

Sometimes, when I visited him in his last illness, he would ask me to say Evensong with him and we would read the Psalms for the day together. He always concluded by asking me for my blessing, little realizing that our positions were really reversed, that it was he who by his holiness and simplicity was bestowing on me a benediction of priceless value. This is only one illustration of his modesty and humility. Truly I am his debtor—we are all his debtors. My position was largely nominal, his was the real headship, and even when he was unable to be with us, we never ceased to look up to him; we never ceased to regard him as our leader. A spiritual bond of over fifty years cannot, should not, easily be broken; even death itself can scarcely bring it to a close.

To take stock of those fifty years would be beyond us; we can only acknowledge in deepest gratitude a debt so great that we shall never, on this side of the grave, be able to repay it. Fifty-six years ago he came to this parish as its second Rector, when it was a sort of forlorn hope—St. Stephen's-in-the-Fields. What wonderful changes he has seen, what wonderful struggles he has passed through. He saw the city grow up to it, and around it and far beyond it. The day of small things became the day of big things, and though the parish is no longer what it was, the work goes on, largely through the impetus created by Canon Broughall and his wife. He still lives and will continue to live in the work he has created here. He has bequeathed to us traditions and ideals to which we must try at all times to be loyal, and now that he has passed from us we feel that not only this parish but the whole community is all the poorer because a beautiful life has been removed from our midst.

This is a very inadequate testimony, I know, but down deep in our hearts is a respect and reverence for his memory that will grow with the passing years, and that is the best testimony of all.

Much as we feel our loss, how much greater the loss of those nearest and dearest to him, especially his widow. Fifty-six years ago they were married in this church, and on Tuesday of last week, another service in this same church brought to a close that long period on earth of mutual love and happiness. We feel how feeble is our sympathy, but our love and our prayers are given without stint to her on whom above all has fallen this blow of bereavement. She has asked me to thank you to-day for the beautiful service of Tuesday, for the wreaths sent—the cross and the anchor—and for the consideration you have shown throughout the years past. I am sure you will accept this thanks from her to-day. She tells me she cannot say what she feels; she tells me that whatever I say by way of thanks to you I cannot say too much. I can assure her, I think, that we need no thanks; that our best tribute is only a poor and meagre return for the years of self-denying effort and conscientious discharge of duty which have marked her own life as well as that of her husband.

It is enough to say that such lives are the most helpful and heroic, that they have left behind them an example and an influence that will never die, and we can only pray that, as a church and as individuals, we may profit by their life and work, and that the associations begun here may be continued in a better world when that eternal day dawns and the shadows of earth are dispersed in the sunshine of the presence of God.

"Soul of my soul, we shall meet again,  
And with God be the rest."

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### MOTHER'S HELPERS.

Mother had a bad headache and had gone upstairs to lie down. The children were in the sitting-room talking it over.

"I am sorry for mother," sighed Marjory.

"So am I," said Teddy.

"How sorry are you?" asked David. "I am so sorry for her that I am going to fill the wood-box as full as it will hold and get a lot of kindling, and start the fire for supper."

"Oh," said Marjory, "now I see what you mean. I am so sorry, that I am going to ask her to let me get supper. I can make toast and tea, and scramble eggs."

"I'll help set the table and wipe the dishes," said Teddy. So mother got a nice rest that helped to drive away the headache.

"I don't think that people are really sorry for one," said David, "unless they are willing to help."—Exchange.

## Diocese of Huron

### Business of Synod

#### Executive Committee.

THE regular sessions of the Huron Synod was preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee, on Monday, June 18th, at which applications were presented asking for superannuation for the Very Rev. Evans Davis, London, the Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Stratford, Rev. W. J. Taylor, St. Mary's, since deceased, and Rev. J. Gandier, Pelee Island. All were granted and a resolution of appreciation of the long and faithful services of these men was passed. The financial statement presented for the year revealed the fact that the total voluntary revenue for the year amounted to \$49,671.37, an increase over last year of \$6,318. The total result of the year's administration has given a balance on hand of \$2,850.60. Rev. W. J. Doherty, secretary-treasurer of the diocese, reported investments amounting to \$931,986.98.

