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ONTARIO.

We have to hold over the report of Synod for want of space. We regret to hear that the Rev. S. Tighe was taken very ill during the Synod, and pleased to hear he is better and able to return home.

TORONTO.

Toronto Synod continued.—Rev. George Scott said the people would become more attached to the clergy if the latter realized their responsibility and did their work more faithfully.

Rev. Provost Body said the reason why they didn't get the same amount of progress in the rural as in the city parishes, was because of lack of concentration.

Breaking New Ground.—Rev. Dr. Langtry, in speaking on the question of "Breaking of New Ground," drew attention to the large amount of territory uncovered in the home mission fields. It seemed that there had not been, on the part of the former administrators of the Church, an adequate sense of the responsibility that rested upon them, or at all events they had no fixed plan of work. The consequence was that many of their people cast in their lot with other denominations who were very active. From a calculation made from his own knowledge and that of others, they required 50 men at once for the unbroken districts. While speaking in praise of the Rev. Father Geoghegan's work in Hamilton, the speaker denied that he attacked people of outside denominations, as alleged in the press.

Rev. Canon Greene and Rev. J. H. Sheppard spoke on the same question, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning.—The following were appointed Entertainment Committee to receive the delegates to the general synod.—Revs. T. C. S. Macklem, John Pearson and A. H. Baldwin, Messrs. William Ince, J. R. Roaf and Clarkson Jones. Rev. Mr. Baldwin will be convener.

The Executive Committee.—The following were elected.—Clerical, Revs. Septimus Jones, John Langtry, J. P. Lewis, J. C. Roper, Ven. Archdeacon Allen; Lay, Messrs. A. McL. Howard, A. H. Campbell, G. B. Kirkpatrick, N. W. Hoyle and C. R. W. Biggar. His lordship intimated that he had selected the following as his own delegates: Clerical, Revs. Archdeacon Boddy, Canon Body, Canon Dumoulin, Canon Cayley, T. W. Patterson; Lay, Chancellor Snelling, Registrar Worrell, Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. C. J. Campbell and Mr. Wm. Ince.

Commutation Trust Fund.—Discussion on Mr. A. H. Campbell's motion to amend the canons regarding the clergy commutation trust fund was resumed and occupied some time.

A vote was then taken and the motion was defeated, the clerical vote being 34 ayes to 64 nays. At 1 o'clock the synod adjourned for luncheon.

At afternoon session at 2.30 the synod re-assembled. Rev. Canon Sweeney and Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick were appointed delegates to the inter-diocesan Sunday school conference.

On the motion of Mr. S. G. Wood, seconded by Rev. Septimus Jones, a resolution was adopted congratulating the bishop and clergy of the diocese of Quebec on the completion of the centenary of the diocese.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—Ven. Archdeacon Allen presented the report of the committee appointed to consider how to deal with the debt of St. Alban's cathedral. The committee recommended that efforts should be made throughout the diocese to raise the sum of \$55,000, and the most feasible way was to ask for subscriptions, payable in instalments, extending over three or five years at the discretion of the donors. They also recommended a pastoral from the bishop embodying such portions of his charge to the synod as might be considered advisable to read in the churches, also that the rural deans throughout the diocese be requested to convene their chapters as speedily as possible for the purpose of securing the co-operation of the clergy and gaining such information as may be useful regarding the probable number of subscribers. It was recommended that the committee be continued for the purpose of advancing and superintending the canvass, and that authority be given to appoint a general canvasser. The names of Rural Dean Jones and Rev. J. C. Roper, secretary, were recommended to be added to the committee. The report was adopted.

