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# Diocesan Spuod.

#### SPECIAL MEETING-NOMINATION OF BISHOP AND METROPOLITAN.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1868. Yesterday, in accordance with the circular of Josiah Withers the Dean of Montreal, the Diocesan Synod met for the purpose of electing a successor, to the late Metropolitan. The number of delegates from all parts of the Province was very large. the utmost interest being naturally felt in the result of the election to so important an office. At 11 o'clock public service was 'held in the Cathedral. The prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Slack, Rural Dean of Bedford, the first lesson by Ven. Archdeacon Leach. The concluding prayers were read by Rev.

Canon Loosemore The Rev Canon Balch, D.D., then preached from 2 Timothy xi 15 :- 'Study to show thysslf approved unto God." After a few introductory remarks on the general principles involved in the text, he applied it to the conduct and teaching of ministers themselves and showed how their energies ought to be directed, He dwelt upon the Diocesan Missions, giving the statistics of the Diocese of Montreal with its 45,000 adherents and seventy-five ministers. He directed their attention to the gradual withdrawal of the contributions of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in order that the Church here may help herself the more, now that she is past the stage of infancy. More than \$12,000 a year must, therefore, soon be withdrawn, and it would be necessary to be prepared for that as well as to provide for their present deficiency. He was of opinion that a special sum of \$5,000 this year should be raised to be applied to next year's operations, and so on yearly, that there might always be a year's funds in hand for the following year. In this he had the full concurrence of the late Bishop. He had already made a beginning in raising that sum, and trusted the whole amount might be raised by January. To meet the deficiency, and the withdrawal of the Propagation Society's grant, it would be necessary to raise the sum of \$25,-000 annually from the Diocese, but this sum could be raised by the exertions of the Secretary and the Bishop and with these it could be obtained with less trouble and less inconvenience to congregations than the present amount. He entered upon a summary of the duties devo'ving upon all in entering upon the work they had to perforin, and exhorted them to do it

At the conclusion of the sermon a collection

then dispensed by the Lord Bishop of Toronto. assisted by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

THE ELECTION. The Synod met at three o'clock, Dean Bethune in the Chair. There was a large meeting of the delegates. At the request of the Dean, the Rev. Canon Balch read the prayer appointed for the occasion. Mr. M. H. Sanborn read over the list of the

delegates, those present answering to their

LIST OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

Names marked thus \* were absent.

CLERGY. Very Rev. Dean Beth- Rev.C. Bancroft, jr., B.A. une, D. D. Rev A. O. Taylor Ven.Arch. Leach, D.C.L., Rev. E. S. Jenkyns LL.D. Rev. Canon Loosemore, Rev. J. B. Davidson, Rev. Canon Balch, D.D. M.A

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H W Austin

Morrison, M.D.

Campbell, C.B.

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Samuel Dawson \*Dr. Prime Fredk, Mackenzie Walter Drake Stephen Chartier G H Henshaw

\*Wm. Hill

H. S. Foster

J S. Faulkiner

Reuben Taylor Names marked thus

The DEAN then said : L

REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN,-The occasion for this special meeting of the Synod of this diocese is the election of a successor to our late much beloved and deeply lamented Bishop and Metropolitan. That the duty in the discharge of which we are now assembled is one of the very greatest importance and solemnity, I need hardly tell you; but it is one also of very heavy responsibility, and, as we shall have the benefit of the suggestion of the most hit person as the object of our choice by the whole House of our Right Rev. Fathers in God, this should be a great assistance as well as an alleviation of our responsibility. But be this as it may, we should all fervently pray, after the example of those who elected one to fill the first vacancy that occurred in the ranks of the holy Apostles, 'Thou Lord who knowest the hearts of all men, show us

whether of these thou hast chosen." Next in importance to the duty which I have thus briefly endeavoured to impress upon you, is that of good order and decorum in the discharge of our high function. The constitution of our Synod and the canon for the election of a Bishop have only provided, in this respect, that the votes shall be taken by ballot, and arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the canon in such a way as to prevent confusion and for the preservation of o der. For this purpose I took for my guidance the admirable arrangements made at the last election of a Biscop of Toronto; and I sought the further assistance and valuable aid of our Cathedral Chapter. The result has been the adoption of the order of proceeding, a printed copy of which is now, I believe, in the hands of every

one who is entitled to vote. I shall not detain you any longer, but conclude with the words of my venerable friend the late Bishop of Toronto, on a similar occasion, and ask you, "after fervent invocation of the Holy Spirit, to enter upon and discharge the duty before you in such a manner as in your inward souls and consciences you think will most advance the extension of God's king- o'clock. dorsand the growth of His grace amongst us."

A discussion was raised by Rural Dean SLACK as to the proper occupant of the chair, his opinion being that the Archdeacon was the proper dignitary to do so. He would not press the matter, but he would ask that the words "arranged by the Dean and Chapter" be expunged from the orders of the day

The DEAN held that he was the proper dignitary to fill the chair, but called the Chancellor to state the law on the subject The CHANCELLOR cited the law, which

was conclusive that the Dean was the proper occupant of the chair. Rev. Mr. DARNELL moved, recorded by Mr. LONSDELL, that the orders as a whole be

Rural Dean SLACK moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. LINDSAY, that the se ond line be expunged.

Hon. Mr. HUNTINGDON thought that if the word "arranged" were made "nggested" it would remove the objection. He pointed out that there were objections to the motion for receiving the orders en bloc and greed that they should be taken seriatim.

Rev. Mr. LINDSAY had moved for expunging the words "arranged," etc , as he felt afraid of its being a precedent. Mr. ROEBUCK was not prepared to give the Dean and Chapter the power of initiating legislation. If it was so and the Bishops named

The amendment was lost

The main motion was then put and carried. The Scrutineers appointed were the Rev. J. Ellegoode, Rev T W Fyles and Major Campbell for the clerical vote. The Chancellor, Capt Acres and Rev. W. B. Curran for the lay vote. Committees to examine the lists :-Clerical list—Rev. Canon Bond, Rev. R. Lonsdell, Rural Dean, Rev. R. W. Newman, Hon. L. S. Huntingdon, Mr. J. C. Spence. Lay list was made.

—Dr. Smallwood, Mr. W. H. Kerr, Mr. E. E. Rev. Ca Shelton, Rev. Canon Anderson, Rev J. B. Davidson

The SECRETARY of the House of Bishops delivered a message from their Lordships containing the nomination.

Canon BALCH read the nomination of those whom they had selected. They believed that the name should be that of one in Episcopal orders. They therefore sent down the following names :- The Bishop of Fredericton, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Bishop of Huron, the Bishop of Ontario, the Bishop of Quebec, the Bishop of Toronto.

A little before six the Committee on the lists of delegates brought in their report and the Synod adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, Nov. 12, 1868.

Yesterday morning the proceedings of the Synod were resumed. The clergy, in accordance with the order of proceedings, were seated on the right, and the laity on the left, of the Chair. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Canon Balch. The roll of delegates was then called, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved. The first part of the forenoon's proceedings was taken up with hearing appeals in respect to the report of the Committee on lists, which were finished a few minutes before twelve.

Mr. J. M. FERRIS raised the point that the House of Bishops being only entitled to send down a list, from whom the Synod were to choose a Bishop, had no power to express in that message any opinion or determination in addition. The resolution sent down was that only a clergyman holding Episcopal orders should be chosen as Bishop of Montreal. It was a most unfortunate thing for the House of Bishops itself, as, if the Synod declined to elect any of those whose names were ant down, they would be obliged to change that resolu-

The DEAN declared the question out of

Mr. FERRIS appealed to the House, and was House of Bishops, but this could not be withthought the best way would be to ask a Conference, and ask the Bishops to withdraw the resolution, substituting another with merely the names. He would, however, content himself with moving that this be not held as a preedent as there was not time for a conference.

The resolution is as follows. That by the Canon regulating the manner in which a Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal and Metropolitan is to be elected, it is provided that the House of Bishops shall lay before this Synod two or more names from which to select, and should no cho ce be made by this Synod that the House of Bishops shall again lay before this Synod other names and so on until a choice shall have been made. That the resolution passed by the House of Bishops and laid before this Synod yesterday is prefaced by a pream-

That this Synod while receiving the said resolution with all the respect due to the ouse of Bishops, declares nevertheless that the Canon restricts that venerable body to the sole duty of signifying names to this Synod from which to elect the Bishop of this Diocese and Metropolitan without any declaration of any other determination or of any opinion

That this Synod, therefore, objects to the form of the resolution of the House of Bishops now before this Synod, and will not hold the same as a precedent for the future in so far as it conveys to this Synod any other intimation than the names of persons whom this Synod may select as Bishop and Metropolitan according to the strict provision of the Canon in that behalf.

The Hon, Mr. HUNTINGDON seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The DEAN said had he known the objection he would not have held Mr. Ferris out of

The DEAN then called on the members of the Synod to engage in silent prayer for a few minutes, at the conclusion of which, the balloting began, the clergy voting on the one side of the House and the laity on the other. At one o'clock the ballotting was concluded, and the scrutineers retired with the ballot

boxes and the Synod adjourned till two

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the opening of the Session, the Scrutineers returned the following as the state of

Bishop of Federicton..... 2 1 Do of Nova Scotia.... 0 Do of Quebec ......... 33 9 Do of Ontario ..... 4 Do of Huron . . . . . 0 0 Do of Toronto . . . . . . 0 2 

the result being a rejection of all the names sent down by the House of Bishops. A message to this effect being sent to their Lordships, another list was sent down, from which the Bishop of Huron dissented in a note to the Dean which he requested to be read to the Synod. The voting on this resulted as follows:

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Do	of	Newfoundland	. 2	1
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This being the result, a message was sent to the candidates they might as well go home, their Lordships accordingly. The House of Bishops then sent down a message, with the Re". Mr. DAVIDSON moved, seconded by resolution that they were not prepared to sub-Mr. DRAKE, that the rules be taken up in mit any additional names, and that they in-

The message was received with hisses, and cries of "shame," and considerable confusion. Rev. Canon BANCROFT moved that a special meeting be called to separate the office of the Bishop of Montreal from that of the

Metropolitan. The motion was ruled out of

Mr. T. R. JOHNSON said the Bishops were bound to send down names until an election Rev. Canon BANCROFT said the House of

Bishops had sent down the names of all the Bishops of British North America but one, and they should send down that one also. (Loud Mr ROEBUCK moved that a conference be

asked with their Lordships, to ascertain if some better understanding could not be come to. The motion was carried, and the Dean appointed a committee to confer with their Lordships.

