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rite of laying on of hands, now called con- firmation, was early a doctrine of the Church, and we have two instances of the administration of the rite recorded in the Acts. The first we find in the eighth chap- ter, where we read that, "when tidings came to the Apostles who were gathered together at Jerusalem that the people of Samaria had received the word" at the preaching of Philip the deacon, "they sent two of their number, Peter and John, who when they were come down prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." And again in the 19th chapter, we read that "Paul found certain disciples at Ephesus, on whom, after they had been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus, he laid his hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost." Thus we have accounts of the practice, based upon this doctrine in the Apostolic church, extending back almost to the time of our Saviour's Ascension, and most prob- ably in accordance with His instructions, delivered to His disciples after His resur- rection. The Church had continued this rite down to the present time, and it was in this rite they had now participated. He trusted they had now come forward with a full sense of the privileges and responsi- bilities of their profession. At their bap- tism they had promised to renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh, to believe all the articles of the Christian faith and to keep God's holy will and commandments all the days of their life. That promise they had now renewed. They were then made members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the king- dom of heaven. As His children, they were privileged to approach Him in prayer, and to enter His house and join in the prayers and praises of His faithful people there assembled, and he knew of no better way of approaching Him than through His ordinance of the Lord's Supper, of which, by a rule of the Church, they were now privileged to partake. "I trust that you have come here," he said, "with a firm trust in the grace of God, with a full sense of another life after this one is ended, and that that life will have no end. Souls are as precious now to Christ as they were when He lived on earth. He has commanded you to come to Him. If you come in full faith trusting in Him, He will receive you into everlasting life; but if you come without any intention of forsaking your sins, then you will be lost forever. You must frequently and diligently examine your past lives, which cannot be done at a better time than just before you lie down in your beds, carefully reviewing the past day, showing repentance for the sins you have committed, and faith- fully resolving with the grace of God to resist temptation for the future." His Lordship concluded a very able address with an earnest exhortation to them to live up to the profession they had now made.

After the offertory, hymn 270, "Soldiers of Christ arise," &c., was very heartily and effectively sung; after which the Bishop gave the Benediction and the congregation dispersed. Thus was brought to a close a day which will no doubt be long remem- bered by those who took any part in either of the services at the churches of these two young parishes. We particularly noticed the distinctness with which the alternate verses were read by the choirs, and the care which had evidently been taken to bring out the true meaning of the words said or sung in the psalms or canticles. It may truly be said of these parishes "to the poor the gospel is preached."—*Con.*

# OPENING OF SYNOD.

In the afternoon the Synod assembled at 2:30.

On the right of the Bishop were Arch- deacon Wilson and Dean Grassett, and on his left, Archdeacon Whitaker and Arch- deacon M'Murray.

The following is a list of the Clergy and Lay delegates present whose names appear in the book prepared for the purpose.

*Clergy:*—Rev. Messrs. T. W. Allen, W. C. Allen, A. J. Broughall, H. Brent, J. McLean Ballard, S. Briggs, J. G. Baylis, John Burkett, T. Ball, C. R. Bell, W. C. Bradshaw, E. H. Cole, W. H. Clarke, H. D. Cooper, W. S. Checkley, W. M. Clarke, J. D. Cayley, Jas. W. Davis, John David- son, W. Stewart Darling, W. R. Foster, T. J. S. Groves, Richard E. Greene, Richard H. Harris, James H. Harris, John A. Hannah, B. S. Hosken, Geo. Horlock, Wm. Jones—Prof. Trinity College, Sep- timus Jones, Wm. Jupp, W. Henry Jones, C. C. Johnson, Pt. Perry, L. H. Kirkby, George Ledingham, J. Langtry, Dr. Lett, Edward Morgan, J. Middleton, C. H. Mockridge, Chas. R. Matthew, J. H. Mc- Collum, H. B. Owen, Canon Osler, John Pearson, Chas. W. Paterson, J. W. Pater- son, Canon Ritchie, Alex. Sanson, W. S. Stannett, A. Stewart, Francis Tremayne, Philip Tocque, Geo. T. Taylor, A. G. L. Trew, Johnston Vicars, A. Williams, J. Walker, W. Henry Wadleigh.

