

last October, and to the publication of the "Year Book" of the Church of England by the S. P. C. K. He closed his lengthy and interesting address in the following words:—

"I may now, brethren, dismiss you to your duties. I do so with the confident trust, that you will, one and all, be actuated by the single and earnest desire to advance the truest spiritual interests of our beloved Church, and by a spirit of brotherly love, mutual esteem and forbearance, and with a fervent prayer that the holy spirit of God will be pleased to give us a right judgment in all things, shed His peace into our hearts, and so prosper all our deliberations that they may redound to the glory of God in the promotion of true religion amongst us."

Rev. John Pearson was re-elected clerical and Dr. J. G. Hodgins lay secretary. The report of the Executive Committee was then read. The committee reported that in the matter of the increase of the Sustentation Fund for the purpose of supplementing the stipends of those clergymen of 15 years' standing, whose clerical incomes are under \$1,000 and a house, that a sub-committee had been appointed but no further action was taken.

The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw expressed his regret that nothing had been done, particularly when the need was so urgent. He showed what the Presbyterians were doing by their Augmentation Fund, over \$35,000 having been obtained the very first year, so as to bring each pastors' stipend up at once to \$750 and a free house. He deprecated the inactivity shown in this matter by our Church, and trusted something would be done at once. After a short discussion the Bishop appointed a committee consisting of the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Convener, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rural Dean Allen, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Dr. Roy and Messrs. C. W. Biggen, C. H. Griene, J. H. Mason, A. Marling and Judge Benson to consider the matter and report during the present session.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The list of names of gentlemen nominated by the Executive Committee to serve on the various committees was then taken up and passed, after which the Synod adjourned to meet the following day at 10 o'clock.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ELORA.—On the 11th inst. the Bishop of the Diocese administered confirmation here and at Alma, the out-station. At the latter place the service was held in the afternoon, the following clergy being present: Rev. J. Morton, of Fergus; Rev. A. J. Belt, of Arthur; Rev. A. Bonny, of Moorefield; Rev. R. T. W. Webb, of Luther; and Rev. P. S. Spencer, incumbent. Six candidates were presented. The service at Elora was held in the evening. Besides the clergy just mentioned, the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon of Guelph was present. The candidates were nine in number, five of them having formerly been members of other religious bodies. The Bishop's addresses were admirably suited to the occasion, having been delivered in clear, forcible and chaste language, and in a manner both fluent and earnest. Before the congregation was dismissed, the Incumbent read an address to the Bishop, stating that the members were united in their loyalty to the Anglican communion and their efforts to maintain its influence at home and abroad. The consecration of the church also was referred to, a hope being expressed that the Bishop would soon be invited to perform that act. His Lordship made a thoughtful reply, particularly dwelling upon the desirability of permanently adorning the interior of the building.

After the service some of the congregation and their friends met the Bishop at the parsonage and spent a short but pleasant time in his company.

Confirmation was administered in Fergus on the previous day, there being about a dozen candidates. Palmerston was visited on the 9th inst., when a large class was presented by Rev. G. B. Cooke. On the 8th the Bishop accompanied the Rural Dean and Rev. J. Morton to Dracon, in Garafraxa township, a neglected station, and prepared the way for having the services resumed.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

Bishop Baldwin held the annual confirmation service in St. James' Church, London South, on June 14th, when 35 persons received the rite. His Lordship preached the sermon from Heb. x, 10. He dealt on the great importance that attached to the service, and pointed out in impressive language the responsibility that rested upon each candidate. Addressing the congregation generally, he described the difference between justification and sanctification. After the service the Holy Communion was administered, 106 persons partaking. Rev. Evans Davis, Rector, and Rev. E. W. Hughes, took part in the services.

Bishop Baldwin administered the rite of confirmation to seven candidates in Anne's Chapel of Hellmuth Ladies' College on Sunday morning.

OPENING SERVICES OF THE SYNOD OF HURON.—A large number of the members, both clerical and lay, attended divine service in St. Paul's Church, Tuesday, June 16th. Rev. Evans Davis read the service to end of third collect, Rev. J. B. Richardson first lesson, Rev. R. Fletcher second, Rev. J. Gemley from third collect to end of service. His Lordship the Bishop was assisted in the communion services by Archdeacons Sandys, Marsh and Elwood, and the Rector, Canon Innis. Rev. Rural Dean Falls, A.B., preached an impressive sermon, appropriate to the occasion.

In the afternoon the Synod was convened for business in the Chapter House at 2.30.

The Bishop's charge stated that he had held 184 confirmation services in the year, and confirmed 3,902 candidates.

The annual missionary meeting was held in the Memorial Church School house, Tuesday evening. The speakers were Rev. Arthur Baldwin, of Toronto, Revs. J. Gemley and Hutchinson.

SYNOD MEETING.