About half-past six the Committee returned and announced that their Lordships would be prepared to send down other names immediately after prayers in the morning. The The Synod then adjourned.

FRIDAY. Nov. 13, 1868.

ELECTION OF MATE POLITAN The Synod met yesterday muruing and was organized in the usual manner, the nam-s of the members called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved of.

The SECRETARY of the House of Bishops brought in a message from their Lordshi, s. Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr H. L. Ribitson, that upon every nomination and first ballot a second ballot shall take place upon the one candidate receiving the largest tumber of votes In such nemination, that in opportunity may be given for the reconciliation of different judg.

ments and an early harmonious settlement, The motionwas los' : yeas, 63; usys, 94 The message was then read as follows : Toat in accordance with a surgestion made to the Conference with the Diocesan Synod yesterday evening, the House of Bishops submit to the Diocesan Synod of Montreal the names of the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland,

the Lord Bishop of Huron, the Lord Bishop of Ontario, the Lord Bishop of Quebec and the Lord Bishop of Toronto, with the underst-uding that if a Bishop of this Province should be elected he shall hold office only until a canou can be passed leaving the election of Metropolitan in the hands of the House of Bishops, and sustained. He continued that it was the duty of the Synod to preserve harmony with the without restriction in the Synod of that Diocese. Hon L. S. HUNTINGDON submitted that

out the law being observed on both sides. He | these names having been already sent down and rejected, that it is not in order to send them down again. It was a point which the Dean himself must decide.

The DEAN thought the House of Bishops had a right to send down the same names. Hon. L. S. HUNTINGDON seeing that this point had been ruled out said, that it had been decided yesterday that the surplusage in the message was not admisible. The House of Bish ops had no right to send down any conditions as to the circums ances in which the bailot was to be taken, and ther fore the message could not be received. His application in writing was that it is not in order for this Synod to receive the message just presented from the House of Bishops, the pomination being coupled with couditions and extraneous matters not authorized by the Canon.

The DEAN agreed with Mr. Huctingdon, that the message was not admissible, and the Synod accordingly refused to receive it, a message to that effect being returned,

The buzz and excitement that prevailed was hu hed as the Secretary of the House of Fi hops returned with the message in reply. The names ent down were the same as these already sent with the exception of the Bishop of Quebec. The Secretary explained that the reason the name of the Bishop of Quebec was left out was that he would on no account accept the effice. The other Bishops would only accept conditionally. (Cries of no conditions.)

There was some confusion at this point as to the steps to be taken, but it was ultimately decided to take a recess for half an hour before balioting.

On resuming, the ballot was proceeded with and the Scrutineers reported the following as the state of the votes :

sishop of British Columbia, ...... 36 Нигов,..... 6 Newfoun land, ..... 0 Ontario. ..... 1 Toronto, . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 Lost Votes, ....

The Bishop of British Columbia had a majority of the Clerical votes, but only 14 Lay votes, 28 being necessary. Hon. L S. HUNTINGDON moved that there

be no further votes on these names, which was carried. It was then moved and carried that the

Synod adjourn till three o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met again at turee o'clock. Mr. L H. DAVIDSON, in support of a proposition for reconsideration of the last vote, cited authorities, but was ruled out of order After waiting for some time a message was

received from the House of Bishops nominating the Lord Bishop of British Columbia, the Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland and the Dean of received with cries of Goulburn and a movement to elect the Desn of Norwich by acclamation. Order being restored and a short time devoted to silent prayer, the ballot was proceeded with, resulting as failows:

Bishop of British Columbia, ..... 5 Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland .. 0 Deau of Norwich, ..... 38 Lost votes,..... 0 Nays,..... 24

Rev. Mr. DAVIDSON moved for a second ballot, Hon. L. S. HUNTINGDON in amendment that no further ballot should be taken on

The yeas and nays were demanded to be

order and passed seriatim. The amendment | tended to adjourn in an hour till May next. | taken down and the amendment was carried.

Rev. GEORGE SLACK moved that a con-

ference be requested between the Clergy, represented by six of their number and the laity represented by an equal number, to see if no understanding could be come to whereby a unauimous vote might be reached. Motion ruled out of order.

The result of the last ballot having been sent to the House of Bishops, a message was returned that as they were unable to agree upon any other names to be submitted for election until further enquiry, they would adjourn till the month of May next.

The message was received with considerable manifestation of feeling, approbation and disapprobation being both loudly expressed.

THE DEAN said that nothing further remained to de done. The Synod could either adjourn sine die, or adjourn to meet at ten Cleck to-morrow (this) morning.

A number of the representatives from the country said they had already wait d longer than was convenient for them, and a feeling was expressed to have an evening session.

Mr. J. M. FERRIS urged toat they should wait till another day. He could quite understand the desire of representatives from the coun'ry to get home, but it would be for the best interests of the Diccese, under the prinful circumstances in which it was placed, that they should remain. He moved that the Synod do adjourn till ten o'clock to-morrow (this)

Rev. Canon BANCROFT moved that the discussion continue until the usual hour of adjournment-six c'clock.

Mr. F. McKENZIE moved that there should be an evening session.

The resolution of Dr. Bancroft was carried. Mr. FEBRIS said it became the members of Synon under existing eircumstances to consider their position with the decorum and calmness which the position demanded. As the best thing to be done now he would move that a Committee by appointed to consider the whole

matter and report in the morning at ten o'clock. It was here suggested and generally approved of that the Committee report at an evening sit-ting to be held at eight o'clock, and Mr. Ferris altered his motion accordingly; the Committee to consist of ten members, five of the Clergy

and five of the Laity. Hon, Mr. BUNTINGDON said there were serious questions to be settled before the Synod could adjourn sine die, and grave doubts existed as to the power of summoning the Synod again in that event. These and other matters

must be taken into consideration. Before the vote was taken the DEAN said it would be impossible for him to be present in the evening, and as he had at so long he was anxious to see it out. It was, therefore, resolved, the motion having been sgreed to, that the Committee report at ten in the morning, and the Dean appointed the following as the members : The Archdescon and four rural deans for the clergy, and Messrs. Ferris, Huntingdon, Hamilton, Small wood and Hutton for the laity, and requested country members to defer leaving till the business was concluded.

The Synod then adjourned till ten this morn-

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 1868. The Synoi m t yesterday at ten o'clock, the Veneratle the Dean presiding. The usual prayers were read, the roll of members called, and the minutes of the previous day's proceed-

ings read and approved of. There was some little delay, the committee not being prepared with their report, but shortly before eleven o'clock the members entered the Court

The Venerable ARCHDEACON LEACH said. In presenting the report I may mention, in the first place, that the Committee invited the Chancellor to be present at its deliberations and have tad the benefit of his experience, and, in the second place, that the Hon. John Hamilton dissents generally from the contents of the report Although the name of the Hon. Mr. Huntingdon dees not appear attached to the report itself, yet he was present at the deliberations and approves of its contents. The report is in the hand-writing of the mover, and I propose he shall read the report himself. Mr J. M. FERRIS read the report which is

in the following terms:-The Committee appoint d by the order of reference of this date to consider the state of the Synod has the honour to report.

That the Synod of this Diocese as embled on the t nth of November, instalt, for the purpose of choosing a Bishop and Metropolitan.

Tuat, by the terms of the Carou regulating the election it is the duty of the House of Bishops to send down to the Synod two or more names, from which the Synod is to s lect one for Bishop and Metropolitan, and in case a selection should not be made from those names the House of Bishops should again send down other names until a choice should be m de.

That the House of Bishops, in terms of the canon, set t down on the same day the names of the Bishops of Nova Scotia, of Fredericton, of Haren, of Toronto, of Ostagio, and of Quebec, accompanied by a declaration of their determination that the lute rests of the Church required that the person to be elected to the Metropolitan See of Montreal should be of the Episcopal

That your Synod did not choose any one of the names so s at down to it, but intimated to the House of Bishops that the declaration of any Norwich (Dr. Goulburn.) The message was determination, or of any opinion of theirs accompanying any names submitted was not in acco dance with law

That the House of Bishops, on the 11th inst. sent down the names of the Bishops of Newf undland, of Grahamstown, and of British Columbia, and the Synod having voted there-

upon, a choice again failed. That the House of Bishops ther after transmitted a message to your Synod, declaring that they were not prepared to submit, without delay and enquiry, any further names than those already sent down, and that they would adjourn for one hour, and renew their nominations in the month of May next.

That a conference having been requested by your Synod, the House of Bishops consented thereto, and the report of the result was made to your Synod to the effect that the nominations

That accordingly to-day the House of Bishops sent down a message containing the names of the Birhops of Newfoundland, of British Columbia, of Huron, of Ontario, of Quebec, and of Totonto, with the understanding that if a Bistop of the Province should be chosen by your Synod, he should hold the effice only until a Canon should be passed, leaving the election of Metropolitan in the hands of the House of Bishops, and placing the election of a Bishop of Montreal withou; restriction in your Synod; but your Synod resolved that it could not receive a message containing the names of persons for election if coupled with conditions and extraneous matters not authorized by the

That soon a feer the House of Bishorss at down to your Synod a message repeating the names of the Bishops of Newfoundland, of Br.tish Columbia, of Huron, of Optario, and of Toronto, which having been rejected before by your Synod, were rejected again.

