

## SYNOD AND CONFERENCE OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

It must be a source of sincere thankfulness to every earnest Churchman to know that at last a definite move has been made in the direction of an annual Diocesan Conference, and that this year the annual gathering of the clergy and lay delegates will not be confined to dry matters of business, important as these may be. According to the programme which has been issued, members of the Synod will be expected to arrive in Winnipeg on Tuesday, May 4th, so as to be in readiness for the opening of the Synod on Wednesday. Instead of there being only the customary opening service and address, which may be said to have been the whole of the spiritual part of former Synods, one whole day will this year be given up as a Quiet Day. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. John's Cathedral at 8 a. m., when an address to the clergy will be given by the Rev. McAdam Harding, Rector of St. Matthew's, Brandon. At 10 o'clock a. m. there will again be service in the Cathedral, when the Rev. C. C. Owen will address the clergy and lay delegates. The usual Synod service will be held in Holy Trinity church at 8 p. m., when His Grace the Archbishop will deliver an address. The programme for the other days will be as follows:—

### Thursday, May 6th.

Holy Communion in Holy Trinity church at 9:30; after which the Synod will meet for business.

Missionary meeting in Holy Trinity school house at 8 p. m. Speakers, His Grace the Archbishop, Rev. Canon Matheson, Rural Dean Cowley, and Rev. Geo. Gill.

### Friday, May 7th.

Synod business, forenoon and afternoon. Evening, at 8 o'clock, conversazione at St. John's College, under the auspices of the "Old Boys' Association."

### Saturday, May 8th.

Sunday School Convention. Morning—Address of welcome. Reports, and paper on "Training of Sunday School Teachers," read and discussed. Rev. S. MacMorine. Afternoon—Paper, "Our Elder Scholars, How to Keep Them," read and discussed. Rev. C. C. Owen. Paper—"Prizes and Entertainments," read and discussed.

Evening—Election of officers. Paper, "How Best to Promote Country Sunday Schools," Rev. H. W. Baldock.

### Sunday Afternoon at 3:30.

A combined service in Holy Trinity church for the Church of England Sunday schools of the city.

Addresses by Rev. E. L. King and Rev. J. A. Richardson.

### Monday, May 10th.

Church of England Temperance Society. Afternoon, 2:30—Holy Trinity school house. President's Address. Paper, "History and Work of the C. E. T. S.," Rev. W. T. Mitton, M. A.; Paper, "Systematic Prosecution of Temperance Work in our Parishes," Rev. J. A. Richardson, M.A. Paper, "Bible Wines," Rev. J. J. Roy, B. A.

Evening—"Place of Temperance in Church Work," Rev. A. Silva White. "Prohibition," W. R. Mulock, Esq. "Temperance Work Among the Young," Rev. F. V. Baker, B. A.

### Tuesday, May 11th.

Woman's Auxiliary—Service and Holy Communion at 11 a. m. in Holy Trinity church. Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon Phair. Annual meeting of the society at 2:30 p. m. in Holy Trinity school house.

Evening—"How Best to Utilize Lay Help in Our Country Missions." Selected speakers, Rural Deans Hill and Gill, followed by general discussion.

The Church's work amongst the poor. Selected speaker, E. H. Taylor.

### Wednesday, May 12th.

Young People's Work. Forenoon—Paper, "How Best to Promote the Interests of Young People's Work," Rev. J. J. Roy, B. A.. Open conferences on the above subject. Afternoon—W. A. Junior branches, 4:30. Evening—Mass meeting of Young People's Associations. Addresses—The Opportunities for Young People, (a) In the Parish, (b) In the Mission Field. Speakers—F. J. Nixon.

Addresses—"The Spiritual Life of the Young People," Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, D. D.

From the programme just given our readers will see at once the store of mental pabulum that awaits them at the next Diocesan Synod of Rupert's Land. Every member of the reception and other committees has worked nobly so as to make the Synod and Conference a decided success. We earnestly hope and trust that the attendance will be excellent at every session and settle beyond doubt how wise was the originating of this scheme.

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## THE REPLY OF THE ARCHBISHOPS TO THE POPE'S LETTER ON ANGLICAN ORDERS.

It is generally recognized, by all fairminded Christian people, that the Church of Rome possesses a great deal of which her members may justly be proud.

In pre-Christian days, the "Eternal City" was the centre of light, and leading, and power, for the far-reaching Empire of the West; and, it was a "foregone conclusion" that a branch of the Church planted in the Capital of the Caesars, should have a very decided advantage from local environment.

It was also to be expected that the Church of Rome would have a certain prestige and pre-eminence, from the fact that her foundation was laid by Apostles; or, at all events, if not laid by them, that they had a good deal to do with the very early days of her history.

As a matter of fact, the other branches of the Church of Christ did, for several centuries, give the first place both to the Church, and to the Bishop, of Rome; but, the primacy accorded to the latter was that of being *primus inter pares*.

So long as this well-defined position satisfied Rome, so long did she prove herself a practically invincible champion