

judgment. Let us now betake ourselves to the performance of the exalted duty committed to our charge, with hearts uplifted to God, and implore the assistance of His Holy Spirit, to direct us in the unbiassed discharge of the high trust reposed in us, and in such a way as may satisfy our conscience in the sight of God, and best calculated to advance the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

He then appointed scrutineers, as follows:—

Clerical vote: Rural Dean Bull, Canon Houston, Adam Brown. Lay vote: Geo. Elliott, Dr. Ridley, Canon Worrell.

The vote was taken by ballot in the prescribed form, and without any speeches or nominations. When the scrutineers returned from the vestry, they announced the vote as follows:

FIRST BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Charles Hamilton.....	38	20
Rev. Dean Carmichael.....	14	22
Bishop Sullivan.....	...	1
Rev. Dr. Mockridge.....	...	1
Rev. E. P. Crawford, Brockville....	1	...
Archdeacon Dixon.....	1	...
Principal Lobley.....	1	...
Lost.....	...	2
	55	46

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 28; lay, 24.

No candidate having a majority of both orders, clerical and lay, a second ballot was taken.

SECOND BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Charles Hamilton.....	39	22
Dean Carmichael.....	13	24
Dr. Mockridge.....	1	...
Archdeacon McMurray.....	1	...
Canon Dumoulin.....	...	1
Lost.....	...	2
	54	49

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 28; lay, 25.

A third ballot was therefore necessary, with the following result:

THIRD BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Charles Hamilton.....	39	24
Dean Carmichael.....	14	23
Bishop Sullivan.....	1	...
Dr. Mockridge.....	1	...
Canon Dumoulin.....	...	1
Lost.....	...	1
	55	49

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 28; lay, 25.

It was now nearly 6 o'clock, but the delegates chose rather to have another ballot than to adjourn. The result was almost the same.

FOURTH BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Charles Hamilton.....	40	24
Dean Carmichael.....	12	23
Dr. Mockridge.....	1	...
Canon Dumoulin.....	1	1
Lost.....	...	1
	54	49

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 28; lay, 25.

The Synod having so far failed to agree, an adjournment was had until 8 p.m.

When the Synod re-assembled at 8 o'clock another ballot was proceeded with, resulting as follows:

FIFTH BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Chas. Hamilton.....	43	23
Dean Carmichael.....	13	21
Canon Dumoulin.....	1	1
Lost.....	...	3
	57	48

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 29; lay, 25.

SIXTH BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Chas. Hamilton.....	40	24
Dean Carmichael.....	12	20
Dr. Courtney.....	1	...
Rev. D. F. McLeod.....	1	...
Canon Dumoulin.....	1	1
Blank ballot cast.....	1	...
Lost.....	...	3
	56	48

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 29; lay, 25.

SEVENTH BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Chas. Hamilton.....	43	24
Dean Carmichael.....	12	20
Canon Dumoulin.....	1	1
Lost.....	...	3
	56	48

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 29; lay, 25.

EIGHTH BALLOT.

	Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Chas. Hamilton.....	41	25
Dean Carmichael.....	12	19
Canon Dumoulin.....	1	...
Dean Geddes.....	1	...
Dr. Courtney.....	...	1
Lost.....	...	2
	55	47

Necessary to a choice—Clerical, 28; lay, 24.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton having received the required number of both clergy and lay votes the election was pronounced over and the Synod adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

A telegram was sent to Rev. Mr. Hamilton at Quebec, and the Synod reassembled at 10 to hear his reply. No answer had then been received, and an informal discussion took up the time, the Endowment Fund being the chief topic.

The Synod did not formally organize until 12 o'clock, when it was announced that an answer had been received from Rev. Mr. Hamilton. Amid the deepest silence Mr. J. J. Mason, Lay Secretary, read the following despatch:

“QUEBEC, Jan. 28.

“Under the advice of my Bishop, I submit to the judgment of the Church in the diocese of Niagara. I cannot resign my cure here under three months.

CHARLES HAMILTON.

This announcement was received with great applause.

Archdeacon McMurray vacated the chair, which was taken by Archdeacon Dixon, and a vote of thanks was tendered to Archdeacon McMurray.

