

Maithus' system. He was followed by Mr. J. D. Thomson, who in most earnest language spoke of the absolute necessity for some means whereby the Church might reach the poor with her healing touch, and pleaded warmly for Church sisterhoods and schools and similar methods, of which the need was pressing. The Rev. R. W. Rayson read a short paper, urging that the Church as Christ's Body was the natural successor on earth of Christ Himself, bound to carry on the work which He inaugurated of healing the sick, reforming social life, caring for men's bodies as well as their souls, and yet refusing, as Christ did, to assume the position and responsibility of judgment, which had not been committed to her. Mr. Alfred Perry, who said that he was an ignorant working man without knowledge of the first rules of grammar, followed with a very impressive address, impressive because it evidenced considerable reading and thought. He was one of the signatories of the Working Men's Memorial, of which a word must now be said.

The memorial was brought before the synod by "a meeting composed chiefly of working men and known as the working men's meeting," and set forth 1st. That the fact of a man's birth carried with it the right to live and to the free use of the common gifts of the Creator for the purpose of maintaining life. 2nd. That since the land is the only source whence life can be maintained, it follows that the monopoly of land is as unjustifiable as a monopoly of air or water would be. 3rd. That if the present system of land ownership be continued, the whole surface of the globe must in time be monopolized to the exclusion of vast multitudes. 4th. That practically this exclusion already exists. The memorial went on to hint at one or two Scriptural grounds for the position taken, but "would not presume" to do more than refer to them in approaching a body like the synod. It appealed for a declaration of the principles of land tenure, and recognized that the Church's action must be confined to such enunciation of principles, "which if true must in time be accepted by those legislative bodies whose duty it is to carry out the duty which the Church enunciates."

We will now leave the conference, to which nothing new was added by succeeding speakers, except a strong plea for Christian education in our day schools, and follow "this remarkable document." It was referred to a committee consisting of the Very Rev. the Dean of Ontario, the Revs. J. J. Bogert, G. J. Lowe, W. J. Muckleston, R. W. Rayson, and Messrs. J. B. Walkem, John Bancroft, Dr. Ruttan, and His Honor Judge Macdonald. Time would not permit of its full discussion, and as it was held to be of great importance and no hurried action should be taken, the following interim report was made and afterwards unanimously adopted by the synod: "That the committee has met and organized, and has considered, in so far as the time at its disposal has permitted, the memorial sent in upon behalf of a meeting composed chiefly of working men, assembling in Kingston, and known as the working men's meeting; that it has been deeply impressed with the importance of the subjects dealt with, as well as with the prudent and reasonable manner in which the views of the memorialists have been put forward; that the Church's duty as to some if not all of the subjects is clear and undeniable, although it is a question how far this synod may have power to declare in regard to them; that it is desirable that not only the members of the synod, but the Church people of the diocese as a whole, should be afforded an opportunity of considering the whole question, and that for the purpose of enabling this to be done it is desirable that the memorial should be published in the Journal of Synod, and that this committee should be given further time to consider the matters set forth in this memorial and kindred subjects, and to report as soon as possible." A copy of this report was ordered to be sent to the memorialists.

It is surely a sign of the times that a memorial of this kind should have been forwarded to such a body instead of to an M.P., and while full of hope for the future of the Church among the working classes, it is not without an element of danger lest she should either pronounce against any alteration of the *status quo* from a mistaken conservatism, or simply bid for the support of the memorialists by saying aye to all their demands. We trust the committee will avoid both Scylla and Charybdis, and bring in such a report as will be evidently neither self-seeking, cowardly nor temporizing.

TORONTO.

COLLINGWOOD, Sunday, 24th June.—*St. John the Baptist's Day*.—Owing to the rector's absence at the synod, the Rev. G. M. Wrong of Wycliffe College took the services at All Saints' Church, being assisted by Mr. W. A. Hamilton. Professor Wrong, who preached two excellent sermons to a most appreciative congregation, is spending his summer holidays here.

