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FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The Synod, convened by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, met on Thursday, 1st May, 1856.

Morning service in the Cathedral. The prayers were said by the Rev. J. G. M. Blackman, the lessons by the Rev. F. Evans. The Synod then met in St. Lawrence Hall; and prayers having been read by the Rev. Mr. Grasett, his lordship the Bishop delivered an address, as follows:

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,—

After the close of the Synod in October, 1854, we were employed in arranging the Commutation to which the Clergy had, to their lasting honor, given their intelligent and free consent.

By this noble and disinterested act they have merited the gratitude of the Church in Canada for ever, and won for themselves the cordial admiration of the churchmen throughout the world.

It has been no easy matter to arrange the numerous details of this great and important measure, and to reduce them to such a shape, for the consideration of the Government, that each might appear in its proper place, and the grounds on which it rested be justly appreciated. Yet this vast labour, requiring so much skill and ability, was, happily for us, willingly and zealously undertaken by the hon. John Hillyard Cameron, and to him the Church on this account, as well as on many others, is infinitely indebted. But for his steady perseverance,

clear intelligence, and untiring patience in examining every application from individuals, as well as bodies, I feel persuaded that the adjustment could not have been so rapidly or so well effected.

Although certain applications still remain to be satisfied, which stand upon different grounds, they will also, when strictly invested, be found, I believe, deserving of fair consideration. A correct list of the Clergy for whom commutation has been effected has appeared in the public journals, and must be known under the by-laws adopted by the Church Society. A covenant has been entered into by that body for the payment of the annual salary to each clergyman who has commuted, and has hitherto received the same from the Clergy Reserves Surplus Fund. The salaries for the last year have been paid by the Society, from this source. The sum received from Government has been £188,342.5s. sterling, half the amount being in five and the other half in six per cent. debentures of the Province, payable in London; of which, however, the Government have retained in the hands of the Provincial Agents, in London, the sum of £9,500 sterling, being the amount of five per cent. upon the whole sum, to await the adjustment of the value of the respective classes of debentures, which are to be finally determined in the month of July next, under the arrangement made with the Government in the month of March, 1855. The committee appointed under the by-law of the Church Society have been engaged for several months in converting the provincial debentures into other securities, yielding a larger return, and their exertions have been hitherto so far successful as to have considerably increased the fund. I am as yet unable to state the sum total that will result as the capital of the commutation, because the proceedings of the committee for the investments cannot be brought to a close for some time to come. But it is not, I think, desirable that any incomplete statement should be furnished until the whole of the arrangements are finished, and all the commuta-

tions finally closed with the Government, there being as already mentioned still some claims for arrearages and increased stipends under the consideration of the proper authorities.

The settlement of the commutation scheme was still in progress when I commenced my usual confirmation visit, on the 17th of May last.

In this journey I confined myself to what was formerly called the Home District, including the county of Halton. It lasted 24 days, during which I visited 44 parishes, and confirmed 946 of our youth of both sexes, a result very encouraging both in number of parishes and candidates, over former visitations, and highly creditable to the clergy. The marks of rapid progress presented themselves in every direction, in making gravel and plank roads, in turning the woods into rich corn fields, and in the erection of comfortable and substantial houses of durable materials, and, above all, with many new churches built or in progress.

Nor were the improvements in apparel, and in the internal comforts of their dwellings as to bed and board, less striking among the people—all was prosperity, and we had to go far back to the new settlements to get a glimpse of the deep mud holes, broken waggons, worn-out horses, and miserable shanties of former days. These journees are not without deep interest and novel incidents little known in old countries. The town of Collingwood, for instance, has grown up as it were out of the ground in a couple of years. On our visit it was teeming with inhabitants, and all industriously employed. Their advancement in opening streets and building houses, and other substantial improvements, was truly amazing. In regard to the harbour which they are constructing I am no judge, but it would seem to require a vast outlay and to be somewhat exposed. But whether this may not be counterbalanced by other advantages I am unable to say. One defect I observed, for which there appears no remedy—the site of the town is too low,

which, from the impossibility of excluding dampness by spacious cellars, may be attended with inconvenience in the summer months.

On my return to Toronto I remained some days to preside at the annual meeting of the Church Society—to bring up my correspondence and to dispose of such official matters as could not with propriety be delayed.

On the 9th of July I began my second journey, which continued 64 days. On this occasion I visited all the parishes and stations below Toronto, in number 94. They are commonly so near one another that I can in general visit two and at times three in one day, but there are exceptions. The parishes of Hawksbury and Vankleek's Hill cost me three days, and the single parish of Pembroke five. I was accompanied in a small part of my journey by the Rev. Saltern Givens; the Rural Dean of the Midland District, and from Kingston eastward to Pembroke, and to Hawksbury and back to Toronto, by the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College. This made a pleasant companionship, which greatly enlivened the journey and rendered it less fatiguing, as each took a share in the labour.

The valley of the Ottawa is yet comparatively unknown, but it possesses a magnificent scenery, and many valuable indications of future advancement. The climate is indeed more stern, and the fertility of the soil not equal to that on the banks of the St. Lawrence and the lakes, but, when opened up, tracts of better land will be discovered, and its timber and mines will for ages give life and occupation to a large and enterprising population.

The results of my summer's labours were :

Confirmations held.....	141
Bishop preached.....	115 times.
The Provost of Trinity College preached ...	23 times.
The Rev. Rural Dean Givens preached.....	3 times.
The Bishop addressed the Candidates	141 times.
Number confirmed.....	4299
Miles travelled, about	2670

Many incidents of interest might be selected from my journals, but I will indulge only in one. On my visit to the Penitentiary at Kingston, on Sunday, the 5th August, 1855, I found that, by the laudable exertions of the Rev. Hannibal Mulkins, a great number of the prisoners had been prepared for baptism and confirmation. Accordingly, on Sunday morning, at nine o'clock, a.m., I was in attendance at the Penitentiary. It appeared that one hour only was allowed, and there was no authority to grant more, and it scarcely seemed possible to perform such important services in so brief a space of time. Surely, if the case were brought before the Trustees they would make such arrangements on the Bishop's visits as to give ample time for conducting the necessary services with all due reverence and solemnity. By shortening the address, and some alterations of an unimportant character in arranging the baptisms and confirmations, every thing was done in decency and in order, and without the appearance of haste, yet something of solemnity and effect might have been gained by half an hour's more time.

Men baptised	58
Women "	2
Number baptised	<u>60</u>
Men confirmed	81
Women "	5
Number confirmed	<u>86</u>

The spectacle was deeply interesting, and it was hopeful. Surely it is good to feel assured that the seed sown and the word spoken will not be in vain, but will through the divine blessing bear fruit. The numbers speak more impressively than words for the care and assiduity of the Chaplain. Indeed the decent and reverent manner in which they behaved, and the interest they seemed to take in the solemnities, proved that the Rev. Mr. Mulkins has impressed upon their minds, by sound instruction, the infinite importance of the duties

which they were now called upon to discharge, and I trust that I am justified in believing that something of the grace prayed for was imparted.

