

Very Rev. Dean Innes. There was a very large attendance of clerical and lay delegates, and there was a considerable number of spectators in the gallery.

Rev. Canon Richardson was elected honorary clerical secretary, and Mr. John D. Noble, of Petrolia, was appointed honorary lay secretary.

Rev. Prof. Clark was invited to take a seat on the floor of the house.

The Right Reverend the Bishop then delivered his annual charge to the Synod, and it was characteristically able and scholarly. He said: "Owing to the heavy debt now resting upon the diocese and the important change made at our last session in the constitution, by which it was hoped that larger financial results would be secured, a deep feeling of anxiety pervaded the whole diocese as to the report which the Executive Committee, with all the returns of the year before it, might be able to submit to this Synod for its pre-sent consideration and further action. That report, drawn up in the first instance by the extremely able and analytical pen of our esteemed Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. McWhinney, is now before us, and though the results are far from what we had fondly hoped, yet I wish distinctly to say that after considering the extraordinary financial depression of the past year and the admitted unwillingness on the part of many to launch out into new and untried methods of raising assessments, the framers of the new canon have no reason for discouragement, much less for despair. Then going into the figures the Bishop pointed out that the debt of the diocese had been substantially reduced, the deficit being \$2,593, as against \$7,495 last year. The total indebtedness is \$14,693 87."

Continuing, His Lordship said: "I would draw the attention of the Synod to the tendency in this restless age of ours to unbrute and shorten the services of the Book of Common Prayer under the plausible and common pleas of modernization and the breathless celerity of the times. There are three particulars in which we must be circumspect. First, as regards the reading of God's Holy Word. The age in which we live is one of intense secularism. The Bible is but indifferently studied in our common schools, in many homes family prayer is unknown, and therefore if the Church be indifferent in reading the Word, how are the people to be instructed in the faith once delivered to the saints. Second, in the rehearsal of the Creeds; I believe it does all good to state over and over again their Creed, and to recapitulate one by one all the grand doctrines of the Church. The desire to abolish all Creed is, in my opinion, but the prelude to a blank, awful infidelity which wishes to be free from all restraint. One of the glories of our Church is that she does insist on a clear definition of her faith, and requires not only that her ministers should subscribe to them, but that the people should rehearse them. Third, I cannot urge too strongly upon you all the absolute necessity of knowing what the true nature of the Christian ministry is."

Then for some time His Lordship dwelt with the question of the division of the diocese in order to increase the Episcopate. He ventured the opinion that the present was not an opportune time, but said if division did take place only Bruce and Grey should be taken from the Diocese of Huron. These two counties, with the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka, together with the Counties of Simcoe and Dufferin, would be sufficiently large to occupy all the energies and time of any man, however vigorous, who might be appointed its Bishop. The trying times through which Huron College is now passing were presented in detail, and the Bishop stated that the college under no financial pressure would be closed. Then the eloquent Bishop dealt with the subject of ecclesiastical patronage. He said: "I need not here repeat the strong but necessary language with which a few years ago I condemned before this Synod the most objectionable practice of preaching 'trial sermons.' What I then said I would iterate and reiterate, only adding that the practice cannot possibly be put down unless by the united action of all the clergy. So long as some of the clergy go and perform before wondering congregations to solicit their sympathy and support the evil will undoubtedly be maintained. My advice is, out of respect for your holy calling, please await the open door which God may set, and which no human power can possibly shut." The good work of the Huron Lay Workers' Association and the Women's Auxiliary was favourably commented on and the deaths of Rev. W. B. Rally, Rev. T. E. Sanders and Rev. James Graham were feelingly noticed. Bishop Baldwin concluded by referring to the grand work of the Archbishop of Dublin among the Protestants of Spain.

Throughout the year His Lordship held three ordinations, seven consecrations, four churches were reopened, seventy-nine confirmations took place, at which 1,586 candidates—591 males and 995 females—were received into the Church.

