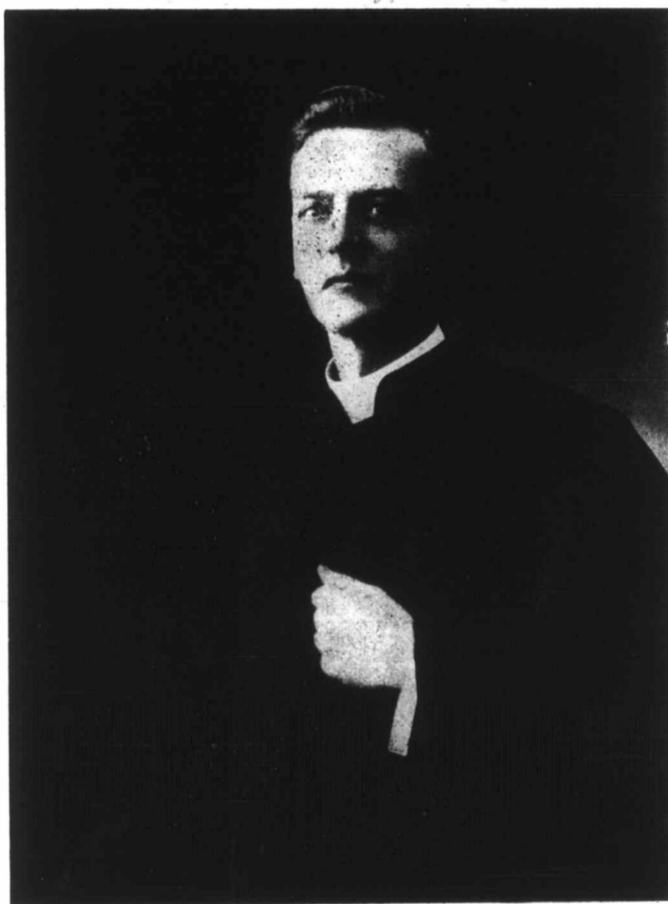


THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

TORONTO.—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th.—The opening service of the Synod was held in St. James' Cathedral this morning, when the delegates, both clerical and lay, to the number of 300, together with the Archbishops and Bishops, met in the Parish House and marched in procession to the Cathedral, the lay delegates heading the procession. Both the clergy, the Archbishops and the Bishops, were fully robed, and each one of the prelates present was attended by two Chaplains. The procession, as it wound its way across the grass-covered churchyard, flecked by gleams of sunlight, presented both a picturesque and an imposing appearance. The procession of delegates was met at the church door by the choir of the Cathedral, who proceeded up the main aisle, singing the well-known hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." The following members of the Upper House were present:—Ecclesiastical Province of Canada—Archbishop Worrell, of Nova Scotia, Metropolitan of Canada; Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton; Bishop Farthing, of Montreal; Bishop Williams, of Quebec. Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land—Archbishop Matheson, of Rupert's Land, Primate of All Canada; Bishop Pinkham, of Calgary; Bishop Newnam, of Saskatchewan; Bishop Lofthouse, of Keewatin; Bishop Stringer, of Yukon; Bishop Harding, of Qu'Appelle; Bishop Anderson, of Mooseonee; Bishop Robins of Athabasca; Bishop Gray, of Edmonton. Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario—Archbishop Thorneloe, of Algoma, Metropolitan of Ontario; Bishop Lennox Mills, of Ontario; Bishop David Williams, of Huron; Bishop Sweeny, of Toronto; Bishop Clark, of Niagara; Bishop Reeve, Assistant of Toronto; Bishop Bidwell, of Kingston, Coadjutor of Ontario; Bishop Roper, of Ottawa. Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia—Bishop DuVernet, of Caledonia, Metropolitan of British Columbia; Bishop de Pencier, of New Westminster; Bishop Scriven, of Columbia; Bishop Doull, of Kootenay. Missionary Bishops—Right Rev. Wm. C. White, D.D., Bishop in Honan; Right Rev. Heber J. Hamilton, D.D., Bishop in Mid-Japan. The service was sung by the Rev. C. Venn Pilcher, M.A., senior Curate of the Cathedral, and the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Arthur L. Lloyd, D.D., President of the Board of Missions of the American Church, who took for his text the following words: "God raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand, far above all principality and power and might and dominion; and He hath put all things under His feet and gave Him to be head over all," Ephesians 1: 20-22. In the course of his sermon he expressed the hope for a closer communion between the two branches of the Anglican Communion on the American continent. The Most Rev. Dr. Matheson, Primate of All Canada, was the celebrant, Archbishop Worrell, of Nova Scotia, was the Gospeller and Archbishop Thorneloe, of Algoma, the Epistoller. There was a very large congregation present, a number of whom communicated. Later on in the afternoon, the delegates assembled in the Convocation