Permit me on this occasion, when the division of the diocese is in a fair way (if we do our duty) to be soon accomplished, to recapitulate briefly the steps of our happy progress, as matter of future reference.

Finding, from eleven years' experience, that the largeness of this diocese and the rapid increase of its episcopal duties would very soon prove too much for any individual, I considered it right, as a preliminary step, to address, on the 5th October, 1850, being then in London, a memorial to the Most Reverend and Right Reverends the Archbishop and Bishops forming the Council, to arrange measures in concert with her Majesty's government for the erection and endowment of additional Bishoprics in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain.

The memorial was favorably received, but as assistance could not be expected at once for each of the three sees into which it was proposed to divide the diocese, I respectfully recommended the Kingston bishopric to be first established, having, as I believed, a prior claim, because comprising the older settlements, and also because the Western Division was less distant and more easy of access.

Soon after presenting this memorial I returned to Canada, but the division of the diocese has been constantly kept alive in my correspondence with the proper authorities. With the view of strengthening our case on this and other Church objects, a conference of the Clergy and Laity was assembled on the 1st of May, 1851, to which the Bishop proposed two questions:

1st—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments?

2nd—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations?

Both questions were answered in the affirmative, and memorials adopted to her Majesty the Queen and the Provincial Parliament on their respective objects.

In the mean time, the division of the Diocese was of necessity postponed, from the want of episcopal endowments. The fund subscribed in England for erecting and endowing bishoprics was said to be exhausted, and government declined giving any assistance; such was the state of things when the Triennial Visitation and Conference met in October, 1853. The first thing that the Conference did, with the Bishop's consent, was to declare itself the Synod of Toronto, as it had an undoubted right to do so; for in all ages of the Church the Bishop has a right to assemble his Clergy in Synod, nor do the laws of England interfere. Our difficulty is not as to meeting in Synod, and taking order for the good of the Church, but in carrying out our rules and regulations, which we have not sufficient power to do till we can obtain some special enactment. It is true, the Bishop of Adelaide has said that he requires no such power from the legislature, because all ought to be submissive to the Church; but human nature is infirm, and we have already become convinced that a wholesome discipline, and the power of enforcing it on the wilful and contumacious, is absolutely required. Among other things, the division of the diocese took a prominent place in the deliberations of the Synod. The hope of getting endowments from England having vanished, we were encouraged by the general prosperity of the province, and the rapid increase of the population in wealth and intelligence, to appeal to the Church members within the proposed dioceses. This duty was consigned to the Rural Deans, as more especially pertaining to their office; and the Bishop was requested, by a pastoral letter, to invite contributions from our people generally for carrying out this important object.

The Bishop's pastoral letter was published on the 16th of January, 1854, and was received with great

satisfaction, and steps were immediately taken by the Rural Deans to complete their respective endowments, and it was believed that the rank and respectability of the collectors would give confidence to our people, and induce them to come forward liberally on so great an occasion.

The Church members, in the portion likely to become hereafter the Diocese of Toronto, did not think it incumbent on them to proceed in this matter, as there was no vacancy, but they promised not to be wanting when the proper time arrived, and which in kindness they hoped was yet far distant.

In the western portion of the province great progress was made, and the amount so far advanced as to induce the Rural Deans to hope that they would be able to report a sufficient endowment for the bishopric of London in October, 1854. And had not the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature in regard to the Church property, and afterwards the absorbing attention required to adjust the commutation, interfered, their expectations would have been verified.

To these we may add the alleged procrastination on the part of the Imperial Government in replying to the representations of the Colonial Legislature and the Synod, which no doubt relaxed the efforts of many.

Similar exertions were made in the counties below Kingston, with similar success, but probably suspended from the same causes.

With regard to the Midland District, or rather Kingston, nothing has been done in accordance with the Bishop's pastoral letter or the resolutions of the Synod. The Rural Dean, the Rev. S. Givens, on his appearance to assume his duty as collector, was met with discourtesy instead of encouragement, and found it useless to proceed. Nevertheless a course seems to have been unhappily adopted, without authority, by some few individuals in Kingston. But as the steps taken were never communicated to me, I can give no correct information respecting

them. Indeed, I regret that I have been under the necessity of noticing this want of duty and respect for the Synod; but the movement has made itself too public to be silently passed over. I trust, however, that those who have been its promoters will return to their duty and heartily co-operate for the future in promoting the objects which the Bishop and Synod are so anxious to accomplish. For the slightest breach of unity among us in the present crisis of our affairs must be attended with much evil.

The proceedings of our last Synod, held in October, 1854, and more especially the declaration, have attracted much notice and been generally commended. In transmitting them to many Bishops and Clergymen I invited criticism as suggested, especially on the articles of the constitution, being anxious to make it as perfect as possible. Two articles only have called forth observation and been recommended to slight alteration. It is suggested that the fourth article, which provides that the number of representatives from any cure shall be one or more, not exceeding three, should hereafter be confined to one only.

1st. Because the rule as it stands and is acted upon infringes upon that perfect equality which ought to belong to each of the three branches which constitute the Synod.

2nd. Because a moral influence always accompanies superior numbers, and several Clergymen from the United States have told me that they often felt such influence bearing upon them and giving the Lay element undue preponderance.

3rd. Because timid clergymen, when they find two or three of their prominent parishioners of a different opinion from themselves, have been known to decline voting and even to pass over to the other side. Hence the true rule would seem to be, that one representative only be elected within any one cure.

Again. In the fourteenth article, all after the word "meeting" is judged an excrescence and offensive to good

taste. It is further censured as in some degree sully-
ing the purity of the fundamental maxim of the polity of the
Christian Church, "That nothing be done without the
knowledge and consent of the Bishop."

Many years ago I had a conversation with my friend the
celebrated Bishop Hobart, on this subject. I asked him
how it happened that in some of the Diocesan Conventions
the Bishop's rights are questioned, and he became little
more than the chairman of a club or the moderator of a
Presbytery? The good Bishop said it was a serious
defect, much to be lamented, and contrary to the sacred
character of the Church, and had been wholly unknown to
ecclesiastical history. He attributed its introduction into
the American Church to the unhappy times, and the great
ignorance among the Clergy as well as the Laity at that
early period, of the true principles of Church polity.
After all, continued he, it seldom troubles a Bishop of firm-
ness and discretion, and indeed our more intelligent
people begin to feel that the Bishop does not preside over
his Synod by election or connivance—he sits there by
divine permission and an inherent right, which the people
can neither give nor take away, and the moment he leaves
his chair the Synod ceases to exist. It is nevertheless a
pernicious error, and from time to time threatens great
evils in dioceses where the Bishop is weak or irresolute,
and would soon sink them into a species of Presbyterianism
but for the house of Bishops, which has proved itself by
wise and timely interference the safety valve for all such
difficulties. Of late years they have been of more rare
occurrence. The children of a family, continued the
Bishop, might as well dethrone their father, as a Synod to
dethrone their Bishop. The government of the Church of
Christ is paternal throughout, and the Bishop sits at the
head of his Synod as a father in a well regulated family
sits at the head of his household.