The evening session opened at 8 p.m. The report of the Anglican Lay Workers' Association showed the good influence exercised in bringing together for

encouragement and information representatives of the whole body of Church workers, including Sunday school teachers. Mention was also made of the valuable assistance rendered by co-labourers from other dioceses. The next meeting is to be held in Windsor, and the committee bespeak a good attendance. Reference is made to the local Lay Helpers' Association formed in the City of London, which is doing a good work. In the United States such organizations have been found very helpful, and may be made to serve a useful purpose here. Report received.

The Synod went into committee of the whole to consider the report of the Executive committee, which was taken up clause by clause.

The total amount received for the year was \$21,165 47, being \$231 64 less than the previous year. Of this amount \$12,037 89 was for diocesan objects, being \$252 17 less than the previous year; and \$9,107 05 for other than diocesan objects, being \$20 53 over the previous year.

The committee acknowledge the following additions to the capital account:

EXETER.—Trivet Memorial Church.—\$2,000 received from the executrix of the estate of the late Thomas Trivet, for an endowment for the Trivet Memorial Church, Exeter, the proceeds therefrom to be applied to the keeping of said church always insured in a sum of not less than \$10,000, and also towards the keeping of the same well and sufficiently repaired at all times, and the remainder towards the maintenance and support of the rector or incumbent for the time being of the said church forever.

ZORRA.—Trinity Church.—\$467 08 received through the wardens, from the executors of the estate of the late Charles Armstrong; the interest thereon to be applied towards the payment of the incumbent's stipend; and in case the said Trinity Church ceases to be a church, then said sum to be repaid to the next of kin.

The report was agreed to up to this point, after considerable discussion. It being ten o'clock the committee rose, and the Synod adjourned.

Wednesday.—After the Synod opened with prayer several notices of motion were handed in. The Synod went into a committee of the whole, to consider the estimate of receipts and expenditures for the year ending April, 1896. After a considerable discussion the resolution to add the estimate to the report was carried.

It was then moved by Rev. Canon Young, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole question of the income and expenditure of the churches in this diocese, with power to take such action as may be immediately necessary, and to report from time to time to the Executive Committee, such committee to consist of the Dean, Revs. A. Brown, T. R. Davis, R. Hicks, J. Ridley and R. Bayly, A. H. Dymond, Judge Ermatinger, Sydney Smith, Matthew Wilson, C. Jenkins, James Woods and Canon Young.

Wednesday Afternoon.—The report of the Sunday-School Committee was then considered clause by clause and adopted.

Mr. Shaw-Wood introduced the subject of the report of the Committee on Church Progress.

The rules of order were suspended to allow a motion to be brought forward asking that a committee be appointed to consider the remedial clauses in the report and to confer with the Bishop thereon.

Mr. Imlach seconded and supported the same. Carried.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of arrears of Synod assessment at Amherstburg, reported in favour of remitting the amount due, \$56. On motion of Rev. W. J. Taylor, chairman, the report was adopted.

The report of the Lay Workers' Association, presented yesterday, was received on motion of Mr. A. H. Dymond, seconded by Mr. C. Jenkins.

To amend Canon VII. as follows: To insert after the word "constitution" in line 2, the words "and the following sections of this canon." Also to add to the canon the following section: II. Every clergyman entering the diocese, either by ordination or from another diocese, shall receive an appointment for one year only, either as *locum tenens* or curate in charge, during which time he shall be entitled to the benefits of the Mission Fund and Widows' and Orphans' Fund, but not to any other funds of the Synod.

On motion the canon was read a first time.

The Committee of the Whole rose and reported the amendments. The canon was read a third time in Synod and passed.

IV. By Rev. Alfred Brown—To amend Proviso III. of Section 12 of Canon XXVIII., as follows: To insert after "pro rata reduction," the words "of such scale," and to strike out the words "of all incomes derived from the Mission Fund."

The clause was read a first time, and the Synod went into Committee of the Whole to consider the same.

After discussion, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Synod adjourned at 6 p.m.

The evening was devoted to missionary addresses by Rev. J. Cooper Robinson and Mr. Saiki, of Japan.

The Bishop opened the proceedings by giving out a hymn, after the singing of which by the audience the Rev. Canon Matthew offered prayer. His Lordship then introduced the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, and spoke in terms of high praise regarding his work.

