

At 10:30 A. M. divine service was celebrated in the Church of the Ascension. Prayers were said by the Rev. Rural Dean Thomson, M. A.; the lessons were read by the Rev. D. I. F. Macleod, M. A. The ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. Rural Dean McMurray, D. C. L., the Epistle by the Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M. A., the Gospel by the Rev. Henry Holland, B. A. The "Venite" was sung to a double chant of Bennett's; the "Te Deum" was Jackson's. The anthem selected for the occasion was from the 48th Psalm:

"Great is the Lord, and worthy to be praised,"

by Dr. Calcott, as was also the beautiful hymn, "Watch and Pray," the music of which, we believe, was composed by Mr. Ambrose, who presided at the organ, and conducted the musical part of the service.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Provost Whitaker, M. A., of Trinity College, Toronto, who took for his text the 31st verse of the 9th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. After drawing a vivid picture of the Church in the early days, he concluded an eloquent discourse with the following:

"I am strongly persuaded, brethren, that we have cause to be heartily thankful to Almighty God, that in our Colonial Churches the Laity have at length been called to assume their proper duties, and to exercise their proper privileges, and I am assured that my Lay brethren will bear with me when I remind them that these duties and these privileges are not things belonging to this world, but to the sacred kingdom of God. Not as members of civil society, but as members of the body of Christ, can they be enabled to discharge these duties, and exercise these privileges aright. The Church is not to be secularized by their influence, but they are to be sanctified as men called to this service. And now, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, suffer me to commend you, for the great work which lies immediately before you, to the guidance and the grace of God. It is for Him and for His Church that you are about to act. If your work is to be acceptable to Him, and profitable to His Church, it must be done by men 'walking in the fear of God'—by men, at least, not indisposed to receive 'the counsel of the Holy Ghost.' Dare then—for we must all know that we need herein a moral or rather a spiritual courage—a courage not our own, but inspired by the spirit of God—dare, at whatever cost, to invest your conduct, in respect of the solemn work before you, with the sacred dignity of Godly simplicity and sincerity; dare to be true in your communings with your own hearts—true in the prayers which you shall offer for the guidance of Almighty God, so may He, 'by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,' direct your work in mercy, accepting it at the hands of each as a sacrifice of heartfelt duty and service, and blessing it abundantly to the peace and prosperity of His Church."

A collection was taken up at the conclusion of the service. The Lord Bishop then administered the Holy Communion; in the distribution of the elements he was assisted by the Rev. Rural Deans McMurray, Geddes, and F. L. Osler and Rev. H. Holland; after which he pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned, to meet in the afternoon.

At 2 o'clock the Synod re-assembled in Christ Church school-house, the Lord Bishop in the Chair. He was supported on the right by the Rev. Rural Dean McMurray, D. D., and on the left by Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M. A., Examining Chaplain.

The proceedings were opened with the customary prayers by the Rev. Henry Holland, B. A., after which the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M. A.,