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INTRODUCTORY EDITORIAL NOTICE.

IN issuing the first number of the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*, the Editors desire to explain the plan which they propose to pursue.

The pages of the *Gazette* will be divided into nine departments :

I. Canadian News, including the Diocese of Toronto and its several Deaneries, and other Dioceses connected with the Provincial Synod.

II. British News, including Great Britain and Ireland, and the Colonies.

III. Foreign News, including the United States, and other parts of the world.

IV. Missionary Intelligence—Canadian and General.

V. Proceedings of Synods and their Committees—Diocesan and Provincial.

VI. Answers to Correspondents.

VII. Official Notices and Acknowledgments.

VIII. Births, Marriages, Deaths, Removals, Ordinations.

IX. Miscellaneous Items.

It will be proper also to explain that the limited grant put at the disposal of the Printing Committee, will enable them only to issue once every two months an average of 32 pages, which will give space only for about the same matter as is at present inserted in the journals of Synod.

But should our hopes be fulfilled, and a good list of subscribers be sent in, this would enable the Committee proportionably to extend the size and scope of the *Gazette*, and increase its interest.

The Editors would desire also to impress especially upon the Clergy the importance of their furnishing prompt and concise reports of any Church work, or Church incidents in their respective parishes. The Editors have no means of engaging or remunerating agents to do this duty, and unless they are furnished with news it will be impossible for them to insert it. We would particularly request the Rural Deans to assist them in this matter.

With respect to the character of the communications themselves, we may be permitted to say that the very limited space at our disposal will necessarily preclude any long or elaborate notices, so that the utmost brevity and condensation will be required.

Moreover we would respectfully draw the attention of our correspondents to the resolution of Synod, that "on no plea whatsoever should its pages be used for purposes of controversy, and therefore all topics of a controversial character, whether in editorial or communicated articles, must be studiously excluded."

To this principle we shall be bound rigidly to adhere, and shall therefore be called to exercise a strict and impartial scrutiny as to that point, over all the selections inserted in the *Gazette*, as well as the various communications and reports with which we hope to be favored.

The Editors trust that under the Divine guidance they will be able, if they receive the cordial co-operation of their brethren, so to conduct the proposed publication that it may merit the confidence and secure the support of all members of the Church.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO THE *SYNOD GAZETTE*.

At the last meeting of Synod, the question proposed by the Rev. Rural Dean Givins, of publishing a *Synod Gazette*, was on motion of Dr. Hodgins, referred to this Committee in the following terms (Journal of Synod, 1873, p. 66):—That it be an instruction to the Committee on Printing to consider the advisability of Publishing a Monthly Periodical, containing the following matter, and to report at the next Session of Synod:—

1. The Annual Report and its Appendices.
2. Report of Proceedings of the Quarterly Meetings of Synod Committees, Sunday School Meetings, and Reports from Missionaries.
3. Notices of Episcopal and Archidiaconal Visitations, Ruri-Decanal Meetings, and Synodical Meetings.
4. Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Consecrations of Churches, Church Openings, and all information of a general character likely to prove beneficial to the interests of the Church.

5. The periodical to be of such portable dimensions, and to be provided with an index, so as easily to be bound and form an Annual Register of the Diocesan Proceedings.

Should the proposed plan meet the sanction of the Synod, the following practical questions will remain to be disposed of. By whom shall such *Gazette* be conducted? Under whose supervision shall it be issued? What shall be the nature of its contents?

On these points your Committee are strongly of opinion :

1. That the publishing should be under the supervision of the Printing Committee.
2. That the editorial supervision should be entrusted to the Honorary Secretaries.
3. That the general character of the publication should correspond closely with the description given in the resolution under which the question was referred to this Committee, with the addition of a very clear and stringent caution that on no plea whatsoever shall its pages be used for purposes of controversy.

PROSPECTUS OF THE TORONTO DIOCESAN GAZETTE.

There has been for some years a growing conviction upon the part of the members of the Church in this Diocese that the Synod should possess some official organ, periodically issued.

At our last meeting of Synod, the Report of the Printing Committee recommending such a publication, was unanimously adopted; and the issue of the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette* will at once be proceeded with.

It will contain the following information :—

- (a) The Journal of the Proceedings of Synod.
- (b) A summary of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Meetings of the Committees of Synod, with the names of members present.
- (c) Pastorals, and other Episcopal and official notices from the Officers or Committees of Synod.
- (d) Copies or abstracts of Reports of Committees submitted to the Synod by the Executive Committee, as provided in the 20th section of the Constitution.
- (e) Acknowledgements of Moneys received for Synod objects.
- (f) In general, all Notices and Circulars relating to the business of Synod.
- (g) Reports of Episcopal and Archidiaconal Visitations, Kuridecanal Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Reports from Missionaries, and the like.
- (h) Register of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Opening and Consecration of Churches Ordinations, Ecclesiastical changes and appointments, and all Church News likely to promote the interests of the Church.

All topics and expressions of a controversial character, whether in editorial or communicated articles, will be studiously excluded.

The periodical is to be called the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*, and will resemble in size and general appearance the present Journal of Synod. It will be provided with an index, and when bound will form an Annual Register of the Synodical proceedings, and a continuous history of the Diocese.

As stated in the Report laid before the Synod: "The immense advantage of such a periodical over the present dry and desultory mode of communicating with the parishes and missions, must be evident. Instead of a volume of unquestionable value indeed, but unavoidably heavy, bristling with statistics, and largely composed of tardy acknowledgments and meagre outlines, with a few stale items of ecclesiastical intelligence, we shall possess in such a periodical as that proposed, something more generally readable, and containing a fullness and freshness of information suited to foster an intelligent interest in all the operations of the Church, and to stimulate the energies of her members, and call out their liberality in her behalf."

It is proposed to issue the *Gazette* at first every two months, four of the numbers to consist of 32 pages, and the other two as double numbers of 64 pages.

This periodical will be furnished free to all members of the Synod now entitled to receive the Journal, and to all annual subscribers of \$5 and upwards to Diocesan objects, when reported and paid to the Synod Office. The subscription price to others will be the nominal sum of 60 cents per annum, or ten copies to one address, \$5 per annum.

Your co-operation is earnestly solicited in furnishing, in concise terms, prompt and reliable intelligence for the pages of the *Gazette*, and in procuring and sending in as soon as possible a list of subscribers for the first year, in order that the committee may be guided as to the number of copies which it will be expedient to issue. They venture to hope that every Parish will endeavour to take at least ten copies, and the wealthier Parishes more in proportion, in which case we shall begin at once with a large issue and a bright prospect of success. If sufficient encouragement and support are afforded, the Committee may hereafter be enabled to add to the number of pages, and even publish more frequently, and thus greatly increase the interest and utility of the *Gazette*.

All remittances of money, lists of subscribers, and all business communications connected with the *Gazette*, to be addressed to WM. P. ATKINSON, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod, Toronto.

All matter intended for insertion in the *Gazette* to be addressed to the "Editors of the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*, Synod Office, Toronto."

The *Gazette* is, by resolution of Synod, to be edited by the Honorary Secretaries (Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A., and J. George Hodgins, LL.D.); and published under the superintendence of the Printing Committee, which this year is constituted as follows:—Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., Chairman; Rev. T. Walker, B.A.; Rev. C. W. Paterson, B.C.L.; Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A.; Messrs. J. George Hodgins, LL.D.; R. Snelling, LL.D.; and S. Thompson.

Official Notices.

1. THANKSGIVING AFTER HARVEST.

TO THE REVEREND THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—The Lieutenant Governor of this Province having appointed THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF OCTOBER, to be observed as a day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the Harvest of the present year, I have to request your calling the attention of your several Congregations to the duty of a devout observance of this day. Grave anxieties were felt in the early spring-time as to the products of the land; but all these were dispelled by the merciful interposition of God's Providence in sending seasonable and sufficient rains for the reviving and growth of its fruits.

I have also to request your notifying your Congregations that the Offerings on that occasion will be devoted to the Mission Fund of this Diocese. We are steadily extending our Missionary work, and all the aid we can command is required to maintain and prosper that work. God's *temporal* bounties should deepen the anxiety of all to diffuse His *spiritual* gifts; and, at such a time as this, no offering could be more appropriate than one that testifies our sympathy for immortal souls waiting to be gathered into the garner of the Lord.

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren,
Faithfully and affectionately yours,

(Signed) A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, October 7, 1871.

2. UNITY AND REUNION.

REPLY OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS TO A MEMORIAL OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(Copy.)

Montreal, September 16th, 1874.

GENTLEMEN,—I am requested by the Metropolitan to inform you that he has received and has presented to the House of Bishops the Memorial which has been sent by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, which they have duly considered, and concerning which they have passed the following resolution :

“That with reference to the Memorial presented to this House by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and suggesting the appointment of ‘a Day of Humiliation and Intercession for Unity, and the Reunion of our Church with other Christian bodies,’ the House of Bishops, whilst fully sympathizing with the memorialists in mourning over the lack of union which exists amongst the various branches of the Church of Christ, have not been able to arise at the conclusion, that it would be expedient at the present time to set apart a special day for that purpose.

“They would, however, suggest whether this important subject might not be incorporated in the Service used on the day which will probably be again recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as a Day of Special Intercession for the Missions of the Church.”

(Signed) FREDERICK D. ALGOMA,
Secretary House of Bishops.

The REV. A. J. BROUGHALL, M.A.,
J. GEORGE HONGINS, LL.D.,

Honorary Secretaries, Synod, Diocese of Toronto.

Proceedings of Synods and Committees.

1. SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Regularly Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of Synod, were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, 13th & 14th August, 1874.

Executive Committee.

Present—The Dean of Toronto, (who was appointed Chairman for the current year) ; The Provost, Revds. A. J. Fidler, John Hebdon, C. E. Thomson ; Vice-Chancellor Blake, Dr. Snelling, Mr. Marling.

The Committee took into consideration the following matters which had been referred to them by the Synod, viz :—

1. Resolutions of Mr. N. F. Paterson :

- (a). That two Clerical and two Lay members of the Synod be appointed on motion to take the votes of the members of Synod.
- (b). That a ballot box or boxes shall be provided to receive the votes. That upon each member of the Synod depositing his vote, a mark shall be placed opposite his name on the roll of the order to which he belongs, and that upon the requisition of any three members of the Synod, the number of votes deposited shall be compared with the number of those who have voted upon the occasion. The scrutineers shall hand over the votes to the Secretaries of the Synod, whose duty it shall be to preserve them until the election shall be completed, and then destroy them at the end of the session.

2. Motion of Rev. H. Holland :

That in order to secure greater order and despatch in receiving and scrutinizing the ballots required by the Constitution of Synod, a Committee be appointed to

frame, under the approval of the Executive Committee, instructions for the guidance of Scrutineers, and also such ruled and printed forms as they may deem expedient, the Committee to consist of the Honorary Secretaries and Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A.

3. Motion of Rev. Canon Baldwin :

That in future meetings of the Synod of this Diocese, or so long as any members of the Executive Committee are elected by ballot, the ballot for election of said members, and also that for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, be taken at the same time.

