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FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The Synod, convened by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, met on Wednesday, June 17th, 1857.

Divine Service was held in the Cathedral of St. James, at 10 a. m. Prayers read by Rev. HENRY PATTON, Rector of Cornwall, and the lessons by the Rev. RICHARD LEWIS, M.A., of Kemptville. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. G. GEDDES, M.A., Rector of Hamilton; and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered to the Clergy and Lay Delegates. The meeting of the Synod was announced to take place at half-past 2 p. m., in the St. Lawrence Hall; at that hour prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. GRASSETT.

His Lordship, the Bishop, opened the business of the Synod by delivering the following Address, and then called upon the Secretary to read the Proclamation, announcing the Royal Assent to the Bill passed by the Provincial Legislature, to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland to meet in Synod.

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with much thankfulness to Almighty God that I meet you on the present occasion. The Church assembles to-day in all her fullness—the Bishop in the midst of his Clergy and his people, under legal authority—to manage her own affairs and provide for her discipline and extension. At such a moment we may surely rejoice not only in the progress we have made, but in the bright

hopefulness of the future. And we rejoice the more because it is, by the Divine blessing, the result of much labour, energy, and perseverance. Not that we have in reality acquired any new privileges—because from the most early ages the Church of Christ had the inherent right to do what we are now authorised to do by enactment; but fettered by human laws, encroachments and penalties, which she was unable to remove, she was compelled to remain, in a great degree, passive and quiescent. How different our position now from what it was on the first day of May, 1851, when I called you together under the humble name of holding a conference on the temporal affairs of the Church. Simple as this movement was, it did not escape the censure of many who, being forgetful of the Divine origin of the Church, were accustomed to look upon her as not only the creature of the State, but entirely subject to its behests; and so ignorant were they in such matters, that many of them believed that, to introduce the lay element and assume the slightest independence of action, were dangerous innovations, which ought to be discouraged. But the moderation of our proceedings and the mutual deference and courtesy manifested in the intercourse between the clergy and laity, and, above all, the unanimity with which they arrived at the same results, soon obtained general favour, and gained for us the special approbation of the more respectable and pious members of our communion. The session of the Conference was very short, but we found time to petition our gracious Queen for permission to hold Diocesan Synods, to express our opinion on the subject of education, and take such steps for the protection of our endowments, and their application to the sacred purposes for which they were set apart, as they seemed to require. The critical situation of the Church property, and some movements made at home on the subject of the Colonial Church, rendered it expedient to postpone the next or second meeting of the Synod of Conference till October, 1853. During this interval, an Act had passed the Imperial Parliament, authorising the Legislature of the Province of Canada to make provision concerning the Clergy Reserves and the proceeds thereof. With what severity and disregard to vested rights this power was carried out is so well known and so painful, that I abstain from any extended notice of its details; but I must not omit the noble

sacrifice made by my clergy, which has preserved the existence of the Church in her full efficiency, and turned the deadly blow aimed against her into a sublime moral triumph, which can never be forgotten. The first act of this second Conference was to declare itself a Synod. For we had by this time made some little progress in the history of the Church, and found that Bishops had the power of holding Synods, and of inviting the aid of the laity in the way which might be found the most convenient and beneficial to the Church. Yet, as there were still some objections of a technical nature, it was considered more respectful to renew our petition to the Queen for permission to hold them. The Division of the Diocese, and several other important matters, were then taken up, and after a session of two days' continuance, the Bishop having expressed his satisfaction at the harmonious management of the business and its auspicious results, dismissed the Synod with the episcopal benediction.

On the 25th day of October, 1854, the third Synod met. It had been delayed, in the hope that the Imperial Government would redeem its pledge and pass the promised measure for removing the disabilities which were supposed by some to exist, in regard to Colonial Church assemblies. This hope was not realized; but any scruples as to the meeting of the Synod were substantially removed by the Solicitor-General of England, who declared that whatever difficulties might stand in the way of National and Provincial Convocations of the Clergy, they do not extend to Diocesan Synods.

At this session, which continued three days, much important business was transacted, or put in train. A constitution was framed, and a declaration prefixed to it, which has met with much favour throughout the Church. The subject of ecclesiastical discipline, in regard to both clergy and laity, was also considered and discussed at some length. But the Synod did not consider itself yet in a position to adopt, on these points, any definite measures. On the whole, this session of the Synod was very satisfactory, and greatly increased our confidence.

The fourth Synod was not convened till Thursday, the first of May, 1856.

In the mean time the Commutation was arranged and completed

to which the Clergy, to their lasting honour, had given their free and intelligent consent—by this noble and disinterested act they have merited the gratitude of the Church in Canada, and won for themselves the cordial admiration of all true Churchmen throughout the world.

The principal matter which occupied our attention, during the Session, was the petition to the Legislature for a bill to remove doubts respecting the action of the Synod, and in this we were successful. But being one of those measures which are reserved for the special consideration of her Majesty in council, it had to be transmitted to England.

Much important business was taken up and settled or postponed for further inquiry, and reports received respecting the Episcopal Endowments.

I cannot conclude this very brief notice of our four Synods without adverting to the extensive and beneficial effects which they had by this time produced throughout the whole Church at home as well as in the Colonies. Our first Conference, in May, 1851, by introducing the Lay Element, for the first time, seemed to attract universal attention. The Church Members in our Eastern Colonies who were suffering under the same disabilities as ourselves, followed in our wake; and one of them, Victoria, got before us in the race and obtained a law, while our bill was under the consideration of the Imperial Government, which enables the Bishop, Clergy and Laity to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the Church. Had it not been for this precedent, I very much doubt whether our bill would have become law, because it goes much farther than the Act for Victoria. Moreover, we have acquired the guarantee of her Majesty's Government for other advantages which have not yet been conceded to any other Colony. By the Despatch of the late Sir William Molesworth, the division of the Diocese and the election of Bishops are allowed in a manner which sufficiently guards the prerogative of the Crown, while the full exercise of the privilege is secured. Having given this brief summary of the proceedings of our former Synods, permit me, before commencing the business of the day, to mention one or two matters which seem at this stage of our proceedings to require some notice.

First, the progress made towards the Division of the Diocese.

On the 16th January, 1856, assuming the certainty that such division must soon take place, I published a pastoral letter, recommending the establishment of an Episcopal Fund, and stating that the amount contributed within the limits of each See ought to form the endowment of its Bishop. The advantage of having commenced this fund at so early a period in facilitating our objects, is manifest from Sir William Molesworth's letter of 4th October, 1855, which is in a measure predicated on the fact that some such endowment would be forthcoming, of which he had perhaps learned something from his correspondence with the Provincial Government. He says:—"I am myself strongly of opinion that the desire of freedom of action, and self-government on behalf of the Church of England in Canada is just and reasonable, and as it appears to me, the division of the Diocese of Toronto is so much desired, that it may be very inconvenient to postpone it. I have to inform you that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to take the necessary steps for this purpose whenever required to do so, and that they will recommend to Her Majesty for appointment to the new Bishopric, such clergyman as you may designate to them after consulting the Bishop and such authorities of the Church of England in the colony as you may think advisable, and taking such precautions as to the sufficiency of the endowment as you may judge necessary." At first great exertions were made in both the proposed Dioceses in collecting their endowments. Yet even in London the spirit flagged a little for a time, owing to the delay of the Government in pronouncing definitely on the division of the Diocese, but it was revived with redoubled ardor on the receipt of Sir William Molesworth's encouraging despatch, and had amounted in December last to nearly £10,000, and by a recent report to £10,500 currency, well secured, and which the Governor-General has accepted in the meantime as sufficient to enable him to recommend a clergyman for appointment to the See, but with the clear and distinct understanding that it should, as soon as practicable, be increased to £12,500 currency, and if possible to £12,500 sterling; and I have little doubt but that in a short time this maximum in so rich a Diocese will be obtained and a suitable residence or see-house for the Bishop be erected.

