



PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

A special meeting of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England was opened, at Montreal, on the 2nd ult., with divine service in Christ Church Cathedral. The Bishop of Toronto preached from Acts v. 38 and 39. He said the question of choosing a Bishop for the Diocese of Algoma seemed now to be complicated by the further question whether a successor should be appointed to the late Bishop at all. It was not for him to answer the question there, but he would say that beneath this mere local and particular question a deep principle was involved. He reasoned that if the missionary work of Algoma were of man only, it would have come to naught long ago. This infant Church, the first and only child of our Canadian Church, could not be deserted. Other denominations were advancing, and should the Church of England in Canada be pointed at as the only one retrograding?

In the afternoon the Synod assembled for business in St. George's spacious school-house. There was a very large attendance, 126 delegates being present, and all the members of the House of Bishops. On their entering the Synod and taking their seats upon the platform the proceedings were formally opened. After prayer by Canon Norman the Bishop of Fredericton delivered his address, which was an earnest appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Algoma, urging the Synod not to abandon this mission after so much labour had been expended on it, and with such encouraging results. He had at first thought best to limit the subject to the requirements of the canon calling them together for the election of a Bishop for Algoma. But lest the interest in this important subject be detracted from, he had concluded that any question relating to the welfare of that diocese might be considered. The House of Bishops then retired to their room. The Bishop of Fredericton appointed Canon Norman temporary chairman, after which the Rev. Charles Hamilton, of Quebec, was unanimously elected prolocutor.

After the appointment of officers, Rev. Mr. Langtry, of Toronto, brought forward a motion in reference to the financial state of the Diocese of Algoma. This led to a long debate, many of the speakers holding that the matter could not be discussed at a special meeting. It was resolved at length to postpone its further consideration until a message was received from the House of Bishops on the subject of an appointment to the vacant Diocese. The message was shortly after received and was read by the prolocutor. It is as follows:—

"That this House do not think it expedient to proceed to an election of a Missionary Bishop of Algoma at this session of the Provincial Synod, but that instead the election be postponed till the regular meeting next year, for the following reasons:—

"1. That this House are not satisfied that the spirit of the requirements of the canon for missionary Bishops has been complied with, as they are not satisfied that adequate provision has been made for the support of a Missionary Bishop of Algoma.

"2. That when the late Bishop was elected, the several dioceses had guaranteed his stipend for a term of five years, while on the present occasion no diocese is, so far as is known to this House, pledged to contribute to the Bishop's stipend.

"3. That it is expedient to await such action of the several dioceses at the coming session in June and July as will secure an adequate endowment for the Bishop.

"4. That an opportunity is now offered of applying to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Society of Christian Knowledge for grants towards the endowment of the see of Algoma, and that some organization be adopted at this session to follow up their work either wholly or in part.

"That the Diocese of Algoma need not be left without episcopal ministrations, as arrangements can be made for Bishops of adjoining sees to give their services for confirmation and other offices."

The reading of this document seemed

to create profound disappointment among those present, laymen as well as clergymen. Leo H. Davidson, B. C. L., of Montreal, made an earnest speech, in which he expressed his deep regret at such a retrograde recommendation proceeding from the House of Bishops. He could not believe, he said, that the Synod would acquiesce in such a resolution.

Judge Macdonald, of Brockville, moved that the House do not concur in the Bishop's message, and respectfully requests a conference with the Upper House. Mr. L. H. Davidson said that they should straightforwardly tell the Bishops that they did not agree with them. After discussion, Mr. S. Bethune, Q. C., moved, seconded by Judge Macdonald, (who withdrew his own motion), that the House regretted that it could not concur in the Bishop's message, being of opinion that it was the duty of the Synod to proceed to the election of a Bishop of Algoma in the present session, having been specially convened for that purpose, and that such election was expedient, and that the house respectfully requested a conference with the Bishops.

Another message was received from the Bishops, themselves proposing a conference on the subject. Discussion then arose as to whether a vote of concurrence or non-concurrence should be passed before the conference. Mr. Bethune thought that the mind of the House should be taken before going into a conference, and Mr. A. H. Campbell thought this would be almost an insult to the Bishops. Rev. J. Langtry said it was a shame that the men who should be foremost in the mission field were the first to retreat.

