

it be contended that such Churches can be created or must be maintained now?

7. Is the historic Church of England, from which the denominations have at one time or other separated, worse, either in point of doctrine or of morals, than some of the Churches of which the New Testament tells, or than the Jewish Church? If so, in what particulars?

8. Are its ministers, or have they been within the last 300 years—i. e., since Dissent arose in England—worse than the Scribes and Pharisees whom our Lord charged his disciples to obey? If they are not worse, then why are they, or why were they, to be discarded? Why should office count for nothing, when that of the Scribes counted for so much?

9. Is the Church of England, or is it not, a Church of God? Yes or no? If it is not a Church of God, then on what grounds is a name to be denied to it, which was given to the corrupt congregation at Corinth, and implicitly to the dead congregation at Sardis?

10. If it is a church of God, if, that is to say, God has not left it, then, on what grounds is it contended that men may leave it, or, having left it, are justified in remaining aloof from it.

I submit to you, brethren in Christ, that we shall never touch bottom, in any Conference on Reunion, until these questions are faced. It is useless to assume that there are many Churches without some Scripture proof: as useless as it is to assume that errors and abuses in the Church justify secession without Scripture proof. I commend them to your candid and dispassionate attention. "*Domine, nos dirige.*" I thank you for the patience and courtesy with which you have listened to me, and I pray God, through Him who "loved the Church and gave Himself for it," to guide us to a right conclusion.

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### A Missionary Rally.

GREAT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT YARMOUTH, N.S.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES—ELOQUENT PAPERS AND ADDRESSES—BRILLIANT SUCCESS, ETC.

The first Missionary Conference on a broad, expansive scale, in the Canadian Church, has been held in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. It was suggested by the Rector of Trinity Parish, Yarmouth, the Rev. T. S. Cartwright, LL.D., and was warmly approved by Bishop Courtney and the Mission Board of the diocese. With singular unanimity and enthusiasm, both clergy and laity entered into the arrangement, and with remarkable success the arrangement was carried out. Nothing could have been more auspicious, nothing more successful; and if the practical results realize ardent anticipations, the Conference will prove of wide and lasting benefit to the Church.

The object of the Conference was to revive missionary zeal in the diocese, and to advance the Mission work of the Church in general. All the clergy of the diocese, with lay representatives from their respective parishes, were invited to attend. The members of the Church in Yarmouth hospitably entertained the visitors. A syllabus of subjects and an order of services had been carefully prepared by the Bishop and Rector; and, bold as the experiment was, there was reason to hope for its success.

#### THE OPENING SERVICE

of the Conference was held in Holy Trinity church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17th. With his Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Lord Bishop of Algoma, there were present 35 of the clergy, and a fair number of the laity. The Bishops and clergy robed in the school-house, and marched in procession to the church to the inspiring strains of the well-known hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," presenting a most imposing scene. The church was crowded with an intelligent and earnest congregation. Evening Prayer was said by the Venerable Archdeacon Kaulbach and the Rev. Canon Brock; the Lessons were read by the Rev. T. C. Miller and the Venerable Archdeacon Jones; the Psalter was chanted, and the *Cantate Domino*, the *Deus Misericors*, and the anthem, "What shall I render unto the Lord?" An offertory solo, "Charity," and a number of appropriate hymns were all finely rendered. The Bishop of the diocese preached an eloquent and instructive sermon based on the words of our Lord, "Whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall save it;" and after the offertory and benediction the procession of Bishops and clergy returned to the school-house.

#### A RECEPTION

was tendered by the ladies of the parish to the members of the Conference. The Rector and the Hon. L. E. Baker addressed a few appropriate words of welcome, which were gracefully responded to by the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Bishop of Algoma. Refreshments were plentifully supplied, and an hour was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

was celebrated on Wednesday morning, Oct. 18th. There were present 132 communicants. The Bishop of the diocese was the celebrant, assisted by the Archdeacons, Kaulbach and Jones, and the Rev. T. S. Cartwright. It was a semi-choral celebration, and was indeed one of the "times of refreshing coming from the presence of the Lord."

#### THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

for business in the parish school-house. His Lordship Bishop Courtney presided. The Rev. T. S. Cartwright called over the roll of clergy and lay representatives. Upon motion he was unanimously elected secretary; two Conference reporters were appointed; and, at the suggestion of the Bishop, a committee was chosen consisting of three clergymen and two laymen to examine and report upon all papers sent in by absentees, and prepare any special business for the Conference. An Inaugural Address was then delivered by the Bishop, in which he dwelt upon the missionary spirit and duty of the Church.

#### THE FIRST SUBJECT

for discussion was "The spiritual and financial condition of our Diocesan Missions." In the absence of the Rev. Canon Partridge, who was announced to read the first paper, and which was intended to lay down a basis for the discussion, the Rev. Rural Dean DeBlois read a paper, and the Rev. Rural Dean Gelling delivered an address on the subject with special reference to the Missions in their respective Rural Deaneries. A number of short speeches were also made on the same topic by the Revs. Rural Dean Johnston, H. E. Ball, T. S. Cartwright, E. J. Woollard, and the Bishop. At 12:30 the morning session closed, and the Conference adjourned for luncheon.

#### THE AFTERNOON SESSION

commenced at two o'clock. After a hymn had been sung and prayer offered up, the Committee on Papers and Business reported that a paper submitted by the Rev. J. Simpson, of

Charlottetown, P.E.I., on the condition of the Church in that Island, had been examined, that a few passages had been eliminated as touching upon subjects which do not properly fall within the province of the Conference, and that, as thus amended, the paper was recommended to be read by the Rev. Canon Brock. The report was approved.

#### THE SECOND SUBJECT

was "The Missionary needs and opportunities of the Diocese and the Province." This was introduced by the Rev. Rural Dean Johnston, who read an able paper, in which he pointed out the religious necessities of many parts of the Province, particularly in his own Rural Deanery. He was followed by the Rev. Rural Dean Harris, who gave an earnest and instructive address, illustrated by maps, on the needs and work of the Deanery of Amherst. The Rev. Canon Brock read the paper prepared by the Rev. J. Simpson, on "The Church in Prince Edward Island." Short addresses were also made on the subjects introduced by the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, Mr. T. Brown, Rev. T. S. Cartwright, and the Bishop.

#### THE THIRD SUBJECT

was introduced at 3.30, "How can we extend and strengthen our Mission work?" The Venerable Archdeacon Kaulbach read an excellent paper treating of the Mission work of the diocese, and offering valuable practical suggestions for its extension. The Rev. J. Spencer read a paper on "The need of a Diocesan Missioner in Holy Orders." He was followed by the Rev. H. E. Ball on "The advisability of dividing our larger Missions," and by the Rev. H. A. Harley on "The importance of instructing our young people in Mission work."

All these topics were treated with clearness and force; and in a number of short speeches made by Mr. J. H. Rowley, Rev. G. D. Harris, Rev. Rural Dean Harris, Archdeacon Kaulbach, Rev. T. C. Mellor, Mr. T. Brown, Rev. J. Lockward, Rev. H. How, and the Bishop, the various points were emphasised and enforced. At 5.30 the second session of the day closed.

#### THE MISSIONARY MEETING

was held in the evening in the Music Hall. There was a very large gathering. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer, and during the evening several other missionary hymns were sung. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese presided, and delivered an appropriate address. He was followed by the Rev. S. Gibbons, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, and the Bishop of Algoma, who pleaded earnestly the needs and claims of his own diocese. A feeling of enthusiasm pervaded the meeting, and an offering amounting to \$65.31 was made in aid of the Algoma Mission. This, the rector afterwards announced, should be increased to \$100.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

fitly opened the second day's proceedings on Thursday morning, Oct. 19th. There were 32 communicants. The Rev. H. E. Ball was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. E. J. Woollard and the Rev. T. S. Cartwright. At 9 o'clock the Conference re-assembled in the school-room. The Bishop offered up prayers.

#### THE FOURTH SUBJECT

was "The proper support and management of our Mission Funds." This was preceded by the paper of the Rev. Canon Partridge on "The spiritual and financial condition of our Diocesan Missions," omitted on the preceding day. It was a very able paper, and gave much valuable statistical information on the status of the Church in the Province.

The Venerable Archdeacon Jones then read an able paper on "Proportional and systematic giving." This was followed by the Rev. J. Lockward with a learned paper on "The Divine