

ing up in ignorance of their father's or mother's Church, families unshepherded, opportunities lost. We want a great ideal in the mind, a resolute purpose in the heart. Think of the opportunities, the open doors, which the Church of England has in British Columbia. The echoes of "the hymns our fathers loved, the Psalms of ancient days," reverberate among our seas of mountains which so long reared their heads in loneliness and silence. The strains of our Church's song float down the waters of the Fraser, the Columbia and the Kootenay, and along our great lakes, echo down our valleys until they reach the waters of the Pacific and float over the ocean towards the regions beyond. But there is much more to do. I stood by the waters of the Inlet a few days ago when the sailors on board the flagship were at their drill. As the drill ceased there comes over the water the cry of united voices, "God save England!" My mind went back to the little island in the sea. I thought of her glorious history, of her mighty civilizing forces, of the influence she exerts in the world to-day, of her stand for freedom, justice and truth. I thought well may her sons pray "God Save England!" And well may we say God save England's Church, and that branch of it planted in our land. She, too, has her glorious history, begun in England before the creation of the state, a heritage rich with the treasures of the past, and with living powers adapted to great ends. We want enthusiasm for our Church, to be stirred by its history, to be moved by the example of its saints and martyrs. Enthusiasm for the Church means enthusiasm for the Master. What was the secret of St. Paul's enthusiasm? What, but that to him Christ was no remote, shadowy figure, but a living presence. That was the source of his courage and his love. Christ was his captain and leader. He heard the voice of a living Christ, and he followed the call. To him Jesus and the resurrection were mighty, world-regenerating facts. He was moved to go and tell the story of Jesus and His love. And so he had enthusiasm for missions. We want to hear the call, and say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Believing that the Church of England stands for certain great, God-given Scriptural facts, we want to make her a spiritual force in the life of this land. The call of God is to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. It is a call for large conceptions and wise measures in the work of Church extension. It is a call to unity and peace in carrying out these measures. As we come this morning side by side as a Synod, at the eucharistic feast, may we feel the power of that Blessed Sacrament to bind us together in the bonds of Christian love, standing together as one body in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. Let us listen to the warning, pleading, loving voice that is calling to His Church, "Awake, awake, put on thy strength O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem; rise, shake thyself from the dust." Will the hearts of her members respond to the heart that broke on the cross for them and a lost world!

Brethren of the laity, you look hopefully to the future of this Province. You are bending your energies to develop the treasures that lie embedded in her mountains, in her

waters, in her forests. To-day you see the advance along the line and you take fresh courage. But the call comes to you while you do this, not to neglect to consecrate your lives to the service of your great Leader. Let your lives of manly earnestness and devotion preach Christ and the Church to the indifferent and the worldly. Give some of your time and thought and abilities to the advancement of the Kingdom of Heaven. Strengthen the hands of your clergy and your bishop in the forward movement that must be made to keep pace with the growth of our young Province.

Brethren of the clergy, I know how most of you have to work in isolation and weakness. You are sent to small congregations among the mountains, on the shores of the lakes and rivers. It is not yours to minister in Churches with stained windows, richly light. In buildings of all descriptions, in school-houses, in little Churches you gather your flocks to break the Bread of life. You have so much to counteract your isolation. Look at the world-wide imperial race of the Anglo-Saxon. Modern missionary effort is bound up in its march. The banner of the old Church is in the forefront of the march. Here in our diocese the old faith is planted, the old Church stands as ever for reverence for order, for dignity. The call has come to her from the Leader. Forward into battle! And she is responding to the call. I preach to you the Gospel of hope and courage, to-day. The outlook for our work is cheering. There are signs of awakening life, of greater interest of earnest devotion, of growth in various directions. So when we hear the echo of the earthly leader's voice across the Atlantic, coming to us from the chair of St. Augustine, "Follow the call," the sons and daughters of the Church by the Pacific respond, "We follow where Christ and the Church leads. Fling out the banner! We will carry the old faith to victory!"

Our sword is the spirit of God on high,
Our helmet His salvation,
Our banner the Cross of Calvary,
Our watchword, the Incarnation.



The Synod of Huron has, by a unanimous vote, expressed a desire to reduce the number of meetings of the Provincial Synods, by allowing their legislative powers to pass over to the General Synod of Canada, in which case a session of the Provincial Synod need be called only when the necessity of a particular case may arise; if, indeed, it should be needful to call one at all. It is contended that this change would substantially reduce the cost of legislation, and strengthen the General Synod. The Huron