

Gracious Majesty on her attaining the sixtieth year of her reign.

Matthew Wilson, Q. C.—Regarding the printing of a Canadian edition of the prayer book.

Canon Rogers—For a committee on Young People's societies in the church.

Dr. Langtry—That a committee be appointed to consider the question of the difficulties between capital and labor, and to see what action can be taken towards lessening the same.

Rev. J. C. Farthing—For a committee on the question of social purity, which would also consider the effect of the co-education of the sexes in public and collegiate schools, upon the morality of students.

The same—Deploing the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and calling for the appointment of a standing committee on temperance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND MOTIONS.

Dr. Langtry moved that a committee be appointed to consider and report on the advisability of issuing a hymn book for the whole Canadian church. He thought it was as necessary to have a common book of praise as a common book of prayer.

After the motion passed a number expressed their objection to the idea but the prolocutor held they would have to bring that matter up again in the proper order.

The motion of Mr. J. A. Worrell, left over from last synod, was to the effect that a clause be inserted in the canons that "all delegates must be communicants, and their credentials must state them to be such. This motion was referred to the committee on the constitution.

In the absence of Judge Ermatinger Mr. Charles Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Matthew Wilson, that whereas it is desirable that greater unanimity of thought and uniformity of doctrine, ritual and practice should prevail throughout the church in Canada; Resolved that His Grace the Primate, with the concurrence of both houses, be requested to name a joint committee of twelve members to consider the subject, and report at the next meeting of the General Synod as to what steps should, in their opinion, be taken to promote the object desired.

Chancellor Walkem thought it would be a most unfortunate resolution to pass. The question of ritual was determined by well-known and well-established bodies, and the report of a committee would not carry great weight.

Mr. Hoyles, Hon. G. W. Allan and Rev. J. G. Low, agreed with the last speaker.

Mr. Jenkins, with the consent of the house, then withdrew the motion.

A message was received from the Upper House regarding the appointment of a joint committee to fix the hours of meeting of the several committees on Friday and Saturday. This was concurred in and those appointed withdrew and reported later on this matter.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MATRIMONY.

Mr. Worrell, seconded by Archdeacon Bedford-Jones moved the adoption of the following canon:

"It shall be sufficient, and matrimony may be solemnized according to the rites of the church, if the banns of those to be married shall have been published so often only as may be required by the law of the civil province within which the marriage is to be solemnized, and rubric to the contrary notwithstanding."

Mr. Worrell pointed out that it was the custom now to celebrate marriages without publishing banns at all,

and it would be better to reduce the number of times of publication to one, so that the church laws could be followed rather than ignored altogether as at present. One publication was now sufficient by the Ontario Act, and the church ought to put herself as close in touch with the law of the land as possible.

Archdeacon Bedford-Jones supported this view, but said he seconded the motion only to give a chance for discussion.

Rural Dean Bogart thought that to reduce the number of publications to one would be dangerous because parties wanting to be clandestinely married might ask to be married five minutes after the banns were published.

Archdeacon Dixon pointed out a defect in the Ontario act that the banns might be published before, during, or after the service and thus in some cases might be proclaimed to bare walls.

Mr. N. W. Hoyles on the whole opposed the relaxing of the rule until the civil law was considerably amended. He gave instances that had come under his notice where persons wishing to be married clandestinely had had their banns published once in a church in the furthest corner of the municipality from which they lived and before the news reached their relatives the ceremony had taken place.

Rev. J. A. Simpson, Archdeacon Davis, and Prof. Johnson supported the same view.

Archdeacon Weston-Jones pointed out that as the rules were broken by every clergyman who married on a license then he could well use his discretion in performing a marriage on one publication where they knew there was no clandestine intent. He opposed any change in the Canon.

The same view was taken by Canon Von Island, Mr. Thomas Robinson, Chancellor Heneker, Dr. Davidson, Chancellor Walkem, Canon Richardson, Judge Hannington.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Message D of the Upper House contained a resolution regarding the appointing of a committee to consider the creation of a new ecclesiastical province. The following committee was nominated by their Lordships: The Primate, Archbishop of Ontario, Bishops of Nova Scotia, Toronto and Huron. The message was concurred in and the following committees were appointed to act with their Lordships: Archdeacon Kaulbach, Rev. J. C. Roper, Rev. J. C. Farthing, Canon Spencer, Archdeacon Houston, Archdeacon Lloyd, Dean Innes, Canon Matheson, Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Archdeacon Davis, Charles Jenkins, Chancellor Heneker, J. A. Worrell, Q. C., Judge Hannington, Dr. Davidson, M. Wilson, Q. C., Judge McDonald, John Hoodless, J. P. Whitney, J. G. King, F. H. Mathewson, Judge Harrison.

Message E from the House of Bishops, conveying the congratulations of the Anglican church in Hawaii on the consolidation of the church in Canada, was concurred in, and the message ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Archdeacon Kaulbach presented the report of the nominating committee, but the objection was raised to its adoption that there were committees appointed by the last Synod for the same purpose, which were still in existence, not having reported. The report was accordingly only received, excepting that one portion was adopted, the committee on printing and unfinished business being thereby appointed, to consist of Rev.