

would feel that the office of representative was one of some importance and responsibility. There would be emulation among them, and a much superior class, both in point of wealth and intelligence, would be elected, and the \$1.00 fee would be no objection.

It might be provided that at the Easter vestries only two instead of three country representatives to the Synod should be elected, but then their attendance as a rule should be required. This would raise the status of a representative, and proxies would cease.

8. "As to the establishment of a House of Laymen for the Diocese of Toronto, the proposition has my cordial sympathy, and I believe that a like feeling is held by the country laity as a whole."

9. "As to establishing a House of Laymen in alliance with the Synod of Toronto, I am quite in accord with what is suggested, especially number 16 and 17, and feel satisfied my brother laymen who have attended Synod are equally so."

"When attending Synod my feeling has always been that my time has been wasted. The vital matters of the Church omitted as appears to the mind of a layman."

10. "In reply would say, I have met quite a number of lay members, and they think it is a move in the right direction, and that it should have been introduced before. It is likely that I will be with you at next delegate meeting."

11. "In regard to the establishment of a House of Laymen for the Diocese of Toronto, on the lines indicated by you and your committee, I beg to say I consider it is a movement in the right direction, I cannot do other than give it my most favorable consideration, and by the blessing of God accompanying your feeble efforts I cannot doubt but that the issue shall be a general benefit to our beloved Church."

12. "Replying to your circular, etc., I may say that I would consider the establishment of a House of Laymen most desirable, and further, that from such experience as I have had of country parishes, I am confident that such a movement would have the effect of awakening much greater interest among the country representatives, and that they would feel in coming to the Synod sessions they would be able to take a more active part and accomplish more than at present is possible. It is very evident also that very little weight attaches to the remarks of individual lay members in the Synod as at present constituted, and the proposed House would certainly enable the lay opinion to be presented in a proper and weighty manner. I heartily concur in the proposed establishment on the lines suggested."