

MEETING OF THE SYNOD

The Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland met in St. Paul's school house on Wednesday, the 26th ult. Fifty-six clergy and fifty lay delegates answered the roll call.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, after which committees were formed, when several reports of committees were received and adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Rev. Dr. CAULFIELD brought forward the following motion, which was finally withdrawn:—

1. To change article 1 of the "Order of Proceedings," as follows: "The first days meeting of the Synod shall be preceded by public morning prayer, and the administration of the Holy Communion."

The second motion of the same gentleman was also withdrawn.

2. To change article 7 of the "Order of Proceedings," as follows:—"The Synod shall meet on the first day immediately after Divine Service, and on each subsequent day at 9 a.m.; adjourn at 1 p.m., and meet again at 3 p.m. Every member attending Synod shall be in his place during each session of the Synod, and shall not leave until the final adjournment, except by permission of the chair."

In the absence of the mover, the motion brought forward by M. J. JOHNSON was taken up by the Rev. Mr. HAINES, and lost.

3. To amend article 3 of the constitution as follows: To substitute the words "from among the members of the church in this diocese," for the words "from among their own number," in said article.

The Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY withdrew his motion.

4. A resolution, vesting the appointment of rural deans in the Bishop.

The next resolution by the same gentleman was also withdrawn.

5. A resolution on the duties of rural deans.

The next resolution, proposed by the same gentleman, coupled with an application for time, was also acceded to. The motion to be brought up next day.

6. A resolution on separate common schools.

The next two motions on being put to the meeting were lost.

7. A resolution on the qualifications of persons entitled to vote for lay-representatives.

8. A resolution on the appointment of a clergyman to a parish in arrear to its former incumbent.

After which the Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

The Synod and congregation of the United Church of England and Ireland held a public prayer meeting, on Thursday morning, at seven o'clock. The Lord Bishop of Huron conducted the religious services. There was a large attendance of the delegates and of the public generally.

The Synod met for business yesterday at 10 o'clock. The Lord Bishop in the chair. There were 56 clerical, and 51 lay delegates present. After prayers the roll was called. The executive committee was chosen, and several notices of motions were laid before the Synod, after which the Rev. Mr. BERRIDGE moved,

"That the election of delegates for the Provincial Synod be now proceeded with."

The following amendment was put forward.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. CAULFIELD, seconded by the Rev. Dr. SANDS—

"That in view of the great expense in sending delegates to the General Assembly at Montreal, in view also of the fact that by a resolution of that body, delegates will not be received from any diocese that has not paid up the rate levied upon

it, viz., \$300 per annum, which sum the diocese has not paid and cannot pay. Let it be resolved, therefore, that this Synod do not elect delegates to the General Assembly for the present.

Great discussion arose on this amendment. The lay delegates were called upon to express their views, which they did at great length, as did also many of the clergy.

The Synod adjourned at one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met again in the afternoon at three o'clock, when the subject under discussion at the time of the adjournment, at 1 o'clock, was again resumed.

The amendment was lost.

Clergy—yeas, 25; nays, 27.

Lay—yeas, 22; nays, 34.

The original motion of Mr. BERRIDGE, seconded by Mr. P. ROE—

"That the election be now proceeded with, was carried.

The secretary and Rev. J. McLean, M. A., Rev. E. Patterson, B. A., Mr. Kaines, and Mr. Ryland were chosen scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were appointed as delegates to go to the Provincial Synod or General Assembly in Montreal:—

CLERGY.

Archdeacon Brough, M.A.; Rev. Dr. Boomer, LL.D.; Rev. E. L. Ellwood, A.M.; Rev. R. Flood, A.M.; Rev. J. W. Marsh, M.A.; Rev. F. W. Sandys, D.D.; Rev. J. Smythe, B.A.; Rev. J. C. Usher; Archdeacon Hellmuth, D.D.; Rev. W. Bettridge, B.D.; Rev. S. G. Caulfield, LL.D.; Rev. E. Sullivan, A.B.

LAY.

