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DOMINION.

TORONTO.

Inter-Diocesan Sunday School Conference, held at Toronto on Nov. 9th & 10th, 1887.—The Conference met at 2 p.m., when the following delegates were present:

Diocese of Toronto.—The Lord Bishop, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Peterboro'; (Chairman Diocesan Sunday School Committee); Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., Toronto; Rev. J. F. Sweeney, M.A., B.D., Toronto; Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A., Deer Park; Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., Toronto; J. C. Morgan, M.A., Barrie; George B. Kirkpatrick, Toronto; S. G. Wood, LL.B., Toronto; Alexander Marling, M.A., LL.B., Toronto; also, Rev. John Gibson, B.A., Norwood; Rev. H. Softley, Humber; Rev. J. G. Lewis, Toronto.

Diocese of Niagara.—Rev. Canon Belt, M.A., Burlington; Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Hamilton; Rev. E. M. Bland, St. Catharines; Rev. James Ardill, Merriton; Rev. E. A. Irving, Dundas.

Diocese of Ontario.—Ven. Archdeacon T. Bedford-Jones, D.D., Napanee; Rev. H. Pollard, M.A., Ottawa.

Diocese of Montreal.—Rev. Robert Lindsay, M.A.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto took the chair.

Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Secretary, read letters from the Lord Bishop of Niagara, the Rev. E. C. Saunders, M.A., (Ingersoll), and the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, (Quebec), regretting that they were unable to be present; also a letter stating that the Committee of the Diocese of Huron had unanimously passed a resolution in favour of adopting the "Institute Publications" as the basis of a Joint Diocesan Scheme of Lessons for the Church in Canada, and had appointed the Rev. Canon Innes, M.A., and the Rev. E. C. Saunders as delegates to this Conference.

After a discussion in which the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, the Rev. J. D. Cayley, the Rev. Canon Mockridge, the Rev. E. M. Bland, the Rev. H. Pollard, the Rev. E. A. Irving, the Rev. Robert Lindsay, the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, and Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar and J. C. Morgan took part, the following resolution, moved by the Rev. Robert Lindsay, (Montreal), and seconded by the Rev. H. Pollard, (Ottawa), was unanimously adopted:

"That this Conference recommends the publications of the Church of England Sunday School Institute as the basis of a Uniform Scheme of Diocesan Sunday School Lessons to be adopted by the Church of England in Canada."

It was then moved by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, seconded by the Rev. J. F. Sweeney, and

Resolved—"That the Lord Bishop of Toronto (Convenor), the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. Robert Lindsay, Rev. Canon Belt, and Rev. E. M. Bland, be a Committee to report to this Conference a course of Sunday School Lessons on the Bible and Prayer-book, to extend over a period of either three or five years as the Committee may think best."

The Conference adjourned till 8 p.m.

Evening Session.—The Conference re-assembled at 8 p.m.

The Committee presented their report as follows:

"The Committee appointed by this Conference to prepare a Scheme of Lessons on the Bible and Prayer-book for use in the Sunday Schools of the Canadian Church, beg to report as follows:

1. As the proposed scheme must be at first an experiment, the Committee think it more likely to be adopted by the various Synods of this Ecclesiastical Province, if the period covered does not exceed three years.

2. The Committee therefore recommend the following course of Sunday School Lessons for three years, beginning with Advent, 1888:

	<i>Prayer Book.</i>	<i>Scripture Lessons.</i>
1st Year.	Lessons on the Collects.	Lessons on the Life of Our Lord.
2nd Year.	Lessons on the Catechism.	Lessons on the Old Testament.
3rd Year.	Lessons on the Prayer Book.	The Acts of the Apostles.

The great Festivals to be marked by appropriate lessons; and a portion of the Church Catechism to be recited every Sunday in addition to the above lessons.

