

Our Anglican people are neutral in the struggles against the militant forms of evil, that are about them. If we are true members of the Church militant and true soldiers of Christ, we cannot be neutral. Materialism, secularism, and indifference are forces in the world to-day. They must be met by another force, and there is only one force that can successfully meet them and that is spiritual force. And this spiritual force must be in the individual worker, and it can only be in us as the result of the daily drawing from the deep wells of communion with Christ. Do we enquire how we may thus do the best work for God? Surely the answer is that we shall first be possessed with great truths in our own souls, and then let these link our lives with great actions for God. Nothing then will seem either too great or too small to do for Him who did all for us. Look at our Great Example and see what was the motive of all His self-sacrifice. It was as I have said, the linking of great truths, which possessed Him, with work for Him that sent Him. One loves to think of just one instance of this. "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that he had come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel and girded Himself." Then He proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. There was there the linking of great truth with the humblest duties. May it be so in our Church life. It is all times and in all places certain that the Christian life is the truest and most cogent apology for the Christian faith. This, after all, is the Bible which all men read and of whose inspiration no man can doubt. If the Church in our different parishes were a society of men and women who are not only faithful to the traditions of their own community, but who are also foremost in all common effort for the enriching and uplifting of human life, then surely good men everywhere would not be repelled by its narrowness, but attracted by its sympathy. Then we should have some chance of proving in fact what we believe in theory, that the Church is the Divinely appointed organ through which, not exclusively, but most directly, the Spirit of God purifies, redeems and consecrates humanity. May God bless this our meeting, and make it fruitful in wise deliberation, and in quickened activities for God and His Church. Before closing it is my painful duty to refer to the sad event which has taken place within the past few days. I refer to the passing away of that veteran Missionary, Dr. Bompas, lately Bishop of Selkirk. After a long life of singular devotion to the Indians of the far north and a life of great isolation in the wilds of that lone land, God has called him peacefully away to his rest and reward, "for so He giveth His beloved sleep." Full of years and honour he has been gathered to his fathers. His body rests amid the simple surroundings of the humble sphere of his life's work, but his name will be forever written high in the muster roll of God's great Missionary heroes. Let us rise to-day as a Synod and pay our tribute of respect to his memory, and while with bowed heads we attest our submission to the great Head of the Church in taking our brother from us, let us lift up our hearts in adoring thankfulness to God for lending to us so long a life so great, so devoted, so humble and so unselfish. To Mrs. Bompas, who with her frail body but dauntless spirit has so long shared so nobly in all the trials and isolations of her late husband's life, let us give, in this her keenest isolation, our heartfelt sympathy.

At the conclusion of the Archbishop's address it was moved by the Very Rev. Dean Coombes and seconded by Dr. Speechley that the Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery be re-elected Clerical Secretary of Synod. Carried. On motion of the Hon. J. H. Agnew, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Mr. J. B. Curran, of Neepawa, was elected Lay Secretary to the Synod. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Garton, seconded by Hon. T. M. Daly, the Rev. H. T. Lesley was re-elected Assistant Secretary. On motion of Rural Dean Cowley, seconded by Col. Anstruther, Mr. W. P. Sweatman was re-elected Treasurer. On motion the minutes of last Synod, as printed, were adopted. The remainder of the morning session was taken up with the reading of the various reports of the Rural Deans of the diocese and the annual report of the Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery, General Missionary and Clerical Secretary to Synod. In part the Secretary said:—"I have stood ready to do and have done a considerable amount of work which may be called Archidiaconal. Under this head I may instance the erection of Sioux Mission house, the right of way question at Springfield, correspondence with clergy desiring work in the diocese, the settlement of differences likely to endanger the peace and prosperity of parishes, etc. As General Missionary, I have spent thirty-seven days canvassing for stipends, have held forty-nine meetings, have appealed for H. M. F. twenty-six times, for M. S. C. C. four times, have secured in subscriptions to stipends, \$8,108, and in response to appeals, in nearly every case received more than the amount asked for. During the year I travelled 12,958 miles by rail, and drove 2,051 miles, delivered forty-one addresses, preached 113 sermons, celebrated Holy Communion twenty-three times, and have written 1,076 letters and postcards. The Honorary Treasurer's report shows M. S. C. C. apportionment met in full and raised for H. M. F. the largest amount collected in any one year in the history of the diocese. Increases have been made in the stipends of thirteen of the Missionary clergy, bringing up the stipends to \$800 at least. Reductions have been made in grants amounting to \$565, besides which three Missions have become rectories, thereby relinquishing grants amounting to \$600." The house adjourned at 1 o'clock until 2.30 p.m.

