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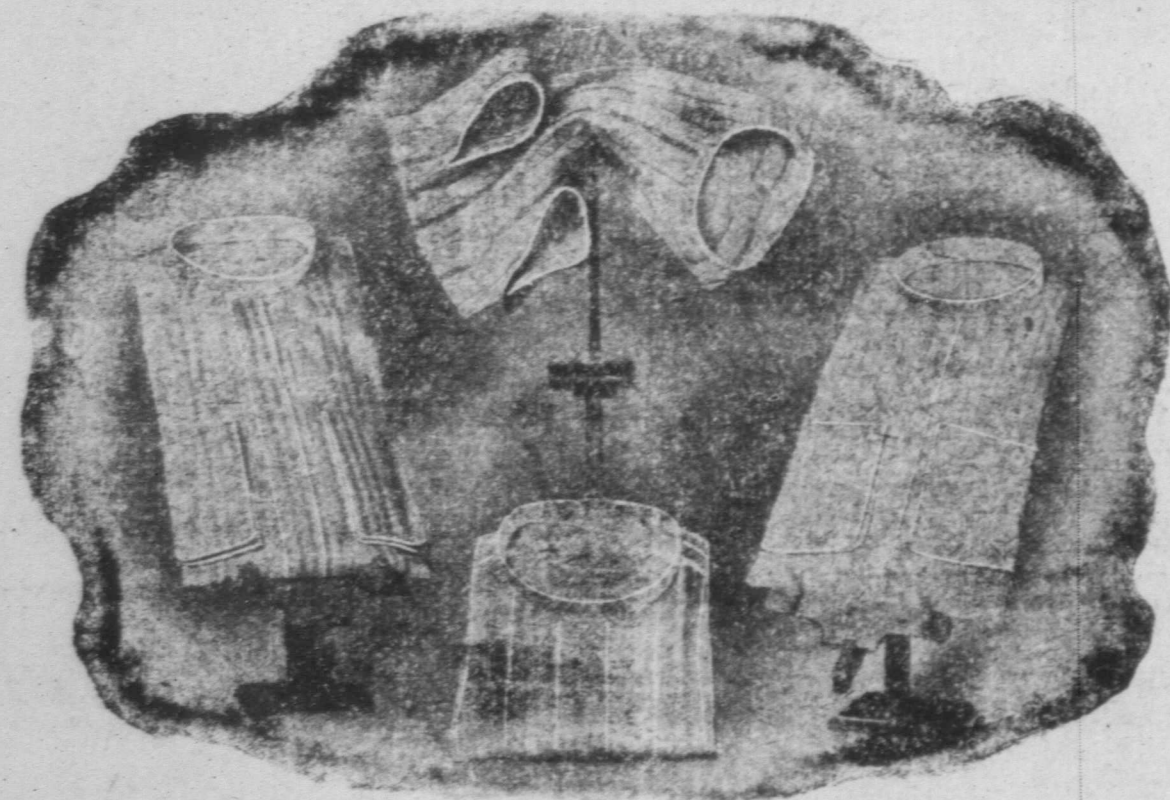
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## ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP AT OPENING OF THE SYNOD

His Lordship Deals Sympathetically With the Marine Disasters of 1914 and Has a Word of Approval for the Relief Measures Taken—Refers to Proposals From Canadian Church

### EULOGISTIC REFERENCE TO SEVERAL CLERGYMEN WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

The Visit of Dr. Mott and the Very Important Question of Church Union—The Record of the Biennial Term 1912-14 of the Church in Newfoundland.

(Concluded)  
 At our last session a Committee was appointed to consider means of encouraging religious knowledge in our schools. I regret to learn that this Committee has not been able to report anything. Meanwhile I continue my scheme for stimulating the teachers to devote more attention to religious instruction, and am giving a prize to the teacher of any school within a given district which at the visit of the Inspector shows an adequate knowledge of the religious subjects prescribed in the syllabus. The "Bishop's Prizemen" in 1913 were Mr. A. J. Sharpe at Port Blandford, and Mr. George Chant at Belleoram. This year the High School at Birch Cove, Bay of Islands, is classed "Excellent," and I have given the ten dollar prize to Mr. J. H. Marks, A.A., and a five dollar prize to his assistant, Miss Gert rude M. Oake. I shall await with interest a report from this Committee, and shall be grateful for any suggestions which Chairmen of Boards may feel disposed to offer through the Committee on this most important subject.