That the House of Bishops then sent down to your Synod another message containing the names of the Bishop of Columbia, of the Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland, and of the Dean of Norwich, for election, none of which received the number of votes in your Syno1 necessary

That thereafter the House of Bishops transmitted a message to your Synod, informing it that they were not prepared to submit any further names to your Synod without inquiry and delay, and that they would adjourn until the month of May next.

That your Committee have to point out to your Synod that among the above names so said before it by the House of Bishops, one is that of the Dean of Norwich, a dignitary of the church, residing in England, concerning whom your Synod had no information that he would resign a large income, at d sacrifice all the social and other advantages to which he was accustomed, in order to assume the charge of this Diocese with its labours and inconveniences, even if the state of his health. otherwise permi ted; but another name in the list is that of the Bishop of Grahamstown, a see on the coast of the South East of Africa, of whom almost none of the delegates in your Syuod had ever heard; that another name is that of the Bishop of British Columbia on the Pecific shore of North America, and almost totally unknown even by name or reputation to the delegates; that the list embraces also the names of the Bishops on the Atlantic Coast of British North America, with those of the Bishop and of the coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland, of whose existence the members of your Synod are no doubt cognizant, but with whose history or persons they are entirely unacquainted, and concerning not any one of whom had they the smallest information or assurance that they would forsake sees in which they had laboured for years to undertake the duties of that of Montreal.

The Synod will remark that with respect to British North America, the name of every Bishop holding a see therein was submitted to a .d gone beyond the canon. It was out of its you Synod, with the single exception of one, although they were all in a measure unknown to your members, and whose acceptance or rejection of the office was an uncertainty which could not be resolved until, with respect to some of them, after a considerable lap e of time.

Your Synod will also remark that the omission of the name of the Bishop of Rupert's Land, the exception referred to, was the more pointed because he is the only Bishop whom the members of the Synol have had any opportunity of knowing.

That your Synod will also remark that the House of Bishops refrained from submitting to you the name of any of the Archdeacons in this Ecclesiastical Province, or of any of the numerous Deans, Canons, or Presbyters therein, althat there are to be found among them clergymen whose zeal, talents, and industry in the performance of their sacred duties are familiar to you, and who, from their acquaintance with the country, you would have felt confident, would have laboured to promote the interests of God's Church in your Diocese and the glory of His name.

That your Committee cannot avoid noticing that the only names submitted for your cho'ce by the House of Bishops, which in reality you knew, were those of themselves; and that the Bishops of Huron and Toronto, two of the four composing that venerable House, were men so far advanced in life that your Synod could not suppose them long to possess the bodily vigour and activity requisite to endure the fatigue necessarily attending the performance of the duties of so extensive a Diocese as that of Montreal, especially when burdened with the additional duties of Metropolitan of the whole Province, to be still further increased, should his ecclesiastical jurisdiction be extended to the other portions of the Dominion:

That your Synod consequently felt that the only choice really left to you, on grounds which you could enter into and intelligibly understand was restricted in reality to the Bishops of Quebec and Optario; and your Synod also felt that by selecting either one or the other of those venerable dignitaries you would only be filling one vacancy to create another, and in your own Province; and your Synod will\* also bear in mind that the Bishop of Quebec, having officially intimated to you to-day that now, it became necessary to adopt some such he would not accept the office, the real choice eanon as that which now exists; but the mode then left to you was reduced to one—the Bishop, in which the Bishops have exercised their

Your Committee therefore have much to deplore that you had almost no measure of selection in determining your choice, but your Committee deplores still more that the House of Bishops should have lett the Church in this Diocese, and in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, without a head, by adjourning until the month of May.

Your Committee is distinctly of opinion that the Canon gives to the House of Bishops no power to adjourn as they have done, but are by it compelled to continue nominations until they should give you the name of a clergyman whom in your consciences and before God you considered it would be your duty to set over

the church in this diocese. The House of Bishops by their adjournment have consequently so far departed from the true spirit and intention of the Canon for the election of a Bishop and Metropolitan as to have virtually abdicated the functions it was their bounden duty to exercise.

That they have by so doing I ft also the property of the Church, which is vested in the ishop as a Corporation sole, entirely, without a

That your Committee have therefore to recommend that steps should be taken during next session of the Legislature to s cure such legislation as will vest the senior dignitary of the Church next in rank to the Bishop, until a Bishop for this Diocese be duly elected and

Church.

That your committee finally recommends that the present powers of the Synod should not be suffered to lapse, and to that end that it should adjour until some convenient day in the month of May next

All of which is respectfully submitted. WILLIAM T. LEACH. (Signed,) Chairman 12th November, 1868.

The ARCHDEACON moved that the report be received. The Rev. GEORGE SLACK seconded the

Rev. Mr. FULTON-I rise to a point of order. The Synci has no right to legislate on any thing, nor to transact any business beyond the election of Bishop, (cries, it is the elec-tion; aughter and disapprobation.) I move

that the report be not received.

Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON seconded the amend-

ment. The DEAN sid the Committee were yesterday appointed by the Synod to consider the present position of the Synod, and ascertain if a remedy could not be found. That Committee has presented a most able report, and it is now moved that the report be not received: How can it be refused? It is strictly in order and must be received.

The motion sas put midst cries of "carried," 'no" and great confusion:

Bev. J C DAVIDSON as well as could be understood moved that the report be amended, and that a Bishop be named and elected to this Diocese, and as Metropolitan protem

The amendment was ruled out of order, the proper time for such an amendment being when the question of adoption was brought Rov. J. B. DAVIDSON protested against the

uling of the chair on Mr. Fulton s motion. Mr. E CARTER Q.C, said the protest was not admissible. The proper course if he thought there was a grievance was for him to appeal to the Synod against the ruling.

After a few words from Mr. FERRIS, advocating the utmost latitude of discussion, seeing the importance of the crisis, the appeal, which was about to be put to the Synod was withdrawn.

Mr. CARTER moved the adoption of the report. I regret, he said, that unavoidable absence from the city has prevented my attendauce during the earlier part of the session, but I may be permitted to say a few words about what has taken place. I must express my entire concurrence in the report, especially as two points have been brought forward which I look upon as of the greatest importance. By the action taken, and the resolution sent down to this House, it is evident that the House of Bishops has assumed to itself a power which it does not possess, that of enacting that the nominee for the vacant see must of necessity belong to the episcopal order. It must occur to every one who reflects on the subject, and reads the canon on the election of a Bishop, that the House of Bistops has exceeded its jurisdiction, power to impose conditions, and there was nothing in the canon to show that the choice must be restricted to the epi copal order. I was one of those who had a share in framing the canoe, and if I had had the slightest suspicion, while conferring on the Bishops the right of nomination, that we were likely to be hampered, or that the right would lead to the scenes of the last few days, I would never have consented that the right should have been conferred. Under the canon the field of choice was not restricted as had been done by their Lordships. They had the right to nominate from a much wider range, but they had restricted the choice to the Episcopal receive the message, has be en perfectle correct. and I regret that when this House declared they had no such power, the House of Bishops acted as if it had, and seemed determined to adhere to the rule laid down by itself in this respect. Then the Bishops erred on another point. In a message subsequently sent down they had attempted to dictate, as conditions, that the appointment should only be temporary, until a canon could be passed to separate the office of Metropolitan from that of Diocesan Bishop. But the Bishops could not themselves make such a change in the law, to elect a Bishop temporarily, till another change could b) made. What I can we arrogate to ourselves the power to depose a Bishop without a cause; tell him that he must now leave his office, and make a bargain for a temporary engagement, contrary to the canon, which declares the ap pointment shall be permanent. The Bishops have no such power. We are certainly in a position of creat embarrassment, and I would gladly see the connection between our House and the House of Bishops done away with. It is a matter of sufficient difficulty for us to agree among ourselves, to arrive at a harmonious conclusion, and to decide in a manner satisfictory to the various members of the House. But when to this is superadded the task of agreeing also with the Bishops, then the task becomes one almost altogether impossible. It would be infinitely better for us that the Metropolitan should be chosen by the Bishops from among themselves, thus leaving us free to elect our own Bishop. But when the position of Metropolitan was fixed, as we see it fixed power has led to great embarrassing. There is nothing now to be done but to journ, but there is a legal point to be considered before we do so. It is necessary that we adjourn to some specific day, otherwise, there is no definite adjournment sufficient to enable us to meet again. It had pleased their Lordships to adjourn indefinitely till the month of May, without consulting in the slightest degree our convenience. Their Lordships might have had

any specific dete. The DEAN said he had applied to know when they would meet, but the answer was they could not tell, but due notice would be

some opinion from the Synod before they had

adjourned I am not aware if they have fixed

Mr. CARTER, I am glad to hear that, but I complain that their Lordships arrived at a determination without consulting this bouse, a. d | South Africa was? It did not follow that besent down a mess ge to announce what they had done. Before leaving for months, and breaking up the Synod, they should have had the consideration to send down and ask our concurrence. It would have shown at least a due regard to the best interests of the diocese. and the collisions between this House and the more desirous than I am to see harmony prevail, in carrying out the new constitution. But their Lordship must recollect that it is not their convenience alone that is chiefly concerned. Their Lordships must have known that

would be resumed by the House of Bishops this statutes affecting the temporalides of the Montreal than the particular matter in which own justification, he the speech of the Rev. they were concerned chiefly was to the ecclestastical Province. They should have may as well comment the consideration of this consulted this House before leaving the see vacant for months, and it certainly would have distinct parties in the Synod.—(Cries of hear, been more courteous for them to have solicited hear and no, no.) I was true, and the fact the co-operation of the Synod. Had they sent should be fairly tokan ledged by the Synod, they are maintain. down to a message that they required further that there were two parties—the one maintain-time for enquiry, giving good reasons for delay, I ing the attitude assumed by this House, and know that the members here would have the other justifying he course of the House of willingly consented. But by the course their Lordships have taken they almost put it out of our power to meet again. There is no other way than to adjourn till the 1st day of May, and then if their Lordships will considerately tell us when they can meet we can adjourn till that day. I hope it will be the last time this House will be subjected to such treatment as they have suffered from the behaviour of the Bishops.

