

deceased Prelate, expressed publicly and privately their determination not to join in the transaction of business. Finally, after appointing a committee to prepare an expression of condolence to the family of the deceased Prelate, the House determined to adjourn from Friday evening till Monday at 10 o'clock.

On Friday morning, the Prolocutor having taken the chair, memorials were read from the diocese of Toronto assembled in Synod on the subject of ritual innovations, and on the restoration of discipline with regard to the use of the Burial Service over persons dying in unrepented sin. This memorial deprecates any change being made in the service itself, and looks for the proper remedy in a distinct enunciation of the offences, which shall cause the service to be omitted, and the passing a canon prohibiting the clergy from using it in such cases. Mr. C. J. Brydges then read a petition from Montreal against Ritualism, wherein he specially attacked the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario for introducing Roman forms and observances, and teaching doctrines repugnant to the Church of England. Mr. Harman also read memorials from the members of the Church in Toronto, expressing their belief that the Provincial Synod, as being the Synod of a Church which, as existing within the civil and political limits of the empire, is an integral portion of the catholic Church within the realm of England, has no power to vary or repeal the decrees of that Church, nor can, as regards doctrine or worship, act in entire independence of that body without an approximation to schism. Both memorials, one from the clergy and lay delegates, and the other from certain undersigned members of the Church, deprecate any rule or canon being enacted which would restrain the comprehensive spirit of the Church, or introduce a change into the book of Common Prayer.

These and other memorials were referred to a committee. The Synod then passed a resolution welcoming the proposal which came to them through Col. Lowry from the Synod of Nova Scotia for union with the Provincial Synod of Canada, and afterwards adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock.

On Saturday, at 3 p.m., the funeral of the late Lord Bishop of Montreal took place; the ceremony was of a strictly private character.

On Monday, the committee to which had been referred the memorials on Ritualism, reported and advised that, in consequence of the principal positions of the ritualists having been made the subject of ecclesiastical trials in England, no action in the matter should be taken until the course taken in the mother country could be ascertained, but that in the meantime application should be made to the Bishops to issue a pastoral letter enjoining an adherence to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

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