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(From the Queen.)

Where does Brancos end and hardness begin? and where are we drawn the line of demarcation between fabulous severity and righteous strictness?—between a Puritanical Sabbath and a Jewish and a cynical disregard of ideals? The question may be asked, but there is no one to give an answer, belonging as that answer does to the immeasurable moral problem which has no outside obelisks, and of which each man is his own judge and lawgiver, interpreter, executioner, according to his temperament.

When the political economist preaches against indiscriminate charity, and proves to mathematical demonstration that it creates more distress than it relieves, and encourages pauperism by feeding it, the charitable, who care nothing for generalities and all for individuals, who despise the "reasoned appeals only to the intellect and ignore moral impulses as superior to mathematics and statistics, yet hate the Jesuit and Machiavel and think him blameable in proportion to the exactness with which he has got up his Jesuitism. If the commander of a regiment, the master of a school—either to keep the reputation of the one intact, the purity and good conduct of the other—must, if need be, stay blank stony eye may have crept in among his flock, and who is doing his hardest to drive out the tender and even loving heart, preferring the good of the whole to the well-being of some one, and that, be well, if possible, cause some method to be adopted which will lead to a careful scrutiny of every book which is offered for sale in the Depository." He stated that a report had circulated that books had found their way into the depositories which contained doctrines contrary to those of the Church of England. If such were true, something should be done to superintend the books, so that none of a dangerous character should be circulated.

The Rev. Mr. Thew thought that this story was concocted by the newspapers, whose object, he stated, was not truth, but to increase their own circulation.

Canon Mulock was satisfied that the Rev. Mr. Bousfield, the librarian, would not admit unorthodox books, and therefore he felt safe in leaving the selection of Sunday School books in his hands.

One o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned.

His Lordship stated that the objection he had to Judge Macdonald's motion was its impracticable character.

Canon Bleasdell then moved, seconded by Judge Macdonald, "That his Lordship the Bishop be, and is hereby requested to appoint a committee "to enquire into the principle, fundamental and objective, upon which the book depository of the Diocese is conducted, and to report thereon to the next Synod, the said committee to be composed of the mover, seconder, and Mr. Hartney, of Belleville."

Canon Laundy stated that his name had been prominently mentioned in connection with the Book subject. His conduct had been freely criticised, and feeling at certain meetings had run high, but his vestry had passed a resolution exonerating him from the charge made against him after he had made his explanation.

The Bishop here stated that it would be desirable to have a committee. He disclaimed any attempt at finding fault with Rev. Mr. Bousfield, the Librarian of the Book or Tract Society.

Judge Armstrong favoured an investigation.

The Rev. A. C. Nesbitt did not feel himself compelled to buy books at the Diocesan Library or anywhere else.

The Archdeacon thought that, if the resolution were carried, it would go forth that the Synod had no confidence in the Book and Tract Committee, which was composed of gentlemen of different schools of theology.

The Bishop said: Not at all. Many of the clergy objected to the working of the depository.

Archdeacon Farrell thought that Canon Bleasdell did not know as much on this subject as the Book and Tract Committee.

Canon Bleasdell, from his experience thought he knew a great deal more.

Dr. Henderson, Chancellor, thought it strange that a committee which had enjoyed the confidence of the Synod should have their acts inquired into by another committee.

The Rev. Thomas Bonnefill, Librarian, spoke of the difficulties he had in working the Depository. He thought too much of such inquisitorial work. The Bishop spoke from the fact that he would not give credit to those who asked it. (Applause.) He vindicated his course at length, and was applauded on resuming his seat.

Mr. May thought, after the explanation made, a committee was unnecessary.

After some further discussion a Committee, consisting of Judge Macdonald, the Rev. Mr. Bleasdell, and the Book and Tract Committee, was finally appointed.

It was moved by the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Burke, that the report suggesting a constitution for a Church Temperance Society, in accordance with the recommendations to be found in the Journal of Synod, be adopted."

The mover and seconder, and Canon Mulock, supported the motion.

Dr. Henderson considered it out of order.

The Bishop ruled the motion in order.

Several gentlemen, lay and clerical, Hartney spoken to the motion. It was ultimately carried, and a committee appointed to take the whole subject into consideration, and to report to-morrow.

During the afternoon a number of other motions concerning the mode of supporting clergy, superannuation fund, widows' and orphans' fund, and the sale of glebe lands connected with St. George's Church, Toronto, were disposed of.

The Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Evening, June 19.—At eight o'clock communion service this morning, the Revs. Mason, Preston, Dade and Archdeacons Farrell and Lauder were installed Canons of the Cathedral Chapter by the Dean, which is now completed.

The Dean took the Chair in St. George's Hall at eight, and announced the day's proceedings to be prayer.

The Lay Secretary read the minutes, which were after amendment approved.

The Committee respecting the increase of stipends of clergymen was reappointed with the addition of the Rev. Canon Lauder, Archdeacon Farrell, P. Jones, Esq., Registrar, Lewis, Archdeacon Lauder, Sweny, Esq., Q.C., Hamilton, Kennedy, Esq., Q.C., Cayuga, Chancellor Mackenzie.

The Ven. Archdeacon Farrell read the report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund, which contained the whole subject of missionary labour, and moved its adoption. Carried.

The Rev. J. W. Ambrose read the report of the Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and gave notice that he would move its adoption.

Mr. McKenzie, Lay Delegate, read the report of the Finance Committee, and gave notice that he would move its adoption.

The Ven. Archdeacon Farrell moved that the assessment to Canon XXIII. on the rate of twenty-five cents on the dollar, pages 1,195, Journal of Synod, be confirmed. Carried.

It was moved by the Rev. C. P. Emery, "That so soon as the Superannuation Fund of the Diocese reaches the sum of $18,000, the interest be no longer added to the principal, but may be added to the Mission Fund for the purpose of supplementing the grants to present missions where necessary, and of coming up new missions."

Mr. Emery said that this fund had now reached the sum of $18,000, that there is a feeling that the money should not be shut up, but utilized in supplementing present missions and opening up new ones.

The Bishop said that the fund had been put up for a special purpose, and it was a question how it was to be disposed since, and therefore he moved the Rev. Mr. Emery to amend the resolution by expunging all the words after "principal," and in their stead the words "but be appropriated for mission purposes in the Diocese."

The Rev. Mr. Fraser seconded the resolution as amended by the Bishop.

The Rev. F. W. B. Cooper moved, seconded by Mr. Cooke, "That the Secretary, on behalf of this Synod, be requested to memorialize the Hon. Minister of Public Works to close the Niagarabury and Muskoka Canals to traffic during the Lord's day." He said that these were the only two canals which were to open on Sunday in the Dominion of Canada, and he thought that the Synod should take measures to prevent such desecration of the Lord's day.

Judge Macdonald hoped that the Synod would pass the resolution, as it was a principle commendable in itself, and it should be carried out, no matter what the consequences. He had no doubt that there was a sufficiently clear case on the subject. Now that might be, but if they obtained the mention of Parliament it would strengthen the hands of the Magistracies. (Applause.) Carried.

The Ven. the Archdeacon, Rev. F. E. Tims, F. W. Kirkpatrick, C. P. Emery, R. Lourdes, the Clergy, and Messrs. Cooke, Hartney, Sweny, Morrison, Mackenzie, Q.C., Kennedy, Q.C., Morrison, Q.C., Morrison, Q.C., Morrison