Rev. DEAN the course you propose will involve several meetings. Mr. CABTER, exactly, which aggravates the conduct of the Bishops.

Rev. Canon BANCROFT seconded the motion. A member suggested that in view of what had taken place, they should adjourn to meet

on the 1st April (hear, and a laugh.) The Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE, seconded by Hon. JOHN HAMILTON, moved that the report just received be sent back to the Com-

mittee for revision Some discussion took place as to whether the motion, as presented, was in order, and it was contended that a motion to revise must specify the omissions complained of, or the parts it was sought to amend, and it was ultimately understood that the motion was to defer the considera-

tion of the report. Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE said it cannot be suspected for a moment that I appear as the apologist of the House of Bishops, not one member of which is not able to defend himself, but I object to the report just received. The strongest part of the report is the legal point raised, and it is that which chiefly forms the burden of Mr. Carter's speech. In that point I can clearly trace the Chancellor's hand and that the more especially, as one or two of the Bishops had themselves some doubts as to the clear legality of adjourning. I think it would have been well to have stuck at that. I think that some of the details contained in the report are discourteous, and some of them are incorrect, and I think the Synod would certainly not admit them all. In the first place there were the references to the names of the candidates. is stated in the report, and I hope I will be corrected if I am wrong, that the Bishop of Grahamstown is unknown, living about some seaport of Southern Africa, whose name has scercely been heard of. I recollect a fact which occurred in the Diocesan Synod of Montreal a few years ago, where the name of the Bishon of Grahamstown is not known, that the Synod passed a vote of thanks to the Metropolitan of South Africa for the noble stand be had made for the maintenance of the faith. (Loud cheers.) Is it too strong to say that the Synod will stulify itself if it adopt as its own the action of the Committee? (Applause.) I'be names of candidates on the Episcopal Bench have been drag ed into the arguments, and even their personal characteristics displayed Do I feel too strongly the discourtesy shown in the report, in describing the personal appearance of the Bisbop of Toronto, and the chances of life and usefulness of the dignitary who was so latery raised to that see? I protest against the reference to the conduct and capacity, and the personal references to the venerable Bishops. (Hear, hear.) I think the Committee have mentioned that there has been no election of any of the candidates sent down from the House of order. They had no such power, and the action | Bishops; but I ought, in justice to the clergy, of the Synod in declaring so, and refusing to to say that, as far as they were concerned, there the report I would suggest that that point should be made clear. There are incorrect statements in the report, and a want of courtesy. The only strong part of the report is the legal That may be passed, but it is the only

one that can be maintained. (Cheers.) Rev. J. C. DAVID: ON moved that the report be considered paragraph by paragraph, so that each may be adopted or rejected, as the case may be. I have been pained by the discourtesy shown to their Lordships, by the sneer which runs through the report against the Bish. ops, and which runs through the speech of Mr. Catter. Every point possible has been made against the Bishops, but this Court must remember that while they are careful to guard their own rights, they must also grard the rights of the Bishops. In their communications with the Synod their Lordships might have shown a little more of the suaviter in modo, but why sit in judgment on such failings and report in the

terms that had been made use of. Rev. Mr. FULTON seconded the amendment He wished to rekew the position since the Synod had met. It had been decided that the Metropolitical see should be that of Montreal. For this purpose there had been a solemn compact made with the other dioceses. Now there had been on Monday a solemn caucus held to nominate candidates, as if they had been determined to thrust forward their own candidate. (Cries of order,—hear, not in the report.) They had endeavoured to coerce the Bench of Bishops and there had been evidenced a desire to

throw odium upon them. Mr. CARTER rose to remove a misapprehension that appeared to exist. He had urged the legal position in which the House of Bishops had placed them. But he would never submit to dictation whatever respect he entertained for their Lordships. rie was happy to say that since the point had been raised as to the unfortunate position in which the Synod was left by the want of a definite time of adjournment he had learned that they were willing to name a definite day for re-assembling.

.Mr. F. McKENZIE said the report contained a calm and temperate expression of the opinion of the Synod. [Yes, yes, and no, no.] Had Canon Loosemore quoted the ipsissima verba of the report he would not have maintained the ground he had. In particular he had dwelt upon the remark; made on the Bishop of Grahamstown. It was true that a few years ago he had written a protest against Bishop Colenso. That was no doubt a very laudable thing, but how many knew who the Metropo'itian of cause the Synod approved of this one action that therefore they were prepared to approve of him so far as to elect him there Bishop. The Archbishop of Canterbury had died lately, how many knew what his name was and what his course of conduct had been. [Laughter.] The I regret the scenes that have taken place here | candidates from all parts of British North America, the Coadjutor Bishop of Newfoundland, House of Bishops; no one could be the Bishop of British Columbia and others it was known held certain sees, but what was known of them? Absolutely nothing, yet they were expected to accept these candidates with-

out asking questions. [Hear, hear.) Hen. L. S. HUNTING FON said—I had no the Bishop by the constitution and the various infinitely more important to the diocese of this Report, which appears to me to convey its own immolation. (Cheers.) We have saved who might have well been elected to the Bish-

distinct parties in the Synod .- (Cries of hear, smed by this House, and Bishops. True, inded, this fact was not apparent on the first day of the Session, when the House seemed unanimous in its resistance to the course which he Bishops pursued, but whencen the second day a Conference was sought and obtained, a reverend Canon of the deputation which saited upon their Lordships in the name of his House stated distinctive the House of Rishops that so far as he ly to the House of Bishops that so far as he was a representative of the views of this Synod be fully approved of their course, and thought the Synod had taken a false step. [Sensation.] I am only doing my duty to this Synod when I make this statement nor have I, acting in their interest, the right to withhold the name of that delegate who so presumed to speak for this House. It was Canon Loosemore [Hear, bear ] If this statement is incorrect, the Rev. gentlemen will correct me.

Canon LOOSE MORE—Of course I shall have the right to explain when Mr. Eventington has concluded.

Mr. HUNTINGTON-It will be far better if

Mr. HUNTINGTON—It will be far better if the Rev. Canon has a correction to make that he should do it now. I will gladly make way for him, and should not like to speak of him under a misapprehension.

Canon LOOSE MORE—I understand Mr. Huntington to indicate me as having acted on that deputation to the House of Bishops as the representative of a party. This I deny. I was not a partizan tree, nor am I such in this not a partizan tree, nor am I such in this House. (Year, hear) The rev. gentleman then related at some length the steps which the deputation hed taken in their interview with their Lordship's house—and said that in answer to a calm and temperate statement of the presiding Bishop, that the course of the Synod was unprecedented in rejecting all the names without giving any second ballot, he had ob-served that there was a feeling among a great many members that this course should have been pursued He continued—The House may or may not support this opinion which I ex-pressed. When a brother Canon on that deputation mentioned to their Lordships the names of two persons who would be acceptable to the House, I protested against such a course.

Mr. HUNTINGTON-I think the House should thank me for giving the rev. Canon an opportunity for the elequent disclaimer we have just heard (Hear, hear.) I had no intention to charge him with any personal impropriety. It is sufficient for my purpose, that we find him as early as the second day of the session speaking for—I say a party in this House before the Bishops—but he says he only spoke for a great many members. (Cheers and laughter.) The rev. gentleman explains in this way that he is not a partizan. I am not going to dispute about trifles-or whether a word is to be taken in its scholastic or literary or tec' nical sense but I say that he did represent a party before the Bishort, and he is the undoubted leader of the same party his thouse. (Cheera.) The rev. gentleman must not be too modest. He has been very pertinaciously doing the work of an active partizar, and has no right to claim the immunities of a neutral. neutral Cobservation of deny him the right of free to and free speech—but as the undoubted accessary of the majority of this House—he must be attempt to speak with our voice, or professim partiality in his judgement of our sentiments. [Hear, hear, he deposes the report, of course, as the leader of a party in this Synod which has been opposed to its No report could have had his support which did not condemn us, and support the Bishops. (Hear hear-cheers.)