3. The Committee further recommend that a series of simple Lessons for Junior Classes on the Scripture subjects embraced in the above scheme (similar to the illustrated "Leaflets for the Little Ones," issued by the Rev. Henry Holland), be prepared by a Joint Diocesan Committee to be appointed by this Conference

ARTHUR TORONTO, *Chairman.*"

On motion of the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, it was ordered that the Report just read be adopted.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to prepare a set of "Leaflets for the Little Ones," and to make arrangements for their illustration:—Rev. Robert Lindsay, (Montreal); the Rev. H. Pollard, (Ottawa); the Rev. J. D. Cayley, (Toronto), *Convenor*; the Rev. E. M. Bland, (St. Catharines); the Rev. E. C. Saunders, (Ingersoll).

A Committee was appointed to select a detailed Scheme of Sunday School Lessons for 1888-9, upon the subjects mentioned in the report just adopted, the Rev. Robert Lindsay, (Montreal), being the convenor.

On motion of the Rev. Robert Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Biggar, it was

Resolved—"That each of the Sunday School Committees of the Dioceses composing these Ecclesiastical Provinces, (or in case there is no Diocesan Sunday School Committee, then the Bishop of the Diocese), be requested to appoint two or more delegates to form a standing Inter-Diocesan Sunday School Committee, of which the Bishop of Toronto shall for the present be the convenor."

The Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. H. Pollard, and Rev. Canon Belt, were appointed a Committee to prepare a scheme for the Examination of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars, and to report to-morrow.

The Conference adjourned at 10 p.m.

The Conference met on Nov. 10th at 11 a.m.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Canon Medley, B.A., (Sussex, N.B.), expressing his approval of a Joint Inter-Diocesan Scheme of Sunday School Lessons.

Rev. W. C. Bradshaw presented the report of the Committee appointed yesterday to prepare a Scheme of Lessons for 1888-9, as follows:

It was moved by the Ven. Archdeacon Jones (Napanee), seconded by the Rev. Canon Belt, M.A.

"That the proposed Scheme be adopted by this Conference; and that the Committee be thanked for the trouble they have taken in preparing it." Carried unanimously.

The Rev. J. F. Sweeney moved, seconded by Rev. H. Pollard:

"That the Scheme of Lessons just adopted be printed and distributed by the Secretary to the Bishops of this Ecclesiastical Province, and to the Delegates appointed to attend this Conference, who are hereby requested to bring the same before the Sunday School Committees of their respective Dioceses for consideration."

"And that an adjourned meeting of this Conference be held at the Synod Hall, in the City of Montreal, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 10th of April, 1888, to consider any suggestions which may be made in reference thereto, and to take such other actions as may be desirable to promote the objects of this Conference."

The Ven. Archdeacon Jones presented the report of the Committee on Inter-Diocesan Sunday School Examinations, as follows:

"1. With a view to encouraging as many as possible to become Students and Candidates, the Committee recommend the division of subjects into classes adapted to two grades of Teachers and two grades of Scholars.

2. That the subjects of Examination be those of the Sunday School Institute Scheme for each year respectively.

3. That the Examinations be held annually in the month of December.

4. That the subjects of Examination in December, 1888, be as follows:

FOR TEACHERS.
Grade I.
(a) 1 Samuel.
(b) Teaching of Church in Collects from Advent to Easter.
(c) Sketch of Lesson on Scripture Subjects of Institute Lessons.

Grade II.
(a) 1 Samuel.
(b) Teaching of Church in Collects from Advent to 6th Sunday after Epiphany.
(c) Sketch of Lesson.

FOR SCHOLARS.
Grade I.
(a) Life of Joshua.
(b) Teaching of Church in Collects for Advent Sunday, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, and Easter Day.
(c) Church Catechism to end of "Duty towards our neighbour."

Grade II.
(a) Life of Joshua.
(b) Church Catechism to end of Creed, and questions thereon.

On motion of Mr. Biggar, seconded by Rev. Canon Belt, the above report was adopted, and the Committee re-appointed, with the addition of Rev. W. C. Bradshaw and Alex. Marling, LL.B., to report at the adjourned meeting of this Conference, on the subject of

Certificates to successful Candidates at the proposed Examinations, and as to the best means of providing for the necessary expenses of such Examinations.

