society had given £200 sterling to the Diocese,