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**Synod of Ontario**

Business Sessions, May 28-30

**T**HE fifty-second session of the Synod of the diocese of Ontario opened in St. George's Hall, Kingston, Ont., at noon on Tuesday, May 28th, the Rt. Rev. E. J. Bidwell presiding. After the opening proceedings and the re-election of Rev. J. W. Jones as secretary and Mr. R. J. Carson as treasurer, the report of the latter for the past year was presented. The receipts for the year ended December 31st, 1917, showed a gross income of almost 7 per cent. After deducting the assessment fund, general expenses, \$1,600, and adding \$418 to the rest fund, a dividend of 6 per cent., has been paid, leaving a credit balance of \$2,249.98 for the year 1918.

**Sunday School Work.**

After the reading of the Bishop's Charge, which was received with warm commendation by the members of Synod, the Rev. R. A. Hiltz, General Secretary of the S.S. Commission, addressed the Synod and the report of the S.S. committee of the diocese was presented by Canon Bedford-Jones. The report showed that the apportionment, \$436 for 1917, was raised in full, and the total receipts were larger than ever before. The amount required for the work, however, is also growing, especially in view of the need of an additional secretary for field work. The amount asked for from the diocese in 1918 will be \$545. Mr. Hiltz emphasized the importance of work among boys and girls of the teen age, and also the need of teacher training. Bishop Bidwell appealed to the members of Synod to give the question of teaching in the Sunday School their most serious consideration. He said that, as pointed out in his charge, there was a deplorable ignorance of what ought to be known. The Bishop of Fredericton was not by any means an alarmist, but at a recent meeting of Bishops held in Ottawa, he had asked that this matter be impressed on members of Synod. "And it is a matter for the laity as well as the clergy," added the Bishop. "It is often the case that the laity can take over the work and make it a success, where the clergy have no time. I would appeal to you to do all you can to improve the state of affairs, and I know that you will try. We have something to teach, and that is the strength of our Church. We have a thorough system of belief, and we have only to teach. We do want a book of devotion and a board of edu-

cation, and these are coming. I am very thankful that Synod has taken up this important matter so seriously"

**Chaplains' Overseas Fund.**

It was reported that the sum of \$915.91 had been received in response to the appeal for \$805 from this diocese towards the Chaplains' Overseas Fund.

**Mission Funds.**

It was reported that there had been paid to the W. and O. Fund, the Clergy Superannuation Fund and the Diocesan Mission Fund all that was asked for, without spending one cent of the bequest of the late Bishop Mills, and that there was still a balance of \$237.23. In addition, the sum of \$7,250 was paid to the M.S.C.C., a slight increase over last year. The total amount to be aimed at for 1918 has been placed at \$17,600, of which \$7,300 was for the M.S.C.C.

**Synod Service.**

That God's spiritual equipment is adequate to meet all the present-day emergencies and that the responsibility rests on the Church, as the opportunity has been presented to the Church, was the message that Rev. Arthur Carlisle, M.A., Rector of All Saints' Church, Windsor, gave in a forceful sermon at St. George's Cathedral, on Tuesday night, preaching at the annual Synod service, which was quite largely attended by members of Synod and the various congregations. Mr. Carlisle was for some time a Chaplain with the soldiers overseas, and his service with the men at the front impressed him with the need of some things necessary for the Church at home to carry out. In the first place, better teaching was necessary. The speaker had been surprised at the ignorance on the part of men on Christ's teachings, and on the fundamental things in the Christian faith. Knowing this condition of affairs, it was no wonder that religion had not taken hold of many of the men. Could it be that we have taken too much for granted?" asked the speaker. We need to be different in our teaching. These were days of big things, and the men should be made to realize that the work of the Church belonged to them. From his experience at the front, the speaker was convinced that men were thirsty regarding their spiritual needs. There was a danger of the preachers being too practical. They must resolve to be more spiritual in their preaching. God's spiritual equipment was adequate, and the responsibility rested on the Church, as it had been given the opportunity for service.

That the Synod had reason to be pleased with the work carried on during the year along lines of social service, was the encouraging report that Prof. H. Michell, M.A., diocesan secretary of the Council for Social Service, gave to the members, in a 15-minute address to the Synod on Wednesday morning. Prof. Michell distributed to the members copies of the report of the Council for Social Service, and stated that he had nothing much to add to it. He pointed out that there had been considerable activity in Kingston. During the year, the speaker had sent out 30,000 pieces of literature. Over 1,300 replies had been received. The speaker had sent out upwards of 500 letters. "I think we have reason to be proud of what we have accomplished," added the speaker. I am convinced that our propaganda is taking hold. I have received scores of letters from all over Canada, commending our work. We have been working under a great difficulty. We have not yet secured a secretary. At the present moment we have not a secretary, and have not the money to cover his salary." Prof. Michell stated that this last year, double the amount of the previous year had been raised for the work. "We are casting our bread on the waters, and we are meeting with much success," said the speaker at the close of his brief, but very impressive address, and as he sat down, the members of Synod gave a hearty round of applause.

**Missionary Supper.**

The missionary supper held in St. George's Hall on Wednesday night was a special feature. Over 200 people were in attendance, and after the supper had the pleasure of listening to two most inspiring addresses on Mission work. One was given by Rev. W. E. Taylor, M.A., Ph. D., secretary of the Anglican Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the other by Canon Gould, of Toronto. Bishop Bidwell presided and introduced the speakers. Dr. Taylor said that he believed the Anglican Church was on the edge of a real forward movement along missionary lines, and declared that the time had arrived when the men would have to come to the front in this branch of the work of the Church. There were many problems to face, and the meeting of these problems called for proper organization. This work should not be carried on in any haphazard way, but there should be a thorough system. The people of the Church should realize their responsibility, and put forth their best efforts to cope with the situation. Canon Gould told of the many needs along missionary lines, and gave his audience a very interesting account of the noble work which had been accomplished among the Eskimos and the Indians. He pictured the sacrifices which are being made by the missionaries. His appeal was one looking forward to the future, and the responsibilities which would rest on the people of the Church in the days to come. A vote of thanks was tendered to both the speakers, and before the gathering dispersed some resolutions were passed approving of a plan to reorganize the L.M.M. in the diocese, urging the adoption of the duplex envelope system in every parish, together with an every-member canvass, and endorsing the importance of seeing that quarterly payments are made to the Synod office of all collections made for extra-parochial objects.

(To be Continued.)

"God does not ask for success, but for faithfulness. Success is attractive, nothing succeeds like it; but God looks deeper, He marks the effort. He does not ask the same of all, but the best that each can do. There are no words in the Gospel more full of encouragement for us than these, 'She hath done what she could.'"

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