

THE TABERNACLE IS SAVED.

Toronto Conference Yesterday Raised the Requisite \$10,000.

Dr. Parker Had to Modify His Denunciation of Spain as "The Tyrannous Vampire of Europe." Pastoral Address With "Very Little Religion"—Representatives to the General Conference—Plebsite Question.

The morning session of the Conference began at 9 o'clock. Mr. John T. Moore presented a memorial concerning the superannuation fund, by which the amount to be raised is put into the estimates and made a first claim on the circuit. It was sent on to the General Conference.

The "antiquated, ambiguous and otherwise unsatisfactory" schedules now in use were recommended to be changed.

It was suggested that the end of a conference year be May 1.

Mr. W. T. H. Preston read a memorial from the laymen, asking that all accounts of General Conference funds should be audited by paid auditors. Also that laymen should hold their meetings apart from the ministers at the annual Conference.

Dr. Parker read a memorial, asking that women be included as well as men in the representation of the annual Conference.

Dr. Potts: Refer it to the Temperance Committee. (Laughter.)

Rev. Mr. Joffe, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference, was presented and spoke briefly.

Broadway Tabernacle Saved. The most interesting and unique event of the whole Conference occurred when Mr. John T. Moore presented the report of the committee appointed to look into the financial difficulties of the Tabernacle. He reported the following subscriptions:

Chas. D. Massey \$1000
Hon. G. A. Cox 500
J. W. Flavell 500
Timothy Eaton 500

In the private canvass by the trustees the following amounts were secured:

Mrs. H. A. Massey \$100
Mrs. Massey-Trevelyan 100
J. M. Treble 100
Edward Leadley 500

The committee recommended the subscription list being handed around in the Conference, and among the friends of the church in the city.

Rev. Dr. Stone then appeared as the Rothschild of the Conference to raise the required amount. He said there had already been received since Conference began:

Richard Philip \$200
R. A. Ames 100
William Pearson 50
Alfred Mason 50
J. F. Junkin 25
W. H. Orr 25

But \$810 more was needed to pay off the \$10,000 due on July 1. He asked if there was anyone who would take the last \$300. There was a silence that could be cut.

Dr. Parker encouraged: "Don't let a coldness come over the meeting," and told a negro story to illustrate his point. Still no one accepted his offer; but he said he would take some other person's plan. Rapidly subscriptions were promised orally, amounts ranging from \$5 to \$100. Among the larger amounts were:

M. H. Peterson \$100
Richard Brown 50
R. F. Justen 25
G. F. Martin 25
Hon. E. J. Davis 25
Dr. Willmott 25
T. N. Scripture 25
Rev. Dr. Briggs 25
J. J. MacLaren 25

When M. H. Peterson gave his subscription, the financial minister said: "God bless him! I've known Mr. Peterson from his boyhood. It's just what I expected of him."

The Doctor declared he had a wife and nine children, but he could spare \$5. When there remained but \$200 to be raised, the promoter of the giving asked: "Who will take the balance?" Dr. Henderson said he would give \$15. "You are sure to go to General Conference," said Dr. Stone's ejaculation, that raised much laughter.

While subscriptions for a time took place, the speaker said that "there are no pockets in abundance." Mr. R. F. Justen's \$25 drew, "He's a just 'un," from the Doctor. There remained \$170, and this was taken by Mr. Ed. Ormsby, amid great applause.

Dr. J. L. Winter of the Trustees' Board of the Tabernacle thanked the Conference for its aid and declared the church was "saved at last."

Conference Prizes. Rev. Mr. R. Chapman, B. A., and Rev. R. S. E. Lang, B. A., winners of the first and second prizes respectively, in Yale lectures on Sunday schools, and Rev. A. McNell, winner of the first prize in the conference course, were introduced by Rev. George Washington, and presented with their prizes. Rev. C. Beatty, winner of the second prize in the conference course, was not present.

Tyrannous Vampire of Europe. Dr. Parker read the pastoral address, which aroused much animated discussion. He declared the Cuban war displayed "the heroic western giant wrestling a trampled nation from the dying clutches of the tyrannous vampire of Europe." He also referred to the women graduates of Victoria as "very little religion." To the latter expression Prof. Badgley took exception.

Rev. R. N. Burns wanted all reference to the Cuban war eliminated. Dr. Sutherland thought it was not wise to refer to war in a pastoral address. Rev. George Webster hoped that the United States would deliver Cuba from wrong forever.

The address was referred back to the committee for reconstruction.

To the General Conference. At precisely 2 p.m. Rev. Mr. Bowles presented the scrutineers' report, declaring A. E. Chambers, Alex. Langford, M. I. Pearson, Dr. S. D. Chown, Dr. Briggs, Dr. Sutherland, J. E. Lancelotti, Alfred Brown, Dr. Potts, Dr. Stone, Dr. Dewar, Dr. German, H. S. Matthews, Dr. Parker, elected on the first ballot, as representatives to the General Conference.

Another ballot to elect the remaining eight representatives resulted in Rev. G. J. Bishop's election. On the third ballot the C. E. Manning, Prof. Wallace, J. H. Rankin and Dr. Henderson were elected. On the fourth ballot A. C. Chown, H. M. Manning, J. F. Oakley were elected.