On resuming after lunch, on motion by the Rev. Mr.

Jeffery, seconded by Rural Dean Cowley, His Grace was requested to appoint the following committees:—On credentials, St. John's College, Sunday Schools, religious teaching statistics and offertories, parochial Missions and advisory committee to the General Mission. Moved by the Rev. W. J. Garton, seconded by the Rev. W. A. Burman, that the synopsis of business transacted during the past year, as printed, be adopted. Carried. The following scrutineers were appointed by His Grace for the balloting:—Executive Committee, Sheriff Inkster (Winnipeg), Dr. Harcourt (Brandon), the Rev. S. Fea, and Rev. Ryall; Provincial Synod, Dr. Speechley (Pilot Mound), Rev. Geo. Horrobin, Rev. W. G. MacMorine; General Synod, Col. Anstruther, W. S. Beecher, Rev. T. S. Vallalley, Rev. H. O. N. Belford. The ballots, after being given out and marked, were collected, and business proceeded with, while the count was made. The report of the Honorary Treasurer Mr. W. P. Sweatman, which was presented by that gentleman, was eminently satisfactory. The diocese has contributed the sum of \$7,049.42 to the Home Mission Fund, which, although it was below expectations, is still \$558.82 in excess of that contributed last year. The Missionary Society of the Church in Canada has contributed \$7,000 to the Home Missions of the diocese, which is \$1,905 less than last year. On the other hand the diocese has contributed to the Society \$3,034.19, which is \$132.44 over last year's contribution. The grants of English societies for the year aggregated \$11,436.98. On its own Missionary work the diocese has during the year expended \$24,472.38 as compared with \$22,558.33 last year. The investments of the Finance and Property Committee showed a grand total of \$133,048 in money and lands. Mr. Sweatman moved the adoption of the report, which motion was, after a short discussion, unanimously carried.

The report on St. John's College was presented by the Rev. W. J. Garton. In this he said:—"We are living in a state of transition, the North-West has become new again. Immigrants are pouring in by thousands, and as a Church we are taxed far beyond our very limited capacity; we can only do what we are able. Therefore, in presenting the result of my canvass, I would ask the Synod to keep this in view. We are not poverty stricken, but we are hard pressed, with everything to provide, such as homes for our families, church buildings, parsonages, stipends for the clergy, and the little et ceteras of life, we may well be pardoned, if we look to our brethren, who have sent their poor to us, to help us in our work, to help in providing the means of grace, which I sincerely trust we all value so highly. In the following statement, and it is only a small portion of what we are doing, an answer is given to our friends, the critics, who think we are not trying to do our part. We are trying, and, as one who has gone in and out amongst our clergy and people, I unhesitatingly say, they, at least, are nobly, right nobly doing their part. In laying before you this report, I cannot say that all have subscribed. Some have been unable, while others have been utterly oblivious to any responsibility. In conclusion, I would appeal to every member of this Synod and through them to all our parishes. Brother Synodmen, let us make this building of a college a common task, your work as much as mine. The new college, I am convinced, will make our Church more efficient both in educating men for the ministry and preparing others for making our country the best in the world. The past of our college has been good, let us make the future better. The opportunity is tremendous for Church and college. Let us all help. Enthused with a Holy desire, strangers to doubt and ignorant of the idea of failure—we must succeed. And now, dear brethren, it is my pleasing duty to thank all who have helped me in my work. The clergy and their wives have indeed been fellow helpers in the Lord. The laity have not been behind. I thank them one and all. May we go on to the end. May the foundation stone soon be laid, and then looking forward and reaching the day when the headstone of our college shall be placed in position "with shoutings, crying, grace, grace unto it." Our effort, I trust, is thoroughly understood, as well as our method. Our need is very pressing, more pressing than perhaps some really recognize. We must have a new college; it is an urgent necessity, and we cannot get it too soon. Calls for greater usefulness are heard on every hand. Then we must not forget that it is to be a memorial to our late beloved Archbishop. Fifty-five parishes have been partially or wholly canvassed, including three in the Diocese of Keewatin. The Rev. C. Williams, of Moosomin, canvassed the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The following is the result up to date:—Subscriptions from the Rupert's Land diocese, \$18,311.60; Keewatin Diocese, \$1,527; Qu'Appelle Diocese, \$803.15. Total, \$20,641.75. Amount reported at last Synod, \$29,480, making a total to date of \$50,121.75. Of this amount \$17,631.28 has already been received. After discussion the report was adopted. The report of the scrutineers was then laid on the table, showing that the following delegates had been elected to the Provincial and General Synods respectively, viz.:—Provincial Synod, clergy, Rural Dean de Pencier, Canon Coombes, Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. S. G. Chambers, Rural Dean MacMorine, Rural Dean Cowley, Rev. W. A. Burman. Substitutes, Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery, Rural Dean Anderson, Rural Dean Gill, Canon Murray; laity, Hon. T. M. Daly, Hon. J. H. Agnew, Sheriff Inkster, G. R. Coldwell, E. L. Drewry, Col. Anstruther. Substitutes, J. P. Curran, James Machray, James Argue, M.P.P., W. P. Sweatman. General Synod, clergy, Rev. Dean Coombes, Archdeacon Fortin, Rural Dean de Pencier, Rev. S. G. Chambers, Rev. C. N. F. Jeffery. Substitutes, Rural