In replying, he said that he was greatly pleased with the kindly spirit displayed in the proceedings of the Synod during the voting.

The Synod was then closed.

LOWVILLE.—On the evening of Thursday the 22nd inst., an entertainment and supper was given the pupils of St. George's Sunday-school; the school having closed for the winter season. The evening being fine a goodly number were present, when a very pleasant and joyous time was spent in playing and singing, after which all present partook of a bounteous repast spread by the ladies of the congregation. Mrs. Motherwell, wife of the Incumbent, is especially to be complimented on the training of the children in singing. But the most pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of an easy chair to Mr. Morse, Superintendent, a gift from the Sunday-school in recognition of his services in connection with the school. Mr. Morse has been Superintendent for a great number of years, during which time he has been most zealous in forwarding its interests. The gift is greatly appreciated by Mr. Morse, who made an appropriate reply.

The young people of this congregation propose giving a concert shortly for the benefit of the Church fund.

LUTHER VILLAGE.—St. Albans' Church.—A very pleasant evening was spent at the residence

of Mrs. C. J. Lewis, on the 21st inst., being the occasion of a presentation to Miss Lewis, on the eve of her departure for a short visit to Montreal. Since the opening of the English Church in this place, Miss Lewis has kindly acted as organist. On the arrival of the company the family were banished to the parlor while the guests prepared a most bountiful supper. When the company were seated, Miss Stuckey proceeded to read the following address, after which Miss Appleyard presented a handsome and well filled purse.

DEAR MISS LEWIS,—

The congregation of St. Albans' Church, Luther, desire to thank you heartily for the regularity and faithfulness with which you have always done your part in rendering beautiful and hearty the public worship of Almighty God. We know that you look upon the work as being done to the glory of God, and therefore do not desire remuneration. But we desire you to accept this purse at our hands, not for its intrinsic worth, but as a small token of our regard and due evidence that your services are appreciated. We wish you every happiness, and trust that you may long be spared to labour for God and His Holy Church in whatever sphere He may see fit to place you.

Signed on behalf of of the choir and congregation of St. Albans' Church.

E. H. STUCKEY.
N. Appleyard.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

YARMOUTH AND PORT STANLEY.—VISITATION OF BISHOP BALDWIN.—The Bishop of the Diocese visited the parishes of St. John's, Yarmouth, and Christ Church, Port Stanley, on the 18th inst., preaching in both churches with great acceptance, and confirming a class in the latter, as well as baptising nine adults. His discourses produced a profound impression at each place. At Christ Church he so elaborated his address to those to be confirmed, as to apply to the whole congregation, instead of preaching a regular sermon. Having formerly resided near here, and when a curate preaching here occasionally, he was not regarded as an utter stranger, many recalling the time when in the early days of his ministry, he preached to them; altogether his visit was looked upon with deep interest by all.

The Baptism of the infant daughter of the Incumbent, which was to have taken place at the Church, was done at the house instead, on account of the extreme severity of the weather. His Lordship consenting, under the circumstances, to perform the service at home.

One of those pleasing occurrences which sometimes take place in a parish, was, yesterday carried to a successful termination here, viz., the assembling of a large body of the parishioners at the parsonage, leaving with them quantities of eatables of various kinds, which, of course added to the supplies of the house-hold, and were very acceptable, yet not the least desirable feature of the occasion, was the entire harmony, and unity which prevailed. Perhaps a more enjoyable time is scarcely to be met with than was here to be witnessed, all evidently disposed to do their best to promote each others' happiness. Not the least of the pleasing features of the evening, was a very bountiful repast, to which all did justice. The company departed at a very late hour, seemingly reluctant to give up what had evidently been very delightful to them, as expressed by some present, “one of the pleasantest evenings of their life.”

LONDON.—The Rev. G. J. Low, Rector of Belleville, formerly curate of St. Paul's, London, Ont., is on a visit here, and preached to his old congregation on Sunday evening, January 25th.

The Rev. Thos. Fisher, formerly Incumbent of Gorrie, Diocese of Huron, has been elected to the Rectory of Rosnowlagh, Co. Donegal, Ireland.

Rev. G. G. Ballard, of St. Thomas, exchanged duty with Rev. G. Ramsey, of Windsor, on Sunday, January 25th.