

and it was unanimously agreed that whatever be the resolution arrived at it must express their conscientious convictions, and they agreed to support such a resolution in the Synod of the diocese. There were two or three resolutions proposed. Finally it was resolved, on motion of Mr. W. A. Hunter, seconded by Rev. J. A. Shaw, "That in the opinion of this conference of clergy and laity of Rensfrew Deanery, the Synod of the Diocese should apply to the House of Bishops for permission to elect a Bishop of Ottawa, on the guarantee of the new diocese that his income will be made up by assessment, in so far as that may be necessary, to augment the income received from endowment; and that this conference requests the Rural Dean to bring the foregoing resolution before Synod as a notice of motion."

A resolution was also passed, that in the opinion of this conference it is desirable that The Church in Canada should choose her Bishops from amongst the clergy serving in Canada.

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood and its affiliated order, the Cadets, was described by the Rev. Mr. Quartermaine, who made mention of the great assistance which he had received in his mission work through their aid. The next meeting of the Deanery will be held at Arnprior.

Diocese of Toronto.

ORILLIA.

On Sunday, the 21st of May, the Sons of England Benevolent Society of this place held their annual Church parade, marching to St. James' church here, where a special service was held at which the Rev. Canon Greene delivered an able address from the text Acts xx, 25. He referred to the objects of the Society, viz.: to unite all honourable and true Englishmen between the ages of 18 and 60 years in an Association for mutual aid; to educate its members in the principles of true manhood; to care for each other in sickness and adversity, &c. The sermon was a very loyal and patriotic one, frequent references being made to the Queen. The offertory amounted to \$18.00, and was handed to Miss Stewart for the Orillia cot. The service closed with the Benediction, after which the National Anthem was sung in a hearty manner.

The Hon. Miss Sugden delivered an address on the evening of the 17th of May on behalf of the Zenana work in India. Miss Sugden spoke of her desire to establish a hospital in her mission, for which \$600.00 would be required for the salary of a lady medical missionary, and asked that 600 ladies should pledge themselves to contribute \$1.00 a year for this purpose.

PETERBOROUGH.

St. John's.—The Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rector of St. James' church, Toronto, preached at St. John's on Sunday evening, the 21st of May, his sermon being addressed specially to men. The church was crowded, although but short notice had been given of Canon Dumoulin's presence in town. In the course of his sermon the preacher referred to examples of great men from the Bible and from modern history, contrasting, in closing, the careers of Jay Gould and Charles James Wills; the former amassing wealth and becoming a millionaire with little regard at times for his fellows, the latter consecrating his whole life to the service of God in the slums of New York city, and being carried to his grave amidst the lamentations of hundreds whom he had raised to a better life.

ASHBURNHAM.

On Sunday afternoon, 21st May, the Sons of

England turned out to the number of 125, and attended service at St. Luke's church here, when the anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Symonds, rector. The church was filled with members of the Association and their friends. The preacher took at his text Psalm xxxviii, 13-14, enforcing the duty of patriotism as being in accordance with the principles of religion in answer to the following questions: (1) What was the ultimate religious basis of the love of country? (2) Why did the love of God seem to carry with it almost of necessity the love of country? (3) How did the love of country stand related to the universalism of Christianity which bade them love all men, appeared to break down the barriers between nation and nation and race and race, and forbade men to cherish such differences as might render them hostile one to the other.

The offertory was in aid of the Sons of England Life Boat Fund. At the conclusion of the service the whole congregation united in singing the National Anthem.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

The Anglican Church Chronicle, Honolulu:

One of the most grievous complaints of the present age is the breach of the Fifth Commandment—the first Commandment with promise. No doubt it is owing to the laxity of religious training. Children soon begin to treat their parents with indifference, and this is not long before it becomes disrespect and unfilial conduct generally. What kind of parents the next generation will prove it is not hard to guess. We want to show that this attitude of children, so fast growing beyond endurance both to parents and teachers, is owing in no little measure to the parents themselves. They neglect the spiritual—the highest part of human nature, and are too eager for the cultivation of the physical and the mental natures. We see parents utterly insensible to the power and efficacy of prayer. They never inculcate obedience to themselves as a part of the child's duty to God. Corrections are made in anger, and the child soon grows to look upon the "old man" or the "governor" as the personification of injustice and barbarity. Over-indulgence is another fault which soon becomes a crime. Laughing at precocity, when it should be deemed impertinence, is too common a case. The parent should never be so careful of his actions and his words, as when in the presence of his children, and especially in his treatment of religious subjects. When religious dissensions arise, and so long as the human element preponderates in the Church of Christ they will arise, great care should be taken lest the human infirmity should be classed as a spiritual failure. Quarrels and disagreements between persons professing religion should be shown up as departures from the laws of God, and not as being consequent to the professing of religion. The child would soon learn the difference, and with other attentions to the outward and visible signs of a religious life we may look for a better observance of the Fifth Commandment.

The Family Churchman, London:

The reports of the committee of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury on the vexed questions of Fasting and Evening Communion, except to the extreme men on either side, will give very general satisfaction to churchpeople. The Bishops have adopted the *via media* in both cases, and that not only because it is expedient, but also because it is right. In doing so they have acted in the true spirit of the Prayer-book, as set forth in its preface: "It hath been the wisdom of the Church of

England, ever since the first compiling of her public liturgy, to keep the mean, between two extremes, of too much stiffness in refusing, and of too much easiness in admitting any variation from it." Our branch of the Catholic Church, remembering the custom of the Apostolic age, is too wise to lay down a hard and fast rule as to Fasting Communion, neither does it condemn a pious and venerable custom which has been commended by many of the Church's eminent divines since the Reformation, and which is helpful to many as a means of grace. In the case of Evening Communion it is certainly not advisable, except in cases of necessity, that the Church should depart from the custom of centuries both before and after the Reformation. The Prayer-book is silent as to the hour at which the Holy Communion should be celebrated, but everything seems to point to it in connection with Matins. Still it is certainly more desirable that people should communicate in the evening than that they should not communicate at all, and it may be that, in certain crowded parishes in our great towns there exists a difficulty in the way of the poorer classes communicating in the morning. But the clergyman of a parish should convince himself that such a need exists, or that the difficulty may not be overcome by early Communion, before departing from what has been the continuous custom of the Church. In this, as in other things, we should strive to observe the golden rule, "In all things charity."

THE CHURCH'S ANSWER TO THE SPOILIATION SCHEME.

A STRIKING SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

(From Correspondent of Church Review)

The day on which it was appointed that English Churchmen in the mass should protest against the Spoliation-by-Degrees Bill was ushered in by two early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in St. Paul's Cathedral, held respectively in the northwest chapel and the crypt. The great service of the day, however, was the choral celebration in the choir. It began with a procession which was formed at the west door and passed down the nave, to the singing of the well-known hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." First came the choir, then members of the Houses of Laymen of the Northern and Southern provinces, members of the two Lower Houses of Convocation, the Bishops, wearing rich Convocation robes, and followed by their chaplains, the minor canons, the prebendaries and the canons residentiary of St. Paul's, the Dean, then the bearers of archiepiscopal crozier, and the Bishop of London's episcopal staff, who preceded the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, and the Bishop of London. The Archbishop of Canterbury's train was born by a chorister. The scene was one of considerable grandeur, the scarlet robes of nearly every Bishop of the Church of England, the black and red Doctors' gowns, and the varied academic hoods presenting an almost unexampled spectacle. More than twenty minutes elapsed before all had found seats, either within the choir or under the dome. Among the Northern clergy the Deans of York and Manchester, the Archdeacon of Northumberland, and Canon Owen were conspicuous, and among the Southern clergy every eye was turned on the venerable form of Archdeacon Denison, who leant on the arm of Canon Bristow. The first bishops to appear other than the suffragans who were members of the Lower House were Bishops Barry and Jenner. The Bishops of Lichfield and Carlisle were the first