

## SYNOD OF ONTARIO.

The first meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario after the consecration of the Right Reverend Dr. Lewis, as Bishop of that See, was held in the city of Kingston on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of April. The clergy and lay delegates met at St. George's Cathedral, at 11 on Wednesday morning, 11th April, where Divine Service was celebrated, and the Holy Communion administered. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. B. Lauder, LL.D., from Is. lx. 20. In the afternoon the members assembled at the City Court House, His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario in the chair. The roll of names was called, after which the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett was chosen clerical Secretary; D. F. Jones, Esq., lay Secretary; A. H. Campbell, Esq., Treasurer; T. Kirkpatrick, and S. Muckleston, Esqs., Auditors.

On the motion of James Henderson, Esq., the Rules, Constitution, Canons, and By-laws of the Synod of Toronto were adopted, subject, however, to such amendments as might be made by a Committee appointed for the purpose, to report thereon at this and the next meeting of the Synod. His Lordship then proceeded to read his address, but owing to a violent attack of coughing, was obliged to defer the latter portion till the following day. An address from the Synod of Toronto, which was read by the Rev. E. Denroche, terminated the first day's proceedings.

On the second day, the most important business was the question, whether the Synod should be incorporated so as to be able to hold property, and thus itself become the Church Society of the Diocese, or whether a Church Society should be established in Ontario on the plan of the other Diocesan Church Societies in the Province.

Ultimately it was decided unanimously, that an Act for incorporating the Synod should be applied for, and a Committee to draft the Bill was appointed. His Lordship then proceeded with the remaining part of his address, after which several notices of motions were made—the City of Ottawa was fixed by the Bishop as the place of meeting for the next Synod—the Assessment Committee reported that an assessment of \$289 had been imposed for the expenses of the Provincial Synod as also of their own, and a canon on parochial endowment was carried. A Committee was appointed to enquire into the management of the Commutation Trust Fund, from which the sum which accrued to the Diocese is not much short of £100,000. A discussion followed on the proposed celebration of the 24th day of August next, the bicentenary of the Book of Common Prayer, as restored after its suppression during the great rebellion. The Bishop said he should probably issue a short pastoral on the occasion, and recommend the clergy to make special reference to the importance of the day in their sermons.

The rest of this day's proceedings was taken up with an animated debate on the Trinity College question, which arose upon a motion of the Rev. Dr. Boswell, seconded by the Rev. H. Mulkins, to the effect that the Synod desires to express its confidence that under the wise admin-