No trace of this dangerous innovation is found in the
Archbishop's bill, which passed the House of Lords, but
was stopped in the House of Commons, nor in constitu-

tions as adopted by the Colonies of Melbourne, Adelaide, New Zealand, and Nova Scotia, in all of which the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, are three distinct orders, and the consent of all is necessary to all acts binding upon the diocese.

The effects of our synodical action have been most extensive and beneficial. Our first Conference, in May, 1851, seemed to raise up the Church members in our Eastern Colonies, who were suffering under the same disabilities, and they have not only followed in our wake, but Melbourne and Victoria have even got before us in the race, having obtained a law which enables the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, to provide for the regulation of the affairs of their Church. In the mean time we have acquired the guarantee of her Majesty's government for even more than has been conceded to Victoria.

For the despatch of the late Sir William Molesworth grants the division of the Diocese, and the election of our Bishop; and that of the hon. H. Labouchere concedes all that has been granted to Victoria. Hence, if embodied in one statute, which can be easily done, we shall acquire as complete a measure as we can desire—a measure also perfectly harmless as respects other denominations, and affecting Churchmen only.

While on the subject of enactments, I have to remind you that we are under great obligations to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury for his kind advice and countenance throughout our whole proceedings. The bill which his Grace brought into Parliament, and carried through the House of Lords, was a great advance on that of the hon. Mr. Gladstone, although it did not satisfy all our requirements. The Archbishop was from the first friendly to the division of the Diocese, and thought it not unreasonable that we should appoint our own Bishops, if called upon to furnish the endowment. At the same time, he thought it would be wiser and contribute more to our peace and harmony to take our first Bishops from home. I have only to add that I have placed my resignation of the east and west portions of my Diocese in the hands of the Arch-

bishop, to be used as soon as the new Bishops are appointed to relieve me. I may here remark that we have on the whole succeeded in all our objects much beyond our most sanguine expectations, and that, instead of murmurs and impatience, we ought to be most thankful for the progress we have made, and redouble our diligence to remove any obstacles which may yet remain. The principle of these seems to be the endowments for the two sees. So far as Kingston is concerned, I think we have a fair claim on the Commissioners of the Episcopal Fund in England, as I brought it prominently under notice in 1850. It was noted in their proceedings, and was believed to be favorably considered. Fortunately London does not require any such assistance, and I trust can do without it.

There is one little matter which I had almost forgotten, but which requires to be noticed. The names of the two Bishoprics are almost universally objected to as interfering with sees already established. Might not London give way to Westminster, and Kingston to Portsmouth, or some other name more agreeable to the clergy and people.

And now, Brethren, I commend you to the aid and guidance of God's Holy Spirit, in your important deliberations. Let us remember that we are Christians, engaged in our Master's service, and ought to proceed in all meekness and harmony of purpose. Let us earnestly pray that we may feel in all purity and disinterestedness the weighty responsibility which rests upon us; that all things may be done to promote the glory of God and the extension of His Church.

The names of the Clergy were called over, when 137 gentlemen answered to their names.

Five others subsequently reported themselves.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates were then received and verified by the Committee appointed for that purpose, the Hon. G. S. Boulton and the Rev. Mr. Ardagh. There were over 230 present.

The Rev. Mr. Bettridge then moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Fuller,

That the Rev. J. G. Geddes be reappointed clerical Secretary to the Synod: which was carried.

Moved by the Hon. G. S. Boulton, seconded by W. B. Simpson, Esq.,

That Dr. Bovell be the Lay Secretary. Carried.

Moved by H. C. Baker, Esq., seconded by the Rev. T. B. Fuller,

That, in order to expedite the business of the day, the minutes of the previous meeting being in print and in the hands of all the members of the Synod, they be not read, but that any person having observed any errors in them, do now mention them in order to their correction. Carried.

Mr. Baker then pointed out an error in the minutes of the third day's proceedings, it being stated erroneously that the motion of the Rev. Mr. Denroche was put after his amendment was lost by a majority of one, whereas it was not put. He proposed that the latter portion of the paragraph be struck out, and the following words inserted: "And lost, 38 voting for it and 39 against it." Carried.

The correction was then made, and the minutes confirmed by the Lord Bishop.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron moved, seconded by the Rev. S. B. Ardagh,

Resolved, That a Committee of seven members, four clerical and three lay, be appointed to draft a petition to the three branches of the Legislature for the passage of an Act to enable the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland to make rules and regulations for the management and government of the affairs of the Church in Canada, and also to draft a Bill to be brought in upon such petition, and to report such petition and bill with all convenient speed. Carried.

His Lordship then named the following Committee for the above-mentioned purpose:—The Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, the Rev. H. Patton and the Rev. Dr. Strong; and the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, the Hon. J. H. Cameron and Judge Boswell.

The same Committee were requested to draw up an Address of Congratulation to His Excellency the Governor-General.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Fuller, seconded by the Rev. H. Patton, and carried by acclamation,

That the Rev. M. Van Rensselaer, of Grace Church, Rochester, being present, be invited to take his seat on the floor of this Synod.

Moved by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, seconded by

That S. B. Harman, Esq., be Treasurer, and J. W. Brent and John W. Gamble, Esqs., be Auditors. Carried.

Moved by the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, seconded by Dr. Bovell,

That the Rev. the Secretary of the Church Society, be entitled to take his seat and to vote at the Synod. Carried.

H. C. Baker, Esq., presented a memorial from the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton:—

At a meeting of the vestry of the Church of the Ascension, held on the evening of Easter Monday, 9th April, 1855, the following Resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this congregation that the Synod, when determining under the 13th Article of its Constitution the method of raising the sum required for its necessary expenses, may beneficially establish as a basis for assessment the actual yearly income of each cure or congregation, including therein all congregational collections and subscriptions, the pew-rents and any income derived from public or other endowments, either for the congregation or the Incumbent; but not including marriage-fees payable direct to the Incumbent. Thus, it is suggested, that an equitable basis would be established and a careful yearly return insured, which might be found of more than usual value in encouraging some congregations in their yearly exertions.

FRED. A. BALL,
Vestry Clerk.

