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"Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."—Eph. vi. 24.
"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3.

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SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario opened at Kingston, on the 9th inst., with service in St. George's Cathedral at 10.30 a.m., at which the Rev. J. W. Forsyth, of Pembroke, preached an able sermon from the text: "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."—I. Timothy, iii., 15.

In the sermon the preacher dwelt on the church as the defender of the faith and the pillar of truth, and in an interesting way, noted what the ministry required, in order to make the church all that the Word implied. He referred to the needs of a holy ministry, not only personally but with respect to one's household. Great damage was done to Christ's cause by a lack of piety on the part of those whose calling was sacred, in their families and households. Everything should be consecrated to Him. They should train up their children in the fear of God and in holy living. A learned ministry was also required. There was no greater mistake than to suppose that an unlearned ministry is sufficient for the work of God. The Church should have Universities, duly supported and adequately equipped, and firm in the teaching of the Catholic doctrine once delivered to the saints. The learning thus secured should not be allowed to sink into oblivion but should be kept up by perpetual and constant reading. Another necessity was the exercising of a wise and diligent pastorate. Men should have a deep regard for the souls placed under their care, and a desire to carefully exhort them and guide them in the ways of God. The care for the young, the closely allying of them to the work of the Church, combined with earnest pastoral visitations, were remarked upon. "A house going parson makes a church going people," was a trite and very wise remark. He spoke of the work of the missionaries and of the loyal support they should get. All should be missionaries, in spirit, making the Church of God a pillar of light in all places. If they were worthy priests they would carry on God's work in a noble way, looking for blessings that would surely come. If they walked and worked as God directed they would have victory, and the Church would take the position to which it was entitled.

At 3 o'clock the Synod met, but adjourned until the 10th for want of a quorum.

In the evening a most impressive and beautiful service was held in St. Paul's Church, at which the Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Ogdensburg, preached a forcible and eloquent sermon, based on Romans I, xix, 20.

WEDNESDAY.—After some preliminary discussion at to the effect of the want of quorum on Tuesday, on the appointment of committees.

Mr. Reynolds presented the auditors' report, stating the mortgages, debentures, deposit receipts and other securities to be in proper keeping, and the books and accounts of the clerical secretary to be most satisfactory and creditable. The professional accountants' report accompanied, endorsing the correctness of all accounts.—Adopted, as also was the treasurer's, read later. The debt of the mission fund is \$1,398. 13.

The Rev. A. Spencer, as clerical secretary, R. V. Rogers, as lay secretary, R. M. Moore, as

treasurer, were re-elected, and Messrs. Reynolds and Dunnitt were appointed auditors.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Ogdensburg, was invited to a seat on the dais, and was warmly received.

Canon White reported feelingly the death of W. T. Benson, M.P., a valued member of Synod, and a special committee composed of Judge Madonald, Rev. Messrs. White and Lewin, to prepare suitable memorials of departed members of Synod, was appointed.

Memorials were read from St. Philip's Church, Milford, for permission to sell the parsonage for \$800, in order to build another; from Beachburg parish, to mortgage parsonage for \$600.—Referred.

Rev. K. L. Jones presented the report of the committee on the division of the Diocese, which was ordered to be printed. Reports were also presented from Mission Board (Archdeacon Lauder); Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee (Rev. J. J. Bogert); Special Committee on office and duty of Diocesan Registrar (Mr. Reynolds); Episcopal Trust Fund Committee (Rev. E. Loucks); Divinity Students' Fund Committee (Rev. E. H. M. Baker).