Mr. Thos. White, M. P., moved to strike out the part of Mr. Bethune's resolution referring to a conference, and the motion as amended was put before the meeting to be discussed on its merits. Rev. H. Holland did not want the idea to go abroad that they did not think episcopal government necessary for Algoma. The different dioceses could guarantee a sufficient income. They could appoint a Bishop to be consecrated only when each diocese pledged itself. Ven. Archdeacon

Jones moved in amendment that the request of the Bishops for a conference be complied with, but was ruled out of order. Prof. Roe, D. D., thought the House of Bishops had virtually withdrawn their resolutions and wished to arrest any action by the Lower House by an immediate conference. Dr. Sullivan said that some had disrespectfully compared the Bishops to old ladies; ladies had the privilege of changing their minds, and the second message amounted to that. He advocated an expression of opinion by a vote before the conference. Rev. J. Carey, B. D. Port Perry, Ont., thought likewise. If they should separate without doing anything it would have a chilling and detrimental effect. He referred to the successful work of Bishop Mackenzie in Africa, started without any provision. He specially regretted the last clause of the Bishops' resolution—that neighbouring Bishops could officiate at confirmations, etc.—the chief value of a Bishop was not in the perfunctory performance of official duties, but in his guidance, counselling and comforting his people. That so many laymen had come together showed their faith that the synods would sustain the cause of Algoma. Rev. Canon Carmichael, of Hamilton, said he for one could not concur in the delay, for Algoma was undoubtedly a successful diocese in the mission field. If the Lower House were to give a single note of timidity, it would cast a stigma on that most successful work. It was not for them to consider what light might dawn upon the Upper House, separated as they were from them. The Lower House was never in its existence more astonished than when those resolutions came down to them. They should rather feel that whatever had been done in the past for Algoma should be doubled in the future. He could see and hear what other churches were doing in comparison to the paltry efforts of the Church of England. They should strive by the grace of God at least to stand side by side with others. E. H. Hemming, D. C. L., Drummondville, Que., referred to the very unsatisfactory way in which contributions had been made to Algoma in the past. From Toronto in particular, the richest of the dioceses, the amounts had decreased to miserable proportions. All should share the blame of this, and not put it down to the Bishops. If the laity were properly appealed to, what would \$50,000 be from people who built such magnificent churches. Mr. H. W. Howland, Toronto, thought the Bishops showed "sanctified common sense." No provision had been made for Algoma, and, although they were enthusiastic, &c., people do change. Rev. J. Langtry said that Toronto had really given more than she promised, not less. The records of contributions had not

been properly kept. The canon had been observed, and they were quite justified in appointing a Bishop. The other Bishops could not possibly attend to Algoma, one Island in which was as large as Scotland. A great part of the Bishop of Algoma's work during the next year would be the exploring of the country for places for new mission stations. Dr. Sullivan showed that when the canon, referred to by the Bishops as requiring proper provision to be made for missionary bishops, was adopted, it only referred to the original appointment of a Bishop, and not for the continuation of the office. But the point he wished to make was that the Bishops themselves made nominations to the see of Algoma before the pecuniary provision had been made, and they must have known that at the time. He objected, too, to the reference to the S. P. C. K., and the S. P. G., for those societies would certainly ask what provision we had made. The surest means to prevent endowment was to concur in the Bishop's message. It would bring a stigma and reproach upon them which they could never wipe out. During the eighteen months of postponement how could they have the face to ask for funds if the two houses had not the faith to elect a Bishop. As to other Bishops helping, the other Bishops had too much to do as it was, and besides, in a missionary diocese they wanted a missionary Bishop. If they did not appoint a Bishop, Algoma would not recover from the blow for ten or twenty years. Rev. Dr. Wilson, Kingston, advocated the appointment of a Bishop. He thought the time had come to do without the home societies' help. Mr. Macrae called attention back to the fact that they were actually called together to elect a Bishop of Algoma, and now they were told that they should not do what they were convened to do. Mr. H. S. Scott, Quebec, thought that the Bishops had acted wisely. The resolution of non-concurrence with the Bishops' message was then put and carried by an overwhelming majority.

The second message, requesting a conference, was then taken up, and Mr. L. H. Davidson moved, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, that the House reciprocated the desire for a conference and wished it to be one of the two whole Houses. Mr. Hemming moved, seconded by Prof. Roe, that the conference should be by deputation. This was supported by Mr. White, and carried. The Prolocutor then appointed a deputation of clerical and lay members of both sides for conference with the Bishops.

