

SECOND DAY—JUNE 1ST.

There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. Morning Prayer was read at 9 a.m. Immediately thereafter the council re-assembled in the church hall. Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and confirmed, when Mr. G. S. Wilgress presented and read his report as Diocesan Insurance Officer.

Reports of the Rural Deaneries of Parry Sound and Manitoulin Island having been read by their respective rural deans, the report of the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS came up for adoption. An hour's debate preceded its almost unanimous adoption.

At 12.15 p.m. the council adjourned for dinner, re-assembling at two o'clock, when the Bishop read a letter from Bishop Sullivan, expressive of the latter's continued interest in and best wishes for the future of the diocese.

The rural-deanery reports read in the morning were duly adopted, followed by two motions referring to the insuring of Church property—the first accepted the report of the insurance officer and urged the sending of all policies to him for safe custody, the second made it the duty of clergymen to see that all Church property is properly insured.

By a standing vote the council accepted a resolution expressing its sympathy with Bishop Sullivan and his family in the bereavement and sickness through which they not long since passed.

An interesting discussion arose on Rev. Mr. Cobb's motion to accept and try to regulate "gifts in kind" as part payment of clergymen's stipend from local sources. The sense of the council seemed set strongly against any action that recognized the custom of "trade"—a custom generally thought to be pernicious and to be opposed whenever possible, and that not more in the interests of the clergyman of a mission than in those of the community at large. The debate was not without humour. The Archdeacon related an incident in which he was paid by one person a year's contribution to stipend in cucumbers and pumpkins, while a gentleman from the West suggested the possibility of being "paid in paregoric." The council declined to adopt the motion.

Next in order came a motion respecting marriages in houses instead of in churches, asking that a uniform practice be established. It was not sought to forbid the marrying of persons in houses situate a considerable distance from churches, but rather to enjoin marriage in church when the parties were within reasonable reach of the same. The Bishop read the regulations issued by his predecessor, and which ordered that baptisms and marriages should take place in church whenever possible. The motion carried. Then another motion, somewhat in the shape of a rider, was submitted and carried, which respectfully asked the Bishop not only to re-issue instructions to the

clergy, but also to issue a circular letter on the subject to the Church people of the diocese.

At this stage of the proceedings the ladies who compose the newly organized Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary entered the hall, with other ladies of the parish, and were warmly welcomed by the Bishop, the members of the council standing while the Bishop spoke.

Rev. Mr. Smitheman's resolution to encourage the clergy of the diocese to cultivate closer relations with the teachers and scholars of the public schools elicited general approval. The speeches of the members exhibited a lively interest in the education of the children of the province, and manifested a determination to strive for definite religious training in our public schools. To meet the spirit shown the mover obtained permission to amend his motion, adding words that re-appointed the Committee on Religious Education in Schools, and charged it to unite with efforts made in other dioceses that tend to advance the cause advocated. So amended the resolution was adopted.

A motion asking the appointment of a committee on the best means to promote meetings of clergy for devotion and counsel, and another motion making elections the first order of business in the morning, concluded the business of the session, which lasted until half-past six.

The Bishop pronounced the Benediction, and the council adjourned.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Before 8 o'clock the seating of the hall was re-arranged, tables removed, etc., in order that all might be in readiness for the diocesan missionary meeting, always a feature of our Triennial Councils. When the Bishop took the chair there was not as good an attendance as was hoped for. It is not meant to imply that the turn-out was a poor one, but that it was not good. Nor is it supposed that the people of North Bay lack, more than others, an interest in missionary effort. But the evening was delightfully fine, while the hall was somewhat close. Besides it transpired that some people were drawn away to witness a marriage in the church hard by. After the singing of a hymn and prayer the Bishop made a short introductory address, afterwards calling upon the speakers who were "billed" to deliver addresses. No attempt will be made in these columns to report the speeches, though we do not hesitate to say that though delivered in what may be called a "backwoods" diocese by our own clergy they would have attracted attention and evoked interest from any platform. Rev. James Hickland gave a characteristic address descriptive of his experiences in Temiscamingue and of his knowledge of the missionary spirit in Ireland. His vivid descriptions, his just sufficient brogue, his very apparent earnestness, appealed to all his hearers. When he asked why there was no Algoma Association in Ire-

land, and then urged the establishment of such in the Isle of the Saints, he was loudly applauded. The second speaker, Rev. J. W. Thursby, of Port Arthur, the Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, an Englishman who three years since came to us from the Diocese of London, was attentively listened to while he urged that the evangelization of the world was an obligation laid on the shoulders of every Christian, who could do much to that end by squaring conduct with profession. Rev. C. J. Machin, Rural Dean of Muskoka, was the last speaker. Mr. Machin is known well on both sides of the water that divides Britain from Canada. In many a pulpit and on many a floor last winter, as on previous occasions, he has urged the just claims of the S.P.G. upon the English public, taking advantage, meantime, of any opportunity he fairly could of meeting our friends in the kingdom. Full of life and interesting incident his speech reminded us, among other things, of the necessity and duty of doing all we can for ourselves. The speeches were interspersed with hymns. A collection was taken up and the meeting closed with Benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—JUNE 2ND.

The first service of the day was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. After Matins said in St. John's Church, the members of the council, with but a very few absentees, met again in the church hall. The Bishop took the chair at 10 o'clock and read prayers.

The minutes of the previous day's work were read and confirmed, followed by the giving of two notices of motion. The report of the Rural Dean of Nipissing was read and the report of a Committee on Thanks presented.

Then came the business of the morning—elections. The Bishop, from time to time, appointed the necessary scrutineers. The results of the ballots are as follows:

General Synod.

Delegates.—Clerical—Ven. Archdeacon Llywd and Rev. J. Boydell. Lay—Messrs. J. Purvis and G. S. Wilgress.

Substitutes.—Clerical—Revs. Rural Dean Machin and Renison. Lay—Messrs. H. Plummer and A. S. Smith.

Provincial Synod.

Delegates.—Clerical—Ven. Archdeacon Llywd, Revs. C. J. Machin and J. Boydell. Lay—Messrs. G. S. Wilgress, A. S. Smith and J. B. Aulph.

Substitutes.—Clerical—Revs. R. Renison, A. W. H. Chowne and C. Piercy. Lay—Messrs. J. Purvis, F. H. Keefer and W. J. Thompson.

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Editor.—Rev. C. Piercy, re-elected by motion.

Rural Deans.

Nomination for Muskoka.—Rev. C. J. Machin. Nomination for Parry Sound.