The Rev. Mr. Fuller moved, seconded by Dr. Bovell, That the memorial do lie on the table. Carried.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron read the Report of the Committee appointed to draft a Petition to the Legislature for the purpose of having a bill passed to remove doubts respecting the action of the Synod; also the draft of a bill.

PETITION.

To the honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The petition of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland hereby sheweth:

That your petitioners, being desirous of meeting in Synod to make rules and regulations for their own guidance and government in the management of the affairs of the Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Toronto, and of obtaining the same rights for the members of their Church in all the Dioceses of this Province, obtained from your honorable House during the last session of the Provincial Parliament, an address to Her Majesty asking for the repeal of any English statutes which disable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada from meeting in Synod; and by the answer to that address, which has been transmitted to your honorable House, your petitioners have been made aware that Her Majesty has given her favorable consideration to the just demands of your petitioners, as expressed by your honorable House, and has evinced her willingness to give assent to any measure that the Legislature of this Province may pass for that purpose; and your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable House will pass a bill to enable your petitioners to regulate and manage their own Church affairs in the same manner as other religious communities, and thereby relieve many conscientious persons from the doubts which they sincerely feel against any Synodical action until authority is given by Legislative enactment.

BILL.

Whereas doubts exist whether the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province have the power of regulating the affairs of their Church, in matters relating to discipline, and necessary to order and good government, and it is just that such doubts should be removed, in order that they may be permitted to exercise the same rights of self-government that are enjoyed by other religious communities: Her Majesty, &c., therefore enacts as follows:—

That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in their several Dioceses, which are now, or may be hereafter constituted in this Province, and in such manner and by such proceedings as they shall adopt, frame constitutions and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interests of the Church in matters relating to and affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland; Provided always, that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same.

2. The Bishops, Clergy and Laity, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, may meet in general Assembly within this Province, by such Representatives as shall be determined and declared by them in their several Dioceses; and in such general Assembly frame a Constitution and regulations for the general management and good government of the said Church in this Province. Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorise the imposition of

any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said Church or not, or the infliction of any punishment, fine or penalty upon any person, other than his suspension or removal from an office in the said Church, or exclusion from the meetings or proceedings of the Diocesan or General Synods; and, Provided also, that nothing in the said constitutions or regulations, or any of them, shall be contrary to any law or statute now or hereafter in force in this Province.

Hon. J. H. Cameron moved, seconded by Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere,

That the Rule No. 3 of section 3 of the Rules for the preservation of order be suspended. Carried.

Hon. J. H. Cameron moved, seconded by the Rev. T. B. Read,

That the Petition prepared by the Special Committee to the three branches of the Legislature for the passage of a bill on the subject of Synodical action be adopted, and that the petitions be presented by the whole body of this Assembly to both Houses and the Governor-General to-morrow. Carried: Mr. Ermatinger dissentient.

Moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by Judge Armstrong,

That the draft of the bill submitted be printed for the use of the members of the Synod. Carried.

The Archdeacon of York submitted an Address of congratulation to the Governor-General from the committee appointed to draft the same.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR EDMUND HEAD, GOVERNOR-GENERAL,
AC. AC. AC.

May it please your Excellency:—

We, the Bishop and Clergy and Lay Representatives of the several parishes and missions of the Diocese of Toronto, in Synod assembled, beg leave to avail ourselves of this our first meeting after your Excellency's assumption of the Government of this Province, to offer to your Excellency our respectful and hearty congratulations.

We earnestly pray that, with the blessing of Divine Providence, your Excellency's administration of the Government of this Province may serve to promote the welfare and contentment of the people, respect for the Institutions of our great Empire, loyal devotion to our beloved Queen and a reverent obedience to the commands and will of our God and Saviour.

We deeply feel the conviction that the furtherance of these great objects will engage your Excellency's unceasing anxiety and care; and we need scarcely express to your Excellency the assurance that the Clergy and congregations of the Church of England in this Province will be found amongst the foremost in the duty of co-operating in an object so high and holy as that of promoting obedience to constituted authority, and diffusing the blessed influence of sound Christianity.

Your Excellency, we feel assured, will fully concur with us in the persuasion that a wide and thorough inculcation of the principles of pure Christianity constitutes the only real safeguard of the public welfare. It will, therefore, we believe, afford your Excellency satisfaction to learn that the unceasing diffusion of the genuine principles of the Gospel, as embodied in the constitution, ritual and doctrine of our beloved Church, affords reasonable promise of its practical influence upon the subjects of your Excellency's Government.

We pray Almighty God to take your Excellency and family into His gracious keeping; to vouchsafe to you every temporal and spiritual blessing, and to crown with abundant success your Excellency's endeavours, that "peace, happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations."

Rev. Dr. Beaven moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, That the Address be adopted, and that it be presented to the Governor-General at the same time as the petition.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

His Lordship called for the Report of the Rural Deans

on the Episcopal Endowments. The Committee not being prepared, the report was deferred till to-morrow.

The Report from the Committee on the "Temporalities Act" was called for.

The Hon. G. S. Boulton, on behalf of the committee, stated that the matter had inadvertently been overlooked.

It was moved by O. Gamble, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Mr. Brough,

That the Committee on the Temporalities Act be discharged. Carried.

Fourteen notices of motion were given.

The Treasurer, G. W. Allan, Esq., presented his report, shewing the amount of receipts and the amount of liabilities.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Rev. A. Palmer,

That the notices of motions be printed and furnished to the members of the Synod.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Rev. Mr. Denroche moved, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lett,

That the latter part of clause 14 of the Constitution of the Synod, commencing with the word "excepting," be expunged, and a new clause, to be numbered 15, be adopted and read thus: "Whenever a meeting of Clergy and Lay Representatives shall be held for the election of a Bishop, the nomination shall proceed from two-thirds of the Clergy, and shall be confirmed by two-thirds of the Laity,—reckoned by parishes represented therein."

Mr. Baker moved as an amendment, seconded by the Rev. J. Shortt,

That all after the word "that," &c., be omitted, and the following inserted: "Whenever the Clergy and Lay Representatives shall be assembled to elect a Bishop, or to agree upon a recommendation in such behalf to the Crown, the powers and duties of the two orders shall be the same in every respect,—the Lay Representatives voting by parishes."

Upon this a lengthened discussion ensued. At six o'clock a motion was made to adjourn till the next morning, when the meeting of the Synod should be preceded by Prayers in the Cathedral, at nine o'clock. Carried.

The Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S SITTING.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1856.

Prayers in the Cathedral at 9 a. m.

The meeting organized at 10. The Lord Bishop taking the Chair.

Prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. Grasett.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read by the Clerical Secretary.

One correction, changing the word *legalize* "to remove doubts respecting the action of the Synod," being made, they were confirmed by the meeting.