Matters being in so forward a state, it is contemplated, should not difficulty intervene, to call together the Clergy and Lay Delegates within the proposed Diocese of London, for the Election of the Bishop, on Wednesday, the 8th of July next. And here it may be proper to remind you that the territory which will be comprised in the proposed London or Huron Bishopric, will remain under the same Episcopal authority as at present, till the new Bishop receive^s consecration. In respect to the proposed Bishopric of Kingston, the Church members also began with great alacrity, but their proceedings were unfortunately disturbed by various disputes into which I do not enter. It is nevertheless hoped and believed that the unhappy causes of such are now entirely removed, and that the necessary exertions for completing the Endowment will be successfully renewed. To effect this desired object, I am ready and have indeed promised to do every thing in my power in promoting it; at the same time it must be recollected that the proposed Kingston Diocese does not comprise a country so rich in population as that of London; and this fact I thought it my duty to press upon the attention of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the hope that a larger donation would have been granted in aid of the Episcopal endowment—but a great diminution of their disposable funds was pleaded in excuse; nevertheless, to show that the Society took a warm interest in the object, £500 was granted towards the endowment of the See of Kingston. I would very willingly pass on from this portion of my address to some other matters; but, however reluctant, I feel it is my duty to express at this time, and in this public manner, my disapprobation of the reckless manner in which the press has been employed in the question of selecting our bishops. The subscriptions for endowments should be freely given, without any conditions whatever, and no improper influence through the press, or obtrusive canvassing ought to be used. Every elector should vote, in a case so very sacred and important, in the most conscientious disposition of mind, and as before God. We may not be able to do away with all the evil which has been done, but an expression of decided condemnation may still do something; and a resolution may be adopted to prevent the recurrence of the like scandal to the Church in future. The most simple, and perhaps effectual remedy that

suggests itself to me, is the one practised in Scotland. In that country, it is provided that when a Bishopric becomes vacant, the Synod shall be called together, within fifteen or twenty days, to fill the vacancy. This gives no time for unholy plots or intrigues.

If Christian men, and still more Ministers of the Gospel, assist any person in becoming a bishop who is not the friend of God and of the Church, or from any other motive than that he is, according to their convictions, thoroughly qualified in all respects for the office, and the very best man within their reach, they are guilty of a great crime. Even in civil cases, Jethro, speaking by inspiration, commands Moses not to choose any but able men such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness. How much more careful ought we to be in choosing overseers of the flock of Christ.

In leaving the Episcopal, I pass to the Sustentation Fund, because they have something of an untoward connexion. Hoping much from the Sustentation Fund in aid of our Commutation, I was eager to begin operations last autumn, but was overruled by many of the best friends of the Church—and persuaded that we could not succeed till the Episcopal Endowment Funds were completed. I confess that I yielded with some repugnance, and the more so because the state of the Kingston Episcopal Fund, unless speedily followed up, may produce a long and inconvenient postponement. But be this as it may, the object must not be relinquished. It is the last great work which, under God's merciful guidance, I seek ardently to promote, and, if spared, I shall seize upon the first promising opportunity to begin the subscription.

In commencing our proceedings on this memorable day, we shall first read the law or charter under which we are now assembled. You will find that it is comprised in two clauses, with a very brief preamble. It passed both Houses of the Provincial Parliament unanimously on the 13th of June, 1856, and, on its transmission to England, it experienced great opposition, and had it not been for the warm and able advocacy of the Hon. John H. Cameron, who happened fortunately to be in London, and the precedent of the Victoria Act, there is great reason to believe that it would have failed. Even then the legal advisers of the Crown continued their opposition, and at length it was referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and, after due considera-

tion, that body declared that it was lawful for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen to assent to the Bill, and it was done accordingly. It is intituled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod." It was laid before the Queen in Council, on the sixth day of May last, and having received the Royal assent, it came out to Canada, and was published by proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General, on the twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

The object of this Act, as set forth in the preamble, is to confer on the members of the Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, the power of regulating the affairs of their Church, in matters relating to discipline, and necessary order and good government, and to exercise the same rights of self-government that are enjoyed by other religious communities.

The statute contains two enacting clauses. The first confers power to hold Diocesan Synods, to frame constitutions, and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, "any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding;" and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs, and interests of the Church, in matters relating to or affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any way interfering with the rights, privileges, or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland: provided always that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same. Now, it may be seen that this measure is very comprehensive in its provisions, and gives ample powers to meet all the probable requirements of the Church; and yet the Royal Prerogative is sufficiently guarded, and our connexion with the Mother Church through its head distinctly preserved. 1st. The power of choosing our bishops is substantially but not directly conferred; the sanction of Her Majesty, through her Secretary of State, to the person chosen, is required, and in an extreme case may be withheld, but if ever withheld, it will be

salutary and for the good of the Church. In the second place, the Queen preserves her territorial sovereignty in settling the limits of new Bishoprics when required to be established. The second clause of the statute is still more comprehensive, and contemplates Provincial Synods in which all the Dioceses may be represented. Such a provision is absolutely necessary to the salutary extension and well-being of the Church in this great country. Questions will arise from time to time which "will affect the welfare of the Church in these colonies, and will render it necessary, as it is desirable, that the Bishops, Clergy and Laity should meet in Council under the Provincial, Metropolitan, or Senior Bishops, with power to frame rules and regulations for the better conduct of our ecclesiastical affairs as by such Provincial Synod may be deemed expedient. It should also be divided into two Houses, the one consisting of the Bishops of the several Dioceses under their Metropolitan or Senior Bishop, and the other of the Presbyters and Lay members of the Church assembled by representation." For all this the second clause of the statute amply provides, and its objects will, doubtless, be carried out so soon as the necessities of the Church require.

Such Provincial Synod will answer the same purpose as the General Convention of the Church of the United States, which has been emphatically called its safety-valve against doubtful and unsafe innovation of the Diocesan Conventions, and an effective centre of permanent unity.

Without detaining you longer, I beg to call upon the Secretary to read the Proclamation and the Act of the Legislature, under the authority of which we are now assembled. This being done, the Executive Committee appointed towards the close of our last Session, to prepare, in due form, such matters as any member or members of the Synod—Clerical or Lay—may desire to be brought forward, will make their report, and I trust the same deference and courtesy will mark our present, as they have done all our former, proceedings.

The Secretary then read the Proclamation and Bill.

TORONTO, Thursday, May 28, 1857.

Province of }
Canada. } EDMUND HEAD.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—Greeting :

A PROCLAMATION.

JOHN A. MACDONALD, *Attorney-General*.

Whereas, at a Session of the Parliament of our Province of Canada, holden at the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, on the fifteenth day of February, in the nineteenth year of Our Reign, and prorogued on the first day of July, in the twentieth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod,” was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, during the said Session, to wit, on the nineteenth day of June last past, presented to Our Governor-General of Our said Province for Our assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority in him vested by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the Session thereof, held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, “ An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada,” and according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of our pleasure thereon. Now know ye that the said Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod,” having been laid before Us in Council, on the 6th day of May now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same : And We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, assent to the aforesaid Bill ; of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters

to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: Witness Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

T. LEE TERRILL, *Secretary.*

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, IN CANADA, TO MEET IN SYNOD.

