

CHARGE TO THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF FREDERICTON

Many Important Matters Dealt With in Annual Address—What Can Be Done to Induce Laymen to Take a Keener Interest in the Church Work—Condition of the Diocese—Clergymen From England and the Reception Some Have Received—Why Do Not Canadian Youths Enter the Ministry—Need of a Larger Salary and Prompt Payment of It—Sunday Schools—The Laymen's Missionary Movement—King's College—Temperance and Public Morals.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 7.—His Lordship Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, Bishop of Fredericton, delivered the following charge at the 44th annual meeting of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Brunswick, this morning.

My Dear Brethren in the Faith:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome you all to the 44th annual meeting of our Diocesan Synod. I need not remind you that the occasion is a most important one. From all parts of a province we have come together for a common purpose, and that purpose is a very deep and solemn one. We have met in a room which is not only a place of prayer, but also a place of study and of work. We have met in a room which is not only a place of prayer, but also a place of study and of work. We have met in a room which is not only a place of prayer, but also a place of study and of work.

one of the most important of the lay delegates to which they are entitled. How can we induce the men from country parishes to come to the Synod? That is our most pressing problem. I have already said that I do not regard the problem as in any real sense financial, and for that reason, I have very little sympathy with the proposal that has been made to pay the expenses of those who come. Such a proposal ought not to be required. I certainly do not think that a fund should be formed by the Synod for that effect of increasing the attendance, but I think that the Church would suffer correspondingly less in other ways. If, however, it is really true that the effect of coming to Synod is keeping men away, then it is quite open to any parish to pay the expenses of its own delegates. I think that some parishes would value more highly the privilege of representation in the Synod, if it were something for which they were actually paying. Under our present system, however, the number of parishes which are usually behind in the amount of their regular assessment, that does not seem very likely. I have sometimes thought that there might be much improvement in this matter if every clergyman were to make at his house, to press upon his people at the Easter meeting the importance of the delegates being present at the Synod. I have no means of knowing how far that is done.

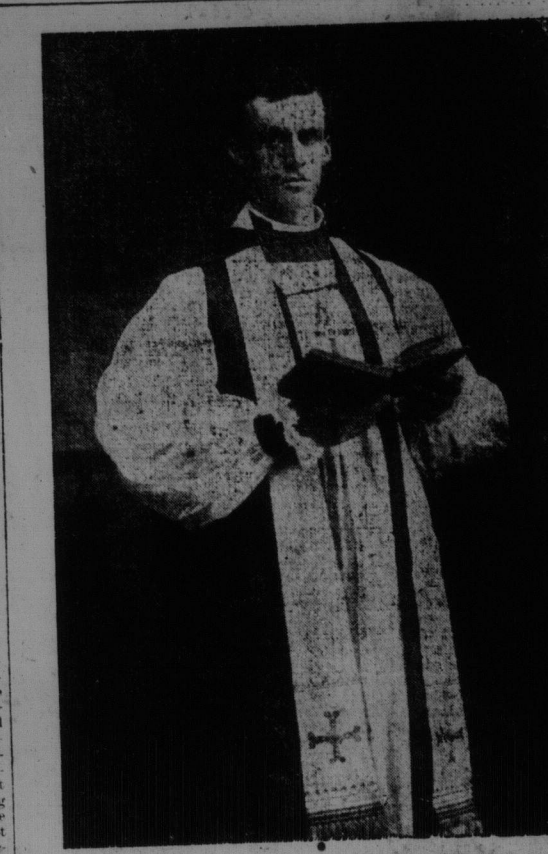
It seems to me that it would be wise to change the time for the election of lay delegates. Under our present system, they are elected at the time when the Synod is about to meet. It is not a very happy arrangement, and it is not a very happy arrangement. It is not a very happy arrangement, and it is not a very happy arrangement. It is not a very happy arrangement, and it is not a very happy arrangement.

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It is right that I should try to give you some idea of the condition of the Diocese as it presents itself to me. I am frank to confess that I do not find the task an easy one. Nothing is more difficult than to get a true picture of the Diocese. It is not a simple matter to get a true picture of the Diocese. It is not a simple matter to get a true picture of the Diocese. It is not a simple matter to get a true picture of the Diocese.

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But even when the greatest making card is taken by the clergy, the total of the totals will be worth very much for purposes of comparison. If only the number of parishes in the Diocese doing active work varies from year to year, the number of parishes doing active work varies from year to year. The number of parishes doing active work varies from year to year. The number of parishes doing active work varies from year to year.



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less misleading. I feel, however, that this can be safely said: the general condition of the Church is satisfactory, and encouraging progress is being made. In saying this, I do not mean to say that I am not aware of the many points of weakness, and I shall speak of those a little later on, but I am still sure that the whole of the Diocese is in a better position than it was some years ago. It is a common enough, I know, for a certain class of people of a morbid mind to go about dropping dark hints of decay and decay, but such persons need not be taken seriously, and those who are best qualified to judge the Diocese are not so easily misled. It is easy enough to contrast the returns of a civil census with those of the Church, and to say that the Church is in a declining position. But such a comparison is not a fair one. The Church is not a civil census. It is a living organism, and it is not a civil census. It is a living organism, and it is not a civil census.

One of the greatest difficulties with which the Diocese has had to contend in recent years has been the steady loss of its clergy. The loss of its clergy has been a steady loss of its clergy. The loss of its clergy has been a steady loss of its clergy. The loss of its clergy has been a steady loss of its clergy. The loss of its clergy has been a steady loss of its clergy.

of one clergyman per year. I have made up these figures somewhat hastily, and I do not claim for them unflinching accuracy, but they are approximately correct, and serve to show with sufficient clearness the direction in which the Diocese is drifting. We are face to face, then, with a problem that is absolutely critical in character. The Church of England in the Province of New Brunswick is not giving enough men to the ministry to replace the natural loss by death and retirement alone; and that statement surely, not account for all of the steady stream of men who are leaving the Diocese to seek work in other fields. It is true that the deficiency has been more than made up by generous contributions from the Church in the Mother Land, but only at the cost of ceaseless anxiety and effort. Common prudence surely, not speak of ordinary self-respect, should make us afraid to depend upon England for the men who are to carry on the work of the Church in this Diocese. I want to look at the question fairly in the face. Ten years ago, less than five per cent. of the clergy working in the Diocese were of English birth, whilst today the percentage is as much as 33. When is this decline in our own ministry to end? Whether are we drifting? It is time to ask ourselves that question. Are we to look on and let the Diocese drift, or are we to take steps to remedy the situation? It is time to ask ourselves that question. Are we to look on and let the Diocese drift, or are we to take steps to remedy the situation?

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