To meet in Trinity College.—His lordship announced that he had arranged with the acting Metropolitan of Canada that the annual service of the general synod should be held in St. Alban's cathedral, and that the synod itself should meet in Trinity College.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund deficit.—Rev. A. H. Baldwin read the report of the widows' and orphans'

fund. The committee deeply regretted that it was their duty to say that at the present moment there was not enough money in hand to pay the pensions which would become due on July 1, there being only \$739.82 to meet the claims, which at date will amount to \$1,405; while another quarter's pensions would also be due on October 1, before any returns from the yearly collections could possibly come in. As under the present financial arrangements of the synod it was impossible for any committee to overdraw its own special account, application was made to the General Purposes Committee for a loan to meet the emergency so far as the July payments were concerned; but that committee felt unable to comply with the requests made to them. The balance to the credit of the widows' and orphans' fund on April 30, 1891, was \$2,595.56; on April 30, 1892, it was \$1,790.96; on April 30, 1893, it was \$739.82. The present discreditable condition of things was largely due to the culpable neglect, or the equally culpable indifference of some of the clergy in either neglecting to give notice of the collection which ought to be annually made for the fund, or in making no exertion to put the matter fairly before their parishioners; while in some cases, no doubt, there was also a great responsibility resting upon the lay members of the Church in not liberally supporting this most important and necessary fund.

Explanations required.—His lordship then called upon representatives of the 14 defaulting parishes which had forwarded contributions below the assessment to the widows' and orphans' fund. The defaulters promised that collections would be taken up in the several parishes.

It was then moved and seconded that a special collection be promptly taken up in all the parishes and missions of the diocese which have not come up to their assessments, so as to duly make up the same; the balance of the assessment thus made up to be transmitted to the secretary-treasurer before July 1 next.

The synod at 5.45 adjourned.

Diocesan Conference.—At the second diocesan conference in the evening, the chief subject was that of the extension of the episcopate, the advantages of which were ably and eloquently expounded by Rev. John Pearson. In the discussion that followed, Mr. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. J. C. Davidson, Capt. Grenville Harston, Rev. J. M. Jones and Rev. Provost Body took part. Rev. J. M. Jones opposed the increase of the episcopate, and held that many clergymen became what was known as successes by favor of the bishop. He made the startling statement that in his opinion when the day of judgment came some of these "popular" men would be found to have been unsuccessful, because they thought more of the opinion of men than Almighty God. Rev. G. B. Morley explained how the desired extension might be brought about, and was followed by Rev. Dr. Langtry. The question of "systematic and proportionate giving" was dealt with by Rev. C. H. Marsh, Rev. C. L. Ingles and Mr. F. E. Hodgins. The application of this to diocesan funds and the wider work of the Church was spoken to by Rev. Dr. Mockridge and Mr. C. R. W. Biggar.

Friday Morning.—The Rev. W. E. Cooper read the report of the General Purposes Fund Committee, which was adopted. Mr. J. A. Waugh moved that the whole question of the present mode of assessing parishes be referred to the Executive Committee to report upon at the next meeting of the synod, with power to take immediate action. Carried.

Rev. Canon Cayley read the report of the Sunday School Book and Tract Committee—which after considerable discussion was adopted. In view of the fact that the scheme of Sunday school lessons, proposed by the Interdiocesan Sunday School Committee, is based on American publication, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick moved, seconded by Canon Cayley, that the delegates to the committee be instructed to urge the use of the publications of the Church of England institute. The motion was adopted.

Superannuation Fund.—Rev. Septimus Jones presented the report of the Superannuation Fund Committee. The receipts for the year amounted to \$1,499. The capital sum now invested was \$8,229. The annual available income was \$1,250, and the charges for pensions amounted to \$1,400, so that unless their receipts were increased it would become necessary to make reductions in the various grants, beginning with any that exceeded \$200 per annum. Through the exertions of Rev. Canon Logan, collector, the sum of \$3,185 had been subscribed towards the fund of \$50,000 required. The report was adopted. Rev. Septimus Jones then moved that the Superannuation Fund Committee be authorized to arrange, during the ensuing year, at their discretion, with those clergymen who, from various causes, had not yet come under the fund, or who had failed in some of their payments thereto, such action, however, not to be further extended and not to be considered a precedent. Mr. A. H. Campbell seconded the motion, and it was adopted.

