

The General Synod.

TUESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1893.

During the afternoon session of the Lower House the special committee on "Expenses of Synod" reported the total expenses of Clergy and Lay delegates of the Lower House as amounting to \$2,181, and of the House of Bishops \$598.00, making a grand total of \$2,779. The committee found there were 1,062 Clergy in the Dominion in dioceses having over ten clergymen, the amount required per head being \$2.56. It also submitted the following scale of assessments:

Dioceses.	Clergymen.	Assessment.
Huron.....	154	\$.71
Rupert's Land	80	204
New Westminster.	20	51
Niagara.....	67	171
Fredericton.....	75	192
Toronto.....	178	455
Nova Scotia.....	109	279
Quebec.....	65	166
Algonia.....	20	51
Columbia.....	24	61
Ontario.....	130	331
Qu'Appelle.....	16	40
Montreal.....	103	263
Calgary.....	14	38
Saskatchewan.....	16	40

The committee recommended that the Diocesan treasurers be requested to send the amounts assessed against their dioceses to the treasurer of the General Synod within one month from date, who should at once send to the Diocesan treasurers the proportion to which each diocese was entitled.

The report was adopted, and the committee was authorized to fix a *pro rata* allowance for the delegates upon report from the several dioceses.

The first matter of general business taken up in the Lower House was a resolution by the Rev. Dr. Langtry that a committee be appointed to report to this session of the Synod on the better organization of the Missionary and Aggressive work of the Church. Dr. Langtry supported his motion with an earnest and forcible speech, and although some objection was made to dealing with the matter then, as the Provincial Synod of Canada had already an organization at work, the principle of the resolution was adopted, but it was referred to the Committee on Missionary Work instead of to a special committee.

A message was received from the House of Bishops concurring in the action of the Lower House in regard to the Order of Permanent Proceedings, except in regard to a few verbal changes, and further striking out the words "in procession" in regard to the opening of the Synod. They also suggested that the service should take place in the Cathedral or any other church appointed by the Primate. The amendments were concurred in.

Dr. Langtry then moved a resolution, seconded by the Rev. Septimus Jones, in regard to the "Burial Service" as follows:

"That their Lordships be requested to re-arrange and enrich the Burial Service so as to adapt it for use in our climate under the altered conditions of modern interment."

Some members of the House were in favor of having the matter stand over until next session of the Synod, but finally the motion was adopted.

The Lower House reassembled on Wednesday, the 20th, at 10 a.m. After prayers in the College Chapel as usual, and the Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the House adjourned until two o'clock in order to allow the various Standing Commit-

tees which had been appointed to meet, organize and arrange their work.

On reassembling in the afternoon a resolution in regard to requesting the Bishops to select and authorize suitable opening sentences of Scripture for use on Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday, and other festal occasions, was introduced, but it being stated that the Committee on "Doctrine, Discipline and Worship" had the matter before it, the resolution was withdrawn.

A report was received from the "Finance" Committee, stating that Mr. R. V. Rogers was appointed secretary of the eastern division to consist of the dioceses of the ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and Mr. A. E. Eden secretary of the western division consisting of the dioceses of the ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land and the Province of Columbia. The report of the committee on the expenses of delegates to the General Synod had been considered, and it was recommended that the secretaries be authorized to communicate to the secretaries of each of the dioceses of the Synod in their respective divisions, or in case no Synod exists, to the Bishop of the diocese, a request to be furnished with a certified return of the expenses of each delegate. The committee further recommended that as soon as a return showing the cost of printing, and other incidental expenses could be obtained, the same together with the travelling expenses of the delegates be apportioned amongst the respective dioceses on the basis already recommended, and that the Finance Committee be authorized to notify the treasurer of each diocese of the amount apportioned to each diocese, and request a remittance of the amount within one month of the date of such notification, who shall at once send to the diocesan treasurer the amount to which each diocese was entitled for the travelling expenses of its delegate.

The report was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE UPPER HOUSE.