Reports of Rural Deans on Episcopal Endowments being called for,

Rural Dean Evans presented the following report of the Rural Deans of the Western section of the Diocese:—

The Rural Deans of the Western Section of the Diocese of Toronto present the following Report concerning the Episcopal Fund:—

Subscriptions have been obtained towards the fund, amounting to £10,000. These subscriptions, by the heading of the subscription list, were due on the 1st of January, 1855, and bear interest from that day.

A Committee was appointed in March last to take measures to collect the subscriptions or to obtain securities for them, and at the suggestion of the Lord Bishop they applied to the Hon. J. H. Cameron to give them instructions how they ought to proceed. Mr. Cameron stated that the

only body which could take charge of the fund was the Church Society, and that he would propose a resolution at the Church Society accepting the trust, and providing for the management of the fund.

Whenever, then, Mr. Cameron is able to prepare that resolution at a meeting of the Church Society, and to furnish the necessary instructions, the Committee is prepared to proceed with energy, and we feel assured that in a very short time a large part of the subscriptions will be placed in such a position of security as will be perfectly satisfactory to his Lordship the Bishop and to his Excellency the Governor General.

FRANCIS EVANS, }
BENJAMIN CRONYN, } *Rural Deans.*

REPORT OF THE RURAL DEAN OF THE HOME DISTRICT.

With reference to the steps that have been taken in compliance with the suggestions of the Lord Bishop's Pastoral, towards raising contributions within the bounds of the Home Rural Deanery in aid of the Episcopal Fund for the endowment of the intended new See of Toronto, the Rural Dean begs leave to report—

That a preliminary meeting of the Clergy and Lay representatives for the nomination of a Central Committee of Management, and the carrying out of the various other suggestions of the Pastoral, was by the Lord Bishop's directions appointed to be held at Toronto on the 4th May, 1854.

Upon that day, a large number of the Clergy and Lay representatives of the Deanery were in attendance, who were pleased to receive the Lord Bishop's proposals with the utmost deference and cordiality; and proceeded to pass such resolutions as were deemed necessary to carry them into effect.

A Committee of Management was appointed, and resolutions passed requiring the Clergy and Lay delegates to ascertain, with all convenient speed, from the assessor's roll, the value of the ratable property belonging to members of the church within their respective parishes.

Such information was considered very desirable, inasmuch as there apparently existed no other basis upon which to found an equitable assessment.

An anxious wish was therefore expressed that the desired information should, if possible, be obtained and furnished without delay, for the guidance of the Committee at its meeting appointed for the following month of June.

Previously to that meeting however, distinct intimation was received from various quarters, that insuperable obstacles stood in the way of obtaining the desired information from the assessment rolls; nevertheless data sufficiently accurate to enable the Committee to adopt what seemed to them an equitable scale of assessment was at the same time furnished.

An assessment was therefore made according to that data, and the Secretary was requested to address a circular letter to the Clergy, informing them of the amount which their respective parishes, in the opinion of the Committee, might reasonably be expected to contribute. An earnest request was also preferred that immediate steps, in accordance with the Lord Bishop's Pastoral, should be taken to ascertain whether the sums named could be obtained, and to secure them if possible without delay.

Replies, either verbal or written, to that circular, were in due time received from all the Clergy, approving in every instance the object; and in most cases expressing the opinion, that the assessment was just and equitable and could be raised; but all, with one exception, declared that for various cogent reasons it was most expedient to postpone further action in the matter to a future day.

Matters having been carried thus far, the Managing Committee deemed it proper to have recourse to the Lord Bishop for further advice and direction. Accordingly the various documents relating to the matter were submitted to him, when his lordship was pleased to express his approbation of the action of the Committee, and to decide that the matter should be allowed for the present to remain in abeyance.

The fact that the See is full, and the earnest prayer and expectation that it may long continue so, caused the foregoing decision of the Lord Bishop to be received with much acceptance by all the Parishes.

Such, in so far as the Home Rural Deanery is concerned, is the present position of the Episcopal Endowment Fund; and the Rural Dean feels justified in expressing his opinion, founded upon the above statement, that when the period shall have arrived at which it may be deemed prudent and necessary to again press forward the matter, the members of the Church resident in the Home Rural Deanery will not be found wanting in the most cordial and strenuous efforts, to meet the wish and just expectations of the Lord Bishop and the Synod.

The Rural Dean cannot close this Report without mentioning the Lord Bishop's munificent donation of £100 cy. to the fund.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. E. BLAKE,

Rural Dean, Home Rural Deanery.

THORNHILL, May 1st, 1856.

REPORT OF THE RURAL DEAN OF THE NIAGARA DISTRICT.

The Rural Dean of Niagara begs leave to report—that soon after the Pastoral letter of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in regard to the endowment of the Bishoprics, into which it is proposed to divide the diocese—a public meeting, composed of most of the Clergy of the Rural Deanery, and of several of the leading Lay-members of the Church, was held in St. Catherines; and an address to the members of the Church, prepared by the Rural Dean, was adopted, signed by those present, and afterwards by other Lay gentlemen; printed and generally circulated; meetings held in several parishes and the work of subscription commenced with every prospect of good success. At this stage of the proceedings, the Rural Dean had a conversation with the Lord Bishop on the subject; and His Lordship, having given it as his opinion that it

was unnecessary at present to proceed with the subscriptions in that part of the Diocese, which will remain the Diocese of Toronto, after the proposed division thereof, nothing further was done in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted,

T. B. FULLER,

Rural Dean of the Rural Deanery of Niagara.

Toronto, May 2d., 1856.

The Report upon the Endowment Fund from the Deaneries of Carleton and Lanark, made to the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, 1st May, 1856.

Shortly after the Lord Bishop of Toronto issued his pastoral letter, bringing under the notice of the Clergy and Laity the mode by which it was proposed to raise an endowment for the new Sees, a meeting of the Clergy and Lay delegates of the Deaneries of Carleton and Lanark was held at Ottawa, at which a committee of General Management was appointed, and arrangements made for soliciting contributions from every parish.

In February and March of the present year two meetings of the Clergy and Lay delegates were called, one at Richmond and the other at Ottawa, for the purpose of ascertaining the progress made in collecting funds, the former of which was attended by only one Clergyman, the latter by four.

From the reports of the parties who attended this latter meeting, it appeared that little or no progress had been made in raising the Endowment Fund. This was accounted for by the proceedings taken at Kingston, which led the people of the various parishes to suspect that the measures which had been carried on for the elevation of the Rev. Thomas Hincks to the See would be successful, in which case it appeared to be the general determination to withhold an endowment.

The publication of the despatches announcing the intention of the Home Government to leave the election to the Colony came too late to enable the Clergy in country

parishes to do anything before the assembling of the Synod, but there can be no doubt that with few exceptions, the people of these Deaneries will contribute a just and fair proportion of the necessary funds.

