

alike have a sincere and deep regard for their Bishop. But it must be admitted that there was a cloud upon the face of things. The Bishop's stipend in arrears, the Mission Fund in difficulties, and the widows unpaid—these are serious deficits in the accounts of a diocese. And what could the Bishop do? It is not quite easy for his critics to tell him. And certainly, if the particular thing was to be done which the Bishop did, it could hardly be done with more simplicity and dignity. There was no brawling—not much in the way of complaint, but simply a quiet stating of facts. Moreover, the action taken by the Bishop was successful. It has been said that Mr. Blake's apology for the diocese was abject; it ought to have been abject. When a body of men are quite able to fulfil their engagements, and deliberately and persistently ignore them, there is little hope of improvement until they become ashamed of their misconduct and say that they are so.

Bankers' Clerks.

Another trouble has arisen from the Bishop saying his Clergy were not like Bankers' Clerks; and, even if we do not think that the comparison was very happily chosen, surely there was no offence intended to the very useful, upright, and educated body of men who were thus described. A moment's reflection will show that what was in the Bishop's mind was in no way offensive or depreciatory. His Lordship was speaking against the periodical removal of the clergy. One chief argument against such a change was found in the feeling of attachment which grew up between a clergyman and his flock. The parish was not a mere thing; it was composed of human beings among whom the clergyman had to work from day to day; and therefore from whom it was not, in ordinary cases, a pleasant thing to be removed. Now, it was a very obvious thought that there were other professions with which that of the clergy might be contrasted—professions in which the tie was comparatively slender which united the official and his clients, and the Banker's Clerk was not at all a bad specimen of the class. A doctor is more closely connected with his patients, a lawyer with his clients. The Banker's Clerk would probably seek a change for one of two reasons—for a higher salary or for more pleasant social surroundings. No doubt there are clergymen who would do the same thing; but they would not like to say so, whereas the Banker's Clerk would say so quite frankly, and would be very much obliged to his managers for giving him such promotion.

The Archdeacon of Peterborough.

Before passing away from these meetings we should make reference to one altogether pleasant episode, which has been mentioned in our report, but which may be here suitably emphasized. We refer to the motion passed to congratulate Archdeacon Allen on his having attained to the jubilee of his ordination, which took place fifty years ago on Trinity Sunday. It was an altogether pleasant incident, in which clergy and laity—Churchmen of every type—cordially took part. It was mentioned that the Archdeacon had practically lived the whole of his ministerial life in the diocese of Toronto, that in

early days he had done pioneer work, that for many years he had been a devoted, energetic and successful parish priest; and that when the Bishop had raised him to the dignity of Archdeacon, his elevation had been regarded by the whole diocese with satisfaction and delight. The resolution—moved by Professor Clark on behalf of the clergy, and seconded by Mr. Blake on behalf of the laity—was carried by a standing vote, and was acknowledged by the Archdeacon with deep feeling and with a gratification with which was mingled a surprise which showed that the salutation had been unexpected.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Third Session, 20th to 23rd June, 1898.

As usual the opening service on Monday evening was a splendid function, much enhanced by the beautiful gifts which now make the sanctuary of Christ Church Cathedral a worthy representation of "The beauty of Holiness," which should be characteristic of the mother Church of a diocese. A fine stool, of rich design, elegant, but chaste, solid and substantial, eucharistic and magnificent, wide-spreading vesper light brasses, and a very fine processional cross, all of them gifts to the Glory of God, added greatly to the effect, as the white-robed procession of the choir, preceded by the crucifer in scarlet cassock, and followed by the lay delegates, priests, rural deans, officers of the synod, dean and chapter of the cathedral, and the bishop, mitred and scarlet-robed, swept up the nave to the strains of hymn 601 A. and M. The sermon, on the teaching of the symbols of the four Gospels, was preached by the Rev. W. H. Styles, rector of March. The well-rendered service, the large and devout congregation, was a fitting opening to the synod of a diocese in which unity of clergy and laity and spiritual and financial prosperity are plainly manifest.

After some routine work on Tuesday morning, the business of the synod commenced with the consideration of the work of popularizing the S.P.C.K. and its publications, and in the afternoon passed on to consider that which was the most important measure of the session, the new canon on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Prepared in a most careful and painstaking manner, the canon passed the fires of discussion on this and the following days, and, with one exception, every clause was adopted practically as it left the committees that had had it in charge. The basis of the canon is compulsory membership, while certainty of provision for the widows and orphans is ensured by means of assessment to make up any deficiency that may arise. Its provisions are broad and liberal, but to make it effective its disciplinary claims were unanimously adopted.

The Bishop's address, thoughtful, earnest and convincing, referred to the prosperous condition of the diocese, the duty the Church owed in the matter of supporting Trinity University, Toronto, the new canon on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the working of the clergy stipend by-law on the Mission

Board, the official work of the last year, 705 confirmed, a goodly number now that confirmations are of annual occurrence, religious education in the schools and other matters of interest. By resolution the address is to be printed in the Mission Board Report.

Tuesday evening was devoted to a family gathering at the Bishop's residence, where His Lordship and Mrs. Hamilton received the members and made them one and all perfectly at home.

Wednesday's session was devoted principally to the W. and O. canon. The offer of the House of Bishops to make Ottawa the Metropolitan See of Canada in perpetuity, on certain conditions, was suitably acknowledged, and a committee was appointed to confer with the House of Bishops at the next meeting of the Provincial Synod. A message, in reply to greetings from the synod of Ontario diocese, included congratulations to the Archbishop of Ontario on the completion of 50 years of priestly service. On Wednesday evening the lay delegates of the City of Ottawa invited the Bishop and clergy and lay delegates to a trip to Aylmer-on-the-Lake, and to dinner at the Victoria Hotel, at which the Lord Bishop presided. The toasts were, "Church and Crown," proposed by the Bishop, and "Our Hosts," proposed by the Dean in a witty speech. Three cheers were given for the Queen, and three for the Bishop. This festivity and a ride home in the cool of the evening, made a pleasant break in the usual routine of synod life, and was highly appreciated, especially by the brethren from places outside of the city. Thursday was the last day, but it was a long one. The sitting began at 9 a.m., and ended after midnight, but Ottawa diocese is nothing if not a thorough-paced working community. Reports of committees all showed increased funds, and general prosperity. The Mission Fund Committee announced the full payment of all missionaries, the establishment of four new missions, at an expenditure of about \$1,000, and showed a surplus of nearly \$1,400. The synod decided to give its 25 missionaries a bonus of \$50 each, leaving a small balance to carry over for next year. The Finance Committee's report was so encouraging that a bonus of \$100 was voted to the clerical secretary's stipend. Congratulations were received from the Huron Synod, which greetings were returned by Ottawa.

REVIEWS.

The Anglican Church in Canada. By Thomas Edward Champion. Toronto: Hunter, Rose Co., 1898.

These excellent papers appeared originally in the Canadian Magazine, and we are very glad to receive them in this collected form. The book will be all the more widely useful that it is brief and condensed, whilst it cannot be said to be inadequate for its purpose. The author says that he has attempted to do no more than refer to the leading incidents connected with the foundation of the Anglican Church in Canada and its progress in the last century. The writer is, naturally and properly for one who handles such a subject, a convinced Anglican; but he has a right to the claim which he puts forth, that he has dealt with the topics of controversy which he had to handle "with fairness and accuracy" and without bitterness. Beginning with early S.P.G. work, he goes on to tell of Dr. Inglis,

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