

The opening prayers were read by the Bishop's Chaplain, Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D. The roll of the clergy was then called by the clerical secretary: seventy-eight clergymen answered to their names or afterwards came in and requested their names to be enrolled.

The roll of the lay delegates was then called by the lay secretary.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, on the motion of the Rev. HENRY HOLLAND, seconded by the Rev. H. BRENT, was elected clerical secretary.

Jas Bovell, Esq., M.D., on the motion of J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., seconded by C. J. CAMPBELL Esq., was elected lay secretary.

J. W. BRENT, Esq., was re-elected treasurer.

C. J. Campbell, Esq., and John Westmacott, Esq., were re-elected auditors.

The minutes of the last meeting of Synod were confirmed.

The Bishop then proceeded to address the Synod. He said it was not his intention to address them at any length, but simply to chronicle briefly and as clearly as he could the more prominent occurrences which had taken place since they last met in Synod, and which more immediately affected the Church in her daily progress. On the 1st July, he commenced a tour of confirmations through that portion of the Diocese which is comprised between the city of Toronto and the Province Line, accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. Salter Givins. His Lordship proceeded to give detailed particulars of his proceedings on this tour. Confirmations were held in 26 parishes, and 794 candidates confirmed. Lindsay was visited on this tour, but, in consequence of the confusion caused by the calamity it had just experienced in the fire which destroyed a large portion of the village, he did not hold a confirmation there. The church in all the parishes visited seemed in a state of encouraging progress, and the clergy active and painstaking, and becoming daily more sensible of their high responsibilities. On Wednesday, July 21st, he left Toronto in company with Sir John B. Robinson, Bart., and Professor Hatch, for the Sault St. Marie. This excursion, his Lordship remarked, had lost much of its romantic character, since steamboats have superseded the canoes with their French and Indian paddlers and exhilarating songs. Nevertheless, the great variety of views and their surpassing magnificence and beauty, ever changing in their aspects, as you proceed on your voyage, would always continue to make a trip from Toronto to the Sault St. Marie most attractive to all true lovers of nature. On Thursday, August 1st, he held a confirmation at Collingwood, and the same evening embarked on board the steamer. Sault St. Marie was reached early on Saturday, August 3rd. They found a very comfortable house to stop at, where the Hon. Colonel Prince was residing, and with such desirable company they found themselves quite at home. On Sunday, 4th, he preached in the forenoon in the Court House, and confirmed six persons. The attendance was much better than he had expected, and consisted chiefly of genteel families in office, who had come to reside at the county town of the new district. In the afternoon, he embarked in a small canoe and proceeded to Garden Island to spend the evening and lodge with the Rev. James Chance, the missionary who is doing much good among the Indians. On Monday they had a full service at 10 a.m., and he confirmed twenty-two persons. About three o'clock the steamer arrived, and he again joined his travelling companions. On Tuesday 6th August, he held service at the Little Current, where he found the Rev. Peter Jacobs and his Indians waiting; 10 were confirmed. The whole number confirmed on this expedition was

64, of whom 32 were Indians and 22 were whites. They reached Collingwood at 10 p. m., and left for Toronto next morning. They were aware that, when in London in 1850, he called the attention of the proper authorities to the vast extent of the See of Toronto and suggested a plan for its division into four separate dioceses. After many delays and much trouble during more than ten years, he had the satisfaction to behold three of these dioceses, Huron, Toronto, and Ontario, fully established, but the fourth See, or the proposed Bishopric of St. Marie was still in abeyance and yet notwithstanding the melancholy aspect of things at present from the American civil war and other causes, the suspension of immigration, and the general depression of the times, he still trusted and believed that it would become the seat of a Bishop of the Church of England, although he might not live to witness its accomplishment. He ought indeed to be more than satisfied in having been in some degree instrumental through God's benignant Providence in establishing three out of the four Dioceses proposed in 1850—but he still retained a yearning desire to do something for St. Marie before his departure, and it was this that prompted him to touch upon the subject. It was very central and would become in time a large city, and be required for the religious teaching and civilization of North Western Canada. The region, of which it was the centre, offered space almost inexhaustible for the most extensive agricultural settlements, and mining establishments without number, especially in copper and iron of the finest quality, might in time be profitably erected along the banks of Lakes Huron and Superior and the adjacent islands. It was true he had as yet made very little progress, but the day of small things would not always continue, and the making St. Marie a free port and opening settlements around it were auspicious commencements. His Lordship then referred to the election in June last of the Rev. Dr. Lewis, to be Bishop of Ontario, and his consecration on the 25th of March last, the first consecration of a Bishop of the Church of England in British North America. He then briefly referred to the holding of the Provincial Synod at Montreal in September last, and proceeded to say that only one subject more remained which he ventured for the third time to press upon their serious attention, and he was pleased to see that it appeared in the order of business prepared by the Executive Committee, namely the Episcopal endowment. He need not urge upon them the great importance of the object, and he was happy to say that, notwithstanding the general monetary pressure throughout the country, if due diligence were used, there would not be any great difficulty in realising the required amount, £10,000, or \$40,000. They had two successful examples to encourage them—the dioceses of Huron and Ontario, both of which acted with noble liberality in this behalf. Now this diocese was much more wealthy and populous than either Huron or Ontario, which favoured the more easy accomplishment of the undertaking. The members of the Church of England in the diocese might be safely taken at 140,000 souls, or about 28,000 families. Now all of these were bound according to their ability to make up the stipulated sum. It only required from every individual a small donation of 1s. 6d., or from each family a donation of 7s. 6d., leaving in either case a small surplus of about \$2,000. In conclusion he had only further to remark that he had just returned from a confirmation journey of 15 days in the Northern portion of the diocese. The missions and parishes visited were 26; the number confirmed 546; and the miles travelled about 320.