Rev. James Allen was elected an alternate representative. Drs. Withrow and Towell were elected reserve representatives.

Very Little Religion. Dr. Parker asked again for his pastoral address, said he had cut out the rhetoric of his address concerning the United States; he had put "young lady graduates." He objected to taking out the term "vampire," as applied to Spain, yet, at the request of the Conference had written "the tyrant of Europe."

Dr. Burns said the address contained very little religion. The address was, nevertheless, adopted.

The balloting for representatives to the General Conference took place all afternoon. During the interval caused by counting ballots, several of the ministers spoke upon matters of more or less importance to the

church. Dr. Griffin, always witty, told of his recent trip to Baltimore.

Rev. Dr. Hunter of Montreal expressed his pleasure at seeing his old friends again. The laymen elected.

These were: Dr. MacLaren, Hon. E. J. Davis, Senator Cox, Sheriff Botes, Brucebridge, Edward Gurney, W. T. St. John, J. T. Moore, H. L. Loring, Coldwater, Sheriff Bowles, Orangeville, Major Campbell, Collingwood, B. Allen, Owen Sound, J. A. Switzer, Toronto; L. G. Jackson, Newmarket; Sheriff Drury, Crown Hill; Dr. Willmott, Joseph Tait, W. T. R. Preston, N. W. Rowell, H. Brown, Toronto; Sheriff Armstrong, Parry Sound; Col. Jones, D. Graham, Inglewood; D. Stouffer, Stouffville; T. N. Scripture, William Mills and Dr. Watson, Toronto.

Dr. Langford was elected to the General Conference.

The Temperance Meeting. This was held last night, with Dr. Sutherland in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by W. T. H. Preston. The conference was said to be of the opinion that "the right and most effective legislative remedy for the innumerable evils resulting from the liquor traffic is to be found in the enactment and enforcement of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes."

The conference expressed pleasure at the Plebsite Act, passed by the Dominion Government.

The ministers and people of the Methodist Church were urged to stimulate public opinion in favor of prohibition, and to lay aside all party affiliations. Each church was recommended to form a temperance committee, and a standing committee of conference on temperance was appointed.

Appointment to the Dominion Alliance of Dr. Potts and Parker, and Messrs. John T. Moore and J. R. L. Starr was sanctioned. The report expressed sorrow at the death of the late Miss Willard, and praised the work of the W.C.T.U.

The canteen system, as in vogue at Camp Niagara, was objected to, and the general conference was asked to solicit Hon. Dr. Borden to put a stop to it.

The Plebsite. Dr. Burns asked would the carrying of the plebsite be productive of good? Would it not lead to party lines, and standing out for prohibition. "Unless we have Christian character crystallized into public opinion, it would be useless to have prohibition."

Rev. John Coburn took exception to the question of a temperance sentiment in Ontario. It was already formed. He objected strenuously to the expression "party affiliation," because it insinuated that Conservatives might be inclined to oppose a plan originated by Reformers.

Mr. Preston, in speaking in favor of the report, said that there was need to create and stimulate a temperance sentiment in Ontario. He believed in subordinating party feeling to temperance sentiment. The temperance people should face the fact that though it would be hard to desert political parties, yet it had to be done.

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Lively Debate at the First Session of the Synod.

Should the Bishop Be Given Power to Remove Undesirable Rectors?—Various Views and Answering Arguments—Mission Funds Increasing.

Once more the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto is in session, and St. James' school-house is thronged with clerics and lay delegates, whose deliberations may affect the destinies of the Anglican Church for all generations to come.

The refined beauty of the prayer book is always reflected in the faces of any gathering of the Anglican clergy, but the session which opened yesterday is as conspicuous for its men of brain and muscle. The synod chamber seemed filled with men as big in stature as Bishop Sullivan or Dr. Langtry, and in oratory Prof. Clark and Dr. Parkin by no means monopolized the cheering.

The Bishop's Review. The chief feature of the morning was of course the able and exhaustive address of Bishop Sweetman. It was not altogether a hopeful one, as many of the church funds are yet in an unsatisfactory state, and there is a falling off in Sunday school attendance; on the other hand, \$34,523 was received last year towards the mission fund, the largest in its history. In this response the penny contributions of the children had exceeded the amounts raised by all the other means. His Lordship was loudly cheered as he sat down again behind his doral tributes of white roses.

The members took their first active participation in the proceedings now by electing Rev. T. W. Patterson of Deer Park, hon. clerical secretary, Mr. C. E. Hyson, M.A., hon. lay secretary, and Mr. David Kemp secretary-treasurer.

Removal of Clerical Incapacities. The afternoon brought with it what is likely to be the most important business of this session, viz., the attempt to place in the Bishop's hands the machinery to remove such clergy from their churches as are not contributing to its welfare. The Anglican Church has ever been regarded as the most conservative of a clergyman's bodies, and the debate entered upon yesterday afternoon had all the judicial breadth and learning of the deliberations of the British House of Lords.

The discussion was opened by Lawyer A. Dymond, a tall, slender, earnest man, with a fighting chin and an abundance of gesture. He explained that at present, though it would be hard to desert political parties, yet it had to be done.

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