

At the afternoon session the address to Her Majesty was presented to the Synod. The address stated that Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the bishop, clergy, and lay representatives of the diocese of Toronto, desired to approach Her Majesty with the assurance of their devoted attachment and unswerving loyalty to her throne and person. The address proceeded:

In fellowship with the other dioceses of the Church of England throughout the Empire, we beg to be permitted to convey to Your Majesty the expression of our heartfelt congratulation upon the auspicious completion of this jubilee year of Your Majesty's happy and beneficent reign. The marvellous progress of the Empire, whether in internal growth and stability, or in wide extent, under Your Majesty's rule has been unexampled in our country's annals. Your Majesty's subjects have abundant reason to thank Almighty God for the manifold blessings so mercifully vouchsafed to Your Majesty and to the millions of your subjects throughout your vast Empire. We earnestly pray that the life which has been preserved through so many eventful years may long be continued to Your Majesty, to be a rich source of blessing to the Empire at large. The rapid growth, notwithstanding many difficulties, of the colonial churches, has been a marked feature of Your Majesty's reign. The diocese of Toronto was founded in the second year of Your Majesty, to embrace the whole Province of Upper Canada. In this same area five dioceses of the Church of England now exist, whilst the number of clergy in the present reduced diocese makes it still one of the largest outside the United Kingdom.

The address concluded with the expression of fervent prayer for God's blessing upon the Queen and her Empire.

The evening was devoted to a discussion on missions. The first business was the reading of the report of the Mission Board. The total receipts for the year, exclusive of the contributions for domestic and foreign missions, had been \$14,189, showing an increase of 284. The expenditure in grants to diocesan missions had been \$1,800 less than in the previous year. The debt of the fund had been reduced by \$1,050, leaving, however, a balance of \$4,820 still due by the board. The ludicrous nominal returns, in some instances a few cents, called for close investigation and vigorous action on the part of the executive. The receipts for domestic and foreign missions were: Domestic missions, in 1886, \$2,351; in 1887, \$2,865; Foreign, in 1886, \$2,036; in 1887, 2,583. The report was adopted and discussion ensued.

Rev. I. Middleton said it certainly was most lamentable and disgraceful to the diocese that some missions had been left vacant for years, thereby causing tens of thousands to be alienated from the church. He advocated the distribution of mission funds in a fair ratio. This vigorous speech called forth a protest from the Bishop, who said he did not know of any place where there had been no services in the church. Rural Dean Allen said that missions had been left vacant because of the unreasonable demands of the local people. He advocated more local support for missions. Rev. J. C. Davidson said that as far as self-support was concerned the church in the country districts occupied a worse position than twenty years ago. He advocated a special commission to investigate the subject and to stir up interest in missions. Rev. Dr. Carry advocated a careful revision of the grants, which were disproportionate. Rev. John Jones thought that clergymen should set the example of generosity. He was ready to back his speech with a \$5 bill and hoped his example would be imitated. Canon O'Meara and others spoke to the same effect. Mr. Carter suggested that no payment should be made to any clergymen where there had been neglect in making collections or returns until such neglect had been removed. A number of country clergy pointed out the difficulties of making so many collections, and thought that aid should be given by the wealthier churches. Various suggestions were made, and it was admitted that the meeting had been practical and interesting.

THIRD DAY.—A Jubilee celebration service was decided to be held at St. James' Church on the 21st June, the collection to be for the Mission Fund. Report of Widows' and Orphans' Fund showed income \$5672 and expenditure \$4724. The Theological Students' Fund report shows income \$507, expenditure \$1079, with \$240 due and 82 parishes not heard from. The S. S. report states that 13,000 of the leaflets are circulated. Mr. Biggar said they were used in about 79 per cent of the diocesan schools. St. James' leases question excited a long and fruitless discussion, demonstrating the folly of a large assembly attempting to deal with a question of this kind. A small committee should have been appointed and the whole matter placed in train for arbitration. The public schools question was closed by a resolution recommending "that a calendar of lessons be issued by the government, selected by the various religious bodies of Ontario," thus continuing the Ross Bible, and its co-operators and its political friends.