NIAGARA.

NORVAL.—The annual Sunday school picnic in connection with St. Paul's Church, was held on Saturday afternoon, 23rd inst., on Mr. Glendinning's flats near the village. Running and other races (not to mention the usual bountiful repast) interested the children. Fair weather, commodious grounds and well planned arrangements combined to make all have a delightful time.

ROTHSAY & DRAYTON.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese was welcomed by a large congregation at Rothsay on the afternoon of the 18th inst.; fourteen persons were confirmed. Before presenting the candidates the incumbent briefly catechized them on the rite of confirmation. During his eloquent addresses the Bishop congratulated the members of the congregation on their new church. His Lordship standing, with his beautiful pastoral staff held in his left hand, administered the holy rite impressively and touchingly, conducting in an apostolic manner a truly apostolic rite.

HURON.

GALT.—St. John the Baptist's Day, being one of the two principal festivals in the Masonic Calendar, and also the installation day of Alma Lodge, was celebrated on 24th June by the Freemasons of Galt, and by several of the brethren from neighbouring places. They assembled in full regalia in their lodge rooms, and then marched to Trinity Church, where a most admirable sermon on the principles of the Order, and the duties of the members, was preached by the Rev. J. H. Fairlie, rector of Clinton, and ex-grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge in Canada. The collection, amounting to \$20.25, was handed over to the hospital.

LONDON, June 19.—The synod of the diocese of Huron met in thirty-seventh annual session this afternoon. On the roll call a large number of clergy answered to their names; the attendance of lay delegates was much below the average, owing to the Ontario Elections.

Rev. Canon Richardson was re-elected clerical secretary, and Mr. John Ransford was elected lay secretary.

Messrs. George F. Jewell and C. F. Complin were re-elected auditors on the same terms as last year.

The Bishop's Charge.—Acknowledging the goodness of God in sparing and blessing them the past year, His Lordship referred most warmly to the departed clergy since the last meeting.

The Anglican Church confederation was announced as an accomplished fact, and the whole Canadian Church, from the Arctic Sea to the United States boundary, and from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Coast, was practically one united whole. The diversified surroundings of this Church would require more than human wisdom to direct and govern, but the providence of God would guide His servants in all things.

A uniform scheme of legislation and canonical law may now be established, by which the working of all the diocese may be harmonized, the transfer of clergy from one diocese to another without pecuniary sacrifice on his part may be facilitated. The unification of the mission work of the Church, the re-adjustment of the Board of Missions to meet the great occasion, was one of the immediate problems of the new union. The Canadian Church had laid a grand foundation for mission work, and he hoped that those who came after would build a fair and fitting edifice on that foundation. His Lordship then spoke earnestly of the finances and needs of the Church. He pointed out that it was not money that was needed in the Church of this diocese so much as the spirit of grace and self denial by which the possessions of the people would be consecrated to God.

The finances of the diocese were dwelt upon at some length, also the large deficiency in the maintenance and mission funds. "I am a firm believer in that extremely ancient, scriptural and most righteous principle by which some are led to consecrate one-tenth of their income to the service of God and works of benevolence and charity. The laity are urged to undertake more earnestly the support of their own clergy, as one of the various causes that help to break down the mission fund is the unending cry for reduced assessments. It was impossible to go on as in the past, and the laity of all the parishes are urged to increase their efforts." His Lordship spoke of the Women's Auxiliary in his usual enthusiastic manner when referring to that society. In concluding he referred to the numerous churches recently built in the diocese, and included the improvements to St. Paul's. The confirmations numbered 2,700 last year.

Evening Session.—The Bishop read a telegram from Toronto, as follows:—"The Bishop and synod of Toronto extend to the Bishop and synod of Huron most cordial greetings."

(Signed)

J. W. PATTERSON,
GEORGE HODGINS.

Applause greeted the message. A committee was appointed to draft a reply.

