

Rev. Wm. Walsh and the rector. Thirty-six in all were confirmed; the average age of the candidates was 24, six of which were formerly Methodists and three were Presbyterians. The services at both of the churches were most impressive, the Bishop's addresses to the candidates were very instructive, and dwelt chiefly on the spiritual life, its help and hindrances. The close attention paid to his Lordship's discourses by the two large congregations he addressed during the day was indicative of the eloquent manner in which he portrayed the great scheme of salvation.

Holy Trinity.—We are pleased to hear the Rev. Mr. Andrews has withdrawn his resignation and will remain as curate to this church.

St. James' Cathedral.—On Tuesday, June 8th, the Synod was opened by service at 10 o'clock in the cathedral. The Lord Bishop was assisted by Bishop Sullivan, Archdeacon Allen, Canon Cayley, Rev. Richard Ashcroft, and Rev. G. C. Wallis. At half past eleven the Synod assembled in the school-house, the Bishop taking the chair. On the platform with him were Bishop Sullivan, Archdeacons Boddy and Allen, Chancellor Worrell, Rev. Dr. Scadding, and the Hon. Secretaries, Rev. T. W. Patterson and Dr. J. G. Hodgins. The Archdeacon of York read the appointed prayers, and the Rev. A. H. Baldwin read the report of the committee appointed to examine the certificates of lay representatives, which was referred to the Court on Contested Seats, as several changes have been made since the date up to which the report is made up. Chancellor Worrell having read the Bishop's commission. The Bishop in his address said: The present list of clergy in the diocese numbers 175, classified as follows:

Engaged in parochial work	142
Tuition or chaplaincies	12
On leave or retired	14
Superannuated	7

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The annual reports to the rural deans for the past year exhibit results that are most encouraging and gratifying, showing that in spite of the stationary or retrogressive state of the population, and the continued financial depression, the Church in this diocese has made very substantial progress. The only falling off is in the average attendance at Holy Communion, which is 19 less than last year, out of a total of 5,478; in the amount contributed by the Sunday schools, which is \$315 less; and in the contributions to missions, both diocesan and domestic and foreign, which I notice elsewhere. On the other hand, a summary of the statistics gives the following increases: Church population, 2,080, communicants on roll, 749, the present number, 20,215, being the highest yet reached, having more than doubled in 14 years. There were 150 more celebrations this year than last, and 976 more communicated on Easter day. I first asked for a return of the Easter communions in 1888; the number then was 8,302; it has steadily increased, year by year, till on Easter day, 1897, it reached 14,516.

In the Sunday schools ten more schools are reported; 32 more teachers, 900 more scholars, the total of 22,257 being the largest yet, as is also the average attendance of 16,188, nearly 1,000 more than last year. But the largest and most unexpected improvement has been in the voluntary contributions, the total for clergy stipends showing an advance of \$2,023; for parochial purposes, \$6,797, and for extra parochial objects, \$7,872; the whole amount contributed under these heads being \$24,692, \$16,692 more than last year, and more than in any previous year. In my confirmation visits I have been greatly cheered in many instances by the very evident growth of Church life and earnestness of spirit in places which had for long appeared to be almost lifeless; and I desire to acknowledge, with much thankfulness, the warmth of hospitality and kindness with which I have been received everywhere, both by clergy and laity. The Synod at its last session adopted a scale of contributions, indicating the amount which each parish and mission should aim at raising in order to furnish the

board with an income of \$20,000. No further thought seems to have been given to this scale since it was so easily adopted. The present attitude of the diocese to this fund is most deplorable, and disastrous. Whilst it continues, Church extension is out of the question; all the parishes are supplied; no more men can be ordained; and Trinity University and Wycliffe College may as well close their doors to divinity students so far as Toronto Diocese is concerned.

The income of the Foreign Mission fund has slightly increased from \$5,539 to \$6,020. The Woman's Auxiliary of the board have prosecuted their work with unabated zeal, adding to it the gathering in of the parochial collections for the Diocesan Mission fund. Our sincerest thanks are due to them for their earnest and ably directed efforts. The recent annual meeting of the Auxiliary displayed a magnificent accession of numbers to their membership, and intense spirit of enthusiasm and living interest, and a marked ability in the valuable papers contributed. It is with great thankfulness that I am able to report a more hopeful outlook for St. Alban's cathedral. The mortgagees have consolidated the principal and overdue interest in a new loan, which they have made to the chapter on very favourable terms for one year, with the promise held out that, if this year's interest is punctually met, they will enter into an arrangement on the same terms for an extended period. I have every reason to hope that the scheme which I have adopted of a quarterly subscription of 25 cents through the offertory will raise enough to meet all the annual charges upon the property, now that all fear of the property being lost to the Church is removed.

Business of the session.—The re-election of Rev. T. W. Patterson as hon. clerical secretary, and Dr. J. G. Hodgins as hon. lay secretary, and of Mr. Kemp as secretary treasurer, were carried unanimously, with flattering reference to their past services. When the mid-day adjournment arrived, so much progress had been made that all business had been disposed of except reports, motions, and the election of officers.