Laying Corner Stone of Cathedral.—We are indebted to the *World* for the following report of this deeply interesting event:

"Under a scorching sun, and in the presence of all the clergy attending the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and a large gathering of the laity, many of whom were ladies, the Bishop of Toronto yesterday afternoon, the 16th June, laid the corner stone of the new Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr, which, in a few years, will be Toronto's finest church edifice.

The choir and chancel of the cathedral, all that it is intended to erect at present, are completed as far as the floor joists. Yesterday the floor was partly laid, and upon this were gathered the clergy and laity who took part in the interesting proceedings. The subscriptions so far amount to \$11,000, (and there is \$16,000 in the reserve fund.

It was 4.30 when the Bishop was escorted from the See-house by a procession of over fifty surpliced choristers from the various Episcopal churches, singing "The Church's One Foundation," and the clergymen who are attending Synod took their places around the stone over which floated scores of flags. The choir was led by Mr. G. T. Plummer, organist of St. Matthias' Church, while Mr. John Carter presided at the organ. After the singing of the psalm "Magnus Dominus" and the reciting by the Bishop of a few short invocations, His Lordship laid the stone, using a handsome gold and silver trowel with ebony handle. Beneath the stone were deposited copies of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, the Toronto *World* and other papers, the current coins and this memorial:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

On this sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven—being the eve of the anniversary of the Martyrdom of Alban, put to death under the Emperor Diocletian, A.D., 303, commonly reckoned to be the protomartyr of the Anglican Church, and being also at the completion of half a century of the happy reign of our most illustrious Sovereign Victoria, whom may God long preserve; the most noble the Marquis of Lansdowne being the Governor-General of Canada, and Sir Alexander Campbell, K.O.M.G., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, this Corner Stone of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Toronto, dedicated in the name of the aforesaid Alban, Saint and Martyr—whereof R. Cunningham Windeyer is the architect, John B. Matson the contractor for masonry, and Caius Marcus Coriolanus Hubbel contractor for carpenter work. The building committee—the Lord Bishop, John Carter, Esq., Major Edward Henry Foster and Edward Marion Chadwick, Esq., and the treasurer of the building fund, Robert Henry Bethune, Esq., was laid by the Right Reverend Arthur, by Divine permission, Bishop of the said Diocese.

In the hope that upon this stone may be erected a Cathedral Church which shall be for the honor and glory of God, and by the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit shall be an instrument powerful and conspicuous in shedding abroad the light of the Holy Gospel of the Blessed Saviour. Amen.

To the memorial the Bishop affixed his signature, "Arthur Toronto," and Archdeacon Boddy, Canon O'Meara, Dr. Scadding, Canon and Rural Dean Osler, Provost Boddy, Rev. Dr. Potts, Dr. Snelling and Rev. A. J. Broughall inscribed their names as witnesses. Then followed the singing of "Christ is the Foundation," a prayer by the Bishop and the addresses.

The Bishop said the occasion on which they were assembled was a deeply interesting one, and in his judgment the most important one in the history of the diocese. He rejoiced to see the interest taken in the ceremony, as was evidenced by the crowded attendance. He regretted, owing to the short notice, the absence of some distinguished personages, whose presence they would have hailed, and which would have given prestige to the occasion. Amongst these were other bishops, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Mayor of Toronto, and prominent Christian ministers. Other engagements prevented their attendance. The Bishop next referred to the similar undertaking which was being made by the Bishop of New York. His projected Cathedral was a very ambitious scheme. It was to emulate the cathedrals of the Old World, and its probable cost would be \$10,000,000. It was to be a sort of "Union Home" for all the Protestant congregations in New York. "Our cathedral," continued the Bishop, "will have no narrow bounds. We trust it will be regarded as the church of the whole diocese; not limited by parochial boundaries, but open to all comers." His Lordship next averted to the circumstances under which the land was acquired, and gave particulars of the cost and the boundaries. Two years ago they had less than \$500 under the head of "Cathedral Chapter Endowment," and the Dean and Chapter purchased the site and the adjoining land for \$4000. The value of the land was now more than \$50,000. The entire scheme of the cathedral could not be carried out at present, but the chapter proposed to complete the choir and chancel as soon as possible, and thereby

afford accommodation for 400 people. The building of that cathedral was thought by some people to be premature, "but," said His Lordship, "my chief object was to organize the Cathedral Chapter, from which I expect great good throughout the diocese." Again, they found it impossible to acquire land in the neighborhood of Toronto at a reasonable rate, without the stipulation that the choir and chancel should be built at once.