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

I. The Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, may meet in their several Dioceses, which are now, or may be hereafter constituted in this Province, and in such manner and by such proceedings as they shall adopt, frame constitutions and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding, and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interests of the Church in matters relating to and affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges or interests of other religious communi-

ties, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland; Provided always that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same.

II. The Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, may meet in general Assembly within this Province, by such Representatives as shall be determined and declared by them in their several Dioceses; and in such general Assembly frame a constitution and regulations for the general management and good government of the said Church in this Province; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorise the imposition of any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said Church or not, or the infliction of any punishment, fine, or penalty upon any person, other than his suspension or removal from any office in the said Church, or exclusion from the meetings or proceedings of the Diocesan or General Synods; and provided also, nothing in the said constitutions or regulations, or any of them, shall be contrary to any law or statute now or hereafter in force in this Province.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, in the Second Session of the Fifth Provincial Parliament, and reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon by His Excellency the Governor-General, on Thursday, the Nineteenth day of June, 1856, and subsequently assented to by Proclamation in the *Canada Gazette*, bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of May, 1857.

J. F. TAYLOR, *Clerk, Legislative Council.*

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P.,

That the Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer, A.M., Rector of Grace Church, Rochester, be cordially invited to take his seat on the floor of the house. Carried by acclamation.

Moved by the Rev. Henry Patton, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler,

That the Rev. Mr. Roe, a clergyman of the Church, from the Island of Barbadoes, be admitted to a seat in the body of this house. Carried unanimously.

The list of the Clergy was then called over by the Clerical Secretary ; and the Lay Delegates by the Lay Secretary. [A list will be found of both on the last page.]

Moved by Dr. Bovell, seconded by Dr. Fuller,

That a Committee to investigate claims of Lay Delegates, and to settle disputes, be appointed. Carried.

The following gentlemen were named on the Committee :—Rev. Henry Patton, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and C. J. Campbell, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Henry Patton, seconded by Rev. Arthur Palmer,

That the Rev. J. G. Geddes be re-elected as the Clerical Secretary of the Synod. Carried.

The Clerical Secretary then requested the Rev. T. S. Kennedy to act as Assistant Secretary.

Moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by Mr. Campbell,

That Dr. Bovell be re-elected as Lay-Secretary of this Synod. Carried.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Lawrason,

That Mr. Harman be re-appointed Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Clarke Gamble, Esq., seconded by Mr. Justice Haggarty,

That Messrs. C. J. Campbell and Wm. Westmacott be Auditors for the present year. Carried.

Moved by Rev. H. Patton, seconded by Rev. E. J. Boswell,

That in order to save the time of the Synod, the reading of the Minutes of the last Synod be dispensed with, and that they be assumed to be correct, unless any member has already detected any error in the printed report. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Dobbs, seconded by Rev. Mr. Rogers,

That the Rev. David Fitzgerald, of Elizabethtown, Prince Edward's Island, be admitted to a seat in the Synod. Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy brought up the following report of the Executive Committee :

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1857.

The Executive Committee, of whom were present—The Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon of York, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Cronyn, Rural Dean Blake, Rural Dean Palmer, Rural Dean

Patton, Rural Dean Fuller, Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. G. J. Goodhue, H. C. Baker, Esq., J. W. Gamble, Esq., Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., S. B. Harman, Esq., James Patton, Esq., W. B. Simpson, Esq., have recommended the following revision of the Constitution of the Synod to be considered at the next general meeting thereof :—

Article I. To expunge the following words: “or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop.”

Article II. To add the following words: “The said declaration not to be required unless the qualifications so stated be questioned.”

Article VII. After the word “infirmity” to add the words “not under ecclesiastical censure.” To expunge the words “and vote thereat,” and insert the words “but not to vote thereat.”

To add the following Article as Article VIII.: During the necessary or authorised absence of the Rector or Incumbent of any Parish or Cure, the Clergyman acting as Assistant Minister or Curate of such Incumbent shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Synod, but not otherwise, unless licensed to a congregation, regularly organized, independent of that presided over by his Rector or Incumbent.

Article XI. (which would then be Article XII.) to add the words, “the same to have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.”

The Executive Committee have recommended the following Rules and Regulations in regard to the Election of Bishops :

1. That at the election of a Bishop it be necessary that not less than two-thirds of the whole number of the clergy, and of the lay delegates by parishes entitled to vote, be present. That no clergyman be publicly nominated for the office of Bishop ; but that the clergy and lay representatives, by parishes, in their separate places, be directed, each and severally, to write upon a card the name of the clergyman whom they would desire to elect as Bishop. That the same be dropped into a balloting-box, to be handed round to each individually by two persons appointed for that purpose. That whatsoever clergyman shall have such a number of the votes of each order respectively, as shall constitute a clear majority of the whole number of each order respectively entitled to vote in such

Diocese, shall be declared duly elected. That there be no election, unless with such majority of both clergy and laity, the latter voting by parishes.

2. In the event of the subdivision of any Diocese, the portion intended to form the new Diocese shall be bound in all their public proceedings by the Constitution of the Diocese of which they formed a part, until the said new Diocese shall be fully organized by the election and consecration of the Bishop.

3. Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or ecclesiastical income, shall resign such preferment or income upon his consecration.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Pro-Secretaries.

It was moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,

That the Report from the Executive Committee, in relation to certain proposed changes in the Constitution of the Synod, be taken up to-morrow, and that it be then the first item ordered for the day.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

1. Rev. Dr. Cronyn.

2. Rev. Dr. Beaven,—That a committee be appointed for examining into the existing canons of the United Church of England and Ireland, and the laws of the United Kingdom applicable thereto; and to report on such canons as, with or without change, it may be desirable that the Synod should declare to be in full force in this Diocese, and on such laws as appear to be in force at present, or may be desirable to be enacted as rules of order or discipline in this Diocese.

3. Rev. Dr. Beaven,—That in pursuance of the recommendation of the Lord Bishop, section 9 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all after the words "Rural Dean shall," and substituting the following words, "within a month after that event summon a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives for the election of a successor in the See, and shall preside thereat."

4. Rev. Mr. Dewar,—Amendment to Section 1 of “Rules and Regulations in regard to the election of Bishops” :—

The clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot ; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented ; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

5. John W. Gamble, Esq.,—Rules and Regulations in regard to the election of Bishops. After No. 2 add :—

In the event of the sub-division of any Diocese, there shall be a special election of lay-delegates in the portion intended to form the new Diocese prior to the election of a Bishop for the same, the same to be duly notified by the Bishop of the Diocese from which they have been separated.

6. Dr. Bovell,—That Article I. of the Executive Committee be not acquiesced in, but that the Constitution remain as before.

7. Rev. Dr. Lewis,—That his Lordship the President be requested to nominate a committee to draft an address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressing the gratitude with which this Synod accepts the relief from the disability under which it was supposed to labour, and assuring Her Majesty that our best efforts will be used to employ the power of local self-government, so graciously bestowed, as a means of cementing that union by which we hope to continue an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland.

8. The Rev. Dr. Lewis,—The Synod shall consist, first, of his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese ; secondly, of his clergy being in Priest’s orders and not under ecclesiastical censure, and statedly officiating in the Diocese by license from the Bishop, for the space of six calendar months at least next before the meeting of the Synod ; provided, however, that Deacons may attend the meetings of the Synod and express their opinion on all subjects, but not vote thereat ; thirdly, of lay-representatives to be elected as hereafter provided.