Afternoon session.—The reports of the Executive Committee, the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee, the See Endowment, Rectory Lands and Lards and Investment Committee, and the Diocesan Mission Board were fully discussed and adopted, and the report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee was being debated at the hour of adjournment. His Lordship announced that a member of the Synod, who did not wish his name mentioned, had offered \$100 for every \$1,000 which might be contributed up to \$5,000 for mission purposes. In the evening the usual annual service was held in St. Alban's cathedral, the Rev. Herbert Synohds, M.A., of St. Luke's, Ashburnham, being the preacher.

Wednesday morning.—Under the head of the appointment of special committees, the Bishop nominated a committee to draft a congratulatory address to the Queen upon the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, the members of such committee to be Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, Rev. Provost Welch, Rev. Principal Sheraton, Rev. Prof. Clark, Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Lieut.-Col. Boulton, Mr. Barlow Cumberland, and Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., with Rev. Prof. Clark convener. Before the noon adjournment the report of the Church Extension General Purposes and Assessment Committee was submitted by Rev. W. E. Cooper, and after luncheon the discussion on it was concluded and the report adopted. The report of the Sunday School Book and Tract Committee was referred back for further information; the reports of the Superannuation Fund and Toronto Rectory Committees were adopted, and the Synod Investment Committee's report was then submitted by Mr. Ince. As usual, this report gave rise to considerable discussion upon the investments of the diocesan funds, a discussion which was still in progress when the Synod adjourned at four o'clock to allow the delegates to attend Mrs. Sweatman's reception at the See house, a function which was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. During the afternoon the result of the election for representatives on the Mission Board of the Gen-

eral Synod was announced by the scrutineers as follows: Clerical representatives—76 ballots cast, 24 names voted upon; elected, Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, 39, Rev. C. H. Shortt, 24; substitutes, Rev. F. H. DuVernet, 22; Rev. C. H. March, 15. Lay representatives—73 votes cast, 29 names voted upon; elected, Mr. N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., 37; Hon. S. H. Blake, Q.C., 34; substitutes, Mr. F. E. Hodgins, 11; Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick 8.

Missionary meeting.—A missionary meeting was held in the evening. Bishop Sweatman presided. There was a large attendance, and the interest in the addresses was evinced by frequent hearty applause. Dr. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, said that the Church of England when it compared itself with other Churches made very large claims. It pointed to a long history connected to a great degree with the important events in the world's progress. It pointed to a liturgy which its people believed was more fitted to the common needs of humanity than that of any other Church. After all, however, no great past, no traditional success, nothing in the form of external appliances, nothing gathered from the past, could ever take the place of what was the fundamental principles of the true Church. That principle was the commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." A Church that was not a missionary Church was not a true Church. On the fulfilment or neglect of that commandment the Church would be gauged. The Church of England itself was the outcome of the missionary spirit. Continuing, he dealt at length with the vast efforts of the Mother Church in the British and foreign fields. There was no branch of the Church which knew better than the Canadian branch what it was to be fostered and cared for in its infancy by the strong, vigorous Mother Church. The Church in Canada had as great responsibilities as the Church in any other lands, and it behooved laymen and ministers alike to so work and strive that this responsibility would be duly discharged. Every sensible man and woman knew that the conditions of modern life had changed wonderfully during the last ten years. The increased calls on the time and money of the people through the demands of modern civilization were enormous. But when he looked around on the scientific inventions and the great wealth, he could not but believe that in time to come these would be turned to aid in the cause of Christ. During the course of his remarks he referred to the immense power and growth of the British Empire. Canada had taken its place amongst the nations of the world. He did not hesitate to say that during the next few days the position which Canada had gained would be acknowledged in a manner never before equalled. In conclusion he again pointed out the responsibility of the Church and its members in Canada.

Mr. S. H. Blake said from its wealth and position the Toronto Diocese stood forth in a commanding attitude. Because of that much was demanded of it, but it had not, in all things, come up to general expectations. In every parish there should be a true and zealous man, with a really decent salary and a good library, a building worthy of God and the Church, a good parish house, and many earnest workers. These were some of the matters which, during this Jubilee year, should be seen to. He thought, also, that there should be a reasonable changing of charges, so that the best and most recent thought might be given in country, as well as city, dioceses. The responsibility that God had cast no man could shake from his shoulders. An enormous responsibility rested upon the shoulders of those in this, the most important city of the Toronto Diocese, and the question was whether they would rise to the occasion, or sit still allowing the opportunity to pass. If they would rise to the opportunity it would result in a glorious return. It was by a missionary effort that the Church in Canada existed, and therefore its responsibility in the way of missionary effort for others was peculiarly great. During his address, and while speaking in regard to the necessity for "live men" and earnest work in place of so many concerts and socials, Mr. Blake read reports from a number of missionary stations as to the success of Christ-