

morials and petitions relating to Diocesan work. These included a gracious acknowledgment, received through Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian High Commissioner in England, from Her Majesty Queen Victoria, of the congratulatory address presented by the last Synod, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee; and also a grateful acknowledgment of the greetings sent by the Synod of 1897 to the Vestry of Trinity Church, New York, on the occasion of their Bi-centenary celebration. This latter acknowledgment was accompanied by a memorial volume of Trinity, beautifully illuminated and illustrated. Following this came the presentation of the Reports of the various Committees appointed at the last session,—on Marriage Licenses, Church Schools, Insurance of Church Property, Doolittle Scholarship, the Victoria Diamond Jubilee and See-House, Documents on the early history of the Church in this Diocese, &c. The Reports having reference to Bishop's College, Bishop's College School, and Compton Ladies' College were all of the most encouraging nature. In view of the final withdrawal of the S. P. G. grant at the end of this year, an address was submitted, to be forwarded to that venerable Society, expressive of the deep debt of gratitude felt by the Church of this Diocese for the most generous help and fostering care extended to us by that noble Society during the past 100 years. On the evening of the first day the Lord Bishop and Mrs. Dunn held a reception at Bishopsthorpe, to which all the Delegates and their hosts were invited. Needless to say, a most enjoyable evening was spent. Less probably than for many years was done at this Synod in the way of framing new Canons and altering old ones. What little, however, was done appeared to be in the right direction, if harmony and unanimity afford such indication.

A stronger feeling than usual seemed to prevail that the object of our Synodical gatherings should not be solely to forge machinery but to replenish our motive power. To this end our daily services were helpful, and also the deliberations of the second evening, wholly devoted to the consideration of the spiritual

needs of the Diocese. This debate was opened by a paper read by the Venerable Archdeacon Ree, full of suggestive topics. The discussion which followed was very general and helpful. It was evidently easier, however, to point to religious habits and customs sadly lacking amongst us—duties and privileges which when duly appreciated never go unaccompanied by God's blessing and rich fruit—than to explain how the remedy was to be applied, so that all should be induced to follow the better way. There was no one present who did not feel that what was most of all needed was a larger measure of the enlightening and sanctifying Grace of God the Holy Spirit poured into the hearts of Priests and people alike; and that only as the individual member grows in holiness of character will the Body, the Church, increase in vitality and good works. If nothing more were gained by the members of the Synod than a deep conviction of this solemn responsibility resting upon the individual, to be, and to do, what is well pleasing to God, irrespective of all besides, and a determination by God's grace so to live, we may confidently hope that "that which is lacking in faith" and practice will be perfected, to the furtherance of God's glory and the extension of His Kingdom.

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The Bishop's Address to Synod

I.—INTRODUCTORY REFERENCE TO PUBLIC EVENTS.

My Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:—

When we met for the twenty-second Session of our Synod two years ago, I was about to proceed to England to bear in your behalf my humble part in those august proceedings, which marked our great Queen's Diamond Jubilee,—events which can never be forgotten, and whose like I suppose can never occur again. And during the same visit to the Old Country we, Bishops, were also privileged, by various special