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## WORLD WORSE AND NOT BETTER BECAUSE OF WAR

Bishop Farthing's Charge to  
Montreal Synod

Speaks of 18 Months' Unavailing  
Hope for Peace, and the  
Epidemic of Profiteering —  
Church Union — Stipends  
of Clergy.

(Montreal Star.)

Bishop Farthing's address to the Anglican synod this afternoon makes reference to the loss sustained by the deaths of Rev. R. D. Irwin and Rev. Canon J. F. H. Allnatt, D. D., the funeral of the latter taking place at the time the address was made. There follows a list of the episcopal acts performed in the year 1919, which included a number of memorial services and tablet unveilings and details of changes in the various dioceses.

### War and Rumors of War.

In a resume of general conditions existing at the present time, his lordship said:

Eighteen months have passed since the armistice, and we cannot suppress the feeling of disappointment at the conditions which confront us. Peace has not yet been made between all the warring nations and the ink of the signatures to the peace treaty with the Central Powers is hardly dry when once more we face the possibilities of another world conflagration.

Instead of the dawn of the reign of Christ with its love and peaceful order, we see the spirit of intense selfishness appealing to the arbitration of force, just as it did in the pre-war days. We hear of wars being waged, we hear rumors of nations preparing for war. In our own nation we see what is to all intents and purposes a fratricidal war in Ireland. To what imperial and international complications this may lead, no one can foretell. The possibilities of appalling evil, pregnant with unknown suffering and calamity for ourselves and other nations, lie there.

Unrepentant Germany is astutely continuing her old policy of stirring up nations against nations that in the struggle she may escape the due reward of her wickedness. Others are apparently seeking to gratify ambition at the expense of the prostrate and war exhausted nations; while the near and far east seem to be seething with discontent and threatening unrest, and Russia is causing the horror of the unknown. Add to this the blind greed of the profiteers in our own and other lands, who are by adding burden to burden, goading on the peaceful and law-abiding citizens to join the forces of revolt which are indus-

triously laboring to upset our civilization, and to destroy law and order. We seem to be the victims of a pernicious system, for which it is difficult to place responsibility. Selfish men inspired by greed are taking advantage of the opportunities which the system affords to enrich themselves at the cost of intense suffering to nameless thousands of their fellows. Hiding behind the system they escape detection and seek to evade personal responsibility. We must insist that the Christian is responsible for the evil he does, nor can he rightly profit by wrong no matter what human systems seem to justify the wrong.

The speaker also referred to the unfortunate success of the propaganda seeking to separate the two great Anglo-Saxon races, Britain and the United States of America, which he deeply deplored.

### Church Union.

Upon the subject of church union, he added:

We must approach the subject by enunciating principles. Everyone baptized with water into the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is a member of the Body of Christ. Our non-episcopal brethren are therefore mem-

bers of the Church of Jesus Christ. This fact must be recognized. They are not members of the Anglican Communion, but they are members of the Body of Christ, which is to me, the Catholic Church. The cloth torn from the garment has not changed its material substance, it is of the same character as the rest of the garment from which it is taken. The garment is marred by the schism, and the separated piece is not as useful as when in its original place in the garment, both alike in substance, however. The duty of all is to weave the piece back into its proper place in the garment, and to do so it is as to leave no ugly seam.

The expediency of Federation does not appeal to me at all. It seems to sacrifice our freedom to a large degree, to curtail our liberty, and cannot fail at times to put us in a most delicate position when it is well-nigh impossible to avoid compromising truth and principles.

### Must Make Stipends.

With regard to the subject of re-organization the speaker said:

The decrease in the number of English speaking families in many of the country parts of the diocese necessitates a re-arrangement in the congregations. The policy which this diocese has ever pursued, and I hope will continue, is to bring the ministrations of the church to all English speaking people scattered throughout this province, and I feel in pursuing this policy, we have been abundantly blessed. It has been very encouraging to note that though the numbers are less than in years gone by, the contributions to the maintenance of the church locally, and in the mission field are greater than they ever have been, showing that the people in the country have been learning the blessing of giving.

The increase in the cost of living during the last few years necessitates the payment of larger stipends to the clergy, and consequently very much larger grants from the Mission Fund. These grants have increased until in some parishes they are larger than the total stipends were a few years ago.

Add to this the scarcity of men occasioned by the emptying of our colleges during the war which has completely shut off our source of supply for the past four or five years. If we are to pay even the modest stipends which are now in force, and at the same time minister to all our people scattered throughout the country, we must economize in men and money.

### Budget is Larger.

The budget figures showed an increase over last year in funds raised for parochial purposes amounted to \$349,459, being \$66,472 more than in 1918. "The need for our budget is just as great as ever," said Bishop Farthing, "and its income is not affected by the Forward Movement. Nothing must be allowed to interfere with it. Every effort, even a greater effort than usual, must be put forth to ensure a full and liberal response. The stipends of our clergy in the diocese, in the Canadian mission field, and in a limited measure in the foreign field, will depend upon it. Last year we were able to pay the stipends on the scale of \$1,000, \$1,100 and \$1,200 and home, through the giving of two bonuses. This year the executive committee recommended that the canonical stipends be increased to \$800, \$1,000 and \$1,100. This is instead of the bonus given last February. It is a further step towards our goal, and puts the increase on a proper basis as a legal stipend, and not as a bonus."

### Forward Movement.

His Lordship then proceeded to deal exhaustively with the Forward Movement, which he characterized as the first effort at united church action, and the success of which had surpassed all expectations. He also commented upon the work of parish organizations, candidates for the ministry, amusements and work and the moving pictures, in regard to the movement. With respect to the last named, there could be no greater mistake than to condemn moving pictures indiscriminately when considering the powerful influence for good of some exhibitions. The address concluded with

a retrospect and forecast, which included reference to the work of Miss Dawke in looking after the girls brought before the Recorder's Court and the payment of cures to assist in the work of industrial parishes.

Over two hundred and fifty delegates, clergy and laity, attended the opening today of the sessions of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Montreal.

Shortly before 10:30 the clergy formed a procession from the chapter house and proceeded to the Cathedral for the celebration of Holy Communion. Rev. Dean Evans read the Gospel and Archdeacon Longhurst the Epistle. Right Rev. Bishop Farthing conducted the celebration, being assisted by Rev. Canons Rexford, Flanagan, and Carmichael and Rev. Dr. Taylor.

The preacher at the annual synod service to be held in the cathedral tonight at 8 p. m. will be Rev. Canon Cody, D. D., of Toronto, minister of education in the late Ontario government, and a well-known platform speaker and writer. The service will be conducted by the vicar, Rev. Dr. Symonds, who will be assisted

by Rev. Dean Evans, Rev. Archdeacon Paterson-Smyth and Rev. Canon Willis. The choir will also participate. The session will last for three days, closing on Thursday, and during this period business will be transacted in both mornings and afternoons.

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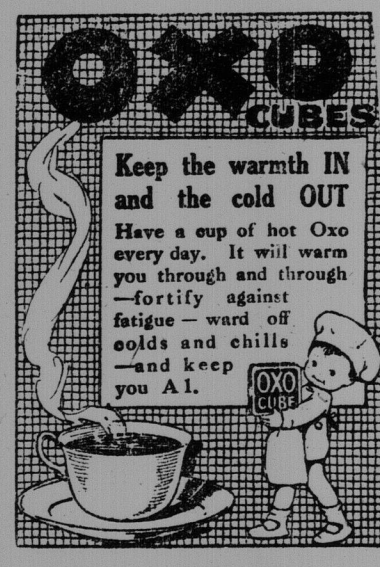
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