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## The Anglican Forward Movement

Letter to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity—A Preliminary Statement

THE time has come for the Bishops, clergy and laity of the Church to be fully informed of the progress thus far of the Forward Movement, inaugurated at the Board of Missions and the General Synod at their last meeting.

1. The Committee of Laymen from the General Synod and the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C., after very many conferences and much anxious deliberation, have taken action along the following lines:—

(a) They developed a General Executive Committee, with the Primate as chairman, to carry on the campaign.

(b) They secured the appointment of the REV. CANON GOULD to be the organizing secretary of the movement, and REV. DR. W. E. TAYLOR to be the publicity and literature secretary.

(c) They fixed upon the financial objectives, as follows:—

### 1. Missionary Funds:

- (1) War Memorial Endowment for Work among Indians and Eskimos .....\$ 500,000
  - (2) Settlers' Church Extension Fund, including Medical and Itinerating Missions ..... 170,000
  - (3) Indian and Eskimo; reorganization and equipment ..... 100,000
  - (4) Foreign Missions, including buildings, equipment, extension, and work among Orientals in Canada 240,000
  - (5) W.A.; extension and equipment .... 200,000
- (\$1,210,000)

### 2. General Funds:

- (1) Primacy Expenses (Endowment Fund) .....\$ 50,000
  - (2) General Synod, Executive Council Expenses (Endowment Fund) .. 100,000
  - (3) Church House, to provide Headquarters for M.S.C.C., Sunday School Commission, Council Social Service and other work under the General Synod ..... 130,000
  - (4) Sunday School Commission (5-year extension, \$25,000; Text Books and Literature, \$25,000) ..... 50,000
  - (5) Council Social Service (5-year extension, \$25,000; Literature, \$25,000) 50,000
  - (6) War Service Commission ..... 20,000
- (\$ 400,000)

### 3. Beneficiary Funds .....\$ 750,000

Total .....\$2,360,000

### REPORT OF BENEFICIARY COMMITTEE.

The Beneficiary Committee reported as follows to the Anglican Forward Movement Committee:—

1. That it is impracticable to launch a scheme during the present year to raise a sum sufficient to put the Beneficiary Funds on an actuarial basis.

2. That in the meantime an effort be now made to raise the sum of \$750,000 as a General Pension Fund to be placed in the hands of and invested by Trustees nominated by the General Synod or by the Executive Council, until a scheme on an actuarial basis be adopted by the General Synod.

3. That in the meantime the income from the sum thus received be used: (a) To supply pensions in dioceses where there is now no pension

fund, and (b) to augment the pensions in those dioceses where now the funds are inadequate so as to equalize, so far as possible, the scale of pensions in all dioceses, and

4. That the funds thus raised be available for use for any actuarial scheme of pensions which the General Synod may adopt, it being understood that in this resolution, pension includes provision for old age or physical disability on the part of clergy, and for widows and orphans of the clergy, and that the ordained agents of the M.S.C.C. in Canada and abroad are included among the beneficiaries.

(Signed) JOHN MONTREAL,  
Chairman.

### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES.

1. Missionary funds (total) .....\$1,210,000
  2. General funds (total) ..... 400,000
  3. Beneficiary funds (total) ..... 750,000
- Grand total .....\$2,360,000

WHEN we arrived at this stage, we were approached by representatives from the Presbyterians and the Methodists, who were severally planning a Dominion-wide movement like our own, with a view to co-operation in one great national campaign. After several conferences, the advantages of one simultaneous campaign, in conjunction with these communions, appeared very weighty and substantial as against a campaign carried on in isolation. The communions participating are Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian with the Congregational and Baptist. The co-operation does not commit us as a communion to anything beyond common organization to reach the financial objectives and participation in public meetings of a general character, to explain the objects of, and to stir up enthusiasm for the Forward Movement. For it is distinctly understood that:—

(1) Each communion determines its own objectives.

(2) Each will conduct its own spiritual preparation.

(3) Each will receive its own subscriptions independently of the other communions.

A United National Executive Committee has been formed, with Mr. G. H. Wood, of Wood, Gundy and Co., Toronto, as chairman, who largely shaped the Victory Loan Campaign in Toronto, and the plan now is to have a Dominion-wide organization somewhat similar to that which made the Victory Loan such a success. Every Province and municipality will be covered. Mr. G. A. Warburton, whose zeal and success as an organizer are well known, has been secured as national director of the campaign, and already he is engaged in the work of organization. The Anglican representatives on the United National Executive Committee are the Bishop of Huron, Canon Gould, Dr. W. E. Taylor (substitute), Mr. S. Casey Wood, Mr. W. C. Brent.

It is planned to have a great meeting in Ottawa about the end of May to launch formally the public commencement of the campaign, when it is hoped that the Governor-General will be present and act as hon. president of the movement.

After that, we must carry on a vigorous campaign of education and spiritual preparation with-

in our respective communions, for we are well aware that the organization for financial objectives will fail of its expected results unless our people are given a clear vision of the critical nature of the present time, both in Canada and in the world, and are raised to a new and higher sense of responsibility and vocation as members of Christ's Body.

It is here that we need especially the active co-operation of each Bishop. No campaign of educational and spiritual preparation can be successfully organized and prosecuted in a diocese without the co-operation of the Bishop, the clergy and the laity of the diocese, and we must all attempt the work largely with the material that we have in our several dioceses, both clerical and lay. Canon Gould, as organizing secretary, will do all that is possible to help each diocese; but at best he can only appear at the chief centres. The pushing of preparation into every parish and mission must be accomplished in each diocese by such agents or agencies as the Bishop can call forth among his own clergy and laity.

THE origin of the movement is, of course, rooted in THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD for the marvellous things which He has enabled us to do and by which He has led us through much tribulation into safety and peace. The whole world has passed through a veritable shaking of the heavens and the earth, and like all great crises in the world's history, in the Providence of God, this shaking, we believe, has been for destruction and renewal, for the removal of the things shaken and for the opening of a new and, let us hope, a better era in the history of mankind. Whether this will be realized or not will depend largely upon the extent to which Christian peoples, ourselves included, will seize and use the opportunities given to us in this day of visitation.

Therefore, it has been suggested that our preparation follow along two lines:—

(a) EDUCATIONAL, for which leaflets and pamphlets and literature will be issued, which are now being prepared.

(b) SPIRITUAL, with special emphasis on Prayer, Service, Giving and Stewardship. For these also some popular literature will be issued, but the chief part of this preparation will fall probably upon the clergy, who, it is hoped, will prepare themselves so as to concentrate during the summer and early autumn upon these aspects of the Christian life.

The whole campaign will be presented with greater intensity from October onward and brought to a climax by the universal canvass during the last week of November.

Such in brief outline is the situation thus far, and it has been thought well to communicate at this early date with each Bishop and clergyman, so that each will have time to prepare for doing what will fall to his lot in the preparation of his diocese or parish to take a worthy part in this great movement.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of the General Synod.

S. P. RUFERT'S LAND, Primate.

DAVID HURON, Chairman of  
Executive Committee.

S. GOULD, Organizing Secretary.