The following message was received from the Upper House:—"The Metropolitan begs to inform the prolocutor that the House of Bishops have passed the following resolution, and requests

the concurrence of the Lower House:—*Resolved*,—That this House is prepared to give effect to the wishes of the Lower House, as expressed in their resolution of yesterday; but that this House deems it expedient that this Synod should pledge itself to use every effort to induce the several dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province to contribute such means respectively as will afford an income of \$4,000 per annum for the Bishop of Algoma, for a term of five years; and that this House recommends the following scales—Toronto, \$1,000; Huron, \$700; Niagara, \$500; Montreal, 500; Ontario, \$400; Quebec, \$400; Fredericton \$300; Nova Scotia, \$300." After a short debate, a resolution of concurrence was carried almost unanimously.

Another message was received from the Upper House, concurrence in which was also requested. It referred to the late Bishop Fauquier, and was as follows:—"The Bishops and laity of the Church of England in Canada, in Provincial Synod assembled, desire to place on record the serious loss sustained by their missionary Diocese of Algoma in the lamented death of its first Bishop, and the high value they entertain of his christian character, his blameless, self-denying life, and his arduous and successful labours during his brief episcopate. Frederic D. Fauquier was chosen Bishop of Algoma in 1873, after discharging the pastorate of West Zorra, in the County of Oxford, in which he proved himself an exemplary earnest parish priest, and at the time of his election held the office of Archdeacon of Brant. His character was conspicuous for guilelessness, gentle kindness, and a sensitively scrupulous conscientiousness; his life for a devout piety, a holy consistency, and a self-forgetful devotion to the call of duty and to the demands of his Masters' service. As Bishop he won the affection and confidence of his clergy to such a degree, that they deplore his death as the bereavement of a beloved father, a trusted guide and councilor. With a field of labour of vast dimensions, arduous and difficult, with inadequate support from the Church at large, often cast down with so much discouragement by this lack of friendly countenance and aid, he succeeded by the patient endurance of hardships and continuance in persevering labour in multiplying churches and missions, opening stations to the most distant and newly settled districts, and leaving a staff of fifteen missionaries supplying with Church services ninety regular congregations in a territory which contained but seven clergy and nine church buildings, when it was erected into a diocese. Under a deeply humbled sense of the mysterious hand of God in thus depriving this work of its head, this Synod deplore the loss of so faithful and devoted a

missionary and so honoured and successful a Bishop." A resolution of concurrence was at once unanimously passed.

Another message from the Upper House was brought in, nominating the Rev. Edward Sullivan, D. D., of St. George's Church, Montreal, for the position of Bishop of Algoma. The announcement was received with loud cheers, and cries of "Carried." The Prolocutor then appointed the Revs. John Carey and G. B. Howson, and Messrs. A. H. Campbell and H. S. Scott as scrutineers for the ballot. Before voting all the members knelt in silent prayer.

Rev. Dr. Sullivan asked that the Synod might adjourn for a short time in order to afford him time to look into his own heart, and consult with those whose lives and interests were of more importance to him than his own. His nomination had evidently taken him, as well as all present, by complete surprise, as his name was never mentioned beforehand. The House complied with his request and adjourned till two o'clock.

On reassembling, the ballot was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:— Clerical delegates—Number of votes cast 66; number necessary to a choice 34; for Dr. Sullivan, 52; against, 14. Lay delegates—Number of votes cast, 38; number necessary to a choice, 20; for Dr. Sullivan, 38; against, 0.

The announcement by the scrutineers was received with genuine enthusiasm and delight by all present, spectators as well as members of the Synod. On motion of Rev. Mr. Brook seconded by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, the clerical vote was made unanimous amidst loud applause.

The Prolocutor—It is now the pleasant duty of the Prolocutor to ask the Rev. Canon Norman, Clerical Secretary, and Mr. A. H. Campbell, of Toronto, to be good enough to conduct the Bishop-elect to this platform.

The whole assembly rose with one accord, as Dr. Sullivan, with grave and solemn mien, advanced to the platform, escorted by the gentlemen named by the prolocutor, the House remaining standing until the Bishop-elect had addressed them.