Before the adjournment of the Conference, the Bishop of Toronto and the members of the Toronto Sunday School Committee expressed their gratitude to the Delegates from a distance who had accepted the invitation to attend this meeting.

Suitable replies were made by Rev. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. Canon Belt, and Rev. E. A. Irving, who emphasized their appreciation of the kind interest shown by the Lord Bishop of Toronto in attending and taking such an active part in the work of this Conference.

His Lordship then pronounced the Benediction, and the Conference adjourned to meet at Montreal on the 10th of April, 1888, as above arranged.

C. R. W. BIGGAR, Secretary of Conference.

St. Philip's.—His lordship the Bishop of the diocese held his annual confirmation in this church on Advent Sunday. Although the weather was so unfavorable there was a very large congregation present; every seat in the church being occupied. The candidates, of whom there were forty-three, have been under the careful preparation of the clergy since early in September. His lordship made an earnest and searching appeal to those about to be confirmed, to be loyal to the Church's great Head, the Lord Jesus Christ, pointing out to them clearly what a deep meaning there is in the confirmation vow and what it involves for the future years. In the evening the rector preached the first of the special course of Advent sermons on the "Preaching of Repentance." Last Sunday the course was continued, the subject in the morning being "The Preaching of Faith," in the evening "The Waiting Saviour." During Advent, besides the special sermons on Sundays, there will be evening prayer of address every Wednesday at eight o'clock, and on Friday afternoon at half past four the Litany and a short address appropriate to the Advent season.

The first meeting of the new Rural Deanery of South Simcoe was held at Cookstown on Wednesday and Thursday of last month. On Wednesday evening a service was held in St. John's Church, Rev. E. Daniel, of Rosemont, being the preacher. On Thursday morning after Holy Communion, at 9.30, the business meeting of the Chapter was held. In the absence of the Rural Dean, who, sad to say, was prevented from being present by the death of his wife, which had taken place the day before. The chair was taken by Rev. C. E. Sills, of Ivy. The following business was then transacted: 1. A resolution of sympathy with Rev. Rural Dean Ball was moved by Rev. W. H. French and carried. 2. It was carried that meetings of this deanery be held quarterly. 3. A resolution was carried to the effect that at each future meeting of this Deanery, three addresses should be delivered of fifteen minutes each, speakers and subjects to be selected at previous meeting of Chapter. In accordance with this resolution it was decided to ask the following members of Chapter to prepare papers as follows: 1. Co-operation of clergy and laity in parish work, Rev. A. C. Wood. 2. Co-operation of clergy and laity in the public services of the church, Rev. W. H. French. 3. Systematic giving, Rev. E. W. Murphy. It was then resolved that next meeting of deanery be held at Ivy on the first Wednesday of February. Rev. E. W. Murphy was elected Secretary for the coming year. Arrangements were made for missionary meetings in the following parishes and missions: Mulmur West, Ivy, Cookstown, and Rosemont. In the afternoon the members of Chapter attended the funeral of Mrs. Ball, at the St. John's Church, Tecumseh, and assisted in the funeral ceremonies. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Ball in his sad bereavement. May the God of all comfort be with him and his motherless children in their affliction.

NIAGARA.

What is it all About!—A letter appeared in the Toronto Globe of 8th Dec., signed "Consistency," in which the writer expresses his humiliation and astonishment at the Bishop of Niagara and a number of his clergy sitting down to a luncheon at which ale was provided. What is the excitement all about? Why should anybody be humiliated at somebody else drinking a glass of beer at lunch? Mr. Consistency says the bishop and clergy were "guzzling down quantities of ale." Now the word "guzzling" is meant to convey the idea that the bishop and clergy and company at the lunch were drinking like old toppers, taking ale immoderately that is. We beg to say that to Mr. Consistency, be he cleric or lay, that he has told what he knows to be a downright falsehood as to this matter, a falsehood which humiliates and disgraces him, and which does not even as much as touch those whom he assails. Consistency belongs to