Messrs. Lawrason, Watson, Judge Robinson, Lefroy, Hunt, Kaines, Roe, Imlach, Dewson, Dawes, Grey, Ryland.

Proposed by Dr. Dewson, seconded by Rev. G. J. R. SALTER—

"That whereas, since the last meeting of the Synod, it has pleased Almighty God, in his inscrutable wisdom, to remove from amongst us our late friend and brother, Absalom Shade, therefore, be it

Resolved, "That this Synod desire to express their sense of the great loss which this diocese has sustained by the removal from their midst of one who took so deep an interest in the welfare of our church, and also to express their sympathy with his afflicted widow in so sad a bereavement."

Carried by acclamation.

Moved by Rev. Mr. FLOOD, seconded by Mr. LEFROY—

"That the instructions given to the delegates, in taking their seats at the Provincial Synod be, that they enter their protest against interference by the Provincial Synod of the rights reserved in the Patent of the Lord Bishop of Huron. Carried."

The meeting then adjourned.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Church Society, connected with the United Church of England and Ireland, met in St. Paul's school house, on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

The Lord Bishop of Huron in the chair.

After prayers being read by the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY moved, seconded by Mr. ROE—

"That the Church Society do now adjourn, and the business of the Synod do now be proceeded with."

The venerable Archdeacon Brough said that there was business of paramount importance to be brought before the Church Society, as any that could be connected with the Synod. The only question that was not disposed of was with reference to the common schools; this question had been discussed time and again.

Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY.—If any discussion is entered into I will claim my right of replying.

Archdeacon BROUGH.—The business of the church should go on and allow all those questions to rank as unfinished business, which would have the preference over any other at the next meeting of the Synod. We have more to do connected with the Church Society than it was probable we should be able to get through.

Rev. Dr. Townley's motion being put, was lost by a large majority.

The business of the Church Society was next proceeded with.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. FAUQUIER—

"That Mr. and Mrs. Lawrason be admitted as life members of the Church Society, having given to the society one hundred acres of land, also Master Wm. H. Blake, who had deposited \$50, the amount entitling him to a life membership."—Carried.

The following gentlemen were here admitted as incorporated members.

Lt. Col. Fitzgerald, R.A.; Lt. Col. Burrows, R.A.; Major Moffatt, R.C.R.; J. L. Croke, Hillsboro'; A. J. Kingston, Warwick; P. C. Barnard, J. B. Strathy, T. J. McDonough, J. K. Labatt, of London, J. Mason, London Township, A. Burrows and Decimus Burrows, of Rowan Mills; Thomas Croft, Glencoe; Revs. R. Fletcher; G. Keys, A. Falls; G. M. Innes and J. P. Dumoulin; E. T. Dartnell, of St. Mary's; J. Beard, Woodstock; and C. Roe, St. Thomas.

Moved by Mr. ROE, seconded by Archdeacon BROUGH—

"That all lay delegates to the Synod be admitted as *ex-officio* members of the Church Society at any meeting of the society during the week in which the Synod meets while they are in office as delegates."—Carried.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY, seconded by Mr. ROE—

"That the Church Society do now adjourn until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that the business of the Synod be now proceeded with."

After considerable discussion *pro* and *con*, the motion, with the consent of the members of the society, was withdrawn.

The secretary handed a statement of the funds to the members, and at great length explained the different accounts to the satisfaction of all.

The Standing Committee recommended that the third article of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be suspended.—Carried.

The following communication was received in answer to the address of condolence sent to the Queen:—

Downing Street, April 29, 1862.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No. 70, of the 11th inst., together with an address of condolence to the Queen, from the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron.

I have to request that you will acquaint the Church Society that their address has been laid before the Queen, and that Her Majesty appreciates their sympathy and their offer of religious consolation under the affliction with which she has been visited by Divine Providence.

I have, &c.,

NEWCASTLE.

A letter was read by the secretary from Rev. E. R. STIMSON.

Moved by Rev. E. R. STIMSON, seconded by Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY,

Resolved—"That this Society regrets that an incorrect report, respecting certain communications which passed between the secretary of this society and the Rev. Mr. Stimson, and the notice