

Ever may they obey the Apostolic injunction, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God," and have the happy satisfaction of being able to say, "When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

"And hast not denied my character." Can this be said of us as a Church? Who shall confidently answer in the affirmative? When we see others casting out devils in Christ's name, the devils of selfishness, worldliness, extortion, lust, drunkenness, pride, and every kind of sin, and bringing in their opposites, so that reformed lives become sources of good to influence all around them, and some would say, "We forbade them because they followed not us," do we as a Church iterate Christ's word, "Forbid him not, for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. When men to-day will not receive Christ as we preach Him, do we with the Boanerges brethren cry, "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elias did," and expose ourselves to His rebuke, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of"? or, do we remember that He added—"The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them"? Are we as a Church, acting on the principle of His Life in our conduct towards all men, whether of our communion or not—"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His Life a ransom for many"—"I am among you as he that serveth."

We are here in our corporate capacity, and it we will spend some time in painstaking thought and quiet meditation, upon the condition, needs, opportunities, and responsibilities, of the Church whose representatives we are, and will pray earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the help of God's heavenly grace, we shall be enabled to devise such measures conceived in such a spirit and temper of mind, as will cause the Church as a whole to keep Christ's word, and not to deny His character, and, relying upon His assurance that "no man can shut it"—to advance boldly through the "open door," which He has set before us, into the regions beyond, taking our share in the great conflict which shall win the world for Christ, and issue in the joyful anthem—"The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."

The Church was well filled with a most attentive congregation.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

At 7.30, Holy Communion was celebrated at All Saints' Church; at 8 o'clock at Christ Church, and at 9 a. m. in St. John's Cathedral. Most of the members of the Synod were present at one or other of these services. At 9.45 the members of the Lower House assembled in one of the lecture rooms of St. John's College, where they awaited the arrival of the members of the Upper House, who joined them a little after 10 a.m. His Grace the Primate opened the Synod by reading a Scripture lesson; the recital of the Apostles Creed, in which all joined; and the repetition of several collects suitable to the occasion. The Primate then delivered his address to the Synod, as follows;

THE PRIMATES ADDRESS.

Your Grace, Right Rev Fathers, Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity: I welcome you to the western province and hope that your visit to us may have pleasant memories. May the Holy Spirit be with us, guiding and overruling our deliberations, so that they may be for the glory of God, the advancement of the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, and the promotion of the life and growth of the Church. The three years that has passed since the last General Synod, short as the time is, has left their mark upon our body. We miss two members of the House of Bishops, the Bishop of New Westminster and the Bishop of Qu'Appelle. The Bishop of New Westminster took a very active part in the business of the last General Synod and preached the sermon at the service of thanksgiving. The Bishop of Qu'Appelle was one of the delegation from our Synod to the general convention of the American Church that met last year at Minneapolis, and endeared himself, as he always did, to all with whom he came in contact; Both are well known and esteemed as devoted servants of their Divine Master. We cordially welcome their successors.

A pleasure is given to us to-day which we hope will often be repeated at our meetings of Synod. We have the privilege of welcoming a new diocese with its delegation. It should be to us a great joy to see the Church being thus strengthened for its great work.

At one time we had every reason to expect that we should have had with us to-day the Bishop of Newfoundland and a delegation from that diocese seeking admission into our General Synod.

Both Bishop and Synod have expressed their earnest desire for this at the Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland in 1891 and there was a unanimous willingness to accept our constitution and its accompanying solemn declaration and fundamental principles and to send representatives to this meeting of the General Synod. But I understand that the Synod has decided not at present to send such a delegation. I have not heard officially what has led to this decision but I have reason to believe that it has been a resolution addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of Canada by the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

That resolution might be extended to the diocese of Newfoundland if the diocese joined the Canadian church. The grant of the S. P. G. is a matter of the life and death to that diocese. The synod of Newfoundland might therefore well pause before taking steps which should in the least jeopardize the essential subsidy. The church authorities in Newfoundland seemed to have doubts whether their bishop and delegates would be received at once under the original proposition of having a general synod for Canada and Newfoundland or after petition for admission. I think as we should be only too glad to welcome them it might be well to pass a resolution assuring them of cordial admission if they desire it.

I cannot say that I feel at all satisfied with the condition of the business of this general synod. With the exception of the mission work of the church there has not been much preparation. Most of the committees appointed by the last synod have had little opportunity of meeting and taking action. Evidently there ought to be some changes in the constitution of our committee. There should in my opinion be three divisions of committees. The members in the dioceses of British