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TORONTO.

TUESDAY.—The synod opened at 10 a.m., with a choral communion service in St. James' Cathedral. At 11.30 the Bishop took the chair in the school-house. The following officers were elected: Honorary clerical secretary, Rev. T. W. Paterson, re-elected; honorary lay secretary, Dr. J. George Hodgins, re-elected; secretary-treasurer, David Kemp. The following were appointed scrutineers: Revs. W. A. H. Clark and C. H. Marsh, and Messrs. J. C. Morgan and C. J. Agar.

The Bishop then delivered his address. He said: During the year the diocese has suffered the loss of 15 clergymen, one by death, 12 by removal to other dioceses, and 2 by expiry of leave of absence. The gains also number 15, 9 by ordination and 6 by accessions from other dioceses. The classification of the present clergy list of the diocese is as follows:—Engaged in parochial work, 138; tuition or chaplaincies, 17; occasional duty, 4; on leave, 3; retired, 8; superannuated, 8. The episcopal acts of the year have been:—Three ordinations, in which ten were ordained deacons and ten priests; 84 confirmation services, with 1,773 candidates, of whom 662 were males and 1,111 females; the consecration of five churches and the opening of two new churches; six baptisms; the delivery of 128 sermons and addresses, and 39 celebrations of Holy Communion.

His Lordship expressed his pleasure at the increase shown by the statistics of the diocese in almost every item "except the contributions." The principal increases over last year are:—Church population, 2,175; communicants, 660; Sunday services held, 378; week day services held, 1,274; average attendance Sunday morning, 887; average attendance Sunday evening services, 1,926; number of public celebrations of Holy Communion, 380; average attendance, 862; number at Easter celebration, 542.

The number of communicants on Easter Day for the last seven years have been as follows:—1888, 8,303; 1889, 8,934; 1890, 9,516; 1891, 10,600; 1892, 11,076; 1893, 11,223; 1894, 11,765. The Sunday school returns show a satisfactory increase in attendance. The only falling off from last year's figures are in baptisms 36, and marriages 8. Five new churches have been built during the year at a cost of nearly \$200,000.

His Lordship spoke strongly in regard to the poor support given to the home missions of the diocese. He said: The condition at which we have arrived is that the present income of the fund is quite inadequate to bear the charges on it for the support of the existing missions of the Church, and meanwhile large sums of money continue to go out from the diocese to the support of dioceses in the Northwest, whose needs are far smaller than our own, and which are subsidized by very liberal grants from the various English societies. For the past two years I have remonstrated strongly against this injustice, but in vain. I have appealed most earnestly to the Church through you as her representatives for an increased support of our diocesan mission work. I have urged the adoption and faithful working of the scheme of monthly collections sanctioned by the synod, but there has been no response, only a further falling off in interest and contributions each year. It is useless for me to repeat these appeals. Something else is needed to rouse the indifference of our people. Already the consequences are beginning to be felt. Some ten of our missionary clergy have suffered the sudden cutting down of their poor stipends, but this mild measure of retrenchment will not for long stave off the crisis. The board has failed to fulfil its covenant with the bank, and if its cheques, drawn against an exhausted credit, are dishonored, the distress that will be inflicted upon our faithful missionaries and their families will raise a cry of shame against our Church for neglecting its own fold to care for the fold of others.

The contributions to the Domestic and Foreign Mission Funds have fallen off during the year owing to the prevailing depression. The most important and interesting steps taken by the Board of Management in the foreign field during the year have been the appointment of Rev. Masaza Kakuze as a native missionary in Japan, the acceptance of the Rev. F. W. Kennedy as a missionary in the same field, and the transfer of Miss Jennie C. Smith from Kobi to Magam to labour under Rev. J. G. Waller. His Lordship also spoke of the noble action of Miss Patterson, the late secretary-treasurer of the Dorcas branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, who has gone to Japan to work at her own expense.

The balance of the day was devoted to the consideration of the Executive Committee's report, which dealt with the re-arrangement and modification of the canons, by-laws, etc., of the synod.

In the evening a special service was held in St. James' Cathedral, which was attended by Bishop Sweatman and many of the visiting clerical and lay delegates. A very able sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Sanson.

WEDNESDAY.—This being the fifty-seventh anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen to the throne, the synod opened with the singing of the National Anthem. The report of the Executive Committee, including the changes in the canons, by-laws, etc., occupied the greater part of the morning and afternoon session.

The report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted, included the following clause:—That the synod do authorize overdrafts by the Mission Board as described below, and do guarantee the repayment of the same, viz., that when overdrafts become necessary a sufficient sum, not to exceed \$6,000 in all, shall be borrowed by the Mission Board from the Investment Committee to cover the same: that the Board shall pay interest at 6 per cent. per annum to the Investment Committee, and that such advance and interest shall be a charge on the first interest received by the Investment Committee on securities held by them for the Mission Board.