4. Resolution of Rev. J. A. Hull :

That the Executive Committee be requested to insert in the Annual Order of Proceedings of Synod such rules and regulations for the better observance of quiet and general order as they shall deem expedient.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider and devise the best plan for hereafter taking the votes for the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod and the Executive Committee, and to make such rules and regulations for the better observance of quiet and general order in the Synod, as they shall deem expedient, and to report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

Present—Archdeacon Fuller, (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Revs. Dr. Lett, Dr. McMurray, J. G. Geddes, H. C. Cooper, S. Houston, W. R. Forster. Vice-Chancellor Blake, Messrs. Grierson, A. H. Campbell, Peter Paterson, Archibald Cameron, C. J. Campbell, William Ince.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the May meeting, the Lord Bishop had furnished the names of three Clergymen entitled to be placed upon the Commutation Trust Fund according to the By-Law, viz:—Revs. J. H. McCollum, John Carry, and John Davidson, and that these gentlemen had been placed on the pay-list as recipients of \$400 per annum, from the 1st of April, 1874.

The attention of the Committee having been called to the following clause in the Report of the Sustentation Fund Committee, adopted at the Session of Synod, viz:—

“Your Committee, referring to their said last Report wherein it was provided that the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee be the Treasurer and Manager of all funds raised for the Sustentation Fund, beg further to report: That as the amount standing to the credit of the said last mentioned fund in the books of the Synod, now amounts to the sum of \$4,475.18, they have directed that the last mentioned sum be transferred to the credit of the Clergy Commutation Trust Fund, and the same will be transferred accordingly:”

It was resolved, that as doubts have arisen as to the manner in which the Sustentation Fund is intended to be dealt with by this Committee, the amount to the credit of that Fund be meantime accepted and kept invested until otherwise ordered by the Synod.

Endowment of See—Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee.

Present—Revs. J. B. Worrell, (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Canon Brent, W. Logan, T. W. Allen, and The Dean of Toronto. Messrs. Farncomb, Harman, Charles Magrath, Wm. Gamble, Hen. James Patton.

Sundry applications for the leasing and purchase of land were considered, and laid over for further information and consideration.

The Municipalities of Thorah and Mono, being desirous of redeeming their debentures held by the Synod, the Committee agreed to sell at par.

Mission Board.

Present—The Lord Bishop in the Chair, Archdeacon Fuller, Rural Deans Givins, Lett, Smithett, Stewart, Allen, Hill, Osler, Cooper, McMurray, and Geddes. Hon. H. B. Bull, Messrs. Ledingham, Agar, A. H. Campbell, J. C. Chadwick, Lewis, Hallen, Chafee.

Guarantees for \$600 per annum for three years, were received and accepted from the Missions of Clifton, Merriton and Homer, Georgetown and Glenwilliams.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved—That this Board, in accordance with the resolution of Synod, in reference to the grant to the Diocese of Algoma, hereby request his Lordship the Bishop to issue an appeal to the Parishes of the Diocese of Toronto, to raise the amount of \$2,400.

Resolved—That the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to advance one Quarter's Salary due to the Missionaries in Algoma on the 1st October next, in accordance with the quota allotted to this Diocese, and charge the same to the special fund to be raised for that purpose.

Resolved—That a grant of \$200 per annum be made to the Mission of Lloydtown, so soon as the requisite guarantees be sent in for \$600.

A similar resolution was adopted in regard to the Mission of Bolton and Sandhill.

Resolved—That the sum of \$200 per annum be granted to the Mission of Palermo and Omagh, on their furnishing approved Bonds for \$400 per annum.

Resolved—That an additional \$100 be granted to the Rev. R. Rooney for one year from 1st July, 1874.

Resolved—That \$300 per annum be voted to Hastings and Alnwick Mission, provided that \$400 be guaranteed by bonds from the people from 1st October next.

Resolved—That \$200 per annum be granted to the Mission of Georgetown and Glenwilliams, bonds having been furnished for \$600 per annum.

Resolved—That the grant to the Mission of Brooklin and Columbus be raised to \$300 per annum.

Resolved—That the grant of \$75 additional, be continued to the Mission of Woodbridge and Vaughan for and during the term of the existing guarantee.

Resolved—That the request of the Rev. W. H. Jones, of Omemece, be granted by this Board, and that the grant of \$500 be continued to the united Missions under his charge, so long as the bonds from said united Missions hold.

Resolved—That \$200 be granted to the Mission of Norval and Stewart-town, on receipt of a guarantee for \$500.

Resolved—That this Board is prepared to grant \$100 per annum to a Travelling Missionary on the Bobcaygeon and Brock Roads, provided the several congregations within its bounds enter into bonds to raise \$200 per annum.

Resolved—That \$150 be granted to purchase diagrams of the Working Men's Educational Union, to be used at the various Missionary Meetings of the Diocese, and that the Rev. Rural Deans Lett and Osler be a Committee to select the same, and to draw regulations for the distribution and use of the same.

Resolved—That the change of service from Oakwood to Cambray, proposed by the Rev. James H. Harris, be agreed to by this Board.

Letters were read from the Rev. Richard Harrison, calling the attention of the Board to the urgent necessity of providing for the religious instruction of the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum and Central Prison, and of the numerous immigrants constantly arriving at the Immigrant Sheds.

Resolved—That having heard the letters of the Rev. R. Harrison read, this Board are of opinion that the Rector of St. James's, Toronto, and the other clergy of this city should be requested to take the same into their consideration with a view of supplying the want therein complained of.

Resolved—That with reference to the representations of the Rev. R. Harrison, as to the necessity of providing a clergyman to attend the Central Prison and the

Lunatic Asylum, the Bishop be requested to nominate a Committee to ascertain what duties would be required of such clergyman in those Institutions, and what funds could be obtained towards his support; and to report to this Board at its next meeting.

The Rev. Richard Harrison having applied to the Board for remuneration for Missionary services performed during the space of one year at the Village of Seaton in the north west part of the City of Toronto, the Board regretted their inability to appropriate funds to such purpose.

For the same reason the Board were unable to entertain Mr. Harrison's offer to continue the work which he has been carrying on at the Immigrant Sheds during the past year, if the Board would duly recognize him as a stipendiary.

A Committee was appointed to examine the reports received from the Missionaries and publish the same in the Journal of Synod, or the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*.

Widows and Orphans' Fund, and Theological Students' Fund Committee.

Present—Rev. H. C. Cooper (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Revs. W. H. Jones, E. W. Murphy, Canon Osler, F. Tremayne, W. Belt; Dr. Wilson Vice-Chancellor Blake, Captain Blain; Messrs. W. Y. Pettit and Huson W. M. Murray.

There not being sufficient funds to pay in full the pensions of the Widows and Orphans on 1st October, the Committee decided to pay them at the same rate as on the 1st July.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to carry out the recommendation of the Synod, adopted at the last Session, as regards the assessment on Parishes on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Letter was read from Mr. John Colwell, of Kincardine, asking for an Exhibition to aid him in the prosecution of his studies as a Theological Student in Trinity College.

The necessary certificate from the Bishop and testimonial as to character having been furnished, Mr. Colwell was placed on the list of Divinity Exhibitors, subject to the conditions of the By-law.

General Purposes Fund, Statistics, and Assessment Committee.

Present—Rev. John Fletcher (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Revs. Dr. O'Meara, R. Harrison, Thomas Bull, D. I. F. MacLeod; Dr. Hodgins, Mr. Marcellus Crombie.

Letter was read from the Churchwardens, Lloydtown, asking that the Synod Assessment from that Parish be refunded, because their Lay-Representative was unseated at the last Session of the Synod. The Committee decided that they could not entertain the application.

The usual quarterly Financial Statements were laid before the Committee.

Ordered—That the Chairman of this Committee be requested to call the attention of the Chairman of the Sunday School Committee to the item of \$15 for printing and advertising in connection with the meeting of the Sunday School Association in June last, and to ascertain under what authority such expenditure was incurred.

Ordered—That the item in Synod Assessment Account, "500 copies of Order of Service \$19.80" be referred to the Printing Committee for authorization.

Ordered—That, as directed by the Synod, the sum of \$600 be placed at the disposal of the Printing Committee to carry out the recommendation of that Committee in regard to the proposed Diocesan Gazette.

The consideration of sundry applications for aid to Churches and Parsonages was deferred till next meeting, in order that further information, as required by the new regulations, may be obtained.

The revision of Statistics and Assessments was deferred till next meeting.

Sunday School, and Book and Tract Committee.

Present—The Provost of Trinity College (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Rev. J. Hebden; Dr. Hodgins, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Marling.

Grants of Books were made as follows:—

Rev. J. H. HARRIS, Cameron Mission—12 Bibles, 12 Prayer Books, 12 Catechisms and Lesson Sheets.

Rev. JOSEPH FENNEL, Grantham—13 Prayer Books for Virgil, and 10 Prayer Books for Queenston. Also, Tracts from old and new stock. More Prayer Books can be obtained, for sale at 15c.

Rev. J. CHURCHILL Cox, Merriton—13 Prayer Books, 12 Mant's Catechisms, and \$18 worth of Library Books, to meet \$9, paid. More Prayer Books can be furnished, for sale at very cheap rates.

Rev. W. R. FORSTER, Creemore and Stayner—\$20 worth of books for Creemore, to meet \$10, paid; 30 Catechisms for Stayner, and \$20 worth of books to meet \$10 paid.

Rev. G. S. J. HILL, Markham—A sum not exceeding \$10 in books, to meet a like sum from the mission.

Rev. T. W. PATERSON, West Gwillimbury—6 Prayer Books and 6 Testaments for Christ's Church Sunday School.

Audit Committee.

Present—Lewis Moffatt, Esq., (who was appointed Chairman for the current year); Rev. J. Morton, Wm. Gamble, Esq.

Messrs. Wm. Gamble and James Sydney Crocker were re-appointed auditors.

The Auditors reported that they had made the usual quarterly audit for the period ending 31st July, 1874, and that their examination was satisfactory. The balance sheets of the several funds were presented and adopted, together with the auditors' report.

Church Music Committee.

Present—Revs. R. Shanklin (in the Chair), C. R. Bell and F. Alexander. Messrs. John Carter and H. G. Collins.

The Rev. J. D. Cayley was appointed Chairman for the current year.

The Secretary was instructed to lay before the Committee at the November meeting, a statement of the sales of the Diocesan Chant and Tune Book, and the balance at the disposal of the Committee.

Printing Committee.

The Printing Committee met on Tuesday, 18th August, 1874.

Present—Rev. Septimus Jones, Chairman. Revs. A. J. Broughall, C. W. Paterson, and T. Walker; Dr. Hodgins.

Letter was read from Rev. John Fletcher, Chairman of the General Purposes Fund Committee, calling attention to the item "500 copies of Order of Service, \$49.80;" and stating that the General Purpose Fund Committee consider that it is not proper for them to sanction the payment of so large an item for printing without first having received the authority of the Printing Committee; and they therefore submit it to that Committee to ascertain whether such authority shall be given them.

Resolved,—That the General Purpose Fund Committee be authorized to pay the account of \$49.80 for the printing of 500 copies of "Order of Prayer at Opening Service of Synod;" but the Printing Committee hereby resolve that for the future, they will not authorize the payment of any account for the printing of any documents or papers without their approval, as they consider that they are responsible to the Synod for all the printing of that body, its officers or its committees; and further

that the Chairman of the committee be requested to communicate with the Rev. J. D. Cayley, with a view of ascertaining from him his authority for having the said Order of Service printed at the expense of the Synod.

Resolved,—That the draft of the heading for the "Toronto Diocesan Gazette" be adopted; that the motto of the *Gazette* be, "They shall prosper that love thee, O Zion;" and that the Chairman be authorized to have the same engraved.

Resolved,—That the Editors be requested to issue the *Gazette* as soon as convenient; and that they be authorized to make each number consist of 32 pages, using their discretion, however, at any time to limit the publication to 24 pages each.

Resolved,—That the tender of Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison to print the *Gazette* be accepted; and that they be authorized to proceed with the publication.