*Lay Delegates:*—Messrs. G. W. Anan, T. A. Agar, Philip Armstrong, J. R. Arm- strong, Robt. Baldwin, John Ballinger, F. A. Ball, F. D. Barwick, Thos. Batting, Col. D. E. Boulton, A. R. Boswell, Edward Bowen, Howard Bovell, J. L. Bronsdon, Geo. W. Buckland, Chas. Bromham, E. J. Burk, A. Cameron, James Cameron, A. H. Campbell, Thos. Campbell, C. J. Campbell, Jno. Catto, M. Chafee, John R. Cart- wright, John Cooper, Robert Cotton, John Cowan, Marcellus Crombie, J. F. Cross, F. W. Cumberland, Wm. Curry, Col. R. B. Denison, Capt. F. C. Denison, John Dennis, P. H. Dixon, R. Dunbar, Wm. Duncan, Anthony Eastwood, Wm. Elliott, Charles Fuller, Thos. Fielding, Joseph Fletcher, George Gamble, Clarke Gamble, W. Gamble, John Gillespie, George E. Gilles- pie, A. R. Gordon, G. M. Goodeve, C. H. Greene, C. H. Grierson, James Graham, J. H. Hodgins, Edgar Hallan, H. A. Har- vey, G. B. Harman, J. Holgate, A. McLean Howard, Jas. Henderson, J. B. Holland, Wm. Ince, T. H. Ince, J. T. Jones, Clark- son Jones, J. Jackson, R. Johnston, J. H. Knight, Jas. Langtry, Wm. Long, W. Magrath, Harry Moody, H. W. M. Mur- ray, W. J. McCleary, H. S. Northrop, E. F. Oates, W. T. O'Reilly, P. Paterson, W. A. Parlans, Jas. Pepler, Henry Pellat, Geo. Pringle, Wm. Plummer, D. B. Read, W. B. Read, W. M. Read, R. Z. Rogers, H. P. Savigny, Robt. Sewell, Major Shaw, Geo. A. Shaw, Thos. Shortiss, Geo. Sis- son, J. C. Tarbutt, W. Taylor, H. Thompson, C. Thompson, G. F. A. Tice, G. F. Timms, N. Tully, Henry Turner, R. Tynobitt, Jno. J. Vickers, Chas. Unwin, John Watson, Matthew Western, Joseph Wilson, Prof. Wilson, S. G. Wood, Elias Wood, James Young, J. W. Young.

The court on contested seats was ap- pointed by the Bishop, consisting of S. B. Harman, Esq., J. K. Kerr, Esq., Jas. Hen- derson, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. Sanson and Logan.

## THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:

We have to-day come to the renewal of our duties and responsibilities as the Syn- od of the Diocese; and I trust that all are fully persuaded of their importance and gravity.

## OBITUARY.

A year cannot be expected to pass with- out the loss of some who have earnestly and efficiently united with us in the dis- charge of these duties; and on this oc- casion, I have to read to you the name of one, who was long a zealous and useful member of our body,—the REVEREND DR. BEAVEN. He came to this country early in the year 1843, as Professor of Divinity in King's College in this city: the duties of which office he faithfully discharged until the suppression of that Institution in 1850. Upon this disheartening event in our pro- vincial ecclesiastical history, it is not necessary or advisable that I should dwell. Although transferred to another sphere of educational work, it is well known what a hearty and assiduous share Dr. Beaven took in every project for advancing the interests of the Church in this Diocese; and how steadily he devoted himself to practical ministerial work, wherever the opportunity was offered, in or out of this city. In the immediate neighbourhood of this city two churches were built through his efforts, and a parish organized which has ever since had its regular services. In another direction, north of this city, he formed two congregations, and succeeded in having two churches built; and these for many years have become part of a large and prosperous parish. All know, too, that while his ministerial services were thus earnest and persevering, his life was an exemplary one. Devout, un- assuming, single-minded, and without guile, he died as he had lived, full of faith and peace.

We have also to lament the death, very recent and unexpected, of another presby- ter in this Diocese, rich in good works for Christ, and of unblemished life—the Rev. EDMUND BALDWIN. Ordained in 1849, he entered vigorously upon his ministerial duties. These, with the exception of a few months at Niagara as assistant to the In- cumbent, were discharged in this city in connection with the Cathedral Church of St. James. He was an earnest and impres- sive preacher; but it was in his daily, quiet pastoral work that he was most effective and engaging. At the bedside of the sick, and in converse with the suffering and sorrowing, none could be more sympath- etic than he; none touched more tenderly and successfully those sensibilities which needed to be soothed or invigorated. He differed from many of his brethren in his theological views, but he was always cour- teous and kindly in his intercourse with them—never allowing it to be felt or thought that he condemned what he did not approve. His Christian philanthropy was a comprehensive and expansive one; and he honoured sincerity and zeal in work for Christ, even in those who he believed pursued it in an irregular direction. His cheerful disposition and bright geniality endeared him to all classes and all persuasions; and no one was ever borne to the grave with a larger company of genuine mourners.

## STATISTICS.

We have experienced during the past year, the usual transitions in respect to the loss and gain of clergymen, by removal on the one hand and immigration on the other. During this period four have left us, one for the neighbouring Diocese of Niagara, one for the United States, and two for England. There have come to us during that period, five from the Diocese of Niagara, one from Huron, one from Montreal, one from New Brunswick, and one from Ontario,—being nine in all.

Since the last meeting of Synod, I have held four ordinations; three in this city and one in the town of Barrie. At these, five were admitted Deacons, and seven