From only one mission (Perth) have I received a decided discouragement, and that arose from a large expenditure being necessary to meet its own immediate wants in building a Church and the support of its Clergyman.

At Ottawa, I have been induced to delay the raising funds, from the financial condition of this section of the province, which has so sadly suffered in the past year from depression in its principal branch of trade. I am assured, however, that this delay will be ultimately beneficial, and that with the return of peace and prosperity, the people will evince a more enlarged bounty, than if funds had been asked for during a period of depression. To say that nothing has been done here, would be wrong, since a few individuals have promised £25 each; and now that free action is left to the Synod, many, no doubt, will follow their examples.

S. S. STRONG.

The Rural Dean of the Johnstown Deanery presented the following report:—

ACTUAL STATE OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND IN THE JOHNSTOWN RURAL DEANERY, MAY 1, 1856.

PARISHES, ETC.	AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT.	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED.	ADDITIONAL SUM ON WHICH INTEREST IS PLEDGED.	TOTAL SUBSCRIBED OR SECURED.	ANNUAL INCOME AT SIX PER CT.	REMARKS.
1. Brockville	900 0 0	750 0 0	150 0 0	900 0 0	54 0 0	
2. Prescott and Maitland	525 0 0	525 0 0	58 2 6	525 0 0	31 10 0	
3. Cornwall and Moulinette	425 0 0	366 17 6	112 10 0	425 0 0	25 10 0	
4. Kemptville, &c.	210 0 0	97 10 0	250 0 0	210 0 0	12 12 0	
5. Williamsburg and Matilda.....	210 0 0	150 0 0	60 0 0	250 0 0	15 0 0	
6. Hawkesbury	210 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	210 0 0	12 12 0	
7. Osnabruck, &c.	170 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	100 0 0	6 0 0	
8. Merrickville, &c.	170 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	125 0 0	7 10 0	
9. Lamb's Pond & North Augusta	125 0 0	75 0 0	50 0 0	125 0 0	7 10 0	
10. Rev. F. Tremayne's Mission ...	125 0 0	0 0 0	125 0 0	125 0 0	7 10 0	
11. Edwardsburg and Mountain ...	80 0 0	42 10 0	0 0 0	42 10 0	2 11 0	
12. Gananoque and Front of Leeds	100 0 0	0 0 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	6 0 0	
13. The Bishop of Toronto's sub'n	100 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	100 0 0	6 0 0	
14. Mr. Harvey (Catechist's) coll.	0 0 0	12 10 0	0 0 0	12 10 0	0 15 0	
15. Rev. N. Watkins' own sub'n.....	0 0 0	12 10 0	0 0 0	12 10 0	0 15 0	
				3187 10 0	188 5 0	

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No report received by Rural
Subscribed without conditions.

From the above Table it appears that we have secured in this Deanery the Interest on the sum of £3137 10s., almost the whole of which is pledged on the express condition that the privilege be conceded to the Synod of electing our own Bishop.

HENRY PATTON, Rural Dean, J. D.

REPORT OF SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.

The Rural Dean of the Simcoe Rural Deanery begs to report—

That having consulted with the Clergy of that Rural Deanery respecting the raising the necessary portion of the Episcopal Fund, it was thought right to defer the matter to a future day, with the hope that our present revered Diocesan would long be spared; and considering that in the Simcoe Rural Deanery the parishes are all rural, by deferring the matter for a time, a much larger subscription would be obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. L. OSLER,
Rural Dean.

Rev. Rural Dean Givins verbally reported respecting the Midland Deanery Episcopal Endowment Fund.

Eleven notices of motion were given.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron informed his Lordship and the meeting that the Governor General had appointed 4 o'clock to meet his Lordship and the members of the Synod, and moved, That as the Synod were to present their address to the House at 3 P. M., the Synod do adjourn at a-quarter to three P. M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Mr. Ardagh renewed the discussion on the Rev. E. Denroche's motion, and Mr. Baker's amendment.

Rev. J. T. Lewis, D.D., seconded by W. B. Simpson, Esq., moved in amendment to the amendment:

That inasmuch as the subject under debate is one which this Synod, as at present constituted, will not be called on to carry out practically, Resolved—That the question be postponed, in order that each of the two Dioceses may take that course in reference to it, which it may deem most expedient for itself.

After some further discussion, the Rev. J. T. Lewis, with leave of the chair, withdrew his amendment. He

then, seconded by Rev. H. J. Grasett, moved the following amendment :

That so soon as the endowment shall be completed for each of the two contemplated new Dioceses, the Clergy and Lay Delegates of each section respectively shall meet at such time and place as may be appointed by the Bishop, to organize the new Diocese ; such meeting to be presided over by the Bishop.

The Rev. E. Denroche and H. C. Baker, Esq., consented to withdraw their resolutions for the present, and support the amendment of Dr. Lewis, which was carried unanimously.

Hon. J. H. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Whitmarsh, moved the adoption of the draft of Bill presented yesterday—carried.

The Bishop at 2½ P. M. requested the Synod to accompany him in a body to the Government House to present an address and petition to His Excellency, and also to both Houses of the Legislature, to present petition. The Synod to return to the hall afterwards.

FRIDAY, AFTERNOON.

Sitting resumed, after presenting petitions and address to Governor General.

The following is the reply to the address presented to the Governor General :

*My Lord, Reverend Gentlemen, and
Gentlemen of the Diocese of Toronto :*

I receive with much pleasure the address which you, in Synod assembled, have done me the honour to present. I thank you for it, and for the earnestness with which you solicit a blessing on my administration of this Government.

The happiness of all our fellow-subjects will be best promoted by the pure doctrines of the Christian religion, and by a steady submission to established law.

As pastors and members of the English Church, your exertions will, I know, be directed to securing these great

objects. May it please God to bless your efforts with success!

I acknowledge with gratitude your concluding prayer on behalf of myself and my family, and I desire to assure you that I join heartily in your petitions for the general welfare of the people of Canada.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES.

1. Moved by H. C. Baker, Esq. (on behalf of the Rev. Mr. Fuller), and seconded by Hon. J. H. Cameron:

Resolved,—That, in order to expedite the business of this Synod, it is required for the future that the Clerks of the several Vestries in this Diocese send to the Lay Secretary of this Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the Lay Delegates elected at the Vestry Meetings during Easter week; and that the Lay Secretary of this Synod do attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the certificates of said Lay Delegates.—Carried.

2. Moved by Hon. J. H. Cameron.—For concurrence in the adoption of draft of bill to remove doubts respecting the action of the Synod.—(Dispensed with.)