Resolved—That the Secretary furnish the printers with a list of names of Clergy and Lay Representatives, and others to whom the *Gazette* is to be sent; and that the Chairman be authorized to arrange with the printers regarding the cost of mailing

2. THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The regular triennial session of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada began in Montreal on the 9th of September with divine service in Christ's Church Cathedral. The Right Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, Bishop of Huron, was the preacher, in the absence of the Bishop of Lichfield. His Lordship chose for his text the Book of Revelation, 3rd Chapter and 22nd Verse, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches."

The Holy Communion was celebrated after the sermon.

At 2:30 p.m. the Synod was formally opened by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, who, after prayer, delivered the following charge in the Synod Hall:—

RIGHT REVEREND AND REVEREND BRETHREN, AND BRETHREN OF THE
LAITY :

We cannot but regard the present meeting of our Synod as a very eventful one, from the fact that we are at this time invited to welcome among us two of the neighboring Dioceses, which have expressed their desire, after mature consideration, to cast in their lot with us. I feel sure that we shall receive them with a very cordial welcome, persuaded that their accession to our body will add material strength to this Ecclesiastical Province, and will be a signal for closer union among our scattered members. I am also confident that we shall not give a less hearty greeting to the newly-formed Missionary Diocese of Algoma, whose Bishop will now take his seat in the Upper House, and will, ere long, I trust, have his own Diocesan Synod, which will send its representatives to this body. Our Province will, in this case, at once number eight Bishops in its Upper House, and a hundred and sixty-eight delegates in the Lower House. God grant that the "multitude of counsellors" may give increased wisdom to our present deliberations! It may be a question, however, whether, considering the great expenditure of money and time to which the representatives from the more remote Dioceses will be subjected, and for other reasons, also, it will not be expedient to diminish the number of Delegates furnished by each Diocese. For the prosperity of the Church within this Province, we may well be thankful. There is evidence of life and earnestness in our various parishes, and a steady increase in the number of our clergy. And when we think of the great variety of opinion and the wide diversity of practice which have, of late especially, characterized the Mother Church, we have reason to bless God for the harmony which, with very few exceptions, prevails among ourselves. One cause of

this, I think, is the urgency of the Lord's work which lies immediately before us here in Canada, leaving but little time for petty disputes and vain wrangling. Here we have a country to subdue for the Lord—a kingdom to wrest out of the enemy's hands—sheep wandering upon the dark mountains, to be gathered into the Saviour's fold. The soldier, when called into the battle field, has no time to trifle with matters of minor importance; he has to fight. And so, too, must we, using weapons which are not of man's forging, but taken from the Lord's armoury—the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, the Cross of Christ. We are, I think, agreed on the great essentials of the faith. We all preach alike the doctrines of the Cross, the all-atoning sacrifice of Christ, the necessity of conversion, the work of God's Holy Spirit as the Teacher, the Quickener, and the Sanctifier of souls. But I should be very thankful if, by a generous brotherly compromise, we could come to some agreement as to the minor matters which affect our practice—such as the mode of conducting our ordinary public services, our rubrical observances, our postures and vestures in the House of God, and matters of this kind, which, when placed side by side with the salvation of immortal souls, are, indeed, most trivial. With a view to this happy result, and also to relieve those to whom the length of our present morning service is somewhat burdensome, a measure will probably be proposed during the present session. I believe that if we all resolve to observe strictly the directions of the Church, and to carry out loyally and honestly the spirit of our liturgy, many of our divergencies will at once cease, and a happier and more blessed uniformity will be displayed in our ministrations. There are, I believe, at the present time, many, outside of the Church's limits, who are showing a desire to draw near to our fold. Nothing is so sure to repel them as the promulgation and practice of extreme views; nothing so likely to attract them as a faithful, honest, and spiritual exhibition of the simple truths which our Church sets before us in our Articles and Liturgy. Oh, that we may ever go forth to our great work animated by one spirit, bound together by a common faith and practice, and depending on the same Almighty strength to give us the victory! Before entering upon the business of the present session, I think it very desirable that we should see clearly the position which this Provincial Synod occupies in reference to the minor Synods of our respective Dioceses. It was never intended that they should conflict one with the other. The object of our Diocesan Synods is to deliberate and legislate on all questions which have a special reference to the Diocese which they represent, whilst the object of the Provincial Synod is to treat of those matters which affect us in our more enlarged capacity as members of the Church of England, whose lot is cast within the prescribed limits of this Province. Each inferior Synod has the privilege of forming its own special laws and regulations, so far at least as they do not contravene any canon enacted by the Superior Synod of the Province, to which we all, by virtue of our union, are bound to conform. Although a large liberty has ever been given to our deliberations here, I feel sure that it will be our wisdom to refrain as much as possible from the discussion of subjects likely to cause irritation, and to awaken party strife. This, however, must be left to the discretion and Christian feeling of individual members. The important question as to the future election of a Metropolitan, must needs again come before you; and I hope it will be considered with all the caution it deserves. There is, I know, a difference of opinion among the ablest and wisest members of this Synod. But I trust that, at all events, there will be no rash attempt at change, in the mere hope of avoiding a recurrence of past difficulties, but a desire to uphold the dignity and usefulness of the office, and to consider what will be most in accordance with primitive practice, as well as most conducive to the present welfare of the Church. You are aware that a measure has passed the English Convocations, and has received the Royal assent, giving liberty to curtail the *Week-day Services*, and also to initiate a fresh service, compiled from the *Prayerbook*, to be used on Sunday evenings, where a church is opened three times in the day for public worship. It will be desirable, I think, to endorse this action of the Mother Church during the present session. It is with a feeling of much sadness that we are reminded of the absence from our counsels of one whose wisdom as late Prolocutor of the Lower House, and whose influence as a Church leader we can ill spare at the present time. Whilst he is remembered with singular affection in his own parish, his praise is also in all the Churches as having been a patient and self-denying worker, and a loving brother. But he is gone up to a higher sphere, where

there will still be work to do and a Saviour to glorify. One of your first acts will be to decide on one who shall be counted worthy to fill his place in this Assembly. My Right Reverend Brethren and I will now leave you to your important deliberations. We have all, I trust, come here with a desire to merge for a time the special interests of our own Dioceses in the general good of the Church in this Province, and the advancement of the Saviour's Kingdom within its limits. Our debates in past years have been characterized by the dignified bearing, the Christian temper and the devout earnestness of those who have taken part in them; and I need hardly say that if our present session bears the same impress, it will give much confidence and encouragement to the Church at large. May God guide us with His counsel, direct us by His Holy Spirit, and enable us to take such measures as will tend to the spiritual growth and unity of His Church in this portion of the labor-field!

Having concluded his charge, His Lordship suggested that the Very Reverend the Dean of Montreal should take the chair, while the business of appointing a Prolocutor was proceeded with. This having been done, it was moved by Ven. Archdeacon Marsh,—

That the Very Rev. Dean Bond be Prolocutor.

In amendment, it was moved by the Very Rev. Dean Boomer,—

That the Rev. J. Gamble Geddes, Rector of Hamilton and Rural Dean, be appointed Prolocutor.

The amendment was carried by 42 against 32.

The newly appointed Prolocutor then in a few suitable words, acknowledged the honor which had been conferred on him, and said that he would endeavor to merit it by his devotion to the duties which he had been called upon to fulfil.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean McMurray, and seconded by the Rev. R. W. Norman,—

That the Rev. Charles Hamilton be appointed Clerical Secretary.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

It was moved by C. J. Brydges, Esq., seconded by the Hon. J. H. Cameron,—

That F. Mackenzie, Esq., be appointed Lay Secretary, which resolution was also carried unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, seconded by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, and carried unanimously,—

That C. J. Brydges, Esq., be appointed Treasurer.

It was moved by Hon. J. H. Cameron, seconded by Rev. Stephen Lett, D.D.,—

That J. Wolferstan Thomas, Esq., be Auditor.—Carried.

The Reverend the Prolocutor read a letter from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, acknowledging the receipt of a letter of condolence from the Canadian Church on the sad and untimely death of the late Bishop Wilberforce.

It was moved by Strachan Bethune, Esq., Q.C., seconded by Hon. J. H. Cameron, Q.C.—

That the Synods of Nova Scotia and Fredericton be received on the same footing as if they had been from its first organization a constituent part of the Provincial Synod.

On the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Cameron, the documents relating to these Dioceses were produced and read by the Clerical Secretary.

A message from the Upper House, expressing entire agreement with the resolution for the recognition of the Eastern Synods, being read, the act of reception was formerly and heartily proceeded with—each member being formally introduced to the Prolocutor.

The Prolocutor named the following Committee on the arrangement of each day's business and printing:—

Dr. J. G. Hodgins (Chairman), Rev. H. Holland, Mr. Beard, Ven. Archdeacon March, Mr. H. S. Scott, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Ven. Archdeacon Parnell, Mr. Peter Lynch, Rev. J. Ambrose, Mr. H. W. Frith, Rev. J. Pearson, Mr. T. White, Jr., Rev. Dr. Baneroff.

A letter was read, which had been received from the Secretaries of the Montreal Diocese, transmitting a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Diocesan Synod, expressing its wish that some suitable measure should be adopted for the consideration of the question, How best may the cause of Christian Union among religious bodies be advanced?

A letter was also read from the Nova Scotia Synod, enclosing a resolution requesting the Bishops to prepare a form of prayer to be used at the opening and closing of Sunday Schools, and on other special occasions.

Several Committees were called on for their reports. The Chairmen, in some cases, stated that the Committee had not prepared any report.

The Synod proceeded to take up the unfinished business of previous sessions, and the following motion, originally introduced by the Dean of Ontario, on the subject of Marriage Licenses, was read:—

That this Provincial Synod having at their last session received a report of the Sub-Committee on the subject of Marriage Licenses, and also a Petition to the Provincial Parliament, praying them to interfere, and modifying any existing law, in order that the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada may at least have the same status, equality, and privilege, such as the Church of Rome and her Bishops now exercise in this Province. The Lower House humbly move the Lord Bishops in Synod assembled to consider, and, if they shall deem it right and expedient, to take action on the matter; and from this Synod ever and always to issue licenses to members of the Church, under their Hands and Seals of office, or through their officials, under such canonical and legal provisions, (due respect being paid to the ancient Canons in such cases made and provided,) and also to charge such fees as they may consider right, proper, and just, for the issuing of such documents.

After discussion the motion was lost.

On motion of Dr. Henderson, (Kingston) it was resolved,—

That this House regret the loss which they sustain in the death of the late Ven. Archdeacon Patton, who, for the past three sessions, had acted as Prolocutor, and during that time had won the respect and admiration of the Synod.—Carried.

A copy of the resolution was ordered to be forwarded to the family of the late Archdeacon.

It was moved by Dr. Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Peter Roe,—

That the following be the Committee on the Montreal Memorial in regard to the Union among religious bodies:—Dean Bond, Thos. White, jr., Rev. H. Roe, H. S. Scott, Rural Dean Allen, S. B. Harman, Arch. Balch, Dr. Covernton, Rev. Mr. Burke, Judge McDonald, Canon Ketchum, C. W. Weldon, Rev. J. Ritchie, P. H. Hill, the mover and seconder.—Carried.

The Committee met and reported a request that the House of Bishops be requested to agree to appoint a joint Committee on the subject.

