

Then draw we nearer day by day,  
Each to his brethren, all to God;  
Let the world take us as she may,  
We must not change our road."

And "vigour" too, we surely need, for not by listless, apathetic acquiescence in the righteousness of our cause, and a self-satisfied conclusion that we are more primitive in our faith, and more apostolic in our grace, than our Christian brethren on the right hand and on the left, shall we, any of us, approve ourselves to the great Head of the Church and win His commendation and reward. I call you to vigour all along the line, to vigour in your thinking upon the great and Holy cause committed to our trust, and of what the success of that cause means in the re-union of Christendom and Evangelization of the world, to vigour in your realization of the spiritual blessings which God has bestowed upon us "the unsearchable riches of Christ," with which He has endowed us; to vigour in your prosecution of the work and the extension of the borders of the church in the land: to vigour in your giving, that the needs of the heralds of the Cross may be supplied: to vigour in your prayers, that such a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit may be vouchsafed as shall fill us with a buoyant enthusiasm, and all conquering faith in the final success of that system which we all alike believe combines, as no other does, Evangelical truth and Apostolic order; and to push it forward to a glorious consummation.

Moved by the Clerical Secretary, seconded by Rev Dr Bowman—

That the minutes of last meeting of Synod as printed be taken as read, and that they be approved. *Carried.*

The appointment of Committees was then taken up. The Clerical Secretary explained that owing to the large number of lay representatives whose qualifications had not been completed within the specified time, it had been impracticable for the Synod Committee to fill up all the Committees; but that if the Synod would permit, a report should be presented at the first session to-morrow. Permission was given.

Reports of Committees being now in order, the report of the B. H. M. was read by the Clerical Secretary.

#### Report of the Board of Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions in presenting its Annual Report first desires to express its sympathy with the Bishop in his enforced and long continued absence from the Diocese, to which the Board feels that he is only reconciled by the necessity for entirely re-establishing his health in order that his work may be resumed with the greater efficiency. The whole Diocese joins in the prayer that he may speedily be enabled to return, and that the work so long intermitted, may be taken up with fresh energetic vigour.

The financial condition of the Diocese, which comes more within the purview of the Board, still gives much cause for anxiety. The

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