The Prolocutor announced that the following messages had been received from the House of Bishops:

(D) Resolved, the Lower House concurring, that the following be added at the close of the Constitution: "Given in the city of Toronto, in the month of September, in the year of our Lord, 1893."

(E) Resolved, the Lower House concurring, that above the two declarations following the solemn declarations be inserted the words "fundamental principles," and that the words "basis of Constitution" be substituted for the word "Constitution" at the head of the articles of Constitution.

(F) Resolved, the Lower House concurring, that no change in this Constitution shall be considered unless a majority of each order is present, and no change shall take place unless unanimously adopted by both Houses, or until affirmed by a two-thirds majority of the Upper House, and a two-thirds majority of each order of the House of Delegates, and in the latter case it shall stand over for confirmation until the next meeting of the Synod, when it must be affirmed by similar majorities.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(K) The President of the Upper House transmits the accompanying report, and requests the concurrence of the Lower House therein: The Committee on the Educational Work of the Church beg to report as follows: That in their judgment religious teaching in our public schools is absolutely necessary in order either to fulfil the true purpose of education or to conserve the highest interests of the nation at large, and requests the General Synod to affirm the principle herein contained.

The reading of this message was received with applause.

(L) Resolved, the Lower House concurring,

that the several Standing Committees have power to add to their number any members of the Synod whose presence it may be thought would be helpful to the committee's deliberations.

The Lower House concurred in all those messages.

Rev. Provost Body drew attention to the fact that in the message "G" the House of Bishops spoke of the "Constitution," whereas the House had already agreed that it should be known as the "basis of Constitution," in which their Lordships had concurred.

A message was despatched to the Upper House, and it was ascertained that their Lordships wished to speak of the "basis of Constitution."

In answer to a communication from the Upper House the House of Delegates agreed that prorogation should take place at six o'clock.

The following message (M) was received from the Upper House:

Resolved, the Lower House concurring, that the best thanks of the General Synod be given to His Grace the Primate for his opening sermon, and that he be hereby requested to allow it to be printed as part of the proceedings of the General Synod.

This was concurred in.

A report was then presented from the Committee on "Education" by the Rev. Canon O'Meara to the same purport as message (K) from the House of Bishops.

Canon O'Meara moved the adoption of the report, and made an earnest address in support of religious teaching in the schools, maintaining that no system of education should dare to separate that which God had joined together as a principle in education, namely the development intellectually and morally of the young. He held that religion and education should go hand in hand in forming the character of the rising generation of this Dominion. The report was adopted without opposition.

Message (N) was then received from the House of Bishops, announcing concurrence in the message from the Lower House respecting the Constitution excepting clause five, and the "Order of Proceedings" and the "Rules of Order" as amended by Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q.C., so far as they did not affect the "Solemn Declaration" and the fundamental principles and basis of Constitution already agreed upon.

The Rev. Canon Pentreath, B.D., of Winnipeg, then moved a resolution in regard to the missionary work of the Church, urging the application of the Lenten offerings of the children throughout the Dominion to the stipend of a missionary Bishop. He affirmed that at least five more Bishops were required in the West, and advocated the appointment of two at an early date.

The motion was adopted.

On reaching the Orders of the day, the Rev. Dr. Langtry moved a resolution in regard to the observance of *The Lord's Day*, which ultimately was accepted in the following form: "That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to give the subject of *The Lord's Day* observance such a place in their forthcoming Pastoral as to them may seem necessary."

Message (O) was then received, the Upper House announcing its concurrence in the appointment of a Delegation to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and on motion of Ven. Archdeacon Evans, of Montreal, a small committee consisting of the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, Rev. Canon Partridge, R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Judge McDonald, Dr. Davidson, Q.C., and the mover were appointed to suggest names from the Lower House, and withdrawing for a few moments, returned and reported the following, who were thereupon appointed: Clergy: Very Rev. the Prolocutor, Dean Carmichael, of Montreal, and Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, of Rupert's