Mr. C. J. Brydges moved,—

That the rules be suspended, to allow of the appointment of a committee to confer with the Diocesan Committee on the subject of Metropolitan succession; the Committee to consist of Vice-Chancellor Blake, Dr. Henderson, P. C. Hill, R. W. Heneker, Chief Justice Ritchie, F. W. Thomas, Judge Wilson, Provost Whitaker, Rev. G. T. Housman, Dean Boomer, Canon Ellegood, Archdeacon Parnell, Dr. Ketchum, and Rev. H. L. Owen.—Carried.

A message having been received from the House of Bishops in regard to the Nine Canon on Discipline, Vice-Chancellor Blake moved,—

That Provost Whitaker, Dr. Coventon, J. H. Cameron, and the mover, be a Committee to confer with the House of Bishops on the matter.—Carried.

The Prolocutor read a message from the Metropolitan, asking the Synod to proceed with the consideration of the ninth Canon on Discipline only. The Canon is as follows:—

“A deacon need not surrender his worldly calling, or business of such calling, on its being approved by the Bishop, unless he is a candidate for the office of priest, and he shall not be admitted to the priesthood till he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in Latin and Greek, and have further complied with such requirements as the Bishop of each Diocese may impose; nevertheless a Bishop may advance a deacon to the priesthood, after 20 years' service, without the additional requirements of a knowledge of Latin or Greek.”

The Rev. Mr. Foster moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. R. T. Walkem,—

That all the words in the Canon down to the word nevertheless, be expunged.

Mr. Harman moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Dr. Jones, that the Canon as it now stands be amended to read,—

That the order of Deacons be divided into Deacons and sub-Deacons.

The Prolocutor thought that the first amendment was in order, but that the second was not.

A discussion took place, after which it was moved by the Rev. J. B. Davidson, seconded by Mr. R. V. Rogers,—

That this House regret they cannot concur in Canon 9, because they cannot regard it as in the best interests of the Church.

The motion was carried by 53 votes against 49.

The Rev. the Prolocutor announced the presence of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, and his desire to address the Synod. Bishop McLean said:—

That while in England he had been furnished with funds for the salaries of two clergymen to serve in his distant diocese, and he wished, if possible, to find suitable persons in Canada. They would have to serve the two chief posts in the diocese of Saskatchewan, and he was desirous to obtain their services before the winter set in. He did not like to set out as a general without soldiers, and besides, they were striving to practically uphold the principle of supplying the ministrations of the Church to all communities, however numerically unimportant. The salary would be for each of the missionaries £200 sterling a year. He threw himself on their kind indulgence, and requested them to aid him in the matter as far as they could.

The memorial of the Bishop, clergy, and lay delegates of the Diocese of Toronto, concerning the use of the Burial Service in cases where it is inapplicable, was referred to a committee.

A motion of the Rev. J. J. Bogert, requesting the House of Bishops to prepare or adopt offices for the laying of the corner stone of a church, and for the consecration of churches and burial grounds, was carried.

A motion proposed by the Rev. Dr. Lett, in the absence of Mr. Henry, for the making of seats in churches and chapels free, was carried.

A committee was appointed, on the motion of the Rev. Mr. Holland, consisting of the Rev. S. G. V. Housman, J. Ellegood, Ven. T. A. Parnell, H. L. Owen; Judge Wilson, Vice Chancellor Blake, Chancellor Henderson, Rev. Canon Ketchum, Dr. Hill; R. W. Heneker, and J. Wolferstan Thomas, Esqs., to examine the provisions of the Act 19 & 20 Vic., chap. 21, and report to the Synod on the expediency of applying to the Legislature for a further Act to explain and amend the same.

A discussion of considerable length took place on a motion to the intent that a knowledge of the Hebrew language should be required of all candidates for the Priesthood. The motion, with a slight change, was ultimately carried.

The following gentlemen were then appointed a committee to confer with the Upper House on the election of a Metropolitan Bishop:—For Nova Scotia, Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, and P. H. Lynch, Q.C.; for Quebec, Rev. H. Roe, and Judge Hemming, D.C.L.; for Toronto, Rev. Provost Whitaker, Vice-Chancellor Blake, and Hon. J. H. Cameron; for Montreal, Very Rev. Dean Bond, E. Carter, Q.C., S. Bethune, Q.C.; for Huron, Rev. Dean Boomer, and Judge Wilson; for Ontario, Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, and Dr. Henderson; for Fredericton, Rev. Canon Ketchum, and Judge Ritchie.

A message was received from the Metropolitan, announcing that the Upper House would give attention to the question of marriage licenses.

The Prolocutor announced that the committee on lay readers would be as follows:—Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, Rev. G. A. Armstrong, Rev. T. Ritchie, Mr. P. Roe, Rev. Dr. Henderson, T. Simpson.

On motion of Judge Wilson the report of the Committee on the legal status of the clergy and Church in Canada, prepared by Chief Justice Draper, was adopted.

Mr. C. J. Brydges presented the report of the Finance Committee, and asked that fifty dollars should be granted by each Diocese to defray the expenses of the Synod. Concurred in.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Burke, it was resolved,—

That this House desiring to express its sentiments of admiration and esteem for the late Archdeacon Patton, Prolocutor of the Synod, receives with great satisfaction the intimation of an intention to erect a church in Kemptville (the parish where he ministered for 17 years) to his memory; and desires to commend the undertaking to the sympathies and practical support, not only of the members of the House, but through them to the Church throughout this ecclesiastical Province.

Moved by Rev. H. Holland,—

That No. 31 of the Rules of Order be amended by introducing after the word "precedence," in line 4, the following words: "according to their relative importance in the opinion of the said Committee." And that it be further amended by the substitution for the words "and have them printed," of the words "in order that they may be printed for the information of members of the House."—Lost.

Rev. H. Holland moved,—

That the 12th Article of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Upper House shall propose to the Lower any matter which they wish to have treated of or decided, and it shall be incumbent on the Lower House to take up and dispose of such business first in order after the matter under consideration."

Carried.

An amendment to the Constitution by the late Archdeacon of Ontario, for the appointment of a Bishop as President of the Upper House, in the event of the inability of the Metropolitan to be present, was, on motion of Dr. Henderson, carried.

Dr. Hodgins moved that Section 30 of the Rules of Order be amended so as to read :

"That it shall be the duty of the Secretaries 'one month before the meeting of Synod, to prepare for the approval of the Metropolitan, a statement in detail of all unfinished business, and of all' the Notices of Motion sent to him by members to be brought before the Provincial Synod, according to the order in which they are received, &c., and under the direction of the Metropolitan, to cause a printed copy of the same to be sent to every member of the Synod and the substitutes twenty-one days before its meeting; which business and notices shall stand first on the order of the day."

Mr. C. J. Brydges moved in amendment,—

That the Secretaries be requested, in sending out the circular in accordance with rule 30, to give as much information as possible in regard to the business to be brought before the Synod.—Carried.

Dr. Lett moved,—

That the Synod assembled do hail with pleasure and satisfaction the visit of that distinguished prelate and ornament of our Church, the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and that he be respectfully invited to take a seat on the platform.—Carried.

The Bishop of Lichfield was then introduced to the Synod, and welcomed by the Rev. Prolocutor in a few words. The Bishop of Lichfield on rising was greeted with loud and long-continued applause.

He offered an apology to the Synod for 'not being present at their opening. It was his wish to have been amongst them, but business in another place had unavoidably detained him. His motive for wishing to be with them could be mentioned in a very few words. It was prompted by their bounden duty to preserve as much as lay in their power the unity of the English Church. (Cheers.) That was, perhaps, not a pressing, but it was a sufficient reason for his presence there. The deputation, if he might dignify his small company by that name, came from another country to see the Provincial Synod in session, and to extend to them the right hand of fellowship. He came as a representative of Church Missions. Having spent the greater portion of his life as a Colonial Bishop in New Zealand, he could not but take a deep interest in the Provincial Synod of Canada. In New Zealand they had the same object in view as in this country—to make the Colonial Branch a real, effective and zealous branch of the Church of England. Brotherly sympathy, one with another, bound them in their common regard for the Church, in unity in holding fast that faith which was delivered to the saints. On those points at least they could avoid all discussion and dissension. On that main point was built the Anglican Church. If they professed to alter the standard of the Church, she would be so completely rent asunder that her usefulness and strength would be gone. God forbid that any one should be tempted for private or party reasons to surrender for a moment the prayers which go up from the Church of God; but let them hold fast the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. He looked upon the Dominion of Canada as upon a vast field, whose outskirts had not yet been touched, and who could say, what would be the proud destiny of such a country a century hence? Such a country was destined as a field to extend the work of religion, which had already grown so largely. He understood that since his last visit here three or four new Bishops had been appointed, and trusted that when he again visited them he would find a like growth in their work, and they must take such

action as would extend the Anglican Church over the whole area of North America. It was their work to lay the foundation of such a Church as would hereafter, by God's blessing, be a praise and honor to them. (Loud Cheers).

Rev. Mr. Edwards, the Bishop's Chaplain, and the Rev. Mr. Madden, also addressed the Synod.

The Bishop then read several addresses from his Rural Deaneries, which he had been entrusted to deliver to the Anglican Church in America.

Rev. Mr. Bleasdel moved,—

That a Committee be appointed to prepare replies to the kind, fraternal addresses from the Archdeaonries and Rural Deaneries just read to this Synod.—

The Prolocutor read the following message :—

The Metropolitan begs to inform the Prolocutor that in reply to the Resolution passed by the Lower House with reference to a memorial sent to this House concerning the withdrawal at will of the Bishop's License, beg to state—that, after having given the subject their best consideration, they feel that such Clergymen are sufficiently protected by Canon V., paragraph 7, "An Appeal shall be," &c.; but that this House is quite prepared to consider any suggestions from the Lower House, which would increase that protection.

The House of Bishops sent down the following :

CANON FOR ALTERING THE ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CHURCH IN CERTAIN CASES.

Whereas the Convocations of Canterbury² and York did introduce certain modifications into the order of the public services of the Church; and whereas, the Imperial Parliament did by Act 35 and 36 Vic., Cap. 35, sanction and authorize the same as amendments to the Act of Uniformity; and whereas, it is expedient to extend such modifications to this ecclesiastical Province.

Be it, therefore enacted, That the shortened order for morning prayer, or for evening prayer, specified in the schedule of this Canon, may, on any day except Sunday, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, be used in lieu of the order for morning or for evening prayer, respectively prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer.

Upon any special occasion, approved by the ordinary, there may be used in any Cathedral or Church, a special form of service approved by the ordinary, so that there be not introduced into such service anything, except anthems or hymns, which does not form part of the Holy Scriptures or Book of Common Prayer.

An additional form of service, varying from any form prescribed by the Book of Common Prayer, may be used at any hour, on any Sunday or Holy-day, in any Cathedral or Church in which they are duly read, said, or sung, as required by law, on such Sunday or Holy-day at some other hour or hours, the Order for Morning Prayer, the Litany, such part of the Order of the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, as is required to be read on Sundays or Holy-days if there be no Communion; and the Order for Evening Prayer, so that there be not introduced into such additional service any portion of the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, or anything except anthems or hymns, which does not form part of the Holy Scriptures or Book of Common Prayer, and so that such form of service and the mode in which it is used is, for the time being, approved by the ordinary.

Whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the following forms of service, that is to say: The Order for Morning Prayer, the Litany, and the Order for the Administration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, may be used as separate services, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted and declared, that any of such forms of service may be used together, or in varying order as separate services, or that the Litany may be said after the third Collect, in the Order for Evening Prayer, either in lieu of or in addition to the use of the

Litany in the Order for Morning Prayer, and any of the said forms of service may be used with or without the preaching of a sermon or lecture, or the reading of a homily.