Hall of Trinity College, and a number of them were clergymen who are acting as Chaplains for the troops enlisted for Overseas. Several of these were in khaki, including Archdeacons Forneret and Armitage, of Hamilton and Halifax, respectively, and Dean Starr, of Kingston, who wore two service medals on his breast. The Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, also of Kingston, was in clerical garb. The Archbishops and Bishops, 27 in all, shortly afterwards entered the hall, and took their seats on the dais, the members of the Lower House standing. The Primate then opened the session with prayer, after which he delivered his Charge, which was fully reported in our last number. At its close Mayor T. L. Church was admitted to extend a civic welcome to the Synod. The Lower House proceeded to organize for business. It unanimously elected Rev. Canon Powell as its Prolocutor, and also chose the following officers: Rev. Canon L. N. Tucker, London, Deputy Prolocutor; assessors to the Prolocutor, Chancellor J. A. Worrell, K.C., D.C.L., and Chancellor L. H. Davidson, K.C., D.C.L., Montreal; honorary Clerical Secretary, Archdeacon Ingles; honorary Lay Secretary, Francis H. Gisborne, K.C., Ottawa; Judge McDonald, Brockville, Treasurer; Lansing Lewis, Montreal, and R. J. Carson, Kingston, auditors; Francis H. Gisborne, K.C.,

Ottawa, Registrar of the Synod. Sixty-two memorials, signed by 2,082 members of the Church, residing in various parts of Canada, were presented by Chancellor L. H. Davidson, K.C., D.C.L., of Montreal. They all urged that the revision, enrichment and adaptation of the Book of Common Prayer for use by the Church in Canada be postponed until after the war. It was decided that the report of the committee which has been engaged in revising the Book of Common Prayer should be considered at a joint meeting of the Upper and Lower Houses on the following Monday. Consideration of the memorials presented by Dr. Davidson was, therefore, deferred until that day. Similarly, memorials from the Synod of the Dioceses of Ottawa and New Westminster, protesting against the adoption of a proposal to admit unconfirmed persons to the Holy Communion and to permit unordained persons to preach in the Church of England, was referred to the joint sitting.

THURSDAY.—Two propositions made to the Lower House to-day, occupied the greater part of



THE REV. CANON POWELL, D.D., Unanimously re-elected Prolocutor of the Lower House of the General Synod.

its time. The first was the request embodied in a memorial from the Synod of the Diocese of Huron that the General Synod "restore to the National Anthem, the stanza beginning, 'O, Lord, Our God, Arise.'" Upon the question the House was fairly evenly divided and the debate was hot. Opponents of the inclusion of the stanza in the Book of Common Praise, spoke of it as a "Hymn of Hate" and unchristian in sentiment. They were characterized as "professional pacifists" by other speakers, who declared that present circumstances justified patriotic members of the Church of England in singing;—

2. "O, Lord, our God, arise,
Scatter his enemies,
And make them fall;
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix;
God save us all."