9. Rev. Mr. Townley :

10. Honourable James Patton :

There shall be one representative or delegate for each congregation, and no more.

To be inserted in lieu of the fourth section of the Constitution.

11. Rev. E. Denroche.

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13. Rev. E. Denroche.

14. Moved by the Rev. J. Fletcher, seconded by the Honourable James Patton,

That a committee be appointed by this Synod, to consider by what means Congregational Psalmody can be best encouraged, and also whether it might not be expedient to give the sanction of the Synod to the hymn-book now generally used in the Diocese, and to make such additions to it as may render it more generally useful for congregational purposes; or to adopt and sanction as the hymn-book of the diocese, another collection which may more fully meet the requirements of the Church, than that which is at present used in it; and that said Committee do report to this Synod at its next meeting.

15. Rev. Dr. Lett,—1. Defining boundaries and limits of parishes. 2. Provision for sub-dividing existing parishes under certain circumstances. 3. Provision for dividing and sub-dividing, where necessary, the endowments of existing parishes, on their next avoidance, or with the consent of the present Incumbents thereof. 4. Provision for the election and endowment of parishes by individuals or corporations, and for vesting the perpetual advowson in the individuals or corporation so endowing them.

16. Rev. Mr. Salter,

That after the words "of twenty-one years," in Article 2 of Constitution, shall be added, "and shall have received the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at least once in the course of the past year."

17. Hon. Philip Vankoughnet.

18. Mr. Farrell.

19. Judge Armstrong,—"That no speaker do speak for more than ten minutes."

His Lordship having announced that prayers would be said in St. James' Cathedral, at 9 a. m. the next day, and the Synod commence business at 10, pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Divine Service at the Cathedral at 9 a. m.

The Synod met at the St. Lawrence Hall at 10 a. m.

The Ven. A. N. Bethune opened the meeting with the usual prayers.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, and approved.

It was then resolved that no speaker do address the meeting for more than fifteen minutes.

Moved by Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, seconded by Hon. G. S. Boulton :

That, as some doubts had been expressed whether the rights of the lay representatives taking part in this Synod, might not be questioned, it be resolved that the lay gentlemen, who have presented their certificates, be invited to take part in the Synod ; upon which the Lord Bishop proposed, "That the lay gentlemen who had given in certificates do take part in this Synod." Carried unanimously.

The first order of the day was the consideration of the Report of the Executive Committee, proposing amendments to the Constitution.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., moved the adoption of the report.

Dr. Bovell's motion No. 6,—That Article No. 1 of the Executive Committee be not acquiesced in, but that the Constitution do remain as before, was brought up, and the first amendment was withdrawn.

The Rev. F. Evans, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'Meara, moved the amendment No. 2.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by G. S. Boulton, moved in amendment to the amendment, that after the word meeting, "in a book to be provided for such purpose by the parish," be added. Carried.

The adoption of the amendments to Articles 7 and 8 were withdrawn.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven's amendment to Article 9 was then carried unanimously.

Amendment of Article 11 by Executive Committee, "the same to have power to appoint an assistant Secretary." Acquiesced in.

Consideration of Rules and Regulations for Election of Bishops, recommended by Executive Committee.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., moved the adoption of report.

Rev. E. H. Dewar, seconded by Mr. Simpson, of Brockville, moved in amendment to Article 1, motion 4, which was carried unanimously.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by Rev. J. G. Geddes, moved the adoption of Article 2. Carried.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by Rev. Dr. Fuller, moved adoption of notice of motion No. 5. Lost.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by Hon. P. B. De-Blaquiere, moved the adoption of rule No. 3 of the Executive Committee. After some discussion, in consequence of the Lord Bishop stating that the Synod had no power to interfere with a question which was a mere covenant between the Church Society and certain individuals, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Synod then adjourned till 3 p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 P. M.

1. Mr. O'Brien gives notice that he will move the introduction of a law for the formation of vestries by congregations in churches where, at present, under the Temporalities Act, they have not power to do so. Such law not to allow of any interference by such vestries, with any rights, privileges, or regulations which may be held in force at the time of passing such law.

On motion of the Rev. R. V. Rogers, seconded by Rev. B. Cronyn, D.D. :

1. Whereas, the seal of God's approbation has been plainly set to the labours of the various instrumentalities in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland, and in the field of missions to the Roman Catholics in Ireland and in Canada East,

2. *Resolved*,—That this Synod desires to sympathise with our fellow-labourers, and to assure them of the prayers of their brethren of this Synod, and wish them God speed!

3. Rev. Dr. Lett,—That without assuming to legislate upon a matter which the Lord Bishop has decided is beyond the province of this

Synod, yet the Synod desires to express its respectful but decided opinion that any clergyman elected as the Bishop of any new diocese formed out of the present Diocese of Toronto, should, on his consecration to the office of Bishop, resign any income which he may enjoy from any ecclesiastical source whatsoever, whether as an Incumbent or Rector of a Parish, or Dignitary of the Church.

4. Rev. E. Denroche,—This Synod desires to express its most decided disapproval of the canvassing of clergy or laity, to ensure the election of any individual to the episcopate, by a committal to indiscreet or unguarded promise on the part of electors, lay or clerical.

5. Rev. W. S. Darling gives notice that, at the next meeting of Synod, he will move,—That in the great and manifest want of labourers in the ministry, this Synod do take into consideration the propriety of reviving the Diaconate in this Diocese as a permanently distinct order, or of suggesting such subordinate agency as the exigency of the circumstances may require.

6. Judge Armstrong gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move a resolution, expressing the disapproval of this Synod of the practice of discussing the acts of our clergymen through the public newspapers.

7. That in Article No. 13 all after the words “be provided for” be expunged, and the following words substituted, “by an annual collection, to be made in every parish and mission, under the direction of the minister and churchwardens.”

8. That in Article No. 14 the following clause be added, “But in the event of the Bishop refusing his assent to any measure adopted by the clergy and laity, such motion may be brought forward at the next meeting of the Synod, and if again adopted by the clergy and laity, the power of the Bishop to veto it shall cease.”

9. That in Article No. 4 the words “legally constituted congregation” to be inserted in the place of “any cure.”

10. That in Article No. 2 after the word “meetings,” the following words be inserted, “or any vestry meeting specially called for that purpose.”

11. Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,—Amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution.

That an annual meeting of the Synod be held in each and every

year in the month of June, at such time and place as the Lord Bishop shall appoint; which Synod shall continue in session until adjourned by a vote of the same.

12. Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,—Notice of motion for the consideration and adoption of the Constitution and Rules of the Synod, for to-morrow, and the first on the orders of the day.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES.

Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by John Gamble, Esq., moves No. 2 of Notices of Motions of Wednesday. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by Rev. Henry Patton, moves No. 3 Notice of Motion.

13. Rev. Dr. Fuller moves in addition to the above, "That in cases where provision for the sustentation of the Bishop has been made and accepted by the Governor-General of the province, or person administering the government thereof; and when no such provision has been made, then so soon after such provision shall have been made and accepted." Carried unanimously.

14. The Rev. H. Patton gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move that in Article 9, all after the words "senior Archdeacon" shall be expunged, as being unnecessary after passing Dr. Beaven's Resolution.

15. Moved by Rev. Mr. Townley, seconded by Rev. Mr. Darling:

"That this Synod do now appoint a Committee of six of its members, to take into consideration the best method of advancing the general, continuous, and permanent moral and religious, in connection with the secular, education of the youth of this Province; and that the said Committee do report to-morrow."