Whereas doubts have arisen as to whether a sermon or lecture may be preached without the common prayers and services appointed by the Book of Common Prayer for the time of day being previously read, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted and declared, that a sermon or lecture may be preached without the common prayers or services appointed by the Book of Common Prayer being read before it is preached, so that such sermon or lecture be preceded by any service authorized by this canon, or by the Bidding Prayer, or by a collect taken from the Book of Common Prayer, with or without the Lord's Prayer.

NOTE.—The minister using the shortened order for Morning Prayer or for Evening Prayer in this Schedule, may, in his discretion, add in its proper place any exhortation, prayer, canticle, hymn, psalm, or lesson contained in the order for Morning Prayer or for Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer, and omitted, or authorized to be omitted, from such shortened order.

Rev. Canon Bleasdel moved,—

That the canon for altering the order of the public service of the Church in certain cases as sent down from the Upper House be adopted.

Rev. Mr. Norman moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. Provost Whitaker,—

That the canon be accepted with the proviso that in the shortened form the Old and New Testament lessons be read at both services, and with the use of the Psalms *in extenso* at the evening services.—*Lost*.

Mr. G. Hall, of Quebec, moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bancroft,—

That the canon be considered clause by clause.—*Lost*.

Finally the motion for the adoption of the Canon was carried almost unanimously.

The following Canon was sent down by the House of Bishops:—

CANON CONCERNING CONFIRMATION AND CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

1. "When the Metropolitan, or if there be no Metropolitan, the Bishop senior by consecration, shall have been duly certified by the Secretary of the Synod of a vacant See, of the election of a Bishop for the same, it shall be the duty of the said Metropolitan or senior Bishop to summon two or more of the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada to assist him in the consecration of the said Bishop elect, and it shall be the duty of the Bishops so summoned to attend at such a time and at such place in the Ecclesiastical Province as the Metropolitan, or senior Bishop, or other Bishop acting under commission from the Metropolitan or senior Bishop, shall direct, and to assist in the consecration of the said Bishop elect.

2. "And before proceeding to consecrate, the consecrating Bishop shall require that the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese to which the Bishop has been elected, or some person deputed by him to act in his behalf, shall read publicly in the face of the Church a duly attested certificate of the election of the said Bishop, and give in the same for record.

3. "And the Secretary of the Provincial Synod, or some person by him deputed to act in his behalf, shall read publicly in the face of the Church, a duly attested certificate of the concurrence of a majority of the Bishops of the Diocese composing the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada in the election, and give the same for record.

Provost Whitaker moved, seconded by Rev. R. W. Norman, the adoption of the Canon.

Moved in amendment by Chancellor Bethune that the third clause of the Canon be struck out ; Dean Bond seconded the amendment.

Chief Justice Ritchie moved that the consideration of the Canon be postponed till the next meeting of the Synod

The Prolocutor said he could not put Mr. Ritchie's amendment, as by the rule of the Synod it was enacted that all canons coming from the Upper House must be disposed of, and he did not consider the postponement of the discussion till the next Synod as disposing of the question.

Chief Justice Ritchie respectfully appealed from the decision of the chair ; and on the motion being put whether the chair should be sustained or not, the vote stood, ayes, 52 ; nays, 58.

A division then took place on Chief Justice Ritchie's amendment which was lost ; ayes, 47 ; nays, 76.

Dr. Hodgins then moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Crotty,—

"That it is not expedient to give to the House of Bishops (as proposed in this canon) power to interfere, without reasons assigned, a direct veto on one of the highest acts which a Diocesan Synod can perform in the election of a Bishop ; nor is it expedient that this Synod should thus sanction an interference with the rights secured to the Diocesan Synods in this matter, without first submitting the question for the consideration of such Synods.

Ruled out of order after some discussion.

The amendment of Chancellor Bethune, that clause 3 be struck out, was then lost on a division ; ayes, 41 ; nays, 80.

A division was then taken by orders on the main motion for the adoption of the Canon, with the following result: ayes, Clergy 54, Laity 24 ; nays, Clergy 20, Laity 27. There being a majority of 3 of the Laity against the Canon, the motion was lost.

Moved by Rev. Henry Roe, seconded by Hon. George Irvine,—

"That the House of Bishops be informed that in consequence of the non-concurrence of orders, the Canon concerning the Consecration of Bishops was not adopted."—Carried.

The Prolocutor informed the Synod that the House of Bishops had adopted the following address to the Church in the United States :—

"The Provincial Synod of Canada, now in session, desires to send its very hearty and fraternal greeting to the Right Reverend the Bishops and the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and earnestly prays that their approaching general convention may be so blest by Almighty God, that by their means His truth may be established and his kingdom advanced through the length and width of the United States, and the Metropolitan be requested to print the above address.

Rev. Dr. Ketchum moved that the House concur in the address ; Rev. Mr. Darling seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

The resolution adopted by the Upper House in regard to the admission of Deacons to Holy Orders was taken up. Rev. Canon Bancroft moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Lindsay,—

"That the Canon be accepted."

Rev. R. W. Norman moved in amendment, seconded by Provost Whitaker,—

"That the resolutions in regard to the admission of Deacons to Holy Orders be referred to a Committee to report at the next regular meeting of the Synod, the Committee to consist of the mover and seconder, Rev. H. Roe, and Rev. J. Lobley."

The amendment of Mr. Norman was put and carried; yeas, 42; nays, 25.

A message was received from the House of Bishops, submitting the following canon:—

Whereas it is expedient that the forms of subscription and of oaths subscribed and taken previous to the admission of Holy Orders, and to any spiritual office, shall be uniform throughout the ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and whereas certain alterations have been made in England by the Convocations of the Church there assembled, and by the authority of Parliament.

Resolved, That henceforth the forms of subscription and of oaths so authorized in England, and no other, shall be used in the several dioceses of this Province, and that the following canon be enacted:

Every person about to be ordained priest or deacon shall, before ordination, in the presence of the Bishop by whom he is to be ordained, and every person about to be licensed to any curacy or to be installed to any benefice, shall, before obtaining such license or being so installed, make and subscribe the following declarations and take the following oaths:

I, *A B*, do solemnly make the following declaration: I assent to the thirty-nine Articles of Religion and to the Book of Common Prayer, and to the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. I believe the doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God, and in public prayer and administration of the Sacraments. I will use the form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.

The declaration of subscription to the canons of the Provincial and Diocesan Synods.

I, *A B*, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, according to God; So help me God.

I, *A B*, do swear that I will pay true and canonical allegiance to the Lord Bishop of — and his successors in all legal and honest commands; So help me God.

No oath shall be administered during the service for the ordering of Deacons, or during the service for the ordering of Priests, or during the service for the consecration of Bishops.

Before institution to any benefice the person to be instituted shall also subscribe the following:

I *A B*, solemnly declare that I have not made by myself or by any other person any payment, contract or promise of any kind whatever, which to the best of my knowledge or belief is Simonical touching or concerning the obtaining of the performance of —. Nor will I at any time hereafter perform or satisfy in whole or in part any such kind of payment, contract, or promise made by any other without my knowledge or consent.

Rev. H. ROE moved, seconded by PROVOST WHITAKER,—

“That the canon on the subscription of the clergy be referred to a committee named by the Prolocutor, to report at the next meeting of the Synod.”

The motion was put and carried by a large majority.

CANON RELATING TO THE METROPOLITICAL SEE.

At the meeting of the Provincial Synod in September, 1871, the House of Bishops, in conformity with the report of a Joint Committee, passed the following canon, to which the concurrence of the Lower House was asked:—

1. From and after the day on which the See of Montreal shall next become vacant, the Bishop of Montreal shall not, by virtue merely of his office as such, be the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province.

2. After the expiration of three months, and not later than the expiration of six months after the next and subsequent avoidance of the Metropolitan See, the Bishops of the said Province shall meet under the presidency of the senior Bishop,

or in case of his inability to act, under the presidency of the Bishop next in order of seniority, and it shall be his duty to summon them to that end, at some place within the Ecclesiastical Province, by giving at least six weeks' notice of the time and place of meeting, and elect one of their number to be president of the House of Bishops, and the Bishops so elected shall thereupon *ipso facto* be the Metropolitan Bishop, and shall have, possess, and exercise, all the rights, powers, privileges, and prerogatives which the Metropolitan Bishop in the said Province now has, possesses and exercises, or may or can have, possess, and exercise, any law, usage, or custom of the said Province to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

3. The See of the said Bishop so elected as aforesaid, shall be the Metropolitan See of the said Province, but the City of Montreal shall be as it presently is, the place of the meeting of the Provincial Synod of the said Province.

4. Until the election of the said Metropolitan Bishop, the said senior Bishop shall, after each such avoidance aforesaid of the Metropolitan See, be vested with all the rights, powers, privileges, and prerogatives of Metropolitan Bishop aforesaid.

5. All rules, regulations, canons or other provisions of law of the said Province inconsistent with the foregoing provisions, shall be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

The Canon and the following resolution annexed to the Canon concerning the future election of a Metropolitan, were sent down by the House of Bishops, and the Lower House was asked to concur in both :

That with reference to the Canon first adopted in regard to the election of a Metropolitan, this House desires to assure the Diocese of Montreal that the Canon has been passed from a very strong belief that it furnishes the only solution of the difficulties of the question; that it is necessary and essential for the best interests of the Church at large; and in the earnest hope that it may prove ultimately satisfactory to the Diocese of Montreal, to the position of which they have given their utmost consideration.

Moved by Chancellor Bethune, seconded by the Rev. Provost Whitaker,—

That the Canon now in force for the election of a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan, be repealed, and the one above recited enacted in its stead.

Rev. Mr. Roe moved in amendment,—

That, inasmuch as the very title of Metropolitan imports the designation of a particular city as the permanent seat of the jurisdiction attaching to that office, and the change now intended to be provided for would thus involve a contradiction in terms, therefore the title of Primate be substituted for that of Metropolitan.

The Prolocutor ruled the amendment out of order, and the main question was put and carried. Yeas, 90; Nays, 9.

The Prolocutor read the Report of the Joint Committee to prepare a form of service for the laying of corner stones, &c., as follows:—

The Joint Committee on the question of preparing a form for the consecration of churches, burial grounds, and cemeteries, and for laying the foundation stone of churches, met in the Library on Monday, September 14, 1874, and unanimously agreed to the following resolution:—That the Chairman, the Bishop of Fredericton, be requested to communicate with the Bishops of Nova Scotia and Quebec on the subject of such forms, and to inform the other members of the Committee of the result of their deliberations, and that a joint report on the whole subject be presented to the Synod at its next session.

Rev. C. Hamilton moved,—

That article 9 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "shall record them in books provided for the purpose," and adding the following clause at the end of the article: "The printed Journal of each session certified by the signatures of the Prolocutor and the two Secretaries of the Lower House, to a statement attached to one or more copies declaring the number of pages in the said Journal and the number of words corrected with the words so corrected, shall be held to be the true and authentic record of the proceedings of each session.—Carried.

Rev. C. Hamilton moved,—

Whereas the Acts 19-20 Vic., cap., 121, and 22 Vic., cap. 139, were passed expressly to remove doubts which have been since shewn by the judgments of the highest Court of Great Britain, to have had no foundation in reality, and whereas the Church of England in all colonies having representative government occupies precisely the same position, no better and no worse than that of any other religious denomination; and whereas these said Acts are not purely permissive but contain positive enactment, which may render the operation and force of the Canons of the Provincial and of Diocesan Synods in some respects doubtful, and whereas it is reasonable that such doubts should be removed and that all positive enactments affecting her internal government should be passed, not by Parliament but by the Church herself in the free exercise of rights which are common to all societies; and whereas the said Acts affect civil rights which under the Confederation Act are assigned to the Provincial Legislature, therefore this Provincial Synod earnestly recommend the several Diocesan Synods within the old Province of Canada to apply to their several Provincial Legislatures to pass a bill repealing the said Acts and simply declaring that all that has been done under them, whether by the Provincial or the Diocesan Synods, to be valid and binding until otherwise ordered by the said bodies.