Toronto Rectory Endowment.—Dr. Langtry pre-

sented the report of the Toronto Rectory Endowment Committee. It was reported that the rents obtained were largely in excess of the amount paid under previous leases, but the great depreciation of city and suburban property had made it impossible to obtain for lots recently leased anything like as large a rental as would have been paid three years ago. Several of the city properties come in for revaluation during the current year. It is expected that a considerable increase of rental will be obtained. The report was adopted.

Investment Committee.—Mr. A. H. Campbell presented the report of the Investment Committee. The report stated that the amounts in cash and securities assumed by the committee up to the close of the fiscal year have been: From the Clergy Trust Committee, \$364,697.97; from the rectory lands, \$27,585; from the synod general account, \$15,764.70, making a total of \$408,047.67, leaving (the entries for which have not been completed, although the interest has been collected by the Investment Committee): In the clergy trust account, \$20,858.57; rectory land account, \$265,314.40; synod general account, \$203,078.28; other securities, \$10,240.34; total, \$499,491.59. The report was adopted.

The Audit Committee's report was presented and adopted. The report to co-operate with the Prisoners' Aid Association was also adopted. At 1 o'clock the synod adjourned.

At the afternoon session Provost Body pointed out that there were still a number of corrections to be made in the Public School History dealing with the history of the Church of England.

A considerable discussion took place on the canon of the Toronto Rectory Surplus—it was finally moved by Rev. Charles Ingles, seconded by Rev. W. H. Clarke, that the canon be repealed. This was adopted by a vote of 51 to 47, but it will have to be confirmed by the next synod.

Rev. W. H. Clarke expressed himself satisfied with the vote of the synod and withdrew his motion.

Consolidation of the Church.—The Rev. J. C. Roper moved the following resolution:

That this synod, while heartily accepting the tentative scheme for the consolidation of the Church in British North America, submitted by the Winnipeg conference, expresses the hope that the General Synod, in formulating its constitution, will accept the suggested alterations made by the Provincial Synod of Canada at its recent meeting.

Rev. Dr. Langtry seconded it and the resolution was agreed to.

It was moved by Rev. Septimus Jones, and seconded by R. H. Campbell, and resolved:

That we desire to record our high appreciation of the courtesy of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick in entertaining at Government House the members of this synod, and to express our sincere hope that all success may continue to attend the administration of his high office, and that every blessing, temporal and spiritual, may rest upon him and upon his family, and that a copy of this resolution be respectfully communicated to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

A long discussion took place upon a motion by Mr. L. H. Baldwin, referring to the synod's solicitors the question of whether or not the synod should defray the costs incurred by Rev. J. H. McCollum in contesting his case in regard to the clergy commutation trust fund. Eventually it was lost by 14 to 22. At 6 o'clock the synod adjourned to meet again at 8 o'clock.

At 8.15 the synod re-assembled. On the motion of Rev. J. C. Roper, seconded by Rev. Provost Body, it was resolved:

That all future negotiations with the diocese of Niagara, concerning the episcopal endowment fund, or the DeBlaquiere claim, be conducted through the Executive Committee, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to conduct the same on behalf of the synod.

On the motion of Rev. John Pearson, seconded by Rev. Septimus Jones, it was resolved that the sum of \$500 be granted his lordship the bishop for his travelling expenses.

Illness of two Eminent Churchmen.—In the absence of Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, on the motion of Dr. Hodgins, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Allen, a resolution expressing gratitude for the recovery of the Bishop of Montreal from his serious illness, was adopted.

On the motion of Rev. A. H. Baldwin, seconded by Rev. John Pearson, a vote of sympathy with Dr. Snelling, chancellor, in his illness, was also adopted.

A resolution, on the motion of Rev. J. M. Jones, was adopted sympathizing with Churchmen in Wales in the movement for disestablishment.

Proposed House of Laymen.—Mr. Walter A. Geddes moved a resolution in favor of permitting the lay representatives to the synod the privilege of meeting as "The House of Laymen." In view of the lateness of the hour the motion was withdrawn, Rev. Septimus Jones promising that opportunity would be afforded the clergy and laity to meet together and discuss the question in his rural deanery during the year.