3. Moved by Rev. Dr. Beaven, and seconded by Hon. J. H. Cameron:

Resolved,—That a committee be appointed to examine what part of the ecclesiastical law of England and of the Churches in Scotland and in the United States in communion with the Church of England is applicable in this portion of the Church; to advise such additions as may be required by the circumstances of this country, and to report to the next meeting of the Synod a body of Canons corresponding with the results at which they may arrive:—Venerable Archdeacon of York, the Provost of Trinity College, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, the Rev. D. Blake, the Rev. E. H. Dewar, the Rev. E. J. Boswell, and the mover.—Carried.

4. By Rev. Francis Evans,—That the Lord Bishop be requested to appoint the Clergy and Lay Delegates of

the proposed Western Diocese, to be a permanent Committee for the purpose of completing and securing the endowment for that Diocese, to report from time to time to the Lord Bishop, and, if possible, to report to the Synod before they separate.—Withdrawn.

5. By Rev. S. S. Strong,—To change the titles of proposed New Dioceses.—Withdrawn.

6. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Bettridge, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lett :

Resolved,—That a committee be appointed to draft an Address to the Honourable J. Hillyard Cameron, conveying to him the cordial thanks of this Synod for his unwearied and invaluable services in furthering the interests of the Church in this Province, and that such address be engrossed.

The Rev. Mr. Mortimer supported the motion. Carried.

The Bishop nominated the following Committee to draft the same:—Rev. Messrs. Bettridge, Lett, Patton, and Mortimer.

7. Moved by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Flood :

Resolved,—That a committee of this Synod be appointed to consider the state of our Indian Missions, and that measures shall be taken for securing their efficiency and permanence.—Carried.

The following committee were appointed:—Revs. A. Nelles, Elliott, McMurray, Flood, Dr. O'Meara, Hon. P. B. De Blaquiére, Hon. James Gordon, F. Talfourd Esq.

8. By Rev. Dr. Lewis,—To amend the second clause of the Constitution :

Provided that no person shall vote unless he be a stated attendant of the church for which said Representative is nominated.—Suspended.

9. Moved by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, and seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon of York :

1st. That inasmuch as it would facilitate the despatch of business and ensure a more effectual consideration of all matters to be discussed at the meeting of

Synod, there shall be an Executive Committee, to be nominated and presided over by the Right Rev. the Bishop, and to consist of twenty-five members, thirteen chosen from among the Clergy and thirteen from among the Lay Representatives of the Synod; the election to be, as in the case of other committees, for a period extending from one Synod to the opening of the next.

2nd. That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare in due form all such matters as the Bishop, or any member or members of the Synod, clerical or lay, may desire to have brought before the Synod, and to issue a circular under the Bishop's direction, stating the nature of the business for the ensuing Synod and the order in which such business will be discussed.

3rd. That the business to be submitted to the Synod be sent to the Executive Committee two months before the meeting of Synod; and a circular, containing a statement of the business to be submitted be forwarded to each Clergyman and parish, one month before the meeting of Synod.

First, second, and third resolutions carried.

His Lordship named the following Committee:—Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, Ven. Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Beaven, Rural Dean Blake, W. Bettridge, Dr. Cronyn, Rural Dean Fuller, Rural Dean Givins, H. J. Grasett, Rural Dean Palmer, Rural Dean Patton, J. Short, Dr. Lett; The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. G. S. Goodhue, H. C. Baker, J. W. Gamble, D. J. Hughes, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Mewburn, James Patton, H. B. Simpson, S. B. Harman, Esqs.

10. By Rev. E. Denroche,—To re-appoint Committee on the Temporalities Act.—Suspended till evening.

11. By Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere,—To amend No. 3, of section 3, Rules for preservation of order.—Suspended till evening.

12. Moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, and seconded by Mr. Simpson:

That the Executive Committee be authorized to revise

the Constitution of the Synod, and the rules and regulations thereof; that said committee do report to the next meeting of the Synod, and that the Constitution so revised be printed and forwarded to the Clergy and Lay Delegates one month previous to the meeting thereof.

13. By Mr. Ermatinger,—That the Clergy and Laity respectively, in future, do meet in separate houses.—**Withdrawn.**

Six o'clock, adjourned till half-past seven.

EVENING SESSION.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Report of the Committee to enquire into the law of Marriage Licenses was read by Rev. Dr. Beaven. After reading it he mentioned, that as there was a doubt whether the Church Society had a right to direct the Committee to report to the Synod, he would give notice of a motion on the subject.—**Withdrawn.**

2. Moved by the Rev. F. L. Osler, and seconded by the Rev. T. Fletcher :

That a Committee be appointed to consider whether a better selection of Psalms and Hymns than that now in use may not be obtained or compiled for general use in this Diocese; and to report at the next meeting of the Synod.—**Lost.**

3. By the Rev. A. Townley,—That this Synod petition the Provincial Legislature to extend the right of Separate Common Schools to the United Church of England and Ireland within this Province; or that this Synod adopt such other means as in its wisdom may appear best suited to secure the inestimable blessings of moral and religious education for the children of the Church within this Province.

Rev. A. Palmer moved the following in amendment :

(1). That this Synod earnestly desires that such measures shall be taken as shall impart to the Common Schools of this Province a religious character, so far as in its unhappy state of religious division can be done

consistently with the rights of conscience,—and to that end, that all the Common Schools be opened and closed with prayer, and that a portion of the Holy Scriptures be daily read therein; provided, always, that no child shall be compelled to be present at such prayers or reading of the Scriptures, whose parents or guardians shall object to his doing so.

(2). That this Synod does not deem it expedient to seek the establishment of any other separate schools, except those which the members of the Church shall themselves be enabled to establish, seeing that in contending for Separate Schools as part of the Common School system, they would only be seconding the too successful efforts of the Roman Catholic Church to inculcate its system of intolerance and superstition at the public expense.

After some discussion, the resolutions were withdrawn.

3. Moved by Mr. Farrell, and seconded by Hon. J. H. Cameron :

That the Lay Delegates embrace this opportunity unanimously of informing the Clergy with what admiration and gratitude they have witnessed their unbounded liberality and devotion to the cause of religion, by surrendering to the Church the commutation money lately received by them from Government, and to assure them that they on their parts will endeavour to spread abroad among the people the desire of imitating so bright an example of self-denial and zeal.

5. Mr. Farrell moved the following amendments to the Constitution of the Synod :

Article 1.—That, all after the word “souls” be expunged and the following words substituted: “and of lay representatives, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

“Those of the Clergy holding office in any college or school under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, and not under Ecclesiastical censure, to be honorary members of the Synod, but have no right to vote.”

6. *Article 7.*—All after the words “meetings of the Synod”

to be expunged, and the following words substituted: "but have no vote thereat."