Moved by Rev. J. M. Jones, R.D., seconded by Provost Boddy, that this synod send a message of sympathy to the Church people of Wales in the present possibility of being deprived of their ancient rights as the Church of England in Wales.

Moved by E. M. Chadwick, seconded by the Registrar, that the arms of the Diocese of Toronto be substituted for those of the Diocese of Quebec on the diocesan seal.

During the afternoon the members of the synod were entertained at the See House by Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman.

In the evening a missionary conference was held in the schoolhouse, the attendance—which included many ladies—being large. The Bishop presided. The first speaker was Rev. W. E. Cooper, who spoke on "The Ideal Missionary Diocese." Rev. E. W. Pickford took the matter up more practically, dealing with the deficit in the funds of the Diocesan Mission Board. He complained that in this diocese some churches were supported by mission funds which should really be self-supporting. "How to meet the missionary needs of the diocese" was discussed by Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Col. Boulton and Rev. Canon Farncombe, all of whom complained that it was easier to collect money for missions in the Northwest than it is for the diocesan missions. Rev. Septimus Jones was called upon by His Lordship to address the meeting. Mr. Jones dealt particularly with the relation of the Woman's Auxiliary to diocesan mission work. He said in opening his address:—"The time is fully ripe for a general reconsideration of the whole question of the relation of Church-women to the missionary work of the Church. It is useless to deny that a strong impression exists in the minds of many of our members, both lay and clerical, that the work of the Women's Auxiliary, admirable and praiseworthy in itself, has resulted badly for our diocesan missions, and in justification of this view we are pointed to the fact that, while the tide of contributions to the Women's Auxiliary funds has for years been steadily rising, the contributions to our Diocesan Mission Fund have been as steadily declining. Now, I want at the very outset to state explicitly and emphatically my conviction that this argument is illusory. . . . When we look into particular cases of parishes it is not true that those who do most for the Women's Auxiliary do least for diocesan missions." Mr. Jones maintained that the poor support given to the diocesan as opposed to the Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church was owing to the fault, not of the Women's Auxiliary, but of those high in authority, who duty it was to properly organize the Church for the support, first of diocesan, next of domestic, and lastly of foreign missions. The energies of both men and women must be enlisted in the matter, and properly directed. Mr. Jones' remarks were not discussed, as the meeting was closed promptly at 10.30 o'clock, but the whole question of diocesan missions and the work of the Women's Auxiliary will probably be fully discussed in connection with the report of the Mission Board.

THURSDAY.—Rev. C. L. Ingles and Mr. S. G. Wood were appointed delegates from the city to the Diocesan Sunday School Committee for the ensuing year.

The report of the Prisoners' Aid Committee was adopted.

The result of the voting of the previous day for the election of the Executive Committee was announced, as follows:—Clerical—Revs. J. P. Lewis, John Langtry, C. H. Marsh, J. C. Roper and John Pearson. Lay—Messrs. Stapleton Caldecott, J. H. Plummer, J. R. Cartwright, A. McLean Howard and Judge Benson. The members nominated by the Bishop were:—Clerical—Revs. Archdeacon Boddy, Canon DuMoulin, Canon Cayley, T. A. Patterson, Archdeacon Allen. Lay—Hon. G. W. Allan, Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Messrs. J. C. Worrell, Q.C., A. H. Campbell and C. J. Campbell.

The following standing committees were appointed:—

Clergy Commutation Trust Committee—Revs. L. H. Kirkby, E. H. Mussen, M.A., W. E. Cooper, M.A., S.T.B., T. C. DesBarres, M.A., W. F. Swallow, J. Pitt

Lewis, M.A., W. C. Allen, M.A., T. W. Patterson, Messrs. A. H. Campbell, William Ince, J. S. Barber, J. A. Worrell, Q.C., G. F. Harman, M.A., Alfred Willson, T. D. Delamere, Q.C., Col. Boulton.

Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee—Revs. Canon Osler, R.D., Canon Tremayne, M.A., F. J. Fleming, Canon Spragge, M.A., T. C. Street Macklem, B.A., John Gillespie, Messrs. Thos. Hodgins, Q.C., J. H. Paterson, H. T. Beck, John Cowan, Stapleton Caldecott, J. T. Jones. Toronto Rectory Endowment Committee—Revs. John Langtry, M.A., D.C.L., J. McL. Ballard, M.A., John Pearson, D.C.L., John Gillespie, Messrs. J. H. Plummer, R. Russell Baldwin, B.A., Henry Pellatt, sen., W. Logan.

