

doubt, receive the most respectful and attentive consideration; and I have felt that I could not with propriety decline to be present at this conference. On no other ground should I be willing to be absent from you at a time when the presence and counsel of your Bishop seems to be especially required, both at the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society and at the meeting of the Synod. I rely, however, on the wise and zealous co-operation of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to adopt such resolutions as are calculated to promote its extension and prosperity. And I take this opportunity of expressing a hope that it will not be necessary to abandon any of the work which the Church has undertaken, and that by united and harmonious action this great evil may be prevented.

I have appointed the Reverend Canon Brigstocke to be my Commissary to transact such business as it may be necessary to do during my absence, and the absence of the Bishop-Coadjutor.

When the Synod is duly organized, I should think it desirable, if there be a quorum, that the reports of the Committees should be presented and the Committees re-appointed; but I should not deem it advisable that any business be transacted which involves a change in the Constitution of the Synod. Notice must be given of the time and place of the next meeting of the Synod.

I hope to return by the *Vancouver* steamer, on September 6th, and I earnestly ask your prayers that I may have a safe and prosperous voyage, and that I and my house may be preserved from harm.

Commending you all to the loving care of our Heavenly Father,

I remain, my dear Brethren,

Your faithful Friend and Bishop,

JOHN FREDERICTON.

Moved by Rev. Leo. A. Hoyt, seconded by Mr. T. Barclay Robinson,

That the letter of his Lordship the Metropolitan to the Synod be received and entered on the Journal. *Carried.*

Moved by Mr. R. T. Clinch, seconded by Rev. F. W. Vroom,

That the Synod now proceed to the election of the Standing Committee, by nomination and ballot. *Carried.*

The following gentlemen were then nominated:

#### CLERGY.

Rev. Canon Brigstocke,	Rev. J. deSoyres,
" " Neales,	" O. S. Newnham,
" G. G. Roberts,	" J. M. Davenport,
" Canon Medley.	" Canon Ketchum,
" D. Forsyth,	