CANON LOOSEMORE protested against this view of his position The speaker had no right to presume that because he (Mr. L) had pursued a certain course one day it was impos-

sible for him to change. Mr. HUNTINGTON .- If the Rev. Canon wishes me to understand that I have been so fortunate as to shake his confidence in his own position, (great laughter.) I shall be delighted to welcome the change, (roars of laughter,) but I shall believe that we must continue to negard bim as the able and persistent adversary of the position which the Synod has taken in this great crisis. (Hear hear.) Mr. Huntington then continued in defence of the report of the Committee which simply stated, first the history of the proceedings, second, the motifs for the action of the Synod, and thirdly a recommendation as to the course necessary to prevent the Synod from lapsing, and to protect its temporal interest during the interregnum which mustansue-He continued, I must say a word as to a charge which has been brought against us, that we are not obedient to constituted authority, and I make a broad distinction between the deference due to our Bishops in spiritual matters, and the shject humility which is recommended to us in regard to temporal affairs. [Chers.] I am not one of those who would exalt the episcopal or clerical authority to the position of an absolute oligarchy in temporal affairs. I will have no controversy about questions of faith or spiritual ministrations-but I will not, on the other hand, trouble my priest or my Bishop to think or speak or vote for me in mere matters of temporal or secular concern. And upon this principle I, and those who act with me, repudiate this sycophantic appeal to our respect for constituted authority. (Cheers.) There has been a taunt thrown across the House that the clergy had elected a Bishop, and that if the Laity had been like minded the present dead lock might have been averted. But the laity believed that a principle which was worth fighting for one day should be consistently maintained, the next. At the beginning of the session the clergy concurred with us that the names submitted were not worthy of confidence. On that prevented any election. day, at least the conduct of the laity is not to be impugned, because the clergy led them on," did not taunt the clergy with changing their On the second day there was a fluttering on the clerical side-and some evidence of defection. The course of the Bish as seemed to gain favour in their eyes, and there was dread of revolution and disaster, and some seemed to see the ghost of Oliver Cromwell stalking openly among us. [Loud cheers] But the laity athered to their principles. The nominations were the same, and were met by them in the same spirit. We do not taunt the clergy with their change, but let them not blame us for our consistency. [Cheers ] After all we were only fighting their battle. [Hear, hear] We were resisting an open and unjustifiable attempt to shut the avenues of preferment against them for all time, and if they do not thank us for it now, they will do so hereafter. (Loud cheers.) We saw the clergy under some unseen mysterious influence falling away from consecrated, with all the power conferred upon they were called here to perform a work intention of addressing the Synod in defence of their first calm views and consenting to their there were many of high intellect and plety

them from themselves. (Cheers.) There is a party in this House, led by the learned Canon, which desires to put the Synod in the wrong-I beseech, I implore the Eynod to be firm once more (Cheers.) What would have been your position to day if you had yielded the principle upon which you united yesterday. It would have been said that there was no independence among us—that we were the miserable tools of ecclesiastical authority. (Hear, hear.) We are not acting alone for ourselves-our example, if we are firm, will exercise a blessed influence throughout the Empire. The friends of Synodical government everywhere will be cheered by it-our spiritual superiors will learn to espect our rights-and in the end, I doubt Lot, the rev. Cauon himself will be found numbered among the multitudes within and without our Communion-who will thank God that in this great crisis the Laity of the Diocese of Montreal have-always within the law-pursued a wise and temperate and independent course to the last. (Cheers.) Rev. J. B DAVIDSON begun to speak, but

was at first inaudible. He was understood to say that he took exception to the position of his learned friend. He objected to call any man a leader of the clergy. The gentleman referred to had endeavoured less than any to influence his brethren, and he believed he was less it fluenced by others than any of the members. The last speaker speaks as if party lines were sharply drawn, and that he slone is authorised to speak for his side. I of fect to the report which is a party report and evidently full of special pleading. I will not allow credit to be given to its statement that the clergy are antagonistic to the Bishops. No; let the laity have full credit for that, and for the idea of the league that even out of the whole Bench of Bishops presented, any one of who n was admirably fitted for the position, there could not be one found worthy of a vote, the intention of the unconvertible party being to oppose the nomination of all the Bishops of British North America. I have no doubt that a special coercive influence was attempted to be brought to bear against the House of Bishops in favour of a popular candidate. (No, and cheers ) Their conduct is quite opposed to the principle of the Canon, which they are beund to carry out in good faith, and to vote for those sent down. They have no right to ostracise any one class. I will not undertake the defence of the Bishops. When their first message was rejected, they had withdrawn it, and substituted another, treating this House with proper respect. It is for this House to show proper respect for the House of Bishops. Because an error had been committed at the outset, but rectified at once when pointed out, was that a reason why the whole Bench of Bishops but one should be ostracised. On contrary it was the part of noble men to forget. It was evident that part of the Synod had made up their minds to compel the Bishops-having once broken the rule unwisely made, or rather announced, (laughter,) -to go on until they sent down the name wanted. He combated the idea that there would be any difficulty about meeting, as thelaw provided that if an adjournment took place, and a quorum was not present that it could always be adjourned to another day respect to the reception of the report he said. I bope it will not pass, as it was illegal to receive it, since no business can be brought before the meeting except the election of a Bishop. (Cries 'it has to do with it.' The recommendation in the report to apply to the Legislature for a change in the Constitution, because certain members weat their own way, is surely not part of the election; and if such changes are sought, there might be more cropping up when the application was laid before Parliament. If the report was adopted, there was no security as to what would follow.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed that Mr. Roebuck, who had risen,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met again at half-past two p m. Mr, ROEBU K said he had maved the Conference with the Upper House, and they all knew the spirit in which he had done so. had gone to their Lordships and prayed them, almost on his knees, to give peace to the Church, and so promote the glory of God. Now he had to state a fact, that the Kev. Mr. Loosemore did represent himself as representing a large part of the Clergy of Montreal, But for that he believed his (Mr. Roebuck's) request would have been assented to. As it was, it was refused, their Lordships being led to believe

that they had large support from the Clergy. Rev. Mr. NORMAN said he did not rise to defend the Bishops, in so far as their conduct was illegal he disapproved it. But he opposed the report. Mr. Huntingdon had taunted the clergy with inconsistency and tergiversation because they had first rejected one candidate, and then had voted for the same candidate, and had thus shown themselves in a manner which contrasted with the position of the laity, who had acted consistently; but who he (Mr. Norman, might say, had very much obstructed the course of the basiness of electing a Bishop. He acknowledged no leader; he had formed part of no organization; and the men with whom he had acted, because he and they thought alike, were men of as independent minds as he had ever met with. He was a high Churchman, but he would not like to see a high Churchman chosen Metropolitan Bishop, because he thought the cause of the Church would then be in danger. Nor would he like to see a low Church man elected for that would also be a cause of evil. He had, therefore, sought not to elect any one man, but rather to elect a man who would take a comprehensive view of things, and who would sympathize with all who desire to do the work of the Church. Instead, therefore, of being accused of tergiversation, he thought the clergy who had voted as he voted might fairly claim the credit of having sought to meet the views of their reverend fathers, and to give the diocese a Bishop, while the laity had, by their conduct, either out of opposition to the House of Bishops or out of party spirit, Hon L. S. HUN FING DON explained that he

votes. He had distinctly said that no man had a right to taunt the other. It was, therefore, unfair to make this charge against him. But, in answer to a statement that the laity had obtructed the business of the Synod, which the Rev. Mr. Norman had now repeated, be said that the sin which the laity had committed the second day, the Clergy had committed on the

Mr. Thos. SIMPSON said the Canon authorized the Bishops to send down two or more names, from whom the Synod was to elect a Bishop. When the Synod passed that Canon, they had no idea that the House of Bishops would come down and say that none but a Bishop should become Metropolitan. The laity had stood by the Presbyters of the Diocese, some of whom had been fifty years in the service of their Lord and Master, and of whom

opric of the Diocese. He was glad to find Burrett, Jean Roy, F. P. Rubidge, E. C. Hayden. that some reverend gentlemen had changed their views as to Episcopal authority. (Laughter and cheers.) But he saw no reason for changing the course he had adopted nor for submitting to dictation by the Bishops who had use i in an arbitrary manner a power which the Synod had placed in their hands The latty had acted in good faith, and in accordance with the Canon. The first ultimatum did not come from the Synod; and he held that the names of the seven Bishops which were sent down with that ultimatum were most properly rejected, and most properly rejected again. At last, however, their Lordships did send down the name of a Presbyter; but they went as far as England to fetch him, though he did not believe that any one could tell whether that Presbyter would give up his position in England to come to Canada. What the laity had done yesterday, they would do again to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. BALFOUR spoke at some length amidst many marks of impatience. We understood his object was to induce the Synod to elect the Bisnop of Quebec, who would not consent to be Metropolitan to the See of Montreal. That Prelate would administer this Diocese in the meantime, and there would then be

time to reform the Canon. Rev. Mr. BOND for his part and for a large number of the clergy of the Diocese returned to the laity their sincere thanks. In time to come they would all, he was sire, thank God that they had such a body of faithful men to aid them in the Synod, and he thought it right, especially to name in twis connection Messrs Huntingdon and Ferres. Allusion had been made to a caucus. But he came there not knowing for whom he should vote. He and others had come, he was sure, prepared to vote for a man who would maintain the government of the Church according to the spirit and the forms prescribed in the Prayer Book. He came, though it might surprize many to hear it, expecting to vote with the Ritualiste, who were understood to favour a certain Prelate. If he had been named, the Ritualists would have voted for him. He and his friends would have also voted for him, and the laity would have voted for him. As to the Conference, he believed that the Committee went up with the sincere desire to get out of the difficulty they were in. He defended the clergy against the statement that they had been wrong in not voting for certain names who were seut down. But in fact there were no more than two names for one of which they could conscientiously vote. He regretted that they were not allowed a larger field; had they been he thought there would have been an election, since he was sure that a large majority desired to elect a good man, though that man might not be the precise choice of each who would so vote for him. He expressed the hope that the report of the Committee would be put before the Synod, and that instead of discussing exasperating details brought up by reading separate paragraphs,

Rev. Mr. JOHNSON declared that in his opinion the laity was the real strength and support of the Church. He also expressed great pain at the result of the meeting of the Synod

that the Synod would vote on the waole report

at once.

Mr. JAS. HUTTON said, in reference, as we understood, to Mr. Simpson's remarks, that he wished it to be understood that he had never enade up his mind not to vote for a Bishop He ard others who had acted with him were ready to vote for the best man.

Rev. Mr. ELLEGOOD asked if the report stated that it would be illegal for the Synod to adopt the suggestion of the House of Bishops, and to elect a Bishop to administer the Diocese, until the Canon could be reformed? He thought that it would be desirable to take that course in the spirit of compromise.