16. Moved by Dr. Bovell, in amendment, seconded by Clarke Gamble, Esq.:

"That a Committee be appointed to collect information regarding the working of the Common School System; to report at the next meeting of the Synod." Carried.

17. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Townley, seconded by Mr. Thomas Bate:

"That seeing the entire failure of the voluntary system, as usually understood on this continent, in providing adequate reli-

gious instruction and a due administration of the ordinances of the Church of Christ, a Committee of six be now appointed to take into consideration the wisdom, necessity, and obligation of resuming the Scriptural and primitive practice of paying Ministerial Tithes, and the best method of receiving, ordering, and appropriating the same, and that the said Committee do report thereon before the closing of this Synod." Lost.

18. Rev. A. Townley gave Notice of Motion,—“ That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the best method of maintaining the ministrations of the Church of Christ, with especial reference to the *Scriptural method* of supplying the same, and that the said Committee do report at the next Synod.”

The Synod adjourned for one hour, till half-past seven.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 7.30.

Rev. Dr. Lewis moved Motion No. 7, seconded by Justice Hagarty. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Lewis moved No. 8 Notice of Motion. Withdrawn

Hon. Mr. Patton moved No. 10 Notice of Motion, seconded by Rev. Mr. Brough. Postponed his motion to next meeting of Synod.

Rev. E. Denroche withdrew No. 11.

Rev. E. Denroche moved, seconded by Frederick Ball, Esq., No. 12 Notice of Motion,—“ That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the members of the Choir of St. James' Cathedral, for the efficient manner in which the musical services of the church were performed, on the occasion of its present assembling here.” Carried.

Rev. E. Denroche moved No. 13 Notice of Motion, seconded by Mr. Simpson,—“ That, whereas, it is highly desirable that every branch of Divine Service should be conducted with as much ecclesiastical propriety and devotional reality as possible, and, whereas, there is room for improvement generally throughout the congregations of this Diocese, in celebrating the praises of Almighty God and of His Christ. A Committee of the Synod be appointed, (who shall report at its next Annual Meeting,) to take into consideration and to suggest improvements in choral, congregational and ritual singing, to the exclusion of all light and unseemly music from the

sanctuary, and to the more general adoption of the singing of God's own word, as set forth in the Psalter or Songs of David, as appointed to be used 'daily' throughout the month." Carried.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher moved No. 14 Notice of Motion, seconded by Mr. Arthur. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Lett moved No. 15 Notice of Motion. 1, 2 and 3 withdrawn, with the understanding that they should be brought up at the next Synod.

Mr. Farrell withdrew his Notices of Motions respecting the Constitution, expressing his intention of bringing them forward on the first day of the next Synod.

Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by F. J. Campbell, No. 17 Notice of Motion,—“That the thanks of this Synod be given to the Rev. Mr. Geddes, for the very able and excellent sermon given by him on Wednesday morning last, and that the said sermon be printed for the use of the members of this Synod.” Carried.

Rev. Mr. Rogers moved Notice No. 2 of second day, seconded by Dr. Cronyn. Carried.

Dr. O'Meara presented the following Report on Indian Missions. Ordered to be laid on the table:—

Report of the Committee of the Synod on Indian Missions.

At a time when a Commission, appointed by the highest authority in the Province, is endeavouring, with the assistance of the two Houses of Legislature, to devise means for the promotion of the temporal interests of the aboriginal inhabitants of our land, and when we are assembled together for the first time as a Synod, legally constituted, cannot but be an auspicious time for us as a Church to see that measures be taken for placing on a permanent basis, those efforts for the benefit of that interesting people that are now in course of being made, and to provide for the extension of our missionary efforts to the regions beyond those which have been hitherto reached by them. Indeed it appears to your committee as of the very essence of a Christian Church that it shall comprehend an efficient organization for the extension of the knowledge of the gospel to the dark places of the earth, inasmuch as the promised presence of the Redeemer, without which it would be as a body

without a soul, is closely and unseparately connected with his parting injunctions, go preach the Gospel to every creature.

At a very early period in the history of our church in this province, efforts were made for the spiritual benefit of the Indians, and Dr. Stuart, father of the present Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, embalmed his memory in the hearts of the Mohawks of the bay of Quinte, by his kind and fatherly attentions to that interesting tribe, and the fruits of his missionary labours are still among us in the Mohawk mission of Tyendenaga. Subsequently the New England Company of London, England, established a mission among those of the same tribes settled on the Grand River, who had previously enjoyed only such occasional religious privileges as could be rendered by a neighbouring and travelling missionary, where they still continue to support two missionaries. About the year 1834, the Rector of Caradoc finding a considerable number of heathen Indians in the neighbourhood of his mission, turned his attention to their conversion with such a measure of success, that many, both of the Munsees and Oneidas, were baptised into the Christian faith, who now form two congregations, under the charge of the clergyman by whose means they were brought out of heathenism. About 25 years ago the Society established in this Diocese for christianizing and civilizing the Indians, commenced a mission at the Sault Ste. Marie for the Indians of Lakes Huron and Superior, speaking the Ojibwa and kindred dialects, which has been so successful that nearly all the Indians of that region have been baptised into the church, and are now reclaimed from their former wandering habits and settled in the village of Garden River. Not many years after the government formed an establishment on the Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron, for the civilization of the Indians on that Lake, and a missionary of our church was attached to that establishment, which has resulted in a considerable number of Indians being added to the Church. About fourteen years ago another mission was formed at Walpole Island, on which about 900 Indians resided, of whom a large number have been received into the Church by the present missionary of that place. There are at present eight clergymen and one catechist labouring wholly or in part among the Indians of this Diocese, of whom two are supported by the New England Company, one partly by the same Company and partly

by the Church Society of this Diocese, one by the Society for Propagating the Gospel and the Colonial Church and School Society, one from the Indian Funds, and three from the annual Parliamentary grant for the Indian Department; the catechist being supported entirely by the Diocesan Church Society. As it is not at all likely that the Parliamentary grant, from which three of these clergymen are at present supported, will be long available for that purpose, it is of the utmost consequence that some means be adopted for continuing the staff of missionaries in connexion with our Church, and, if possible, increasing their number. A missionary is much wanted for the Church Indians of the Indian Peninsula, numbering about 90 souls, who are about being located by the government at Colpoy's Bay, more than 40 miles from the nearest Church clergyman. It would also be very desirable that an additional missionary should be placed on Walpole Island, where there are still a large number of heathen Indians scattered over the Island. It would also be very desirable that one or two stations should be occupied on Lake Superior, where other denominations are already planting missions. A resident missionary is also much required for the Oneida and Munsee Indians on the river Thames. There are day-schools in connexion with all the Indian missions, but your Committee is bound to report that in consequence of the peculiar habits of the Indian, very little benefit has arisen or can be expected to arise from educational efforts made in that form; for the efficient education of the rising generation, it is necessary that entire charge should be taken of those to be educated, and that such education consist not merely of book teaching, but of instruction in those industrial arts by means of which they may be able to take their place in the battle of life beside the white man. There has been a school of this sort established for some time among the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River, supported by the New England Company, and one on a very small scale for Ojibwa females at Garden River, at first supported by a few friends in England, but now sustained from the annual grant made by the above-named Company for that mission. It is the opinion of your Committee that measures should be taken to obtain (for the establishment of a C. of E. Central Industrial School) our fair proportion of the aid that is now given by the Indian Department exclu-

sively to two Methodist Industrial Schools, towards which aid the Indians professing our faith are now obliged to pay the fourth of their income. Your Committee would further recommend that means be adopted by this Synod to secure the periodical publication, at short intervals, of interesting facts connected with the operation of Indian missionaries, with a view to some special efforts being made to continue, and, from time to time, extend them.