E. H. Smythe presented the report of the committee on statistics, regretting that only 49 out of 92 parishes had furnished full statistical returns, and suggesting remedies for neglect. The 61 congregations that reported had in their limits 5,960 families, or 30,392 Church of England people. Carrying out this proportion there were 80,000 people in the Diocese, of whom about 45,000 were known to the clergy as members. How should the others be reached? The 45 parishes giving financial returns contributed \$55,445.91; of this amount \$5,057.72 only came from pew rents, but four churches in Kingston Archdeaconry and two in Ottawa Archdeaconry deriving revenue in that way. The insuring of churches is being generally done,

Rev. E. A. W. Hannington moved and supported the report of a committee appointed in 1883, recommending the allowing of certain clerical benefits under diocesan funds to be transferred to clergymen leaving the Diocese to labor in that of Algoma. A long discussion ensued, but on a vote being taken, the mover only voted for the motion.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Mr. Walkem moved the adoption of a canon respecting the keeping and auditing of the accounts, also certain amendments of the constitution required by the canon on audit and accounts. They were carried.

A resolution was adopted entrusting the chancellor and the lay and clerical Secretaries with the work of printing a corrected edition of the canons of the Diocese of Ontario, with all acts of parliament bearing upon the affairs of the diocese, together with all resolutions of synod now in force, and determining that copies of the same should be kept for sale at 50c at the synod office, but that every clergyman shall receive a copy on his first presentation to the Cure of souls in this diocese."

Archdeacon Jones submitted the report of the committee regarding a superannuation fund.

The committee proposed a superannuation fund derived from collections, benefactions, bequests and subscriptions from clergymen. The following committee was suggested, who would be responsible for the management of the fund: The Bishop, Dean, Archdeacons, Chancellor and the first three lay and clerical representatives elected yearly to

the Provincial Synod. Clergymen having reached the age of 65 years were eligible as claimants, and others incapacitated from labour might be placed on the fund at the discretion of the committee. The allowance of those who were on the trust fund lists was fixed at \$200 per annum, others \$400 per annum. The annual subscription to the fund will be voted as follows: Salaries of \$800 and under assessed at \$7; under \$1,200, \$10; under \$1,600, \$11; \$2,000, \$15. The rectors of Kingston and Belleville were not allowed as annuitants. The report was discussed clause by clause, when it was decided that the committee to manage the fund should consist of the bishop, four clergymen and five laymen. It was decided that clergymen who had served twenty-five years in the Diocese should be entitled to a claim on the fund, also that when such clergyman had reached the age of 65 years he could retire, receiving his superannuation, provided he had met the requirements of the canon and was in good standing.

The balance of the report was referred back to the committee.

Several reports were introduced and laid over for discussion, and at 6 o'clock the Synod adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING.—The Synod was opened with prayer; minutes approved of.

The Bishop announced the appointment of committees. Those upon church statistics, rectory, lands, finances and clergy trust fund were unchanged from last year. On the other committees the vacancies were filled.

The appointed members of mission board remain unchanged.

Of Foreign Mission Board (Archdeacon Jones), reporting receipts of \$2,374, an increase of \$268 over the year previous. Carleton deanery showed the greatest increase, but Kingston and Frontenac still headed the list, as under, by one fourth in eight deaneries:

Frontenac.....	\$593 40
Carleton.....	560 31
Hastings.....	269 82
Leeds.....	251 23
Lanark and Renfrew.....	231 81
Stormont.....	221 14
Greenville and Dundas.....	119 70
Lennox and Addington.....	97 09

The committee approved highly of the proposed woman's auxiliary in connection with foreign mission work, the constitution of which had been approved of by the Bishop; the necessity of increased working for contributions was pointed out. A change in the date of parochial offertories was also proposed. The offering to Algoma by the committee last year was \$1,191; to the Central Mission Board, \$1,107; to Zenana mission, \$57.60.

The petition of the parish of Milford to be allowed to sell its old parsonage for \$800 and buy a new one for \$1,100.

A circular from the Provincial S. S. Mission Board, making valuable suggestions as to strengthening and popularizing, was read and referred.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—It was resolved to charge one-half of the expense of the management of the Episcopal Fund to the assessment fund on parishes and half to the other funds.

CANON ON SUPERANNUATION.—The consideration of this canon was resumed. Clause 6, granted