Mission Board—The Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Peterboro'; Rural Deanery of Toronto, Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., R.D., S. Caldecott; West York, Rev. Canon Farncomb, M.A., R.D.G., A. MacKenzie, M.A.; East York, Rev. James H. Talbot, John Cowan; Peel, Rev. W. F. Swallow, R.D., J. R. Cartwright; East Simcoe, Rev. J. M. Jones, R.D., George Raikes; West Simcoe, Rev. George M. Kingston, M.A., R.D., Mayor Sanders; South Simcoe, Rev. Thomas Ball, R.D., Hon. G. W. Allan, D.C.L.; Durham, Rev. John Creighton, B.D., R.D., his Honor Judge Benson; Northumberland, Rev. W. E. Cooper, M.A., S.T.B., R.D., Col. Boulton; Haliburton, Rev. F. E. Farncomb, C. J. Bloomfield, Rev. John Langtry, M.A., D.C.L., Henry Pellatt, sen.

Widows and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee—Revs. Canon Sweeney, C. B. Darling, M.A., J. C. Davidson, M.A., T. Jones, R. W. Greene, L.Th., Provost Boddy, M.A., D.C.L.; Messrs. T. H. Ince, W. C. Hall, A. H. Lightbourn, G. A. MacKenzie, M.A., W. C. Gwynne, T. C. Boyd.

General Purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee—Rev. W. E. Cooper, M.A., S.T.B., C. H. Mockridge, D.D., G. B. Morley, W. Hayes Clark, M.A., A. C. Watt, H. Symonds, M.A.; Messrs. A. McLean Howard, Alfred Willson, D. W. Saunders, C. J. Bloomfield, A. R. Boswell, Q.C., T. A. Agar.

Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee—Revs. Canon Cayley, M.A., T. W. Paterson, M.A., C. L. Inglis, M.A., Bernard Bryan, Canon Sweeney, Anthony Hart, John Farncomb M.A., R.D.; Messrs. George B. Kirkpatrick, S. G. Wood, L.L.B., C. R. W. Biggar, Q.C., G. S. Holmsted, J. S. Barber, Grant Helliwell, J. C. Morgan.

Audit Committee—Revs. J. Pitt Lewis, M.A., H. G. Baldwin, M.A., R. J. Moore, M.A.; Messrs. J. H. Telfer, Frank E. Hodgins, G. H. Sylvester.

Superannuation Committee—Revs. Septimus Jones, M.A., R.D., A. J. Broughall, M.A., C. H. Marsh, C. W. Hedley, A. H. Baldwin, T. C. Street Macklem, M.A.; Messrs. Capt. Whisk, G. B. Kirkpatrick, Clarkson Jones, M.A., R. Russell Baldwin, B.A., C. R. W. Biggar, Q.C., L. H. Baldwin.

Investment Committee—Revs. Canon Logan, M.A., T. C. Street Macklem, B.A.; Messrs. A. H. Campbell, William Ince, J. A. Worrell, Q.C., H. T. Beck, B.A., J. H. Plummer, R. H. Tomlinson.

Mission Board Report.—The consideration of the Mission Board's report occupied the major portion of the afternoon session. It read in part as follows:

"The Mission Board regret to have to report a falling off in the income of the mission fund of \$799.49, as compared with the year previous. The board, at its last meeting, felt that it would not be right to continue drawing of cheques against an exhausted credit, and that some measure of retrenchment must be taken. With deep regret they faced the painful task of revising the list of grants to missions, and reduced the amount by \$1,815. Unless a speedy increase is made in the fund our successors will have to consider the subject of further reductions. We cannot continue much longer to spend more than our income. Grants have been made to 44 missions to the total amount of \$12,175."

Mr. Barlow Cumberland thought that if the clergy in the various parishes put the case strongly to their congregations, and asked for a doubling up of the usual donations, the result would be that the deficit would be wiped off.

Rev. Mr. Lynch said that an expression, especially among the country congregations, seemed generally to prevail that the mission fund monies were being wrongly expended. He thought that the members of the board should visit the mission fields and see whether or not all were entitled to their grants.

Rev. Mr. Harris pointed out that the collections which should have been taken up during the year numbered 1,083, and in 631 cases no collections through one cause or another were taken up. In such cases, he thought that the pressure of authority should be brought to bear and the clergy be obliged to make their collections.

Provost Boddy perfectly understood the desire to devote special collections for specific objects, but he thought that the practice was carried too far. He had nothing to say against the North-west's demands, but he did not wish to see the funds which should stay in the diocese going up there. He moved that the diocese's proportion of the Bishop of