

parishioners, and whose ability and acquirements fitted him for an active and useful part in the proceedings not only of this Synod, but also in those of the Provincial Synod of Canada.

And *further resolved*, That the Chairman be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to Mrs. Carr, with an expression of the deep sympathy of this Synod in her bereavement.

Seconded by Lieut. Col. Maunsell, and *carried unanimously by a standing vote*.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the following letter from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese:—

LETTER FROM THE LORD BISHOP.

TO THE CLERGY AND LAY MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE
DIOCESE.

My Dear Brethren,

I greatly regret to be absent at the meeting of the Synod, where I have so often enjoyed your kind co-operation and support. Having been requested by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to be present at the Lambeth Conference, which is to be held early in July, my absence is unavoidable. I shall however be very thankful to return to my work, as soon as circumstances will permit.

I have to inform you with much regret, that our Metropolitan, the Most Rev. Ashton Oxenden, has signified to me his desire to resign his see and office of Metropolitan in August next. This will render a double election necessary, the election of a Bishop to the Diocese of Montreal, and the election of a Metropolitan by the Bishops of the Province, according to the express provisions of a Canon passed in 1877, and printed in the Journals.

According to the Constitution of our Diocesan Synod, p. 6, sec. 14, it is provided, that, in the absence of the Bishop, his Commissary shall preside. As the Synod will probably meet in the School-room of St. Mark's, which has been kindly offered us by the Rector; and it is not unlikely that his Church will be opened to us for some of our services, I have thought it only an act of due courtesy to request the Rector to act as my Commissary in my absence, and I solicit for him the same kind and courteous support in the Chair which you have always extended to myself.

It is my desire that the Services, as a whole, should be held as on former occasions, and should conclude with evening prayers and a sermon in St. Paul's Church, the Rector of which places his Church at our disposal for that occasion.