The Prolocutor, shaking hands with Dr. Sullivan, addressed him as follows:—Dr. Sullivan, it is my duty as Prolocutor to formally announce to you that you have been unanimously elected Bishop of Algoma. No words that I can command can add anything to the force of what this House has declared, both by its unanimous vote and by the hearty feeling which has accompanied the expression of that vote. I assure you, in the name of the House, that they have now a stronger hope than has ever before dawned in their breasts for the future of Algoma (Applause). I would further add that

there is a stronger hope, too, for the whole Canadian Church (hear, hear), conceived through the simple fact of one in your position undertaking this very high and sacred, but at the same time exceedingly onerous and self-denying labour. And I think I may safely, in the name of this important body, assure you that the moral effect of your undertaking this office, under all the circumstances of your position, will probably be as great as anyone can well represent.

Dr. Sullivan made a manly and touching reply, which we are obliged to hold over for want of space.

On the suggestion of the Prolocutor the Doxology was then sung by the whole House.

Rev. J. P. Dumoulin intimated that he had a motion to make, but that he would request the absence of the Bishop-elect whilst he did so.

Dr. Sullivan having withdrawn in accordance, Rev. J. P. Dumoulin moved, seconded by Mr. S. Bethune, Q. C.:—

"That in view of the acceptance of the office of Missionary Bishop of Algoma by the Rev. Dr. Sullivan, and the consequent sacrifice thereby made by him, a committee of this House be appointed to confer with the House of Bishops with the view to increasing the promised stipend of the Bishop of Algoma to \$5,000 a year, or \$4,000 a year, as at present named, with the Bishop's travelling expenses.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Prolocutor suggested that it would be becoming, that when they transmitted the message conveying to the House of Bishops their concurrence in the election of Dr. Sullivan, that he should himself be escorted to the House of Bishops by a committee appointed for the purpose.

The Prolocutor announced that as he alone had the *entree* privilege to the Upper House without special permission being obtained, he would himself conduct Dr. Sullivan to the Bishops, and invited as many members of the Synod as liked to accompany him. A large number of the members availed themselves of the invitation. Rev. Mr. Armstrong occupied the chair during the absence of the Prolocutor.

Having returned from the Upper House, Dr. Sullivan said.—Mr. Prolocutor, with your permission, before the matter goes any further, I hope and trust that this Synod will suspend all action bearing on the increase of the salary attached to the Bishopric. (Loud applause.) I beg to tender my most warm and heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen who so kindly thought of me. The thought has proceeded from warm and loving natures, and I appreciate the thought and act accordingly. If they will, however, permit me to accept the will for the deed, they will

confer a great favor upon me, and in so doing will not ask for a conference with the Bishops on the subject indicated by the resolution just adopted, but allow the matter of the salary of the Bishop-elect of Algoma to stand just where it is. (Loud cheers.) The request of Dr. Sullivan was unanimously assented to.

The Prolocutor announced that he had received from the Metropolitan the following:

The following are the measures agreed to by the Synod during the present session:—

1. A resolution expressive of the sense entertained by the Synod of the loss sustained by the removal by death of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Algoma, and of the value of his devoted labours during his brief episcopate.

2. A resolution securing an adequate provision for the Bishop to be elected to the Diocese of Algoma.

3. The nomination by the House of Bishops and the unanimous election by the Lower House of the Rev. Edward Sullivan, D. D., Rector of St. George's, Montreal, to the Bishopric of Algoma.

Their Lordships then entered the House, the whole of the assembly rising to their feet.

Having requested Dr. Sullivan to come up on the platform, with the other Bishops, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan spoke as follows:

Time has not permitted of my drawing up any written address to you, and the shortness of the time during which some of you probably are desirous of remaining in this city will prevent me making any remarks at great length. I can, however, hardly allow you to separate without personally congratulating you and the Church on the conclusion to which you have so unanimously arrived, and on the generally Christian and kindly feeling which has been manifested throughout all these proceedings. At considerable expense to yourselves, both of time and money, you have met together in this city; and you have now the happiness of knowing that the expense and trouble have not been in vain, and that we may humbly hope that God has so far given us His spirit of wisdom, peace and love as to enable us to separate with thankfulness, and with a more than ever fervent determination to carry on, under God, successfully the great missionary work which has now been entrusted, or will shortly be entrusted, to another distinguished fellow-labourer. He is a person who has not sought this office; he was totally unaware that his name would be put forward. What he undertakes will entail no common difficulty and trial. It will be seen, I think, that after the example of the primitive Church, and according to the

