

on the marvellous progress of the Church under your guidance in the Canadian Northwest. Truly it is no ordinary experience in the history of a people, that within the limits of but three decades the mere trading post, the home of a few hundred souls, to which you came, should have become at once a great and growing centre of enterprise and commerce, and a noble city—the Winnipeg of to-day; while no less wonderful is the history of God's Church during the same period, which has seen your episcopal jurisdiction multiplied seven fold. We note, with gratitude to God, the exalted faith, and statesmanlike ability displayed by Your Grace in the upbuilding of the system of dioceses composing the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land, which has been a cause at once of admiration and thankfulness to the whole Canadian Church. We also note with supreme satisfaction the eminent position which Your Grace has taken in moulding the educational development of this part of our Dominion. To you, alike as chancellor of the Provincial University of Manitoba, and as chairman of the board of education, bringing to bear as you have done, upon the work of these positions great wisdom, ripe scholarship and untiring zeal, not the Northwest only, but the whole Dominion of Canada, is under a lasting debt of gratitude.

From a Church point of view, however, we feel that it is hard for us to speak too highly of what you have accomplished for religion in your fostering care of the Church College of St. John. Few will ever know and none can ever fully measure what the Church in the Northwest owes to your devoted efforts in this direction. To your unflinching and unflinching advocacy of religious teaching in our public schools is largely due, under God, that improved tone of public thought on this great subject, which promises in the near future the achievement of the Church's wishes in this regard, as expressed by the unanimous action of this Synod at its present session.

We have heard with the greatest satisfaction of the encouraging results which in recent years has crowned the increasing efforts of Your Grace to develop the spirit of self support among our Church people. The combined dignity and kindness which has characterized your episcopate have, we feel, contributed in no small degree to recommend the Church and her work to all classes of the community. We desire to add our congratulations upon the high recognition of your eminent services to the cause of the colonial Church by Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, in your investiture as prelate of the most noble order of St. Michael and St. George, the most distinguished honor conferred by the Crown upon the Colonial episcopate. With the devout prayer that Your Grace may be long spared to fill the high position of influence and usefulness to which it has pleased the great head of the Church to call you, we beg to subscribe ourselves on behalf of the General Synod. (Here follow signatures:)

The Primate in reply said:

Right Rev. Fathers, Rev. Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity,—I desire to return to you my most grateful thanks for the too kind terms in which you have referred to my services in this country. It is not my purpose to enter upon the various matters on which you have dwelt in this address. I would simply desire to say that very much that has been done has simply arisen naturally out of the circumstances of the country; and that a great part of what has been done is simply owing to those I have been able, in God's providence, to have around me. There is only one part of

my policy that I would like to put forward as having been carried out by myself, and as that to which I think most of the work that has been done in this country is really owing; and that is this: that during three or four years that elapsed in this country before there was an entrance of immigration, I was enabled through friends in England, and also some help in Canada, to have around me a number of fellow laborers at this centre. The work that has been done in this country is mainly owing to the centre I was able to establish about me. The growth of this country is indeed wonderful; and I cannot but think we are only at the commencement of it. (Hear! Hear!) The country, as I believe, is all it has ever been painted by its most enthusiastic friends. The immigration has, indeed, been far under what has been expected; but the cause of that is simply owing to the low prices of agricultural products, and I have no doubt, if there was a larger value got from agricultural produce, we should soon have a population in this country that would astonish people. In regard to St. John's College, I may say I have had loving work there; and I look upon it as the foundation of all our church work. In a field like this the best men are those brought up in the country, and in sympathy with the people and all that is going on in it. I am thankful to say that I have now nearly fifty clergy in this diocese who were educated in St. John's College. I know I may be thought to have given work to St. John's College that interfered with some work more appropriate to my office; but the fact depends upon this, the University of Manitoba has grown very rapidly, and we have been obliged to make our staff suit the studies of the university. If our college had university powers alone, we could make the studies suit our staff; but, as we are only one college in a republic of colleges, then we are obliged to make our staff suit the studies. The result is I have forced upon me work delightful to myself, but of which I should be only too glad to be in a measure relieved. But we are passing through difficulties experienced by all who have invested funds; our income is only one half of what it was when our endowments were made. The consequence is we have interests which still oblige me to carry on what I have been doing. In the mission state every one has to do what is best for the work of the Church without considering what belongs simply to his more immediate duties. Unfortunately we are hastening into the stage where every man has his own special duties, and we are being driven into that stage while we are not yet out of the mission stage. I will not speak at any great length, but simply express to you again my gratitude for the kind feeling you have towards me. (Applause.)

After reading the schedule of the acts of the Synod, twenty-five in number, the Primate gave the benediction. On rising from their knees the members joined in singing the "Nunc Dimittis." The Primate then declared the House prorogued and retired, followed by the Bishops; after which the prolocutor formally closed the proceedings of the Lower House.

A LAYMAN'S LA(Y)MENT, OR THE BLIGHTED BAZAARITE.

"Encourage your people to direct giving." Such when boiled down is the edict of the majority in Synod assembled. What a chill to the breast of the energetic, vigorous organizer of orange, lemon and ice cream socials, the bazaar, and the many other innocent de-