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The following notices of motion were given:—Moved by the Rev. E. C. R. Pritchard, seconded by the Rev. W. A. Fyles: "That this Synod record its conviction that a Mission during the coming advent season, for the deepening of the spiritual life is desirable, and that His Grace the Archbishop be respectfully requested to issue a circular covering the nature and advantage of such a movement, urging the clergy and lay helpers to arrange, if possible, for the Mission in their respective parishes. By Archdeacon Fortin, seconded by Dean Cowley—"Resolved, that this Synod has heard with satisfaction of the progress which the Hymnal Committee has already made, and pledges itself to loyally support the movement from which so much benefit to the Church is anticipated, and that a committee of this Synod be appointed to assist the committee in the work of publication, the committee to consist of Rural Dean Cowley, Rev. S. G. Chambers, and mover of motion."

Moved by Rev. J. W. Matheson, seconded by Rev. J. Garton—"That this Synod hereby empowers the Executive Committee to appoint and pay the stipend of one or two clergymen in priestly orders to minister to the scattered families in new districts where the Church population does not warrant the appointment of resident clergymen in them." By Rev. F. W. Goodeve—"That the Executive Committee be requested to report on the subject referred to at the last session of Synod, with regard to the organization of the Synod Office." It being now 6 o'clock the Synod adjourned until the following morning.

Thursday, June 28th.—Holy Communion was celebrated at 9.30 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, and half-an-hour later the Synod met in the schoolhouse and resumed its business. The report of the scrutineers for the election of members of the Executive Committee was received. The following were reported elected, clergy:—Rural Dean MacMorine, Rural Dean de Pencier, Rural Dean Cowley, Rural Dean Gill, Canon Murray, Rev. S. G. Chambers, Rev. W. A. Burman, Rev. W. J. Garton. Laity: Hon. T. M. Daly, Hon. J. H. Agnew, Col. Anstruther, G. R. Coldwell, Sheriff Inkster, J. A. Machray, E. L. Drewry, G. F. Caruthers, Dr. Jones, James Argue, M.P.P. On motion of Mr. Sweatman, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was decided by 70 votes to 24 (being a majority of one of the number necessary to re-open a matter already decided by the Synod) to reconsider the appointments of secretary, treasurer and assistant secretary, which were the day previous confirmed for the year, and meanwhile make them temporary appointments pending the report of Executive on the subject. The General Secretary took on himself the blame of not presenting the report of the Executive Committee, as no recommendation was made to make any change and asked pardon for the oversight. The Executive Committee reported that they appointed a sub-committee which reported that it would appear there was considerable discussion in the diocese, because the duties of Secretary conflicted with other work. The only reason for the change was by the appointment of a secretary-treasurer who would be a competent accountant and devote the whole of his time to the duties of secretary-treasurer. After consideration of the Sub-Committee's report the Executive decided to defer the consideration of the subject. The Rev. F. W. Goodeve moved, seconded by Rev. M. L. Thompson, the following: "That in the opinion of this Synod the offices and duties of secretary, treasurer, and accountant be combined in one individual, who shall be secretary-treasurer, who should devote his whole time to the work, and that the Synod direct the Executive Committee to effect the same as soon as possible." A lengthy discussion followed in which it was pointed out by various delegates, lay and clergy, that radical changes in the Canons of the Church would be necessary. Finally Mr. Coldwell moved an amendment seconded by Mr. Machray that the matter of re-organization of Synod Office, be referred back to the Executive, with instructions to report to the Synod at its next meeting, and suggest what amendments to the Canons should be made if any were deemed necessary. The Archbishop said there was no desire on the part of the Executive Committee to shelving the matter at all. As had been said, so many

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