

Council of the Provincial Synod of Ontario

The Provincial Council of the Provincial Synod of Ontario met at St. James' Cathedral Parish House on Tuesday, April 20th. The following were in attendance. The Archbishop of Algoma, Metropolitan of Ontario, the Bishop of Toronto, the Bishop of Niagara, Archdeacon Forneret, Hamilton, Archdeacon Dobbs, Kingston, Canon James, Toronto, Canon Allman, Gravenhurst, Canon Brain, Toronto, secretary, Rev. E. Appleyard, Woodstock, also Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, St. Thomas, Dr. J. A. Worrell, Toronto, Judge Ermatinger, St. Thomas, Mr. Geo. B. Woods, Toronto, Mr. James Nicholson, Toronto, Mr. G. A. Stiles, Cornwall, Mr. F. F. Miller, Napanee, Mr. J. J. Elliott, Belleville. The Bishops of Ottawa and Ontario were prevented from attendance by reason of their departure for England. The Bishop of Huron and Dean Tucker were unable to attend, also Bishop Reeve, Toronto, and Dean Owen, of Hamilton.

Holy Communion was celebrated in St. James' Cathedral at 9.30 a.m. by the Archbishop. The business session

commenced at 10.15 a.m. and continued until 5 p.m. Various matters referred by the Synod at their session last September were dealt with and recommendations made. Among the matters considered were the continuance of Triennial Session and the amendment of the Church Temporalities Act. It was felt advisable to maintain the practise of having the Synod meet triennially, but it was decided to recommend that if at any time there was not sufficient business to warrant the meeting of the Synod, the Metropolitan should have power to forego calling the regular session of the Synod.

In order that the growing custom of holding vestry meetings in January should continue and to remove any legal disability from action taken at such vestry meeting in the appointment of wardens, it was agreed that application should be made to the legislature to amend the Church Temporalities Act, to permit this. When this Act is passed any diocese in the Province may then by its own action alter the date of its vestry meetings from Easter Monday. Another provision is also to be asked for, by which a churchwarden may legally resign his office. At present no such provision is made in the Act, with the results that during a warden's term of office should he wish to cease from his duties he may not legally do so.

The remainder of the session was occupied with matters of routine.

Confirmation Notes

The Bishop of Toronto held a Confirmation in St. Hilda's Church, Fairbanks, Sunday evening, April 11th, when twelve candidates, presented by the Rev. H. R. Young, were confirmed.

The Bishop of Ottawa confirmed 10 candidates in St. Bartholomew's Church, Ottawa, on April 9th, who were presented to him by the Rev. F. H. Brewin, the Rector.

The Bishop of Ontario held Confirmation service the Sunday after Easter in St. Paul's Church, Brockville, when the Rector, Rev. L. E. Davis, presented eighteen candidates, eight of whom were adults.

The Primate held a Confirmation service in St. Luke's, Winnipeg, on April 18th, and he confirmed thirty candidates. During the course of his address His Grace congratulated the congregation on their stand in the Forward Movement, which, he said, placed them in the forefront of the Winnipeg churches.

The Bishop of Yukon administered the rite of Confirmation in St. Matthew's Church, Toronto, on Sunday evening, April 18th. The Rector, the Rev. Canon Seager, D.D., presented fifty-three candidates, thirty-four men and boys and nineteen women and girls. One other woman was confirmed from St. Barnabas', Danforth Avenue. Bishop Stringer, after a brief talk to the candidates, gave an inspiring address on work in his own Diocese of Yukon among the Indians and Esquimaux, as well as white people. It made a deep impression upon all, particularly upon those just confirmed.

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"being ultra-conservative," as "Spectator" gallantly pleads. Likewise to say "Yes" should merit no charge of not being "determined to continue in that work, and that work alone, for which it was founded thirty years ago."

If the women of the Church are to organize for social service, what machinery is to be adopted? There may be formed new parish organizations and diocesan boards to that end. To some this seems best. Others observe, however, that in such work you will very largely have just that "devout and consecrated residuum of Churchwomen" that "Spectator" truly discovers as the care of the W.A. Why blame them, if, interpreting community service evangelism as one legitimate aspect of the Church's missionary work, they seek to avoid duplication of machinery in bringing practically the same group of women to but another department of the one branch of Kingdom extension. If they find that in most average parishes the W.A., as the one women's organization practicable, is already doing this very thing unofficially, the practice is an argument for consideration at least. My one plea just now, however, is this: If one W.A. group feels that a widening of its missionary programme in this regard weakens the uniqueness of the distinctive passion for world evangelization, all honour to such a group for its decision. Likewise, if any other W.A. group feels that a widening of its missionary programme as suggested, but enriches the content of the still distinctive passion to bring all men to the knowledge of Christ, let their be for this decision no word but one of honour.

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