The Bishop next spoke of the unsuitability of the temporary place of worship they had hitherto had in that neighborhood, and the encouraging attendance at the Sunday School, which was now held on a portion of the cathedral site. As to the progress of the neighborhood, he said that he entered into residence at the See-house on Dec. 3 last, and had no neighbors. Now there were nineteen houses either finished or approaching completion, and other eighteen houses were under construction. Hence he thought that some of his sanguine views were being realized. He would venture to sketch the future of that spot. He believed it was going to be a most important centre of Toronto. It was near the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Bathurst street would probably eclipse Yonge street. It would be possible to use part of the close as a synod hall, and he looked forward to that cathedral as the centre of church life in the diocese and as a bond of union for all the parishes. They had a scheme in view for twenty-six canons to reside two weeks each in the Prebend's house, to take their turn in the cathedral services, and then go back and interest the people in its work. In conclusion, the Bishop hoped the cathedral might be the means of infusing a much deeper spiritual life than had ever before existed in the diocese. [Applause.]

The Rev. Dr. Potts, in a brief and happy speech, expressed his sympathy and good wishes for the work in which they were engaged.

Archdeacon Boddy and Canon O'Meara, of Port Hope, also made some appropriate allusions to the occasion.

The taking of a collection, which His Lordship placed on the stone, the singing of "O Lord of Hosts," the Doxology and the Benediction brought the ceremony to a close.

The clergy and their ladies were afterwards entertained at the See-house by the Bishop and Mrs. Sweatman.

OPENING OF ST. BARNABAS CHURCH.—Service was held for the first time in the nave of this new church. His Lordship the Bishop said the occasion was one of exceeding gladness and congratulation. It was the first time they met as a congregation, and they would naturally expect a few words from him as their chief pastor. He would not say much, but he would bear thankful testimony to their liberality and zeal as a people. It was a matter of unfeigned satisfaction to himself to see the progress of church extension which the occasion manifested. They began a new life as a congregation in a new church, and he hoped they would greatly cultivate that life and also continue their efforts, so that when the building was finished they might present a completely equipped house to the service of God. St. Barnabas whose name they parish and church bore, and whose life and character they were setting before them as their pattern and example, was, they would remember, "A good man and full of the Holy Ghost and faith." His name signified "Son of exhortation," or "Son of consolation." He had the peculiar gift of the Holy Spirit of exhortation. He had the earthly gift of wealth, and was one of the first Christians who sold their goods and gave them to the Church. These of them who had means, possessions and wealth would remember this and pray for grace to use their wealth to God's praise and glory. Barnabas had particularly the gift of the Holy Ghost, and each of them ought to see that he was not destitute of that gift imparted to them in their baptism and given to them for use in the service of His Church. He hoped their Church would be built up a living temple, a true Church, a spiritual temple not made by man; and that pure worship of God, in spirit and in truth, might always be within its walls, and that the blessed Word—the Gospel of peace—might there have free course and be glorified. The following clergy were present besides the Rector: the Rev'd Professors Clark and Roper, Rev'd Symonds, R. Harrison, C. Darling, Judd, Tocque and W. Grant and Ingles. The Rector thanked the Bishop and friends for their services and gifts. Mr. John Donaldson has collected between one and two thousand dollars for this church. The site and building have cost about \$8,000, of which about \$5,000 remain as a debt. The building is of the Gothic style of architecture of the thirteenth century, and when completed will be from end to end 145 feet long. At present the nave only is built and a temporary chancel. The nave is 76 by 36 feet. It is of red brick, with an open timber roof, 40 feet to the ridge, inside. Aisle arcades are built, so that by removing the temporary partitions now filling them, the aisles can