

Moved by the Rev. J. Langtry, M.A., seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Allen, M.A.,

That a Committee be appointed to communicate with the authorities of the Presbyterian Synod, and of any other religious body that may be disposed to join in such a movement, to ascertain whether a common basis of action cannot be agreed upon, with regard to religious instruction in the Public Schools.

The discussion continued until the hour of 1 o'clock, when the Synod adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.15 P.M. on reassembling, the consideration of the Rev. Mr. Langtry's motion was resumed.

After a short discussion the resolution was carried by a vote of 34 to 22.

The following gentlemen were nominated by the Lord Bishop to form a Committee in accordance with the resolution of the Rev. J. Langtry, respecting religious instruction in the Public Schools of the Province: The Revs. The Provost of Trinity College, and Canon Baldwin, Dr. Hodgins, M. Crombie, Esq., and the mover and seconder, Rev. Messrs. Langtry and Allen.

It was then moved by Dr. Hodgins, in the absence of the Rev. John Fletcher, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, M.A.,

That the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to provide a Form of Prayer to be used in all Committees in opening their proceedings.—*Carried.*

Moved by Dr. Hodgins, in the absence of the Rev. John Fletcher, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara,

That the balance of the assessment from the parishes now forming the Diocese of Niagara, for the period between the date of the consecration of the Bishop and the close of the Synod year, be handed over to the Synod of that Diocese, and that the Commissioners to whom has been entrusted the division of the funds of the Church consequent upon the setting off of the Dioceses of Niagara and Algoma be authorized to carry this recommendation into effect.—*Carried.*

Moved by Captain Blain, seconded by Dr. Hodgins,

That in view of the alarming prevalence of evils arising from the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage, this Synod would respectfully invite his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese to urge on his clergy the propriety of influencing all our Sunday School children to a strict observance of total abstinence.—*Carried.*

The Provost of Trinity College submitted the following resolution, but as the Constitution required that such matters should be first submitted to the Executive Committee, he withdrew it with a view to refer it to that Committee:—

That in accordance with the suggestion of His Lordship the Bishop in his address to the Synod, it be resolved, that for the future the meetings of this Synod be held biennially, the intervening years being appropriated for the meetings of a Diocesan Congress.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZING THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

The Rev. S. Jones, M.A., then read the Report of the Special Committee on the Re-organization of the Standing Committees of the Synod, and moved its adoption, seconded by A. H. Campbell, Esq., as follows:—