FREDERICK A. O'MEARA,

Chairman.

Rev. Mr. Patton presented a Report of the Committee on disputed Lay Delegates.

Rev. Jonathan Shortt gives notice that, at the next meeting of Synod, he will move for a Committee to consider the best subsidiary or auxiliary means of lessening the amount of drunkenness and aiding in the reformation of the inebriate and his restoration to sobriety.

Rev. Mr. Denroche purposes, at the next meeting of the Synod of this Diocese, to bring forward, after consultation with the President of the Synod, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Resolution offered by Mr. Denroche, relative to Archdeaconries.

E. G. O'Brien proposed No. 1 Notice of Motion:

Whereas, there are certain churches in this Diocese where the sittings are entirely free, and, in consequence of this, there may be doubts whether their congregations can form a vestry: Be it enacted, that the vestry in all such churches shall consist of those members who shall or may have enrolled their names for the purpose of electing Delegates to Synod, or in a similar manner where no Delegates are elected: Provided always that such vestry shall not have power to interfere with, alter, or infringe upon any rights, privileges, or regulations held, reserved or in force at the time of forming such vestry.

That for the purpose of preventing any doubt or difficulty as to such rights, privileges, or regulations, the same shall be delivered in writing by the Incumbent, and entered on the roll book containing the names of the members of the congregation as aforesaid.

Referred to Executive Committee.

Mr. Justice Hagarty moves the re-appointment of the same Executive Committee, seconded by Clarke Gamble, Esq.

Rev. Mr. Townley moved Notice of Motion No. 15. Carried.

Judge Armstrong moved, seconded by Rev. H. Patton,—“That it be resolved that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the managers of the Grand Trunk Railroad, for their generous offer of a free return passage over their road to the members attending this Synod.” Carried.

Mr. Harman moved, seconded by Dr. Bovell, amendment No. 3 of proposed Rules for subdivision of Dioceses—“Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or benefice, shall resign such preferment or benefice prior to his consecration.” Carried.

Rev. Dr. Fuller read a letter from Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer stating that the Convention of Western New York, would assemble at Oswego in the month of August, and inviting the clergy.

Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer was called upon to express the same verbally,—which he did.

Thomas Bate, Christ Church, Grantham, gave Notice of Motion for next Synod, “Whether the seats should be sold, leased, or declared free, in the church recently erected at Grantham.”

Rev. Dr. Cronyn moved,—“That the thanks of this Synod be respectfully tendered to the Lord Bishop, for his patient, able, and impartial conduct in presiding on this occasion.” Carried by acclamation.

The Bishop briefly addressed the meeting, expressing his high gratification at all the proceedings, and then, after pronouncing the Benediction, adjourned the Synod *sine die*.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty :—

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, in Canada, in Synod assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the assurance of our devoted and loyal attachment to your Majesty's royal person and authority.

We beg to express to your Majesty our humble and dutiful thanks, that your Majesty has been pleased to give your gracious assent to the law which provides for our relief from the disability under which it was supposed that we laboured, in regard to assembling in Synod, and making rules for our local ecclesiastical government.

We beg most humbly to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our endeavour so to employ the powers thus graciously entrusted to us, that they may prove a means of cementing the union by which we hope to continue to be an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland, as well as of more firmly establishing and perpetuating the loyal duty and attachment which we owe to your Majesty's person and throne.

That Almighty God may be pleased to retain your Majesty in His gracious keeping, and long preserve your Majesty to be a nursing mother to our beloved National Church, is our earnest and continual prayer.

CANONS OF THE SYNOD, AS AMENDED.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese ; of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls, or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, and not under ecclesiastical censure ; and of Lay Representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay Representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of 21 years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter Meetings, held by each minister having a separate cure of souls ; and all laymen within the cure of 21 years of age or upwards, who shall have declared themselves, in writing, in a book, to be provided for such purpose by the Parish to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.

3. The minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election ; and in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or chairman, elected by a majority of those present.

4. The number of representatives to be elected within any cure shall be one or more, not exceeding three in number.

5. Each representative shall receive from the Minister or Chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election; and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have been members of the Synod, but have become superannuated in consequence of age or infirmity, may continue to attend the meetings of the Synod, and vote thereat.

8. The Bishop shall appoint the time and place of meeting, and adjourn, prorogue, or dissolve the Synod, as may appear most for the welfare of the Diocese.

9. When the Bishop is not present, he shall appoint his deputy, being a dignitary or senior clergyman of the Diocese, to preside in his place; and upon a vacancy in the See, the senior Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon next in order of seniority, or in the absence of an Archdeacon, the senior Rural Dean, shall within one week from the occurrence of such vacancy, summons a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives, to be held at the expiration of twenty days from the date at which such meeting shall be summoned, to elect a successor to the See, in cases where provision for the sustentation of the Bishop has been made and accepted by the Governor-General of the province, or person administering the government thereof; and when no such provision has been made, then so soon after such provision shall have been made and accepted.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of both clergy and lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two Secretaries, one from the clergy, the other from the laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall attest the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors; the same to have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority; and two Auditors, who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The expenses of the Synod shall be provided for by assessment upon the different parishes, by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

14. No act or resolution of the Synod shall be valid without the concurrence of the Bishop, and of the majority both of the clergy and of the laity present and voting at the meeting: but when such act or resolution shall be objected to by either of the three estates, a vote shall be taken thereon by separate chambers; and if difference still subsists when such vote is so taken, then the subject under consideration shall stand over for further consideration to the ensuing Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitution, regulations, rules of order or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if again approved by majorities, consisting of two-thirds of both clergy and laity, it shall be adopted.

II.—ORDER OF PROCEEDING.

1. The first meeting of the Synod in each Session shall be preceded by public morning prayer and the Holy Communion accompanied by a sermon; and the collection at the offertory shall be devoted to missionary or other purposes, at the direction of the Synod. Public morning and evening prayer shall likewise be held on every day of the Synod.

2. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorised by the Bishop.

3. After this prayer, the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance; and the Lay Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes; when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by

the Secretary and a committee of two to be appointed for that purpose; and, where found satisfactory, the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the clergy and laity respectively, and a Treasurer and two Auditors shall be appointed; all of which officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be appointed.

5. After this on the first day, and on all other days after prayers, the order of business shall be as follows:

(1.) Reading, correcting, and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

(2.) Appointing Committees.

(3.) Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

(4.) Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and Auditors.

(5.) Giving notice of motions.

(6.) Taking up unfinished business.

(7.) Consideration of motions.

6. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

III.—RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.

2. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the chair.

3. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or committees) unless seconded, and (when required) reduced to writing. To prevent surprise, no motion, except in course, shall be considered till the succeeding day of meeting.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without asking and receiving permission from the chair.

5. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide on it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

6. Motions to adjourn or to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

7. When a motion has been read to the Synod by the Secretary, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the chair.

8. Each member shall have the right to require at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.

9. A member called to order while speaking shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.

10. All questions of order shall be decided by the chair.

11. All amendments to a motion shall be considered in the order in which they are moved.

12. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; but no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order: yet a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

13. All amendments to any question or amendment shall be decided on before the question or motion on which they arise is proposed for decision.