The report of the Executive Committee was then taken up and passed clause by clause—it was a full and careful exhibit of the state of all the diocesan funds, and in the main considered satisfactory.

At morning session of 20th inst., the report of the committee appointed by synod to confer, at the request of the council of Huron College, with that body, as to synod and Churchmen generally taking an interest in and supporting that institution, was considered. It was proposed by this committee to the council, that the synod must be represented on the board; this it appeared could not be effected without a change in the constitution, which could only be done with the consent of the Rev. Mr. Peach of England, who had originally granted to it an endowment of \$25,000. The general feeling of the synod was that this college could hardly look for diocesan support while its franchise was controlled by one person in England. After a lengthy discussion it was left with the council to confer with Mr. Peach on the question.

Afternoon Session.—Very Rev. Dean Innes presented the report of the Committee on the Extension of the Episcopate, which was not in favour of dividing Huron diocese alone, but favoured the reduction of the size of the diocese, and to that end favours the co-operation of adjoining dioceses. The report was adopted without discussion, and a copy ordered to be sent to the synod of Toronto and Niagara.

Rev. Alfred Brown presented the report of the Committee on the Mission Fund debt. The proposed amendments to Canon 28 were explained, and the saving estimated under the different clauses pointed out. At present there were 90 clergymen securing aid from Mission Fund out of a total of about 150. Rev. Mr. Brown also spoke of the object of the Canon, rendering imperative on the synod to place responsibility upon the parishes and the clergymen for a portion if not the whole of their own stipend. After a full and detailed account of amounts required, as also the amount that might be saved through the reducing the amount and maximum grant to any station to \$300—as also the saving in adding two years to the rating of the clergy, the deficiency in these funds might soon be covered—this, with the proposal to assess every member of the Church at the rate of 20 cents per head, led to an endless discussion occupying nearly a day and a half, with a number of amendments, but was finally carried, making the rate to be assessed as \$1 for each family instead of the per capita of 20 cents.

Thursday Morning.—When the synod re-assembled at 10 o'clock this morning, Rev. Mr. Williams, M.A., of Stratford, introduced a resolution containing a congratulatory address to the Bishop on to-day, the 58th anniversary of his birthday.

The reading of the address was warmly applauded, and it was adopted by the synod, and gracefully acknowledged in a few well-chosen words by his Lordship.

Rev. Canon Hill, for the committee appointed to draft a memorial to Her Majesty the Queen, reported the following:—

"We, the Bishop, the clerical and lay members of the Diocese of Huron in Synod assembled, desire on this 57th anniversary of your accession to convey to your Majesty our congratulations on your long, glorious and prosperous reign, to give expression of our devoted loyalty to your most gracious person, and to the mighty empire of which we trust Canada will always remain a portion, and humbly pray that our Heavenly Father may grant to your Majesty to sit on the Throne of the British Empire for many more healthful, peaceful and happy years."

The following was also passed by the Synod: Rev. David Williams, by request, moved the resolution, given notice of by Rev. G. M. Franklin, in a slightly altered form, as follows:—

"To the Most Reverend the Archbishop of Canterbury.—This synod desires to extend to your Grace its sympathy with the Church of England in Wales in its present trying circumstances, and trusts that in the providence of God the attempt to deprive the Church of her lawful, just and ancient heritage now made in the principality, may be successfully resisted; and that His Lordship the Bishop be asked to forward this resolution to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury."

Rev. Principal Miller suggested that the resolution be enlarged to express the sympathy of the synod with the whole Church in its opposition to the forces making for disestablishment.

Mr. Dymond moved an amendment, seconded by Rev. Jeffrey Hill, that in the absence of information about the Church in Wales, and in view of the benefits experienced here by the Church by emancipation, it is inexpedient for the synod to express any opinion. Lost.

The original motion was carried by a large majority amidst applause.

The result of the election for clerical and lay members for the Executive Committee, as also the delegates of both orders to the Provincial Synod,

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