**Missions**  
 Before I close I will mention a subject which I think has not received the attention to which its importance entitles it. We have to consider the Mission work of the Church abroad as well as in our own Colony. I cannot feel that as yet it has at all a sufficient place in the work of the Diocese or in individual Parishes. I cannot think that an occasional Missionary Meeting or Sermon can adequately discharge our duty in this matter. There is no argument against Missions, and no argument for Missions, because they are a distinct and essential necessity of the Christian life. Just as surely as the echo repeats a voice, so surely Missions are the essential, the elementary conditions not only of the Christian Church, but of the Christian life everywhere. Our Lord Himself became "a Sender," and those He sent became "senders" in their time. This is how we come to be Colonial Churchmen. Where would the Church in Newfoundland be to-day were it not for the labours of that noble Missionary Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts?

Newfoundland to-day rests in prayer, in faith, in worship, in every institution of the Christian Church, the Church of England, her foster mother in early days.

**Dr. Mott's Visit**  
 And it is because I feel that we all need to be stirred up to a deeper sense of our responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world that I have welcomed the offer of Dr. John Mott to pay St. John's a short visit in the opening days of next month. I hope that every member of this Synod will make an effort to hear him.

He has just returned to America from the meeting of the Continuation Committee appointed by the great Edinburgh Conference on Missions, and from his marvellous tour of the Universities of China, India and the East. He has a story to tell which is well worth the patient hearing of any man, and his splendid Christian personality makes it an experience that will long be remembered.

He carries with him credentials from the very highest authorities including the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Of his standing among his own people it is enough to recall that President Wilson offered him the United States' Embassy to China if he would forego his work in connection with the Student's Missionary movement of the world. Two things should be made quite plain: he does not come to collect money; and he does not come to proselytize. There will be no appeal for funds in any instance. What he desires is to assist in any way open to him the agencies already in existence, and to give that world-wide vision and outlook which is so necessary in any view of the Kingdom of God, and knowledge of the present activities of the Holy Spirit in the Evangelization of the World. It will be seen that all the results that might presumably follow on such an errand as Dr. Mott's would naturally flow into the channels already opened in connection with the various religious bodies. No conflict of ideals or of interests is even remotely possible.

Perhaps the objects which he has in view may be best summed up by a quotation from Dr. Mott's own letter, he says:—"I need not point out that in my address I shall not deal with the matters involving questions of doctrine or policy on which the various bodies might differ, but shall devote myself to setting forth the facts about the present world situation, from a missionary point of view as I have had occasion to see them in my repeated journeys throughout the world. I desire in every way in my power to strengthen the hands of the Christian forces."

### Re-Union of Christendom

My brothers there is no doubt a larger question and a grander hope which is present to many of our minds, and very dear to our hearts—I mean the Re-Union of Christendom. It is the hope of bringing together under the banner of our common Lord the divided forces which in more than 200 religious communities are fighting independently against the powers of evil, apart from our own branch of the Holy Catholic Church.

There is no hope or desire in this lower world that is nearer to my own heart than that of home Re-union; but it is a matter requiring the utmost caution, for it is one in which the best of us may be misled by the general impulses of the heart.

There are certain conditions which, to my mind, are essential in dealing with this question. First of all, and above all, we must be absolutely loyal to our Lord and His truth. He is the Head, even Christ, from which the whose body is fitly joined together, and we may not renounce His Divine order for any other organization, nor break down the bulwarks of the city of God, of which He has laid the foundation by the hands of the wise master builders of the Apostolic Church.

It would not be large-hearted charity, but culpable disloyalty, if we were to surrender, or even to estimate lightly, the Apostolic order of the Catholic Church, the *quod, semper, quod oblique, quod ab omnibus* of the first fifteen centuries of the Church of Christ. But further, we must take our stand upon the great creeds of the undivided Church, without addition and without diminution. Beyond the limits of these standards of faith there are open questions upon which differences may exist, and with respect to which concessions may well be made.

Just in proportion as we secure Augustine's demand in *necessariis unitas*, shall we be able to concede in *adubi libertas*, and shall most certainly promote in *omnibus caritas*. On these terms and with these concessions we may go forth with loving hearts and open arms to meet those who are divided from us; to remove, if possible, any needless stumbling blocks which may lie in their way; to amend and purify whatever is amiss in our selves; and then to leave the issue in the hands of Him Who prayed that His Church might be one.

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