Chancellor Bethune moved, seconded by Mr. C. J. Brydges,—

That the motion of Rev. C. Hamilton be referred to a Committee composed of Hon. J. H. Cameron, Vice-Chancellor Blake, F. A. Hill, Chief Justice Ritchie, Hon. George Irvine, Dr. Henderson, and the mover and seconder.—Carried.

On motion of Dr. Hodgins, the rules of the House were suspended to allow of the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Lay Readers. Rev. Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by Dr. Hodgins,—

That the report be adopted,

Mr. C. J. Brydges moved in amendment, seconded by Rev. H. Roe.—

That the report be received and printed for consideration.—Carried.

Archdeacon Balch moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Baker,—

That their Lordships the Bishops be requested to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of this House, as a Joint Committee of the Provincial Synod, to recommend such measures for adoption by both Houses as may be deemed best to promote intercommunion and fellowship with the sister Church of the United States.—Carried.

It was agreed by both Houses that a deputation be sent to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. The deputation to consist of two Bishops (the Metropolitan and Bishop Williams) four clergymen, including the Prolocutor, and four lay members—namely, the Rev. Henry Roe, Rev. Dr. Bancroft, Rev. R. W. Norman, Canon Ketchum; The Vens. Archdeacons Fuller and Balch, and Messrs. Brydges and Hill, Dr. Henderson and Chief Justice Ritchie.

On motion of Mr. Brydges the proceedings were suspended to allow of the presentation of an address from the Lower House to the Bishop of Lichfield. The address was read by the Prolocutor. The Bishop of Lichfield in returning thanks said,—

He hoped they would excuse him if he said little on a subject which so nearly touched his heart. While in New Zealand he had ever been striving to carry out that work which by God's grace had been established. The extension of the Gospel had been accomplished not only throughout New Zealand but in Australia. There they were free to form their Synod on any basis they might desire, but they did not call it a "Provincial Synod," because it was not intended to limit it to New Zealand, but to extend it as far as possible. It might be some time before they had their representatives from the Diocese of Algoma attending the Provincial Synod,

but the work must be extended beyond that Diocese into that unsettled country which would for a long time be their missionary field. In Canada there were many points of difference in the mode of conducting business from that in New Zealand, but he would not venture to say which was the best. He had no doubt but that the election of a Bishop ought to be confirmed by his brother Bishops. That point was now under discussion, and it would be seen at the end of three years if they still continued to differ. In New Zealand the Bishops met the clergy and laity in the Synod face to face, and had a free interchange of opinion on the different subjects instead of having a canon coming down from the Upper House like a meteoric stone. It did away with all the chilling processes of conferences between the two Houses and brought about a closer union one with another. The vote by orders was always taken as a matter of course. He was inclined to think that they possessed a little advantage over the Provincial Synod in this, as all excitement was done away with. He trusted they would always have a strong desire to maintain the full influence of the Provincial Synod. They had lately, he was glad to learn, introduced into their Synod the Maritime Provinces; in fact, they had the benefit of sea air. Those Provinces had agreed to merge their rights and privileges in those of the Provincial Synod. Those who were fond of speaking of the rights and privileges of small bodies forgot that small bodies were misgoverned by narrow-minded men. The Lower Provinces came to merge their Dioceses in the Provincial Synod, but he hoped the union would not resolve itself into a heptarchy. There were, perhaps, some good points in that, but for himself he would rather be under the rule of the British Parliament than the seven governments. There were no claims of privileges in the Diocesan Synods of New Zealand except those given by the Provincial Synod. He hoped they would merge all personal, private, and local aspirations into the Synod for the good of the Canadian Church. He had come to take leave of them, not knowing whether in God's providence he should ever again see them, and he parted from them with spiritual and brotherly love which he felt sure was reciprocated. He trusted that by God's grace they might be enabled to carry out those measures which had so eloquently been discussed and adopted. In conclusion he bid them all an affectionate farewell. (Loud applause.)

The Prolocutor then read the addresses which had been prepared, for presentation to the Deans and Rectors of Lichfield, through the Lord Bishop. The Bishop of Lichfield said he would take the greatest pleasure in presenting them to the Rural Dean, and through them to the Clergy of his Diocese.

Very Rev. Dean Bond moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Carmichael,—

That this Synod believes it to be a present duty of the Church to take special action in favor of Temperance, and in opposition to prevailing drinking customs. The Synod, therefore, respectfully invites all Clergymen to take the lead in abstinence from dangerous customs of hospitality; to press on their flocks the Christian duty of self-denial for the sake of the weak and the tempted, and to organize Temperance Societies in connection with their Churches and Schools.

An amendment which was proposed, as well as the main motion, were, after considerable discussion, lost, and the following amendment by Rev. Mr. Norman, seconded by Mr. Brydges, was finally carried:—

That this Synod deploras the prevalence of the great sin of intemperance, and invites its members, the Clergy especially, to use their best endeavor for its suppression.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by Rev. Provost Whitaker,—

That the Prolocutor be requested to name a committee to draw up an address of congratulation to Her Majesty, the Queen, on the marriage of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh to H. I. H. the Princess of Russia.—Carried.

The Prolocutor appointed the mover and seconder and the Rev. Henry Roe, as the Committee. The Committee reported, and the report having been adopted, was sent to the House of Bishops.

Rev. Dr. Lett moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Norman,—

That the article marked three in the Constitution of the 7th Provincial Synod be altered, by changing the word "twelve" into "eight,"—that is, to make the number of delegates from each Diocese eight instead of twelve.

After discussion, the motion was carried, the vote of the clergy being 34 for and 24 against, and that of the laity 12 for and 9 against.

The Ven. Archdeacon Balch moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkenson,—

That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to appoint a committee on their part, to act with a committee of this House as a joint committee of the Provincial Synod, to consider and report,—

1. On the formation of a Board to conduct Missionary operations in British North America, and in heathen countries not under the British Crown.

2. To suggest reasons whereby such Missionary work may be promptly begun and successfully carried out, to the saving of lost men and the extension of our Divine Redeemer's kingdom.

3. Resolved: That one clergyman and one layman appointed from each diocese represented in this House, be the committee to confer with the committee which may be appointed by the House of Bishops.—Carried.

Messages were received from the Upper House intimating concurrence in the change in the number of Delegates suggested by Dr. Lett's motion, and appointing the Bishops of Ontario, Huron and Algoma a committee to confer with a committee of the Lower House on the subject of Missions.

In the absence of Mr. Thomas White, Jr., the following motion was moved by Rev. M. M. Fothergill, seconded by Rev. Dr. Jarvis:—

That as the subject of Immigration and the due religious oversight of immigrants coming to this country, are of great and growing importance to the Church in this Province,—

The Lower House respectfully requests the Lord Bishops in Synod assembled, to devise some means by communication with the authorities of the Church in the mother country, so that immigrants coming to Canada, who are members of the Church of England, may come with some certificate of commendation to the clergyman of the parish or mission in which they propose to settle.

The resolution was carried the House of Bishops afterwards signifying their concurrence in its suggestions.

In the absence of Rev. J. B. Davidson, the following motion was moved by the Rev. R. W. Norman, and carried unanimously:—

That in view of the happy consummation of ecclesiastical union with the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Fredericton, this Synod expresses its cherished hope that all the other Dioceses in the North American British possessions may soon take a similar step to that of the Maritime Provinces.

The following motion of Rev. Dr. Lett, although it passed the Lower House, did not receive the concurrence of the Upper:—

That the prayer provided for the Divine blessing upon our proceedings, together with the "prayer for unity," be used three weeks previous to the session, in all churches and chapels in the Dioceses included in this Synod, and that the Lord Bishop of each Diocese be respectfully requested to take such action as he shall deem advisable to give effect to this resolution.

The House of Bishops having asked concurrence in the following Canon:—

No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other rites and ceremonies of the Church, the Articles of Religion, or the form and manner of making, ordaining, and consecra-

ting Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, or the version of the Scriptures authorized to be read in Churches, unless the same shall be enacted at one Session of the Provincial Synod and confirmed at another Session of the same.

Nevertheless any alteration in, or addition made to, the Prayer Book or Articles by the Church of England in her convocations and authorized by Parliament, may be accepted for use in this Ecclesiastical Province, by one Provincial Synod only. Provided that such alteration or addition be approved by two-thirds of the House of Bishops and by two-thirds of each order of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod then present and voting.

Mr. C. J. Brydges, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Allen, moved in amendment,—

That after the words "Ecclesiastical Provinces," the rest of the sentence be omitted and the following substituted: "When passed by the Provincial Synod in one session only without the necessity of future confirmation.

Rev. G. V. Housman, seconded by Judge Henning, LL.D., moved in amendment to the amendment,—

That the following be adopted instead of the Canon: That no alteration in or addition to the Prayer Book or Articles of the Church in use in this Ecclesiastical Province shall be made unless the same be authorized by the Convocation of the Mother Church and approved by two-thirds of the House of Bishops and two-thirds of each order in the Lower House of the Provincial Synod.

Moved by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. C. J. Brydges,—

That the following be added to the first clause in the Canon: "Provided that confirmation be approved by two-thirds of the House of Bishops and two-thirds of each order of the Lower House."

After some discussion, the Canon, as amended by the latter addition and former change, was finally adopted,

The Rev. Mr. Gossip moved, and it was carried:—

That it is expedient to establish a Church paper either at Toronto or Montreal, under the patronage and support but not the responsibility of the Provincial Synod, and that a Committee be appointed to take such measures, by correspondence with the various dioceses and parishes as will ensure the success of the undertaking.

The Rev. M. M. Fothergill moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Burke,—

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the railroad and the steamboat companies for their kindness in reducing the fares of Delegates.

The Rev. Rural Dean Allen moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lett,—

That the thanks of the Synod are due and gratefully tendered to members of the Church in the city of Montreal for their hospitality to the members of the Synod during the present session.

Dean Bond having taken the chair, it was moved by Rev. Mr. Norman, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Balch,—

That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Prolocutor for his impartial and courteous administration of the business of the Synod.

The cordial thanks of the Synod were also tendered to the Secretaries.

The following notices of motion were left over until next session:—

Very Rev. Dean Bond,—

That this Lower House of the Provincial Synod deeply deprecates the crisis in which the Church of Canada stands, and the indications of schism which have unfortunately manifested themselves, arising out of dissatisfaction at the introduction of practices in the Church, contrary to the simplicity of our Protestant form of worship; and that their Lordships the Bishops be earnestly requested to devise

some means by which such practices may be suppressed and uniformity established in the services of the Church of Canada.

Rev Canon Townsend,—

That the Provincial Synod earnestly deprecates the introduction into its business of controversial subjects relating to the ceremonial practices of some churches, which, it is assumed, are irregular and unlawful, and the discussion of which would inevitably tend to the increase rather than the healing of our unhappy divisions, particularly as the subject of Rubrics is about to be discussed by the Convocations of Canterbury and York.

Canon Ellegood,—

That such change be made in the constitution as might enable the House of Bishops to sit and take part in the deliberations of the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates, in case they should desire to do so, subject to such regulations as may be agreed upon by said Provincial Synod.