14. Whilst any question is being put from the chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse; and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

15. When a division takes place, the votes of the clergy and laity shall be taken separately, if required by the Bishop, or four members of each of the respective orders; and the lay representatives shall in all such cases vote by parishes.

16. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

17. A question being once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the special sanction of the Bishop.

18. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings; but, when required by any one member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded.

19. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop, or other person presiding, has left the chair.

IV.—RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

1. All committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.

2. The reports of committees shall be in writing, signed by the chairman, and shall be received in course, unless a motion be made for their recommittal.

3. The chairman of the committee, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

4. All reports of committees recommending any action or expression of opinion, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

5. That inasmuch as it would facilitate the despatch of business, and ensure a more effectual consideration of all matters to be discussed at the meeting of Synod, there shall be an Executive Committee, to be nominated and presided over by the Right Rev. the Bishop, and to consist of twenty-six members, thirteen chosen from among the clergy, and thirteen from among the lay representatives of the Synod; the election to be, as in the case of other committees, for a period extending from one Synod to the opening of the next.

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

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

8. That, in order to expedite the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several vestries in this Diocese send to the Lay Secretary of the Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the Lay Delegates elected at the vestry meetings during Easter week; and that the Lay Secretary of

this Synod do attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the certificates of said Lay Delegates.

V.—ELECTION OF BISHOP.

That in the election of a Bishop to a vacant See, or to a new See, the clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

VI.—SUBDIVISION OF A DIOCESE.

In the event of the subdivision of any Diocese, the portion intended to form the new Diocese shall be bound in all their public proceedings by the constitution of the Diocese of which they formed a part, until the said new Diocese shall be fully organized by the election and consecration of the Bishop.

Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or benefice, shall resign such preferment or benefice upon his consecration.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES PRESENT:

CLERGY.

Lord Bishop of Toronto—The Honourable and Right Reverend JOHN STRACHAN, D.D., LL.D.

Archdeacon of York—Ven. A. N. Bethune, D.D.

Archdeacon of Kingston—Ven. George O'Kill Stuart, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop's Chaplains—H. J. Grasett, B.D., W. H. Herchmer, M.A.

Rev. Allan, T. W.—*Cavan*.

“ Ambrey, John, M.A., Prof. Trinity College—*Toronto*.

“ Anderson, G. A.—*Shannonville*.

“ Atkinson, A. F.—*St. Catharines*.

“ Armstrong, J. G.—*Vaughan*.

“ Baldwin, Edm., M.A., Assistant Min. St. James'—*Toronto*.

“ Baker, E.—*Pembroke*.

“ Beaven, Dr., Prof. University College—*Toronto*.

- Rev. Belt, William—*Scarboro'*.
 “ Beck, J. W.—*Cobourg*.
 “ Bethune, Archdeacon—*Cobourg*.
 “ Blake, D. E., M.A.—*Thornhill*.
 “ Blakey, Robert—*Prescott*.
 “ Bleasdel, Wm., M.A.—*Port Trent*.
 “ Boomer, Michael, A.B.—*Galt*.
 “ Boswell, E. J.—*Williamsburg*.
 “ Brent, Henry—*Newcastle*.
 “ Brough, C. Crosbie, A.B.—*London*.
 “ Butler, J.—*Hamilton*.
 “ Caulfield, Ab. St. Geo., A.B.—*St. Thomas*.
 “ Carroll, J.—*Guananoque*.
 “ Cooper, H. C., B.A.—*Etobicoke*.
 “ Cronyn, Benjamin, D.D.—*London*.
 “ Darling, W. S., Assistant Min. Holy Trinity—*Toronto*.
 “ Dewar, E. H., M.A.—*Windsor*.
 “ Denroche, Edw., M.A.—*Springfield*.
 “ Dixon, Alexander, B.A.—*Port Dalhousie*.
 “ Dobbs, F. W.—*Portsmouth, near Kingston*.
 “ Elliott, Adam—*Brantford*.
 “ Elliott, F. G.—*Colchester*.
 “ Elwood, E. L., M.A.—*Goderich*.
 “ Evans, Francis, M.A.—*Simcoe*.
 “ Fauquier, F. D.—*East Zorra*.
 “ Fletcher, John, A.B.—*Bradford*.
 “ Flood, Richard, A.M.—*Delaware*.
 “ Flood, John—*Dunnville*.
 “ Fuller, T. B., D.D.—*Thorold*.
 “ Garrett, Richard—*Cannington*.
 “ Geddes, J. G., M.A.—*Hamilton*.
 “ Gibson, J. C.—*Woodstock*.
 “ Godfrey, J.—*Napan*.
 “ Grassett, Elliott, M.A.—*Fort Erie*.
 “ Greene, Thos., D.D.—*Wellington Square*.
 “ Grier, John, A.M.—*Belleville*.
 “ Gunne, John.—*Zone Mills*.
 “ Hallen, George, B.A.—*Penetanguishene*.
 “ Harding, Robert.—*Emily*.
 “ Harper, W. F. S.—*Bath*.
 “ Hill, Bold Cudmore, A.M.—*Fork*.
 “ Hill, Geo. S. J.—*Markham*.
 “ Hilton, John.—*Hope*.
 “ Hodge, T. P.—*Southampton*.
 “ Ingles, C. Leyster, A.B.—*Drummonville*.
 “ Johnson, C. C.—*Morpeth*.
 “ Jamieson, Andrew—*Algonac, U. S.*
 “ Johnson, W. A.—*Weston*.
 “ Kennedy, Thos. S.—*Toronto*.
 “ Kennedy, John.—*Mersea*.
 “ Kendall, E. K., M.A.—*Toronto*.
 “ Lampman, Arch.—*Blanchard*.
 “ Langtrey, John.—*Collingwood*.
 “ Lauder, W. B., D.D.—*Napanee*.
 “ Lauder, J. S.—*Merrickville*.

- Rev. Leech, Thos.—*Brampton*.
 “ Leeming, Wm.—*Chippawa*.
 “ Lett, Stephen, LL.D.—*Toronto*.
 “ Lewis, J. Travers, D.D.—*Brckville*.
 “ Lewis, Richard.—*Kemptville*.
 “ Logan, Wm.—*Cartwright*.
 “ Lundy, F. J., D.C.L.—*Grimsby*.
 “ MacGeorge, Robert Jackson.—*Streetsville*.
 “ Mack, Fred.—*Amherstburgh*.
 “ MacMurray, Wm., D.D.—*Niagara*.
 “ MacNab, Alex., D.D.—*Bomanville*.
 “ Marsh, J. Walker, B.A.—*Ingersol*.
 “ MacKenzie, J. G. D., B.A.—*Georgetown*.
 “ Mitchele, Rich., M.A.—*York Mills*.
 “ Mortimer, Arthur.—*Adelaide*.
 “ Morris, Ebenezer.—*Franktown*.
 “ Morris, J. A.—*Fitzroy Harbour*.
 “ Mulholland, A. H. R.—*Owen Sound*.
 “ Mulkins, Hannibal.—*Kingston*.
 “ Morgan, G., assistant.—*Barrie*.
 “ Nelles, Abraham.—*Brantford*.
 “ O’Meara, A., LL.D.—*Mamitoulin*.
 “ Osler, Featherston, J., M.A.—*Dundas*.
 “ Osler, H. Bath.—*Lloydtown*.
 “ O’Neil, H. H., assistant.—*London*.
 “ Padfield, Jas. W.—*Burford*.
 “ Palmer, Arthur, M.A.—*Guelph*.
 “ Patterson, Ephraim.—*Stratford*.
 “ Patton, H.—*Cornwall*.
 “ Pentland, John, A.B.—*Whitby*.
 “ Plee, H. E.—*Carrying Place*.
 “ Preston, J. A., A.B.—*Arthur*.
 “ Rally, W. B.—*Hayesville*.
 “ Ramsey, Sep. F., M.A.—*Newmarket*.
 “ Rogers, R. Vashon, M.A.—*Kingston*.
 “ Roberts, T., B.A.—*Woodstock*.
 “ Salter, Geo. J. B., M.A.—*Port Sarnia*.
 “ Sandys, Francis William.—*Chatham*.
 “ Sanson, Alex.—*Toronto*.
 “ Shanklin, Robt.—*Oakville*.
 “ Shortt, John.—*Port Hope*.
 “ Stimson, Elam Rush.—*Brantford*.
 “ Strong, Samuel Spratt, D.D.—*Ottawa*.
 “ Stevenson, R. L.—*Hawkesbury*.
 “ Tane, F.—*Metcalfe*.
 “ Townley, Adam.—*Paris*.
 “ Tremayne, F.—*Milton*.
 “ Thomson, C. E., assistant.—*Cobourg*.
 “ Usher, Jas. C.—*Brantford*.
 “ Wilson, John.—*Grafton*.
 “ Williams, A.—*Moore*.
 “ Whitaker, Geo.—*Toronto*.