A large number of the members, both clerical and lay, attended divine service at St. Paul's Church on the 16th inst., in conformity with the convening circular of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron. Subsequently the Holy Communion was administered, after which Rev. A. S. Falls, rector of Amherstburg, delivered an impressive sermon, appropriate to the occasion. Several Diocesan clergymen assisted at the services.

In the afternoon, shortly before three o'clock, the Synod convened at the Chapter House for business. In the absence of the Rev. J. B. Richardson, M.A., Rev. John Downie, B.A., was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

His Lordship then delivered his annual charge, of which the following is a brief synopsis:

REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHRENS OF THE LAITY.—Since last we met in Synod, a year of anxious toil and trial, lightened, however, at every step by the sunshine of God's mercies, has rolled away, leaving all its indelible impressions, and teaching us by the rich experience of the past how much divine grace we need to meet the exigencies and difficulties of the future. Having now visited every county, and, with a few inconsiderable exceptions, every mission in every county, I am able to-day to speak as never before concerning what may be called the pressing, though not exceptional wants of the diocese. I say this because the greatest difficulties which we have to encounter are not those which are peculiar to ourselves, as arising from some social or political characteristic of our people, but are only those which underlie the whole fabric of Christendom, and, to a greater or less extent, enfeeble everywhere the energies and usefulness of the Church of Christ. In order that all may clearly understand what, in my estimation, constitute the pressing needs of the church, I shall mention first: the sanctified ability to the utmost extent possible of the present working power of the Church. Great and holy are the functions of the Church of Christ, and many are the duties which she is called upon to perform. She is the "pillar and ground of the truth," the Bride of the Heavenly Bridegroom, and even more

than this, she is described as being the Lady, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. There is, however, one feature of her character which is too often overlooked, and that is her activity in the world as a witness and testimony for Jesus Christ. Our people, from the least to the greatest, need to remember that there is something more for the Church to do than to keep whole and undefiled the Catholic faith; something more than even the development of her members and the increase of her own internal peace and comfort. All about her, to the north and south, to the east and west, there is the great heaving world of sin, of sorrow and of shame. Not only away off in the dark continent of Africa, in the crowded cities of China and Japan, in the bazaars of India and the East, but at our own doors there are countless millions, groaning, suffering, dying, needing more than gold and silver, more than all this world can yield—the knowledge of the glorious Redeemer in whom are hidden not only all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge but the eternal sources of the great river of the water of life which flows for the salvation of man. To bring this Redeemer to every one within our reach is not only our legitimate work, it is our absolute and bounden duty, imposed on us by the great divine law of expansion and increase. To quote the language of a modern powerful writer: "Christ shows forth in us the divine power of His love, that we may bless others. He becomes a servant to us that we may become servants to others. He saves and cleanses us that we may save and cleanse others. He gives Himself wholly for us that we may give ourselves wholly to others." The questions now present themselves, Are we of the Church of England grasping as we ought this truth? Are we, in this our own Diocese, obeying the great law of expansion and increase? In our cities, in our county towns and villages and rural districts, are we reaching the masses, permeating society, growing with the nation's growth, and expanding with its vigorous increase. The answer to these questions may be threefold. First, that in some places we are advancing and doing a noble work; secondly, that in others we are absolutely stationary, and, thirdly, in others painfully retrograding. After alluding to the fact that the success of their work would be, by the blessing of God, assured, not problematical, the Right Reverend prelate went on to say: To reach the masses and save the souls of those about to die, our people should be earnestly taught the great privilege of all being individual workers for the cause of Christ and the welfare of His Church. The clergy need the co-operation of loyal hearts and true; the spontaneous action of those who, in the day of danger, will stand shoulder to shoulder with their appointed leaders, and by every effort in their power will help to push the battle to the gate. The Church must be aggressive in the cause of Christ; like the firefly, she only shines when on the wing, but when she rests she darkens. As a model church for work, he could not forbear quoting an example, whose record of Christian devotion was so remarkable that the recital of some of its good works might well stimulate their flagging zeal. The church alluded to was that of the "Holy Communion," New York. It has 900 communicants on its roll. These keep in operation, first, a shelter for infants; an industrial school, registering 354 names; an employment society, furnishing work to sixty poor women each week; a workingmen's club, whose membership number 203, with an income of over \$1,300, in connection with this there are two subordinate institutions, a literary club and a relief association; a special club for boys; a home for aged women; a shelter for respectable girls; a summer home at Hastings, on the Hudson, where last season more than one hundred persons were entertained; and finally, a coal club, by which poor people are able to obtain fuel at greatly reduced prices. In order to enlist the energies of their own people and arouse the vigorous and concerted action he dwelt upon—first, work among the young; secondly, of women's sphere and her position in the church; and thirdly, of the possibilities of usefulness open to a loving congregation. The Bishop referred at length to Christian liberality, stating that the very least each