It was moved by Chancellor L. H. Davidson, K.C., of Montreal, that the verse be printed in all subsequent editions of the Hymn Book, and an amendment by Prof. Abbot Smith, of Montreal, that the House of Bishops be asked to concur in authorizing its use during the war. The amendment was voted down, and then the main motion suffered defeat by a vote of 89 to 72. The question of the change of name of the Church was

introduced by the Ven. Archdeacon Ingles and spoken to by the following: Archdeacon Armitage, Rev. R. B. Waterman, Chancellor Davidson and many others. Chancellor Worrell was in favour of a change, but did not think that was the time to press the matter. There was the question of the Book of Common Prayer to be settled first. After a very lengthy discussion, the debate was adjourned to the following morning.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE U.S.—A deputation, representing the Sister Church in the United States, was received by the members of both Houses in joint session. The delegation consisted of Bishop Olmsted, of the Diocese of Central New York, Bishop Lloyd, the President of the General Board of Missions of the American Church, and the Rev. Dr. W. A. T. Goodwin, of Rochester, whose address to the Synod is given in full in another column. Both of the Bishops also spoke briefly. In reply to these greetings, the Archbishop of Algoma responded in eloquent terms on behalf of the Upper House, and Rev. Canon Powell, as Prolocutor, replied on behalf of the Lower House. In addition to these the Ven. Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, and Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., replied on behalf of the clerical and lay delegates, respectively.

FRIDAY.—The members of both Houses, sitting together, spent some considerable time in the discussion of the missionary problems facing the Canadian Church. This came up on the presentation of the report of the M.S.C.C., by Canon Gould, the General Secretary. First, however, it heard a cable read, announcing the death of Mrs. G. B. Archer, wife of Dr. G. B. Archer, at Palampur, Kangra, India, on Tuesday of last week, and directed that a message of condolence be sent immediately to Dr. Archer. Mrs. Archer, who was Miss E. Dickson, of Toronto, was married to Dr. Archer, less than a year ago, and went to Kangra almost immediately after her marriage. She was "own missionary" of St. Matthew's, Winnipeg. The late Mrs. Archer was a native of Gananoque. The Rev. Canon Tucker, the Deputy Prolocutor, in referring to the death of Mrs. Archer, said the missionary work throughout the world had sustained a great loss.

Amongst other matters mentioned in the report, a hope was expressed that a Church House would shortly be provided, where all the different societies of the Church should be housed together under one roof. Definite and substantial advance has been made during the past three years. The W.A. has assumed responsibility for the work amongst women and children in the foreign missionary field. Mrs. Hall, of Montreal, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Bogart, of Ottawa, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, and Mrs. Halson, of Toronto, were invited to seats on the floor of the House.

The past four years had been marked by a steady but by no means startling or rapid development of the financial means and stability of the Society. The total income of the Society for 1914 was \$185,266. The expenditures for the same year amounted to \$82,990 for Canadian Missions, and \$91,422 for foreign Missions. The reserve fund now stands at \$41,549.

A good deal of discussion took place on the matter of the cost of the Indian Missions and in this connection a memorial from the Diocese of Calgary was read, announcing that that diocese found the financial burden of missionary work among the Indians residing within its borders too heavy to bear and asserting that the cost of Indian Missions should be borne by the whole Church and not by dioceses in which the Indians lived. In this connection the Rev. R. J. Renison, of Hamilton, made an eloquent speech. Chancellor Conybeare, of Calgary, and the Ven. Archdeacon Tims, a veteran missionary amongst the Blackfoot Indians, and the Bishop of Mooseonee, also spoke.

In dealing with the section of the report in reference to the work amongst the Orientals in Canada, a memorial from the Diocese of New Westminster, asking that the M.S.C.C. assume control of the work amongst the Orientals, which is now carried on locally, was discussed, and Archdeacon Heathcote, of Vancouver, was heard

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