7. *Article 8.*—That the original article be expunged, and the following words substituted: "The Bishop shall appoint the time and place of meeting of the Synod, which shall continue in session until the business brought before the body is concluded, or a final adjournment carried by a vote of a majority of two-thirds of the members present; and a special session shall be called by the Bishop whenever a requisition to that effect shall be presented to him signed by the delegates of not less than fifty parishes."

8. *Article 13.*—That after the word "purpose" the following words be added: "And no lay delegate is to have a seat in the Synod whose parish has not previously paid such assessment."

9. *Article 14.*—That all after the word "valid" be expunged, and the following words inserted: "without being carried by the votes of a majority of the members present; and when such vote shall be equally divided, the Bishop, or, in his absence, his appointed deputy, shall have the casting vote."

10. That the following article shall be added to the Constitution of the Synod: In the event of the demise of a Bishop, the _____ shall, within _____ months after that event, appoint a time and place for the Synod to meet to appoint a successor to the vacant See, and that such _____ shall be chairman of such special Synod.

Mr. Farrell withdrew his motion.

11. Judge Hughes, on Marriage Licenses.

12. By James Patton, Esq.—To amend 3rd clause of Constitution:

That all after the words "any Cures" shall be struck out, and the following inserted: "shall be limited to one, and that each congregation holding their Easter Vestry shall have the privilege of electing their representatives."—Withdrawn.

Moved by Judge Armstrong, and seconded by Rev. H. Patton :

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Synod are justly due, and are hereby given, to J. W. Gamble, Esq., and to those members of Parliament who have consistently supported the Church of England and Ireland in this Province in the defence of her rights, and who to the last moment defended the maintenance of her property.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy supported the motion. Carried by acclamation.

Moved by John W. Gamble, Esq., and seconded by H. C. Baker, Esq. :

Resolved—That this Synod, fully alive to the necessity of establishing a Sustentation Fund as recommended in the opening address of the Lord Bishop, beg leave most respectfully to request that his Lordship would be pleased to take such steps, and at such time as he may deem most expedient, for carrying out this most important object.

Moved by Rev. Henry Patton, and seconded by Judge Hughes :

Resolved—That respectful memorials be transmitted to the venerable the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and to the Committee of Bishops for Establishing Colonial Bishoprics, praying that the Society and the Committee respectively would be pleased to make grants in aid of the Episcopal Fund now being raised in this diocese for the endowment of the proposed two new Sees, the one east and the other west of the Central Diocese of Toronto ; and that the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, George W. Allan, Esq., and the mover, be the Committee to draft the same, and that the Lord Bishop, the President of the Synod, be requested to transmit them to the Ven. Societies and to the Committee of Bishops.

Moved by the Rev. B. Cronyn, and seconded by Judge Hughes :

Resolved—That the thanks of this Synod be respectfully offered to the Clerical and Lay Secretaries who have so

kindly and efficiently afforded their services during this Session.

Hon. J. H. Cameron moved that the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Church Society, be Assistant Secretary, and that all communications be addressed to him.

Rev. H. Patton objected that the constitution did not provide for such appointment; in the United States the Secretaries, as soon as elected, were permitted to appoint an assistant.

The Secretaries here stated that, feeling the necessity of such an appointment, they had requested Mr. Kennedy to assist them, and he had kindly done so from the commencement.

Hon. J. H. Cameron said if the meeting concurred in this arrangement, he would not press his motion. Agreed to, *nem. con.*

Moved by the Archdeacon of Kingston, seconded by Rev. Dr. Beaven :

Resolved—That the thanks of the Clergy be respectfully offered to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for the valuable Charge addressed by him to the Clergy at his Lordship's Visitation on the 30th inst., and that his Lordship be requested to permit the same to be published for the most lasting edification of the Clergy.

Moved by Archdeacon of York, and seconded by Rev. Dr. O'Meara :

Resolved—That the thanks of the Clergy be offered to the Rev. Rural Dean Fuller, for the excellent Sermon delivered by him at the Visitation of the Lord Bishop on the 30th inst., and that he be requested to allow the same to be published.

Moved by the Rev. A. Palmer, seconded by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, and carried by acclamation :

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this Synod be most respectfully tendered to the Lord Bishop, for the great ability, the unwearied patience, and the paternal kindness both to the Clergy and Laity, with which he has presided over the deliberations of this Synod.

Moved by Dr. Bovell, seconded by W. B. Simpson, Esq.:

That this Synod, being obliged to incur expense in the discharge of its business, it is resolved that an annual assessment of £5 on city churches, £3 on town churches, and from £1 to 10s. on rural congregations, be levied, to be devoted solely to the expenses of the Synod, and brought up by the Lay delegates.

The Lord Bishop then adjourned the Synod, and pronounced the Benediction.

On Saturday morning the following address was presented to the Hon. J. H. Cameron, and read by Rev. H. Patton :—

To the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Q. C., D. C. L., & M. P. P.

Hon. and dear Sir,—We, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Diocese of Toronto in Synod assembled, beg leave to avail ourselves of an opportunity so favorable, to tender to you our most cordial and grateful thanks, on behalf of the whole Church in this Diocese, for the unwearied zeal, the self-denying exertions, and faithful devotion to her cause, manifested by you for many years past, and especially during the late important crisis in her history.

At a time when the peril of the Church was such as to test the fidelity and devotion of her sons, and when we witnessed with profound mortification the apathetic indifference of many who, in the hour of need, failed to advocate her claims, you were not found wanting in the manful struggle to defend her rights and to guard her property. There cannot be a more righteous or dutiful application of the high talents and distinguished attainments which, through the blessing of Divine Providence, you possess, than to devote them to the interests of Christ and his Church; and we feel assured that the highest gratification you can yourself experience in the exercise of these gifts is derived from the consciousness that they have been heartily devoted to a cause so important and sacred.

Your advocacy of this holy cause in the Legislative Assembly, and your indefatigable and disinterested zeal

in carrying out the commutation of the stipends of the clergy, entitle you to the lasting gratitude of the Church, not in this Diocese only, but in the Province at large.

That you may long be spared in health and strength to defend the interests and to adorn the Communion of that Church which is so dear to us all, and that the best blessings of Divine Providence and grace may be with you and yours, is our sincere and hearty prayer.

On behalf of the Synod,

JOHN TORONTO.

To which Mr. Cameron made the following verbal reply:—

My Lord, and Gentlemen, of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto,—

I feel deeply grateful for the address which you have presented to me; but in the part which I have taken in defending the rights and guarding the property of our Church, I have done no more than the duty which my conscientious convictions called upon me to perform.

I love the doctrines and teaching of the Church of England, and in assisting to extend her influence and infuse greater vitality in her Councils, I am entitled to no credit, as I have been only endeavoring to do God service.

I thank you for your kind wishes on my behalf, and above all for your invocations of Divine Providence and grace on me and mine.

Your faithful friend and servant,

J. HILLYARD CAMERON.

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