Mr. FERRES said, in reference to the motion to read the report paragraph by paragraph, that he had never heard of such a proceeding in all his experience. The proper course was to move that the report be sent back

Rev. Mr. LOOSEMORE bore testimony to the courteous manner of Mr. Huntingdon when ever he had made any personal allusions. As to Mr. Ferres' remarks, he had asked Mr. Ferres what course he should take to obtain his object, and he was sorry Mr. Ferres had not told him the marner in which he ought to have proceeded. He denied on his own part any disposition to cast the slightest reflection on the laity, whose concurrence in all the rassemblies he always valued and d sired. As to the report he could not vote for its adoption in its present form, and he desired its revision by whatever means that could be effected.

After some further conversation the vote was taken on the amendment proposed by the Rev. Mr. Davidson, to the effect that the report be considered paragraph by paragraph, and adopted or rejected as the case might be.

Rev. Mr. LOOSEMORE called for the vote to be taken by orders.

Mr. FERRES, admitting his right, requested him not to insist, as gentlemen from the country wished to get away.

Hon L. S. HUNTINGTON also said that although he knew he was out of order, he wished to remark that if by this mode of voting, the Synod was separated into two houses the clergy on one side and the laity on the other, it would not be the fault of the laity. The following was the result of the vote :-

CLERGY-Nays: The Very Revd. Dean of Montreal, Ven. the Arch eacon, Revd. L. P. W. Balch, D.D., Secretary, Rev. Canon Bancroft, Revd. Canon Bond, Revds. Jas. Carmichael, W. B. Curran, M. S. Baldwin, J. A. Mc-Leod, W. M. Seaborn, J. Allan, Canon Anderson, O. Fortin, F. Robinson, G. Slack, R. D. E. F. Fessenden, A. Fortin, R. Lindsay, Chas Bancroft, A. O. Taylor, E. S. Jenkyn, J. Smith. L. O. Wurtele, D. Lindsay, T. W. Mussen, A. T. Whitton, E. DuVernet, R.D., B. P. Lewis Ed. Ray. H. F Darnell, F. S. Neve, R. Lonsdell, R.D.,-32.

Yeas : Rev. Canon Locsemore, C. A. Daniel, T. A. Young, A Balfour, J. C. Lavidson, J. Godden, J. B. Davidson, J. Constantine, C. Lancaster, H. T. Early, P. W. Smith, W. R. Brown, G. C. Robinson, F. Codd, J. Rosiit, J. Seaman, J. Gribble, Jas. Pyke, A. Prime-19. LAITY—Ayes: L H. Davidson, Wm. Hill. Samuel Dawson, J. J. Gibb, J. B. Morrison,

M.D., Hon. John Hamilton, 2 votes; Walton Smith, T. P. Roe, G. W. Simpson-10. Nays: M H, Gault, G F. C. Smith, 2 votes, C Garth, T. Schneider, Dr. Smallwood, John Empson, T R Johnson, H. Arnold, F. Kingston, W. Hobbs, W. H. Tapson, E. E. Shelton, Cuthbert Forneret, Henry Roebuck, Jas. Moir Ferres, Josiah Withers, Thos. Simp. son, Robert Leach, Jas Hutton, Wm. Turner, Phillip DeGruchy. E. Carter, Esq., M. H. Sanborn, John M. Standish, George Carden, Chas. Watson, George B. Eaker, Edson Kemp, Hon. Thos. Wood, Jas. Oborne, Benj. Irvine, Josiah Payne, H. S. Foster, Fred. Mackenzie, Stephen T. R. Nye, H. L. Robinson, W. G. Parmelee, Hon. A. B. Foster, Hon. L. S. Huntington, Wm.

Geo. Rogers, G. Barnston, Geo. Schneider, R. W Shepherd.-5

The Synod then adopted the report by the same majority.

Mr. HUNTINGDON then moved the adournment of the Synod, giving as a reason that the Synod could do no business, except that relating to the election of a Metropolitan, especially as many members desired to leave. It had been suggested to him to fix a day. Canon Loosemore said the Lecond Tuesday in May, to which he would willingly consent. It had also been suggested that some votes of thanks should be passed. To that he had no objection, if it were und retood that any business must be of pro forma character.

Rev. CANON BALCH said he had received a protest, signed by several clergymen and la ?men, and he desired to have an expression of opinion whether it should be placed on the minutes (Cries of "No.")

After some farther conversation. Hon. L. S. HUNTINGTON said that he should now press the motion for adjournment, which was carried, and the

Rev. the DEAN then pronounced the usual

Rev. ARCHDEACON LEACH having then taken the Chair, a vote of thanks was unanimously, and amidst land cheering, given to the Rev. Dean of Montreal, on the motion of Rev. Mr Bancroft

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MONTREAL, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1868.

THE LATE NOMINATION.

The special Synod of the Diocese of Montreal is over. The Bishops have met and returned to their homes; but the Diocese is still without a Bishop and successor to the late Metropolitan. In our last issue we expressed the determination to wait with quiet confidence the action of the House of Bishops, persuaded that in the very anomalous position a which they were placed they would, with the selp of God, faithfully discharge their task, and that the result would be satisfactory to the church at large. Has if proved so? The full details of the proceedings found in other columns will furnish the answer. When it was discovered that their lordships, in direct contravention of the spirit of the canon, were determined to nominate only Bishops, and would persist in sending down their own names,and when the announcement was made that they could agree upon no further names, and would resume their nomination in May next, the indignation of the great majority of the Synod knewno bounds, and it was evident that unless some way of escape could be found from the difficulty, most disastrous results would ensue. The conference, in which the Synod was represented by venerable and tried men, inspired the hope that all might yet be well, and there was ground for encouragement; for now, together with their own names, came down that of a distinguished English presbyter. It was open ing the door to further nominations. It was a relinquishment of the ground previous ly taken, and the Synod, while expressing their non-concurrence, felt sure that other names would be submitted and a choice reached. It was doomed to disappointment; no further names could be agreed on by the Bishops. They would adjourn until May, to make further inquiries, before submitting fresh names to the Synod, and the diocese is, as we have said, still without a Bishop. The report of the committee adopted by

the event in its true light; it is exhaustive, and unanswerable. The Synod have discharged a duty to themselves and to the whole church; and we regard it as a direct answer to prayer, that the laity, under their wise and able leaders, were enabled to be faithful in this hour of trial. A great principle was at stake, whether our Bishops were to be governed by the canon law of know something against him.". His moral the church, or whether they were to be vested with absolute authority. We are persuaded that hereafter, some of them at least will see their error, and be thankful for the rebuke they have received, Metropolitan, who was particularly cautious painful and humiliating as it has been to themselves and to the whole church. Had the counsel of the venerable presiding Bishop (Huron) prevailed, it is most probable that we should not now be without a Bishop. In his view the office of Metropolitan was clearly secondary to the interests of the Diocese, and he was prepared, as was most evident from his message, and from Chartier, G. H. Henshaw, L. H. Knowlton, D. the views expressed in the conference, to allow to the Diocese a wider range of choice.. they would vote for the Bishop of Rupert's

their reproach.

on our church by the events of the last few days, which years of faithfulness will not rame it. We must, however, still leave our wipe away. We have been taught the dan- readers to their own surmises. ger of vesting irresponsible power in any body or party in the church so limited as the present House of Bishops.

Meanwhile, the duty both of the clergy and laity is clear, not to doubt the headship of Christ over his church, or the efficacy of prayer, nor to relax their efforts. It is not that the Lord's hand is shortened that it cannot save, but it may be that our iniquities have separated between us and our God, -our uncharitableness, our exclusiveness, our anxiety for place and office, and worldly pomp, instead of spiritual gifts and endowments. It is a bitter lesson, but it may be a profitable one. We may yet look back to this day of humiliation and reproach as a new era of spiritual life in our church. There may be a reviving of love and zeal and charity, in many now apparently dead or slumbering, -- an awakening to new life and energy in the cause of Christ. We may find it to be our duty, as well as our happiness, to bind ourselves together as one in the work of God, dropping petty jealousies and differences, and with shoulder to shoulder going forth to fight the battles of

We do not apprehend that the interests of the diocese will suffer for the few months that we may be without a bishop. The Dean and Archdeacon will be in charge, and may at any time seek the services of the presiding Bishop, who by virtue of his position will no doubt regard himself as the guardian of the Diocese in its bereaved state, and who will be cordially welcomed by the clergy and laity. We carnestly trust there will be no impatience manifested, but that all will be willing to suffer the inconvenience until an adequate remedy shall have been found for the evil. The Diocese of New York was long deprived of its head, and some of the English-Dioceses have for lengthened periods been dependant on the services of Bishops other than their own.

THE SEE OF CANTERBURY .-- By the Atlantic Cable, it was announced yesterday that the Bishop of London has been appointed Archbishop of Canterbury.

## WHY WAS THE NAME WITHHELD?

There are some events which set at nought so effectually all efforts at explanation, that they have to be left to the revelations of the future. An event of this kind occurred at the late Synod-the withholding from the nomination by the House of Bishops the. name of the Bishop of Rupert's Land. Why would not the House of Bishops send down his name? This question was put again and again in the Synod; and has been repeated as often outside of its doors. No one reems satisfied with any of the various replies, and the motive for this strange act remains as much as ever a my tery. And yet, while men are questioning, they are pondering; and, whether right or wrong, arriving at a settled conviction. Did the House of Bisnops know that the name of the Bishop of Rupert's Land would find favour in the eyes of the members of the Synod? is asked. Unquestionably, that fact cannot be disputed. Well, it may be argued, perhaps that was the reason; it might be felt that there was a desire to coerce the House of Bishops? No, that could not be; the Bishop of Rupert's Land was only one among several freely spoken of, one of whom was nominated; but then the latter was a member of the House of Bishops.