Rev. J. Langtry moves, seconded by Dr. Hodgins,—

That their Lordships the Bishops be respectfully requested to authorize their clergy to use, as they may see fit, any of the following prayers, taken from the Prayer Book of the American Church:—"For a sick person," "For a sick child," "For a person going to sea," "For a person under affliction," "For a malefactor after condemnation," and thanksgiving "For a recovery from sickness," "For a safe return from sea."

Moved by Mr. H. W. Frith, Fredericton,—

That the Canon concerning the confirmation and consecration of Bishops be referred to a Committee of this House to prepare a new Canon, preserving the principle contained in the third section, but providing greater safeguards for the protection of the rights of a Bishop elect and of the Diocese electing him.

Canon Townley moves.—

That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the best means of promoting regular official communication by deputation or otherwise, between this Provincial Synod and the Mother Church.

A few minor motions were also left over.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the day, which were approved, after which the Metropolitan closed the Synod with the following address:—

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—In proroguing this session of the Synod I must be allowed to thank you for the careful consideration which you have given to the important questions which have come before you, as also for the spirit of Christian sobriety and moderation which has characterized your debates. The present session will long be remembered for the addition of two influential divines to our Ecclesiastical Province, as well as of our new Missionary Diocese of Algoma, which has now become a deeply interesting portion of this Province, and further for the welcome presence amongst us of one who specially dear to every member of the Colonial Church, the honoured Bishop of Litchfield. I have to state that the following business having been concurred in by both Houses, has passed the Synod, namely:—

1. The adoption of a resolution concerning Article 2 of the Constitution.
2. The adoption of a resolution concerning Article 7 of the Constitution.
3. The enactment of a Canon respecting the shortened Forms of Divine Service.
4. An address from this Synod to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, assembled in their General Convention, to be presented by the Metropolitan.
5. The enactment of a Canon concerning the future election of a Metropolitan.
6. The adoption of a resolution amending Article 9 of the Constitution.

7. The enactment of a Canon concerning the Book of Common Prayer and the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures.

8. The adoption of a resolution that no Canon shall be enacted unless it has been transmitted by the secretaries to the members of the Synod.

9. The adoption of a congratulatory address to Her Majesty.

10. The adoption of an amendment in Article Three of the Constitution.

11. The appointment of a special day of intercession for the Missions of the Church.

And now, believing that in answer to our prayers the Spirit of God has guided us and presided over our counsels during the past week, I heartily trust that the same Almighty Spirit may still direct us in our earnest endeavor to uphold the truth of Christ, and to promote increased life and earnestness among the members of the beloved Church. I have now to declare that the Synod is prorogued.

The Doxology was then sung, after which the Metropolitan pronounced the benediction and the Synod closed.

Missionary Intelligence.

I. REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES—DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

WEST YORK DEANERY.

MISSION OF AURORA.—The Rev. A. J. Fidler, B.A., Missionary, reports:—

"I. On each Lord's Day we have three full Services and Sermon and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to accomplish this driving 18 miles; also the Sacrament of Baptism is administered in addition to the above duties whenever required. At Aurora, Trinity Church, Service also every Friday evening; and at the other two Churches likewise, at favorable seasons, week-day Services and Bible Classes each week, as well as at Aurora.

"II. Recently All Saints' Church, King, has been renovated, and a new Organ purchased, involving an outlay of about \$1100—all now paid, except \$80 on the Organ. On Trinity Church, Aurora, improvements were made to the extent of about \$600, including an Organ, all paid. About \$100 has been expended on St. John Baptist Church, Oakridges; and a contract is now given out for building a Church and Vestry and renovating the present building. The work is to commence in June, to cost \$800 or \$1000.

"III. Your Missionary would beg leave to impress upon his Lordship the Bishop and the Board the unsatisfactory state of the Church at Aurora. There is only one Service on the Sunday, morning and evening alternately, while the Presbyterians and two bodies of Methodists have Service twice on each Lord's Day. This subject is commended to the authorities for their consideration, in the hope that some plan may be adopted to remedy the evil.

"Aurora, 27th April, 1874."

WOODBRIDGE.—Rev. Dr. Hodgkin:—"I regret that I cannot present you with a financial statement, as the books were in the hands of Mr. Henry Abell, one of the Churchwardens, and were all destroyed in the recent disastrous fire which consumed the extensive agricultural works of his brother. The collections have been regularly made, and the proportion of the clergyman's salary has been paid. The current expenses of the year have been met, with the exception of a deficit in the rent of parsonage, which, however, will not occasion any difficulty, a special collection being in progress for the purpose. During the year, indeed since Christmas, a new instrument (an Organette, from Bell & Co., Guelph,) has been purchased and paid for. The price, \$325.

"During the year we have experienced great changes. In one week both our Churchwardens, at Woodbridge, were removed by death. Since then the works, employing 130 hands, have been destroyed by fire, leaving several parishioners without employment for the present.

"For some time the carrying on of Church work will be attended with great difficulty. An improvement, however, has of late gradually taken place. Our Easter Vestry was harmonious and hopeful, although it was felt to be a serious matter for so weak a congregation that, by removals, by death, and change of residence, at least \$1.50 per week was lost from the envelopes.

"The Sunday School has been very much revived, owing chiefly to the efforts of the daughters of the Missionary. There is here, as elsewhere, cause for deep regret that efficient laborers in this department of Church work cannot be obtained. The above are applicable to Woodbridge; concerning St. Stephen's I have nothing encouraging to report. * * *

"During the past eight or nine months I have gone some three miles north to a large lumbering establishment upon the estate of my late highly valued friend, W. R. Graham, Esq., and have held, on Friday evening, Services in the largest and most commodious of the temporary tenements erected for the convenience of the workmen. I have often visited the sick and dying; have baptized their children, and buried their dead. They have appeared to be grateful for my services.

"Woodbridge, April 27th, 1871."

PEEL DEANERY.

BRAMPTON. - Rev. I. Middleton, Missionary. No Report.

CREDIT. - Rev. J. Carry, B.D. : "That at all my three stations I have been enabled, by the blessing of God, to maintain the Sunday Services which I found had been established for some years. The Sunday Services have been encouragingly attended, but at St. John Baptist Church, Dixie, alone with a marked improvement in the numbers both of attendants and communicants.

"During Lent I maintained a service at Springfield and Dixie on week evenings, but with no success, owing partly to the unfavorable weather.

"The financial state of the congregations, I believe, is satisfactory. All the collections for Synod purposes have been made at the proper times, and forwarded without delay. For Parochial objects considerable sums have been expended, but I am not aware of the particulars.

"As to the Sunday Schools: the School at Springfield has not been a success, owing, in a great measure, to the unseasonable hour at which it has been held; but that will be altered presently, and I hope the success too. At Dixie, the positive difficulty of attendance an hour before Service, the distant residences of the majority, and the impossibility of getting teachers who would, or could, give their services punctually induced me to abandon it entirely, and to substitute *catechising after the second lesson*, with, I hope, some considerable advantage beyond those kindly addressed. It is, however, a great strain on my voice, already overtaxed. At Port Credit the School, after much difficulty at first, goes on very well. There, for several months, I had to do almost all the teaching myself—all but disabling me for my services. Before the Service I generally instruct catechetically for twenty minutes a number of boys and young men who drop in, and who, with much docility, allow themselves to be got together, a part, though in few cases at all, belonging to the Church. Their profound ignorance of the facts and doctrines of Christianity, and their almost total unacquaintance with the contents of the Holy Scriptures, are a sad commentary upon our Common School system and the foundation laid by non-church Sunday Schools. I have laboriously visited every corner and every family of the Mission: and, with the exception of a few weeks in the whole year, travel from ten to twenty miles a day.

"I think I but express the sentiment of the Mission in saying that our general condition is as firm and encouraging as it has been for some years. I confess however, that I am not pleased at seeing so old a Mission still dependent on external aid. I feel that efforts should be made to make the Parish entirely self-supporting

"Credit, 16th April, 1871."

THILMORRE.—The Rev. W. Grant, A.B., Missionary. No Report.

ORANGEVILLE.—Rev. A. Henderson, B.A., reports:—“During the past year I have been engaged in the usual Parish work, and also in soliciting subscriptions towards our Church Building Fund.

“My visits to the people and my services succeed in gathering in a good congregation. My success in collecting money for Church purposes during this year has exceeded that of the past. The amount realized is \$1109.

“The attendance, both at the Sunday and week-day services, is very good; but the amount of their contributions is not at all in any fair proportion to the number of Church families in the Parish, and the only cause that I know for this is that a large part of the congregation are poor people, and those of them who are in good circumstances are not liberal. Some of them argue that as there is a large number of Church members in the parish, therefore their proportion of the sum required to be raised should be small.

“Orangeville, April 28th, 1874.

Extracts from the several Reports will be continued periodically.

2. MISSIONS AMONG THE INDIANS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

BAPTISM OF 105 AND CONFIRMATION OF 116 INDIANS.

There are many who have read the record of Mr. Duncan's work amongst the North American Indians at Metlakatlah, but know nothing of the equally interesting work of the Rev. J. B. Good amongst the Lytton Thompson Indians.

At Whitsuntide last year, the Bishop of Columbia visited the Mission at St. Paul's Lytton, and baptized 140 Indians, a brief account of which important event appeared in the *Mission Field*. This year the Bishop has repeated his visit, and has baptized 105 more Indians and confirmed 116.

In anticipation of this, Mr. Good wrote on March 31st:—“Notwithstanding a winter of unparalleled severity and continuance, and impediment to travel, our services have been numerously attended, and enthusiastically upheld. Whilst in proof of the spirit of progressiveness connected with our operations it may suffice to state, that over a hundred accepted applicants await the Bishop's coming, to be received into the ark of Christ's Church, and as many more will present themselves for the laying on of hands. I look forward, therefore, even to the heavy responsibility, and the blessed privilege of administering the Holy Communion to over one hundred communicants.” The event which enabled Mr. Good to possess this privilege, is described in the Colonial paper, *The Mainland Guardian* for Saturday, May 9th, which description we cannot do better than transfer to the pages of the *Mission Field*. It is as follows:—

“The Mission of St. Paul's, Lytton, was last week, and Sunday and Monday last the scene of a large Gathering of Indians from many villages. The Bishop of Columbia, accompanied by the Rev. J. B. Gribbell, was met on Friday, May 1st, a few miles this side of the Mission by the Rev. J. B. Good, and about 70 mounted chiefs and leading Christian Indians. The plateau of the Mission was already occupied with village groups, tents erected, flags flying, the fires of which as night grew on, presented a highly picturesque appearance in the midst of the fine scenery around. The weather throughout was splendid, and strange to say for Lytton, there was no wind. Saturday was occupied in examination of candidates for Baptism, the greater part of whom had been under training five or six years, and were constant attendants upon the services. On Sunday, at 7.30, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, to which 18 Indians, the first fruits of the Mission, were admitted. The principal morning service was held in the open air in the square fronting the Mission buildings, the church being too small. There were present 849 persons. Hearty and intelligent were the responses in prayer and hymn singing—all in the native language. Stirring addresses were delivered by the Bishop and Rev. J. B. Good. The attention was unflagging for upwards of three hours. The Rev. J. B. Gribbell held service at the same time for Europeans at the

Court House, Lytton. In the afternoon, the service for the Indians was held in the Church, and numbers sat outside. The Bishop baptized 84 adults, and Mr. Gribbell admitted to the same sacrament 21 little ones, the children of Christian Indians. The Bishop afterwards confirmed 116, who, since baptism, had given good proof of Christian constancy. Particularly interesting and expressive was the baptismal service. The font was placed near the western door. The catechumens were called in one by one from the outside to signify they were about to be admitted within the Church of Christ by Baptism. In making their renunciation of the world of darkness, after the custom of the primitive church, they looked west, and in expressing belief in the doctrine and facts of the Gospel, their faces were turned eastward. The reception into the congregation in groups of six or eight, was accompanied by the act of proceeding to take their places amongst those already baptized, who were ranged near the altar. We can understand how such simple but significant acts are a help to the Indian mind. Besides, which it was patent to any stranger attending the various services on this occasion, that healthy evidence was given of progress in real religion by the scriptural statements and earnest exhortations of the Indians when called upon for proof of their knowledge, and by the many instances of entire change of character, and of self denial in the Christian life. Close inquiries of the chiefs and watchmen, who are a sort of Churchwardens revealed great improvement in village morals, and there is decidedly more industry than formerly, and in consequence all are better off."

