

life in us gives us victory. "Be filled with the Spirit." Think how parents like their children to be healthy, fully developed, the delight of the parent in the child's physical growth, or in its moral or spiritual development. Even so God delights to see His children grow in grace—in the Spirit, and not to be sickly, puny creatures.

We get accustomed to a low level, to a carnal life. Ask for a longing after spiritual things.

Will you pay the price? "Buy of me." The price of self-surrender. Sell all that thou hast. Let this be first.

Circumstances cannot control this life. Note, then, that it is an impossible life, as impossible to the flesh as walking on water. Yet Peter did this by faith in Christ's power to keep him from sinking.

The Incarnation is the only standard of life. If you want to be like Christ, you may by faith in the Spirit. But don't secretly want some self—some world, or this will destroy all. The power of living is badly needed as well as for preaching, etc.

What you want to see in your congregation ask God humbly first to work in you. It is said that the spiritual life of the congregation does not flow higher than that of the minister. Therefore, your life must be spiritual, a living witness to the power of the Spirit.

SYNOD SERVICE.

The usual opening service in connection with the Synod was held on the evening of May 5, in Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg. The Archbishop, clergy and lay delegates assembled in the school house. A procession was formed, headed by Mr. Winram, of Manitou, the youngest lay delegate, who was followed by his brother delegates, and the clergy in their robes; and, thus marshalled, they entered the church to the stirring strains of "The Church's One Foundation," which was heartily joined in by the crowded congregation. Evensong was sung by the Rev. Canon Coombes; the lessons were read by the Very Rev. The Dean and Ven. Archdeacon Fortin; while the concluding prayers were intoned by the Rev. Canon Matheson. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were Martin in G. The anthem, after the third collect, was Goss's "Praise the Lord;" the offertoire being Dunley's "It Came Even to Pass." Both were rendered with a precision, crispness, and devotional feeling, which spoke volumes for the choir of Holy Trinity and the friends who assisted, as well as for Mr. Tuckwell, their accomplished choirmaster. It is only bare justice also to speak in the warmest commendation of Mr. Robert Fletcher, the youthful organist of Holy Trinity, whose voluntaries (aria by Theo. Bonheur, and "The War March of the Priests" from Athalie) were played with great skill and taste. At the customary place for the sermon, His Grace the Archbishop gave his annual address to the members of the synod. By the courtesy of the Primate, who has ever been most kind to "The Western Churchman," we are enabled to give the address in full, as follows.—

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity:

Last year I was absent for the first time in my Episcopate of thirty-two years from a meeting of the Diocesan Synod

An event of great interest to my College in Cambridge, of which I am now Senior Fellow, was being celebrated,—the 300th anniversary of its foundation. It seemed the least I could do, to take some trouble to show my gratitude for the benefits which I have received for so many years, and which have been a great help for my work.

My place in the Synod last year was no doubt admirably filled by my Commissary, the Dean of Rupert's Land, now Bishop of Qu'Appelle. I have to thank him most heartily for his able discharge not only of this duty, but of every other which came in his way as Commissary, as well as for constant help in many ways, which his good judgment so eminently fitted him to render.

I am afraid that the Synod has been called this year at a rather inconvenient time for some of the members; but I could not otherwise have been present with you. It is desirable that I should attend the Lambeth Conference, and, as the Queen's Jubilee is to be celebrated in the preceding week, I thought it my duty to be present. I am sure that we are all in sympathy with that remarkable enthusiasm of affectionate loyalty which is showing itself throughout the Empire, and recognize the blessing that God has given for so many years to our nation, in the pure and noble life, the ever-present sympathy and the high principle of our most gracious Sovereign through her long and prosperous reign. I have no doubt the Jubilee will be fitly and loyally observed by our Church and country.

Seldom does a year pass without more or less serious changes. In the past year the Church had to lament the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The work of God is not dependent on the most valuable life. God has often taught this lesson by taking to Himself servants of such eminent piety and successful labor, that hearts have failed, and in the regrets expressed the wisdom and love of God have almost seemed to be challenged. In the present instance the Primacy has been filled by a Prelate of eminent ability, of the largest experience, and impassioned zeal for the mission work of the Church. Still not less has there been a feeling of a great loss. I cannot but express my sense of the marked kindness of the late Archbishop during my visit last year. He asked me to come to him as soon as I reached England, and he set apart an apartment for me at Lambeth, which I could occupy during my visit when I desired.

The death of the late Bishop of Qu'Appelle occurred during the session of the last Synod, and was, I believe, deeply felt by the members. Possessed of a genial and engaging personality, he was above all-powerful and effective from his devotion to his work and spirituality. Several of our parishes had enjoyed and greatly prized his services as a Missioner. The Provincial Synod elected in his place the Dean of this Diocese. His large and varied experience of mission and all other Church work, his engaging manners and popularity with all classes, his hearty recognition of the necessity in a young country of bringing out in the fullest manner self-