Peradventure, then, he was not fit to preside over the House of Bishops ?-that the House of Bishops could not send down his name as the name of one whom they considered a fit and proper person for the office? That is possible; but who can surmise why Names were nominated to the Synod of dignitaries who, it was known, would not accept if selected; of others who, it was not known, would accept. That would not furthe Synod will, as a matter of history, place nish a reason. Was there then any objection on the score of learning? That would hardly be raised against a man of his standing. Has he manifested any lack of administrative ability? No. Is there any want of activity, energy, or missionary spirit? His greatest enemy could not say so. What then of his moral character? Some have meaningly said-"surely the Bishops must character defies even the tongue of scandal. What then can it be? Perhaps he is not sound in the faith? This objection can be answered still more satisfactorily. The late in committing himself, fully endorsed in writing as well as in other ways, the Bishop of Rupert's Land. The members of the Provincial Synod had the opportunity of hearing him preach and lecture, and his atterances commanded their praise; and churchmen in this city met him in private and social life, and were struck by his humility and piety. So that high churchmen and low churchmen agreed on this one point-M'Ginnes, Geo, Ringland, Robt. Foster, Wm. He was, however, but one of four; and will, Land. What then was the objection to such

in the eyes of the world, unfortunately share a man on the part of the House of Bishops There is no doubt he is a superior man: We feel that great scandal has been cast but that could not be the objection-what then can it be? It might be possible to

It may be well to remember that the House of Bishops was not unanimous; that there was one Bishop who did not share in this unaccountable opposition to the nomination of a good man.

The mistake has greatly prevailed that the nomination, in the eyes of the Bishops, ought the capon did not indicate that the first thought of all should be that of securing a fit and proper person as Bishop of Montreal, the Montreal, and consequently to the whole church, would so indicate. The powers of the Metropolitan are very limited, and with little probability of being called into action more than once, and that for a brief period each three years, for the power of visitation cannot be exercised without a memorial signed by two-thirds of the clerical and lay members of the Diocesan Synod. But what an influence the Bishop of a Diocese exer-

#### REV. MR. CARMICHAEL'S LECTURE.

On Thursday evening last, the Rev. Mr. Carmichael delivered a lecture in the basement of St. George church, on " The timee we live in." The lecturer commenced by remarking at the comparative non-progressiveness of the past age, when contrasted with the remarkable achievement of the present. The follies and humbugs of the day were pourtrayed in the most humorous manner, in which the dress of both young ladies and gentiemen received a favorable notice; also the man who sells his goods at an "alarming sacrifice;" and the inventors of patent medicines of most wonderful healing virtues. The Rev. lecturer denounced, in most fitting terms, the want of a right principle in those men who seek to cheat the public by gross falsehood: and said that now, as formerly, things should be called by their right names, -that a lie was a lie, a robber was a robber, and a thief was a thief. He inculcated the principle of truth saying that every one should speak the truth at all times, and that, when temptation assailed them, should stand firm and resist it, putting their trust in God for assistance. The lecture was an excellent one, and during its delivery received great applause. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Carmichael, and, after a few remarks from Canon Loosemore and the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Curran, an anthem was sung and the audience dispersed.

ANOTHER RITUALIST GONE OVER .- A telegram from Memphis, Tennessee, announces that the Rev. J. N. Rogers, rector of the church of the Blessed Virgin, and leader of the ritualists in that city, has renounced his allegiance to the Episcopal Church, and declared his intention, over his own signature in a "card" published in the Appeal, to unite with the Roman Catholic Church.

#### (From the Montreal Herald ) THE LATE ANGLICAN SYNOD -There is am-

ple room for reflection, of no pleasant kind by members of the Anglican communion in the failure of the House of Bishops and of the Synod, which represents that Church in this Diocese to perform the duty for which they assembled, and which was confided to them by the Provincial Synod. After the numerous prayers for divine assistance, to choose a B shop, which have been offered week after week in all the churches of Canada, there appears to be an irony which, perhaps, it is well not too critically to analyse, in the solicited assistance being barred out by a course which was plainly dictated by personal considerations, and which can only escape censure from the fact that it was taken by reverend Prelates instead of by politicians or jobbing railway Directors. It is among the acts of the latter class of governing bodies, that we must search, if we would find the closest parallel to the dogged determination, which was manifested by the House of Bishops to preserve the Metropolitan honours for one of themselves. The primitive manner of making choice of a governing pastor, which has been for several weeks back frequently cited in all the Anglican churches was by lot, and it may seem to many that the same method may be advantageously revived if human wisdom, with all the enlightenment which may be supposed to be derived from holy orders of the highest degree and a Christian sense of self denying duty, can do nothing more than was done last week. Such a method might in pious minds excite the hope, which animated the Apostles, that the divine guidance which had been asked for would really direct the issue, apparently left to chance. And persons who would hardly hope for that kind of interposition, would find a practical and decorous solution of a question, which perhaps, cannot otherwise be settled, or if at all, only after a contest of electioneering strategy little becoming the oc casion. We are bound to say that throughout the proceedings the majority of the Lasty, who we presume had the majority of the clergy with them at the close, were wholly in the right. The canon under which all parties were bound to proceed to elect a Bishop of Mont eal and a Metropolitan of Canada is perfectly clear and admits of no ambiguous interpretation, except such as mere perverseness may affix to it. The chief thing it prescribes is that there shall be a choice. The subsidiary

choice, under the law, fell to the Synod, to be secured by that body if it thought fit so to secure it, by the gradual rejection and elimination of all possible names which, one after another, should be sent down to it, until that name was sent down which should command a majority of votes. The House of Bishops was undoubtedly to have an influence in the election-that great influence which is always possessed by those, who like the Ministers in England, or the President in the United States, have the initiation, in the one case of legislation, in the other of appointments. But the final decision was, we repeat, with the Syned. and could as we have shown, citing an to be mainly that of Metropolitan. Surely if extreme case, have been exercised so as to insist on a particular individual, if any individual ware the choice of both laity and clergy. The whole clergy list might and proper person as Bishop of Montreal, the be exhausted by the Bishops in an obsti-weighty interests involved to the Diocese of nate attempt on their part to exclude the one man desired by the Synod; but the Synod must succeed at last. Almost every step of their Lordships was, therefore, clearly illegal. They had no right nor power to decree that the choice should be made from the existing bench of Bishops, as indeed is made manifest by their failure to enforce the rule which they improperly sought to engraft upon the canon. They had no right to attempt to make conditions which the Synod could not legally accept, since both bodies were acting under the legislation of a superior body. We do not say that they had no right to send back names which had been once rejected, provided on each occasion they sent at least one new name ; but a decent respect for the body with which they were acting, and a reasonable comprehension of the management of public business would have led to their dropping at each fresh nomination those names which had been found on a ballot to be in a hopeless minority. They had above all no right to adjourn until an election had been made, since they were bound to go on nominating until a choice had been come to. We say nothing of the good taste of nominating every Bishop in British North America except the one who some believe would have been elected if nominated; nor of the eccentricity of leaving him on one side in order to seek in South Africa for a prelate whom Canadian churchmen had hardly heard of; nor of the inconsistency shown in first declaring that they would name no Presbyter; in naming one who, it was almost certain, would not accept if chosen, and in then having thus departed from their determination, in still refusing to act seriously upon: their better second thought. All this was in their Lordships own bosoms. If they chose to do what hardly any body of gentlemen in a merely secular election would think of doing-to show that they were labouring by all legal means to keep out every one not of their own body, however much some other might be desired by the electors, that was their own affair. Only, whatever they did ought to have been in accordance with law, if not with delicacy of sentiment. We do not suppose that the lay members of the Church who resisted the attempted encroaching dictation, nor the clergy who acted with them, were lacking in respect for the Episcopate; or were actuated by any foregone conclusion against the choice falling upon one of their Lordships House. They were moved first by a clearer appreciation than that of their Lordships of the necessity of conducting public business, in a business like manner, and in strict conformi y to the law which alone could give force to that which might be determined on; and second by a determination, while they gave due honour, and accorded due influence to the House of Bishops, to maintain intact whatever powers and duties the wisdom of the whole Church had committed to the laity and order of Presbyters. If the present mode of government in the Canadian Episcopal Church is to continue, and not to end either in slavish submission to Prelatical rule, or in open revolt against it, the Synod fulfilled a serious duty, for which, as was said on Friday by some of the clergy, the entire Church will hereafter have cause for thankfulness.

Having said so much, it is just to add. that though the Bishops managed their part of the affair in the worst way possible, ther were placed in a position where it required an unusual share of Christian selfdenial, and of Worldly prudence to acquit themselves with applause. The canon under which they and the Synod acted, was a compromise, and like compromises in general, tided over an immediate difficulty only to create a more serious one at z later day. The truth is, that the Metropolitan dignity and duty, whatever that is, has no necessary connection with the Dio cese of Montreal, and ought not to depend upon it. The Churchmen of that Diocese have the right, like those of any other Diocese, to have the Bishop of their choiceto promote to that post, if it so please them, some Clergyman who has earned their love and respect, and has demonstrated his fitness by labours under their own eyes. The Bishops on the other hand have a great interest, and something at all events like a right, derived from that interest, in the choice of one whose duty is to preside in their House. It would be unfortunate that they should have forced upon them, as their Chairman, a person who was either obnoxious to them, in the ordinary sense of that word, or who even seemed to them to be unduly advanced over their heads to the highest place. If they desire a reformation of the canon so as hereafter to limit the effect of an election by the Syno I of Montreal, to the mere Bishopric of that Diocese, they must be admitted to have reason on their side. If while respecting the actual law, they had sought some method of securing a change within a reasonable time-and a very graceful way of doing that was obvious to every one-they would we believe have met with general sympathy and support. No reasonable man can doubt that there is prima facie reason for supposing that the most suitable candidate for the Primacy may be on the existing Bench of Bishops. But it is an invidious arrangement which, in order to give this idea a chance of realization, forces that which in part of its directions point out how the secular life few candidates for election think choice shall be made. In the end that of doing ostensibly-forces the candidates

to name themselves, or mutually to name each other. If their Lordships felt this, desired to change it, and had simply pointed out the evil and thrown themselves upon tue good feeling of the Synod to lessen and shorten the evil as much as possible, they would have done well. Unfortunately they attempted illegal remedies, and tried to enforce these by no less illegal dictation, and they have not only failed; but have brought some of the ridicule and odium of their failure upon the order to which they

## THE ELECTION OF METROPOLITAN.

From the Daily News.