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

During the Sittings of the Provincial Synod at Montreal the following sums were received by the Bishop of Algoma on behalf of his missions:—Collection at the missionary meeting, \$298.56; offertory, Christ Church Cathedral, \$105.28; from a member of the Cathedral, \$100; offertory, St. James the Apostle, \$162.20; John Harris, Esq., \$500; H. Bellew, Esq., \$25; Chambly S. S., \$5.00; total, \$1,186.04. Collections were also made in some of the churches for the Saskatchewan Diocese. We have not, however, learned the amount.

Miscellaneous News.

ABOUT the beginning of July the Very Rev. Dean Stanley unveiled a statue of the "Immortal Dreamer," Bunyan, in his native town of Bedford. The statue was a gift to the town by the Duke of Bedford.

THE Bishop of Capetown, in a recent address in England, urged that special efforts should be made to cope with the Mohammedan propaganda which is being carried on in South Africa.

A thorough renovation of Olney parish church, "where Newton preached, and Cowper sung," has been decided upon.

REV. H. PLUMMER, M.A., the translator of several works by Dr. Döllinger, and a fellow and tutor of Trinity College, Oxford, has been appointed Master of University College, Durham.

DURING the year 1873 the Christian Knowledge Society has issued 240,000 Bibles and Testaments, and nearly 500,000 Prayer Books.

THE Wilberforce Memorial College in the Paragon, New Kent Road, consisting of a mission house, or residence for six clergymen "missioners" to go forth into the neighbouring lanes and alleys "on a perpetual mission," was recently opened by the Bishops of Winchester and Gloucester.

THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in a joint letter to the Premier, recommend Lord Penzance as the new judge under the "Public Worship Regulation Act." The salary is £3,000 a year.

THE National Society has lately published some interesting statistics in England. Out of 6,146 Church of England schools, only fifty-four have been transferred to School Boards. Out of 626,235 children on the books, only 361 have been withdrawn from religious instruction altogether, while of the 924 withdrawn from lessons in the Church Catechism, the majority were Roman Catholics or Jews. In 2,620 schools the religious instruction was reported by the inspectors to be really satisfactory, and in 867 unsatisfactory. Of 5,432 pupil teachers examined, nearly half were classed as really satisfactory.

An article in the London *Quarterly*, by Canon Ashwell, describes the progress of the English Church in the last thirty years. The following are some of the details given in it: Between 1839 and 1872 a sum of £3,585,164 was subscribed for Church Schools, in addition to Parliamentary Grants. Upward of 3,000 new parishes have been created. The total number of new churches built in the century is 3,204, of churches entirely rebuilt, 925; in all, 4,129, without counting restorations and enlargements. The church building of the century has cost at least £18,000,000, of which the Church Building Society contributed one-half; 1,150 of these churches were built in the single decade ending in 1872. Six-and-twenty Training Colleges have been founded for teachers. And, finally, look at the following contrast:

| | In 1842. | In 1871. |
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| Incumbents, - - - - - | 5,776 | 13,043 |
| Curates, - - - - - | 5,230 | 6,000 |
| Total Parochial Clergy, - - - | 11,006 | 19,043 |
| Add Clergy unattached, - - - | 3,607 | 1,651 |
| Total number of Clergy, - - - | 14,613 | 20,694 |

Official Acknowledgments.

1. COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 1st JULY TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1874, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.

July Collection.

Toronto, St James's, \$16; St. Anne's, \$4.23; St. Luke's, \$23.15; St. John's, \$13; Holy Trinity, \$15.05; St. Stephen's, \$15; Weston, \$2.23; Barton, \$3.96; Glanford, \$2.48; Barton East, \$1.56; Grimsby, \$6.25; Grantham, \$2.25; Virgil, 85c.; Queenstown, \$1.90; Woodbridge, \$3; Vaughan, 85c.; Cookstown, \$4.42; St. Luke's, \$1.12; Carleton, \$2.15; Orillia, \$25.50; Guelph, \$29.72; North Essa, St. George's, \$1.04; St. Jude's, \$1.86; Christ Church, 3.96; Beamsville, Smithville, \$1.37; Jordan, 70c.; West Mulmur, Whitfield, \$1.25; Honeywood, \$1; Bobcaygeon, \$3.75; Dunsford, \$3 50; Stamford, \$8.05; Drummondville, \$8.88; Glenallan, 50c.; Barrie, \$28.76; Christ Church, Vespra, \$2.16; Hamilton, Ascension, \$15.23; St. Thomas's, \$10; York Mills, \$7.29; Georgina, St. James's, \$3.85; St. George's, \$3.10; Niagara, \$8; Brooklin, \$1.30; Columbus, \$2.17; Port Whitby, \$1.53; Perrytown, \$2; Aurora, \$3.20; Whitby, \$16.55; Wellington Square, \$4.98; Nelson, \$3.60; Otonabee, \$5; Penetanguishene, St. James's, \$6; Amaranth, \$2.10; Grafton, \$4; Elora, \$6.25; Emily and Ennismore, Onemee, \$1.61; St. James's, \$1.53; St. John's, \$1.92; Ennismore, 50c.; Scarborough, Christ Church, \$5.45; St. Paul's, \$1.48; St. Jude's, \$1.15; South Walpole, Nanticoke, 95c.; Chempside-\$1 05; Credit, Springfield, \$4.69; Dixie, \$1.80; Port Credit, \$4.16; Cavan, Mill, brook, \$3.50; St. John's, \$2.82; St. Paul's, \$2.32; Bloomfield, \$2.90; Marsh School House, \$1.36; Walpole, Jarvis, \$2.65; Hagersville, \$4; Coldwater, Waverley, \$1.25; Craighurst, \$2.75; Thorold, \$8; Port Robinson, \$2; Dunnville, \$2; Port Maitland, \$1; South Cayuga, \$1.10; North Douro, \$8.71; Stayner, \$1.50; Creemore, 72c.; Banda, \$1.78; Port Hope, St. John's, \$12; Norval and Stewart-town, \$2.35; Oakridges, \$1.50; Cobourg, St. Peter's, \$37.54; St. Luke's \$1.21, Court

House \$1.25; Caledonia, \$3.28, York, \$3.75. Chippawa, \$10.86, Clifton, \$4; Berkeley, \$14.95, Chester, \$3; Tecumseth, Trinity Church, \$3.85, St. John's, \$1.23, Clarksville, \$1.67, Christ Church 60c; Newcastle, \$10.56; Alliston, 60c., West Essa, 60c., Angus, 90c.; Puslinch, \$2; Newmarket, \$6; Thornhill, \$4; Richmond Hill, \$2; North Orillia and Medonte, St. Luke's, \$1.06, St. George's, 65c. Atherley, \$1; Fort Erie, \$4.70, Bertie, 71c.; Harriston, \$2.20, Clifford, \$2; Merriton, \$1.86, Homer, \$1.29; Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$3.60, St. George's, \$2.51; North Arthur, \$1; Oakville, \$13.50; Port Colborne, \$2.10, Marshville, \$1.10; Hastings, \$2.75, Alnwick, \$2.45; Lowville, \$1.38, Nassagaweya, \$1.33, Carlisle, \$1.28; Lindsay, \$7; Brampton, &c, \$4.50; Rockwood, \$1.69, Acton, \$3.31. Eramosa, \$2; St. Catharines, Christ Church, \$8; Bowmanville, \$5; Enniskillen, \$1.25; Fergus, \$2.92, Garafraxa, 80c; Markham, St. Philip's, \$1.15, Grace Church, \$1; Waterdown, \$1.42, Aldershot, \$3.33; Milton, \$5.05; Hornby, \$3.41; Cameron, 60; Ops, 40c.; Norwood, \$2.50, Westwood, \$2.50; Peterborough, \$35.43; Cayuga, \$5.33; Welland, \$7.60; Georgetown, \$4.62; Glenwilliams, \$1.13; St. Catharines, St. George's, \$11.61; Gore's Landing, 78c.; Saltfleet and Binbrook, St. George's, 50c., Woodbourne, \$1, Stony Creek, 50c.; Brighton, \$1.50, Colborne, \$3; West-Gwillimbury, Bradford, \$2.32, Christ Church, \$2.32, St. Paul's, \$1.36; Shanty Bay, \$6.83; St. Mark's, \$1.78, St. James's, \$1.00, School House, 33c., Port Dalhousie, \$3; Oshawa, \$10; Omagh, \$1.25; Palermo, \$1; Cannington, \$2, Beaverton, \$1.50, Wes, Brock, 50c.; Toronto, All Saints', \$13.42; Minden, \$2.14, Stanhope, 20c., Galway, 41c.; Manvers, \$1.75; Dundas, \$3, West Flamborough, \$1; Hamilton, Christ Church, \$10, All Saints', \$5; Collingwood, \$10.

January Collection.

South Pilkington, \$2.48.

Parochial Collections.

Hastings, \$11.40; Alnwick, \$31.68; Oshawa, (bal.) \$10.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

Subscriptions to Sunday School Libraries.

Dundas, \$10; West Gwillimbury, Christ Church, \$10; Saltfleet and Binbrook, \$17; Penetanguishene, \$16.
Stayner, \$10; Creemore, \$10.

Rev. C. R. Bell, for Prayer Books sold, \$1.60.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Rev. Dr. Smithett, Annual subscription, \$5; Rev. W. Green, annual subscription, \$5, legacy left by Mrs. Ann Wheeler of Toronto, \$200.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND, SPECIAL APPEAL.

Bishop of Toronto, balance of \$100 donation, \$50.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND.

Hamilton, St. Thomas's, \$10; Oshawa, \$12.

ALGOMA MISSION FUND.

Toronto, Holy Trinity Sunday School, Thank-offering in response to appeal made by Bishop of Algoma, \$18; on account Collection Book Z., \$5.

SHINGWAUK HOME.

St. Mark's Sunday School, Niagara, \$4.68.

Payments for support of Indian Children.

Tecumseth Sunday School (2 quarters in advance) \$25; Toronto, Holy Trinity Sunday School, \$12.50, St. John's Sunday School, \$6.25.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FOR TORONTO DIOCESAN GAZETTE.

S. Bingley; E. Beatty; C. A. Boulton; F. Bowker; E. M. Chadwick; R. Case-ment; Rev. G. J. Everest; J. Griffin; Rev. J. H. Harris (2); H. J. Hulbert; H. Le Fevre; Rev. G. C. Mackenzie; W. W. Nicholls; T. W. Rawlinson; R. A. Strickland; G. W. R. Strickland; P. Strickland; R. C. Strickland; Rev. S. Tighe.