

youth of our Church. Then followed an excellent and scholarly paper on "The Higher Criticism of the Old Testament Scriptures," by the Archdeacon of St. John. Canon Roberts, rector of Fredericton, also read a paper on "The Witness of the Old Testament Scriptures to Christ." At this stage in the proceedings a committee was appointed to answer questions. The following members of the Conference constituted the committee:—Ven. Archdeacon Neales, Rev. H. Montgomery, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Miss Walker, and Mrs. Howard. Then followed in some respects the most interesting feature of St. Paul's, St. John, gave a model lesson rector of St. Pauls, St. John, gave a model lesson on the baptismal covenant. The lesson was replete with most apt and forcible illustrations. For example, "Born in Sin and the Children of Wrath" was elucidated by the case of Robin Hood, the outlaw, whose son gave over his life of outlawry into which he was born, and was then forgiven by the King and restored to the title and possessions which his father had confiscated. Sponsors in baptism called forth the illustration of the coronation of the infant King of Spain, in virtue

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ren, substituted for the worship of the Church. Rev. H. Montgomery next spoke upon the importance of developing the missionary spirit in Sunday schools. Importance of the subject can only be realized when each Sunday school teacher is a true missionary, when he recognizes that the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a great missionary society. Children need always to be impressed with the fact that Holy Baptism imposes upon them certain responsibilities. We need to enlist their sympathies in the Church's work, so that they may always feel that they have a place to fill and a work in the Church to do. They also need to feel that their own diocese has a claim upon each of them. Then try to get them to expand their missionary spirit, to embrace our domestic missions in our great Canadian mission field. If we had \$1,500 from our Sunday school children per annum we could open up three of our vacant missions. Last year they contributed in mission boxes over \$900 to Home missions. The Rev. Mr. Montgomery, in closing, made reference to the sacrifices Englishmen have made in order to come here and work in our mission field. This called forth a gentle rebuke from



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of the promises and vows made by his sponsors, etc. etc. A practical paper, intense with matter of fact ideas, was read by Rev. O. S. Newnham, the writer of which was Dr. T. M. Deacon, Mayor of Miltown, Charlotte county, an experienced and successful Sunday school worker. His estimate of the layman's responsibility in Sunday school work elicited the applause of the conference, and called forth a spirited and profitable discussion, which was participated in by Revs. Whitycombe, Newnham, and Archdeacon Brigstocke. The former complaining of the difficulty met with in securing male teachers, called forth the following experience from the Archdeacon:—"I don't want male teachers for my boys. Women teachers I have found are the best in every instance for younger children. While two or three men are essential in a school for keeping up the interest of the older boys, I believe that the majority of Sunday school teachers should be women." Referring to a former paper, Rev. H. Montgomery stated that it should be known that there are about 6,000 Sunday school scholars in the diocese, which num-

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ren, substituted for the worship of the Church. He said, "If I had the opportunity to-morrow of going back to England, and the offer of a good living there, I would not go." He wished to disabuse the idea that he, at least, felt that he had made any great sacrifices to come and work in New Brunswick. The Rev. T. M. Whitycombe, rector of St. Jude's, St. John, then moved the following resolution:—"In view of the prevailing ignorance of the Word of God, it is imperative that special efforts should be made to promote systematic reading of the Bible amongst our young, with a view of making more efficient the work effected by our Sunday schools." His address was logical and clearly worked out, dealing as it did with the obstacles which stand in the way of a fuller and riper knowledge of the Bible among business men. This resolution was ably seconded by Rev. R. W. Colston, rector of Mauderville. He attributes a large part of this ignorance of the Bible to the fact that some 300 years ago a certain portion of Christendom started out to do away with the Prayer Book, and with the creeds of antiquity. As a consequence,