LAY DELEGATES.

James Keefer, Jacob Winslow—for *Metcalf, Adelaide*.
 T. J. Preston, Arthur Bowlby—*Arthur*.
 Major R. Donaldson, Robert H. Barclay Elliott, Esq.—*Amherstburg*.
 Hon. J. Patton, E. Lally—*Barrie*.
 D. Roderick Kennedy—*Bath*.
 James Stoddard—*Bradford and West Gwillimbury*.
 John Almas, William Farmer—*Burton and Glanford*.
 W. B. Simpson, D. B. O. Ford, T. Reynolds—*Brockville*.
 Thomas S. Shortt, Thomas Botham, Richard Barritt—*Brantford*.
 George W. Holder, Thomas Jones—*Burford*.
 W. Golding, George Wright, D. Lawrence—*Brampton*.
 W. Reynolds—*Cavan*.
 Hon. G. S. Boulton, George M. Boswell—*Cobourg*.
 James Magrath, and J. B. Harris—*Springfield*.
 A. Parker—*Sydenham*.
 William Duff, John Mewburn—*Chippawa*.
 Isaac Preston—*Cartwright and Manvers*.
 Peter Stewart—*Clarke*.
 Hon. P. Vankoughnet—*Cornwall*.
 James N. Dixon—*Moulinette*.
 Dr. Low, Robert Armour—*Dartington*.
 John Walker, Robert Gunn—*Dawn*.
 William Kerr—*Dundas*.
 John McKelkan—*Ancaster*.
 W. Livingston—*Delaware*.
 W. Benson—*Dunville*.
 Col. Cotter—*Port Maitland*.
 — Agnew, P. Farrell—*Cayuga*.
 John Mewburn—*Drummondville and Stamford*.
 John Giles, Thomas Fisher, Wm. Gamble—*Etobicoke*.
 Thomas Scott, Jr.—*Eastwood*.
 Chrstr. Knowlson—*Emily*.
 Joseph Turner—*East Zorra*.
 William Fleming—*Franktown*.
 James Stanton—*Fort Erie*.
 Thos. Sibbald—*Georgina*.
 John Walker—*Glencoe*.
 Mr. Mumford, Absalom Shade, Mr. Rich—*Galt*.
 Richard Kidd—*Coulburn and Huntly*.
 Dr. Hamilton—*Goderich*.
 W. Fitch, M.D., John Nixon, John H. Pettit—*Grimsby*.
 Wm. Paxton—*Georgetown and Norval*.
 Captain Vale—*Guelph*.
 Charles H. Vernon—*Colborne*. G. S. Burrell—*Grafton*.
 John Hamilton—*Hawkesbury*.
 G. W. Higginson—*Vankleek's Hill*.
 Peter Carroll, John O. Hatt, H. B. Bull—*Christ Church, Hamilton*.
 R. Irwin, F. A. Ball—*Church Ascension, Hamilton*.
 H. Crotty—*Ingersol*.
 Dr. Gates, Noble Palmer—*St. George's, Kingston*.
 A. O'Loughlin—*St. James's*, "
 Thomas Askew—*St. Paul's*,

W. H. Boulton—*Kemptville*.
 L. Lawrason, Hon. G. I. Goodhue, W. W. Street—*London*.
 Geo. Robson, C. Wilson, J. Ferguson—*London Township*.
 G. P. W. Ball, J. W. O. Clark—*Louth*.
 Captain Armstrong, Wm. Hanna—*Lloydtown and Albion*.
 Jos. Carpenter—*Mohawk*.
 Abraham Martin—*Mono*.
 G. W. Cooper, Abraham Crook, F. Lang—*Mount Pleasant*.
 John Keesor, Geo. Davidson—*Markham*.
 Thomas Racey, W. Joyce, John Cowan—*Milton and Hornby*.
 Col. Kingsmill—*Niagara*.
 Christr. Armstrong, J. Pearson—*Ottawa*.
 Chas. Jones, John L. Biggar, W. Peacock—*Oakville & Palermo*.
 George Hatten—*Orillia*.
 Capt. McLeod—*Oak Ridges*.
 Joseph Wilson—*Perrytown*.
 Frome Talfourd—*Port Sarnia*.
 William Westmacott—*Port Dalhousie*.
 J. S. Merwin, F. B. Field—*Prescott*.
 W. Simpson—*Penetanguishene*.
 H. H. Meredith, Chas. Brent—*Port Hope*.
 H. J. Greenstreet, J. A. Penton—*Paris*.
 W. Wilson, John Crookshank—*Portsmouth*.
 George Ley—*Rice Lake*.
 Alfred Dewson, M.D.—*Sandwich*.
 Thomas Claus—*Shannonville and Mohawk*.
 Jos. Faber, Paul Sheppard—*Scarboro'*.
 John Millar, Dr. F. B. Going—*St. Thomas*.
 C. W. Coverton, M.D.—*Simcoe*.
 W. F. McCulloch, U. C. Lee, P. R. Jarvis—*Stratford*.
 Dr. Barnhart, J. Ballinger—*Streetsville*.
 Judge Hagarty, C. Gamble—*St. James, Toronto*.
 John Arnold, J. Bovell—*St. George's, Toronto*.
 J. C. Campbell, E. G. O'Brien, J. W. Brent—*Holy Trinity, Toronto*.
 Geo. Morphy, Wm. Gooderham, Thos. Hawarth—*Trinity, Toronto*.
 W. Parsons, George Paxton—*Thornhill and Vaughan*.
 Jos. R. Williams—*Tecumseth*.
 W. Wadsworth, J. S. Dennis—*Weston*.
 Joseph Freeland—*Wellington Square*.
 Ed. Deedes—*Woodstock*.
 John S. Ross—*Williamsburg*.
 John W. Gamble—*Woodbridge*.
 Dr. Dewson—*Windsor*.
 Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Walter McKenzie—*Yorkville*.
 Wm. March—*York Mills*.

ERRATUM.

In page 22, Mr. Farrell's name was accidentally omitted as giving notices of motions 7, 8, 9, 10.