rules and constitution of our own, we have met together as an independent body, and, as I trust, to come to a safe and happy and blessed conclusion. I have only, therefore, to thank you, in the name of the Upper House, for the diligence with which you have attended to this duty, and to offer up our humble prayers to Almighty God that when the Bishop elect is consecrated, he may receive not only our fervent prayers for his success, but the unanimous and hearty support of the whole of the ecclesiastical province of which we are members. (Applause.) It would indeed be a thing disgraceful to us all if, after he has made this sacrifice, and is disposed to leave a congregation to which he is so affectionately attached and which is so affectionately attached to him, we should suffer in any degree the want of means to deter him in carrying on his great and glorious work; and I trust ere long we may be, if God spare our lives, able to welcome him again in this place where he has now been elected, with substantial proof that he labours not in vain for the Lord. (Loud applause.)

The Metropolitan then read the Schedule of Prorogation, and declared the Synod to be prorogued, and the pronouncing of the benediction terminated the proceedings.

Death of William Sahgucheway.

At 2-30 a. m., on Tuesday, May 16th, there died at the Shingwauk Home a young soldier of the Cross—William Sahgucheway. It is not so very often that a young man of 19 or 20 is to be found leading an earnest, christian life, resisting the many temptations of youth, and trying to do a work for God among his companions. Such was the character of the open-faced, kind-hearted, trustworthy, and obliging Indian boy who died on Tuesday. All who knew him loved and respected him. He had not, he could not have had, a single enemy, for he was never heard to speak a harsh or unkind word, neither was he known to do a mean or unkind act during the six or seven years of his residence at the Home. A more blameless, faultless, character it would have been difficult to find, and with it all such a fine athletic fellow—good at running, leaping, skating, rowing,—always ready to take the lead in any exercise which his conscience told him was free from

the taint of evil. Equally good at his books—the double row of prizes on the bookshelves in his room bear sufficient testimony to his success as a student.

Had he lived, he was shortly to have entered a theological college to prepare for the ministry. But God willed it otherwise. The dear boy died. He suffered acutely during the eight days of his illness, but he bore up bravely, the name of his Saviour was constantly on his lips. He seemed to have no choice whether to live or die, but rested himself trustingly on God, his own will yielding to that of his Heavenly Father.

It is we feel only due to his memory that some little account should be given of this Indian boy's career, and we trust that under the influence of God's Holy Spirit it may be a source of blessing to many who read it.

In our next issue we shall commence a short memoir of William Sahgucheway's life.

OUR LATE BISHOP.

On going to press, we are still awaiting the remains of our late dear Bishop and Mrs. Fauquier for interment in the Shingwauk cemetery.

All necessary preparations have been made, a catafalque has been erected on the site of the proposed Memorial Chapel, and thither the bodies will be conveyed immediately on their arrival by Steamboat, and the funeral is to take place the day following. The cemetery is a short distance from the site of the Chapel, and two hearses have been extemporized for the conveyance of the bodies. It is expected that there will be a large gathering of mourning friends from both sides of the river, as the Bishop was universally loved and respected.

THE NEW BISHOP OF ALGOMA.

It is expected that Dr. Sullivan, the Bishop-elect for Algoma, will be consecrated in Montreal on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, and will almost immediately after his consecration proceed to Sault Ste. Marie. The Bishop

will probably spend the greater of the summer months in making visitation through the northern part of his Diocese, namely, Prince Arthur Landing, Lake Neepigon, St. Joseph Island, Garden River, and the Matoulin Island, and proceed to the Koka district late in the Fall.

We believe that he will be cordially welcomed wherever he goes as not only a man of advanced learning and ability, but one who will tread in his Saviour's steps, and deny himself while seeking the welfare of others.

Mr. Wilson's return.

After a visit of two months to the older Canadian Dioceses, the Rev. F. Wilson returned to Sault Ste. Marie on Friday evening, May 5th, by the Steamer "Manitoulin." After shaking hands with some of the elder boys, who had gone to the village to meet him, Mr. Wilson drove to the Shingwauk Home. The building was brilliantly illuminated, presenting a very pretty appearance, and the hearty cheers of the boys, as Mr. Wilson drove up, gave sufficient evidence of the pleasure that all felt at his return.

Owing to our publishing such a full report of the proceedings of the special meeting of the Provincial Synod, we are obliged to let the Account of Children's Story, and other interesting matter lay over until our next issue.

I TRY to make my enmities transient and my friendships eternal.—*Cicero.*

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