The report of the Committe of the Synod, which we published on riday afternoon, placed our readers in possession of the authentic date touching the controversy that has arisen between that body and the House of Bishops. The report betrays evidence of having been framed with great caution, and is replete with proof of the ability and sagacity enlisted in its composition. It is tersely logical, and the inference to be drawn from the arguments employed seem unanswerable. We cannot lightly assume that the House of Bishops has no color of authority for the course at has pursued. The members of that House must have attached an interpretation to the words of the constitution, which they doubtless held to justify their conduct. must dismiss the idea that personal ambition could influence them, or any motive akin to despotism. They assert the theory that the Metropolitan should be sought amongst their order, - though they conceded the prin-ciple for which they contended and waived these important privileges when they submitted the name of the Dean of Norwich. It must be a profound puzzle to the outside world, who imbibe impressions without minutely investigating their origin, and are ignorant of the inner life of the House of Bishops, why those dignitaries, when they had yielded their prerogative and descended from their own class in search of a Metropolitan, should have traversed the ocean to find one worthy of the office, when an ecclesiastic of equal rank might have been found in the Synod. We know not whether the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral would have accepted the dignity,-but if half a century of untiring devotion to the interests of the Church could be held to be a valid claim to the honors of the episcopacy, assuredly there was no need of slighting the Dean, and, through him, the Diocesan clergy. What renders the conduct of the House of Bishops more inexplicable is the fact that no one accepted the responsibility of asserting that the Dean of Norwich would be a consent ing party. Consequently, had he been elected by the Synod, we might have been thrown back into the position in which we find ourselves. It might appear extraordinary that the votes of the laity in the Synod did not always harmonies with that of the Diocesan clergy. On two occasions a majority of latter assented to the nomination of the House of Bishops, but that assent was neutralized by the lay delegates. We do not intend to impute to the clergy subservience or servility towards the B. nch of Bishops; they have acted throughout with independence and dignity; but it is indisputable that personal influences which might sway a clergyman could not reach a layman, and it is fortunate for the interests of the church, and its hopes of usefulness, that the lay delegates gave expression by their negatives to a feeling germinating in the public mind. They affirmed as distinctly as men in their narrow sphere of action could do. that the few prizes which could reward meritorious services in the church should not be alienated from those identified with this country. There is no profession from whom heavier sacrifices are exacted than the Diocesan clergy. Their incomes are scanty, their privations untold, their chances of preferment are few, and marked by long intervals. It was as the advocates of a class thus disadvantageously placed. when contrasted with other professional careers, that the lay delegates indirectly affirmed the principle, that the future Bishop of Montreal should be sought and found in the ranks of the clergy of this Diocese. And in that future to which we all look forward there is ample reason for believing that the policy of the lay delegates will be successful. We are now consigned to a delay of six months, during which interval a mutual change of opinions cannot fail to be fruitful of good results. There is some inconvenience in the suspension of the office, and thus leaving the See of Montreal vacant, but a like misfortune befell New York and endured for five years, without causing any disaster, white we can console ourselves with the reflection that within six months the Synod can re-assemble under a reformed constitution and all interests can then be reconciled.

THE METROPOLITICAL SEE .- The clergy and laity of the Anglican church passed the first afternoon of their Synod in excited expectancy of a nomination from the Upper House, which was not received until just before their adjournment, when the announcement was read that the lords spiritual had nominated themselves. including in the list the Bishops of Fredericton and Nova Scotia, but not his lordship of Rupert's Land, a distinction for which there is doubtless some good technical reason. The principles on which this nomination was based were, that the candidate should be of the episcopal order, and from within the prospective domain of the Synod. The effects of the adoption of these ideas would be to secure to each member of the present House of Bishops a fair chance of having his turn of promotion, and to increase the value of that promotion by limiting the candidature to those of already exait d rank, a limit which is not in force in England. On the other hand, it would make all future nominations by the House of Bishops either merely nominal by repeating the present one or very embarrassing should any attempt be made to reduce the number of nominees. Different motives doubtless to some extent would influence such a nomination by the Canadian bishops, from those which would sway the choice of the English Privy Council. There is here a freedom from all political considerations which must have been one of the strongest of the reasons which formed in the mind of the late Metropolitan his strong preference for the independent position of his church in Canada. Wé may also suppose a more devoted regard on the part of these churchmen for the interests of the church and of religion than would animate statesmen. On the other hand, it will be felt that the matural ambition and personal interests of the individuals engaged, cannot but be an element in the decisions at which they arrive. To avoid in future, if possible, the appearance of this would perhaps be desirable - Witness.

#### Correspondence.

We are not responsible for any opinions expresse by our correspondents.

CHURCH BAZAARS, &c.

[To the Editor of the Church Observer.] Dear Sir,-Your correspondent from Quebec, upon the subject of church bazaars, has touch ed a question which all good people should ponder well in their hearts. I write to your paper in order to help on a friendly talk about these things, such as 'An Inquirer after Truth"
—a good title—has began. I remember some time ago reading an article in the Toronto Globe upon concerts, and such like, in aid of churches. The occasion of it was a ball whigh had been given somewhere in the States for the profit of the church. The Globe spoke out strongly upon the subject, against all such ways of getting money for church wants. Next day the Leade had an answer to the Globe. The Leader called the Globe Puritanical, not meaning it for good term. The substance of what it sail was that those ways could not be wrong which had a good end in view. This your "inquire," calls "a vain argument," and there in he speaks the truth.

For some years after God ordained me by the hands of the bishop, I did not think differently from other people nor from the Leader, about the things we are talking of. I built churches and got part of the money to pay for them by means of bazaars and concerts, but there was always something done at them which I did not like. At one bazaar there was a raffle, although I thought a promise had been made me that nothing of the kind should take place. At a concert, again, there was a song about "Sarah and her baby, sung very well, but so comic that I could not laugh at it. At the last concert which I had anyt ing to do with, the chairman, after most of the singing was over, came forward and in a few neat words invited any of the audience who chose, to remain afterwards for "the dance." I did not stay, but walked home in deep thought. 1 spoke about it afterwards and was told that it was not a very uncommon thing to have a dance after a church concert, and moreover that the singers needed something more than the pious object to tempt them to come and help us. I besought God that night what I was to do, and a voice seemed to sound in my heart saying "touch not the unclean thing." wrote to a dear brother minister telling him I meant, by the help of God, not to have anything more to do with concerts or bazaars or socials or soirées, in aid of the church. He answered that he was glad I had so determined, for he could not but think them "little less than wicked." Another brother hearing of my concert, wrote, appealing to my conscience in a tender manner, asking "did I really approve of such things?" I was glad to make known to him my change of heart upon the subject. But my strength of mind was soon to be put to the proof, for my people took the thought that they must have a soirée or a church, just about finished in a distant part of my cure. I told them of my change of mind about such things. A few approved of it, but more did not, having their hearts set upon a tea-party. We had a meeting about it, at which I tried to open my thoughts concerning it to my people. I said like this: "The simple tea-party which you speak of, my dear friends, I look upon as all of a piece with those concerts and bazaars, which I have set myself against. They have all alike worldliness at the bottom of them. For if you have a tea-party here, with a few simple songs and recitations to pass away the time, how can I deny my people in another part of my parish having the few simple songs and recitations by themselves without the tea and if they have a quiet dancs after it what can I do? And if they should some time propose to have the quiet dance alone without the singing, for the good of the church, could I consist ently tell them no? So we easily get from a tea party to a concert and from the concert to a ball, and this because of the one chain of world liness which holds them all together, from which the church should be altogether disconnected, since she is not of this world, although solourning in it. I pray you, brethren, can it be right for the church to hold God with one hand, and the world with the other? I do not believe it is. A good woman here said to her neighbour, loud enough for me to hear, that people must eat and drink." Another that "it would be a quiet, respectable affair."

heaven is not meat and drink, and let us lay it down as a principle not to be departed from, that in the name of the church, only religious assemblies-assemblies for spiritual pleasure-should be held. Or to put it the other way : In the name of the church (whatever private Christians may do) no worldly gutherings should be held-no congregations called together for purposes of worldly pleasure, although the church should make money by doing differently. That is one principle, and anoth er is, that we should give to the Lord with singleness of heart, looking for no present return. For do you suppose that the Lo d will be pleased with any other kind of offering th n a pure offering—a sacrifice without blemish and without spot? But people will not give that free way," said one, and others assented. I answered, "so long as wrong ways of giving are open to people they will not give in the right way, when it is less pleasing to the flesh than the other and the more the broad and easy way is travelled the less will the narrow way be used. Will people ever drop their money into God's treasury and go away empty handed if they can get something for their money? I trow not. In conclusion, brethren, you would be very much hurt at being called 'upists, and yet how do you act differently from apists if you ask the thurch to give you worldly enjoyment for money? Is this not like poor Papists who spend money in order to get priestly Indulgences?" So I spoke to the people, and many eame over to my side. would be very thankful if all-people and ministers alike -would earnestly pender these tnings, and be guided by the help of God to a right judgment in them.

I answered, "my friends, the kingdom of

I am yours, &c. November 10th, 1868.

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