The following committees were appointed by the Bishop:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto, the Revs. Jas. Beaven, D.D., T. B. Fuller, D.C.L., S. Givins, Rural Dean, Jonathan Short, D.D., W. McMurray, D.C.L., F. I. Osler, M.A., B. C. Hill, M.A., A. Palmer, A.M., W. S. Darling, T. S. Kennedy, H. Brent, B.A. The Hon. J. H. Cameron, J. Patton, J. W. Gamble, Esq., Judge Boswell, S. B. Harman, B.C.L., John Duggan, Esq., James Bovell, M.D., Hamilton O'Reilly, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq., J. W. Brent, Esq., Mr. Recorder Duggan.

COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND FINANCE.

Revs. Dr. O'Meara, F. L. Osler, M.A., Dr. Fuller, J. W. Brent, Esq., James Bovell, M.D., S. B. Harman, B.C.L.

MISSION BOARD.

His Lordship, the President, the Rural Deans, the Secretary of the society, the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., Rev. W. S. Darling, J. W. Gamble, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq., S. B. Harman B.C.L., the Archdeacon of Toronto, one clerical and one lay delegate for each District Branch of the Church Society, Rev. E. H. Dewar, M.A., R. B. Denison, Esq., H. Mortimer, Esq., J. Bovell, M.D., Rev. H. Holland.

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

The Revs. J. Beaven, D.D., H. J. Grasett, B.D., W. S. Darling, J. Ambory, M.A., S. Givins, Rural Dean, S. B. Harman, B.C.L., J. Bovell, M.D., C. J. Campbell, Esq., W. M. Westmacott, Esq.

The following correspondence was then read:

Reply to the address of condolence to the Queen, on the demise of Prince Albert.

Reply of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Ontario, to address from the Synod.

Letter from the Secretary of the Sabbath School Reformation Society, Kingston.

The following reports were then read:

Report of committee appointed to consider the amendments proposed to the canon on election of lay delegates.—Rev. E. H. Dewar, M.A., chairman.

Report of committee on separate schools.—Rev. W. S. Darling, chairman.

Reports of Church Society, on Mission Board transactions, and on the state of the Widow and Orphan Fund.

The report on the alterations in by-laws of the Mission Board was, in consequence of an omission, ordered to be presented to-morrow.

The Rev. J. Beaven, D.D., asked and obtained leave to bring up the report of Musical Committee presented to Executive Committee, in an amended form to-morrow.

The following notices of motion were then given:

Moved by Rev. Dr. SHORTT, seconded by Rev. H. BRENT, B.A., "That at the meetings of the Synod it is desirable that the services of the session should, as much as possible, resemble the cathedral services of our mother church; and for that purpose that a precentor of the Synod be appointed, who shall be charged from year to year with carrying out this order; that the Rev. Dr. Beaven be appointed precentor."

By the Rev. E. H. DEWAR, "That the report of committee on election of lay delegates be adopted. That the amendment passed at the last meeting of the Synod relating to the same be confirmed."

Notice of Motion by Rev. E. H. DEWAR, seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., "That a committee be appointed to consider whether there are any provisions in the Church Temporalities