Mr. Robinson gave a very graphic account of the country and the manners and customs of the people. The address was illustrated by lime-light views, which added much to the interest of the proceedings.

At the close of the address Mr. Saiki appeared upon the platform in native costume and addressed those present, first in English and then in Japanese.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speakers on motion of Mr. H. Macklin, seconded by Rev. Mr. Wright.

A pleasant and profitable evening was brought to a close with a few words from the Bishop and singing of the Doxology.

Thursday.—After the opening exercises, the Presbyterian delegation was received and escorted to the platform, and the greater portion of the forenoon was taken up by the addresses of the delegation. At the afternoon session the report of the Committee on Temperance was introduced, and evoked a considerable discussion.

The following were chosen delegates to the Provincial Synod.

Clerical—Revs. Dean Innes, Archdeacon Davis, Canon Hill, Canon Richardson, David Williams, J. C. Farthing, Canon Young, G. C. McKenzie, Canon Smith, Alfred Brown, R. McCosh and Canon Hincks. Laymen—Messrs. A. H. Dymond, Judge Ermatinger, Matthew Wilson, Q. C., Charles Jenkins, R. Bayly, Q. C., Chancellor Cronyn, James Woods, Judge Woods, John Ransford, R. S. Gurd, A. C. Clark and W. J. Imlach.

Substitute Clerical Delegates—Revs. Archdeacon Marsh, J. H. Moorehouse, W. Craig and T. R. Davis. Substitute Lay Delegates—Messrs. Robert Fox, E. Sydney Smith, J. D. Noble and Philip Fox.

After electing the Executive Committee, the report of the Committee on Extending the Church Episcopate was presented. It stated that no mere rearrangement of boundaries of dioceses would meet the needs of the Church, and it was recommended that a new diocese be created, comprising Grey, Bruce, Dufferin, Simcoe and North Wellington. After full discussion, an amendment proposed by Mr. Jenkins was adopted, to the effect that the committee suspend consideration of the subject until the Provincial Synod deals with the question of the future of Algoma, as in the proposed re-arrangement the territory of Algoma is left intact.

Friday.—At last night's session of the Synod a memorial from the diocese of Toronto, asking the Synod to concur in the resolution passed by that body in regard to religious instruction in schools, was read.

Mr. W. J. Imlach moved that His Lordship be requested to annually appoint a committee of this Synod on the question of religious instruction in the Public schools of the country, with power to co-operate with similar committees of other diocesan Synods or other religious bodies moving in the same direction, and to report from time to time to this Synod. This carried.

To-day was the anniversary of the Bishop of Huron's birth, and Dean Innes arose and moved the suspension of the order of business. He then announced the fact, and in the name of the Synod wished the head of the diocese many happy returns. In response every delegate rose to his feet, and the cheering and hand-clapping were of the most vigorous character. Bishop Baldwin gratefully acknowledged the good wishes of the Synod.

The motion that Bishop Baldwin be requested to have a resolution drafted expressing the desire of the Synod to record its gratitude for the success vouchsafed to the Reformers of Spain and Portugal in carrying on their work, and welcoming the consecration of a Bishop for the Spanish Reformed Church, was unanimously adopted.

The following standing committees were struck for the year:

Sunday-School—Revs. John Downie, convener, G. C. McKenzie, C. R. Matthew, Robert McCosh, W. J. Taylor and J. Edmonds, and Messrs. Judge Woods, James Woods, T. H. Luscombe and John B. Dale.

Prison Aid Reform—Messrs. Charles Jenkins and R. S. Gurd.

Delegates to Inter-Diocesan Sunday-School Committee—Rev. W. J. Taylor and Mr. James Woods.

Church and Parsonage Building Committee—Revs. Canon Young, C. R. Matthew and John Downie, and Messrs. Chancellor Cronyn and Philip Holt.

Education—Revs. R. McCosh, convener, H. A. Thomas, E. N. English, Canon Hill, W. Craig and R. Hicks, and Messrs. Judge Woods, T. H. Luscombe and Judge Skeay.