#### Quiet Hour.

Following the meeting of the Executive Committee a Quiet Hour was held in the evening in St. Paul's Church, attended by the clergy, for whom it was specially intended, and a goodly number of lay delegates and friends. This was conducted by the Bishop of the diocese, the address being given by the Rev. Professor Cosgrave, of Trinity College, Toronto. "The Praise of Silence" was the theme of the address, in which the importance of spiritual communion with God was impressed upon the clergy. Those who give out continually of spiritual life must themselves be filled with the Spirit of God and must not neglect their own salvation.

#### Synod Service.

The following morning, immediately preceding the opening session of the Synod a celebration of the Holy Communion was held in the Cathedral, at which Professor Cosgrave again was the preacher. "The day has gone," said the preacher, "when the Church can rest upon apostolic succession, upon its incomparable liturgy or its adherence to the doctrines of the Church. It can no longer grow by assertion of its claims, but by the faithfulness of its service. Even as the central idea of Christ's teaching and example was that of service, so it must be the central idea of the Church." Dwelling upon the changes which have been brought about by the war, the new conception of the meaning of service that has come to men and women, even to the sacrifice of life in response to a clear and definite call, Prof. Cosgrave reminded that these are the people to whom preaching is to be done to-day. "The world has never been more awake to moral issues, more conscious of the moral of service and sacrifice. It will not listen to the Church that does not practise the gospel of service it preaches. The Church to-day must commend itself by the worth of its service." The Church, he urged, must identify itself with all that makes for the uplift and enrichment of human life. "I hope," he said, "the Church of England will take its share in the preservation of the national life and of the health and happiness of every inhabitant of the Dominion. I hope the Church will no longer stand neutral on moral and spiritual issues." In conclusion, attention was drawn to another phase of opportunity which has arisen through the war. Never have men and women been more deeply interested in religion, more concerned with things pertaining to the mystery of life. Always there should be taken into account the religious instinct of man which has been awakened by the critical times of the past few years. "It is pathetic to see men and women conscious for the first time," he said, "of the impenetrable mystery of human life. Is the Church going to meet the needs of these men and women, or is it going to turn them over to the tender mercies of H. G. Wells or Sir Oliver Lodge? The failure of the Church to give them guidance will have serious consequences for all. If the Church fails in consolation and guidance, we are sure to witness a great renewal of certain forms of spiritualism."

#### Conscription.

At the first business session of the Synod the following resolution, presented by Mr. E. G. Henderson, of Windsor, and seconded by Mr. Charles

Jenkins, of Petrolia, was passed by a standing vote, followed by the singing of the National Anthem: "The Synod of the Diocese of Huron pledges its loyal support to any measure of selective conscription which the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada may consider it advisable to enact and would urge that such legislation as may be required to provide imperatively demanded reinforcements, be put in effect with the promptitude the absolute necessity of the situation calls for." Several delegates spoke to the motion and a copy of the resolution was immediately forwarded to Sir Robert Borden.

#### Bishop's Charge.

Extracts from the Bishop's Charge have already been published in the "Canadian Churchman." During its reading, the Bishop was repeatedly cheered, his statement that he would rather be ruled by Downing Street, or even Washington, than Quebec, evoking great enthusiasm.

#### Clerical Stipends.

A paragraph in the report of the Executive Committee drew attention to the inadequate stipends being paid to clergy. This gave rise to considerable discussion. Mr. H. Sanders, of Norwich, expressed the hope that definite action would be taken at once, and suggested that a special committee should be appointed to deal with the matter. Mr. E. G. Henderson, of Windsor, voiced the same opinion as Mr. Sanders, adding that "miserable stipends were being paid to clergymen, not at all on a scale with those paid to men in other professions and callings." Furthermore, he pointed out, while incomes in other lines have been advanced with the increase in cost of living, those of clergymen have remained stationary. Bishop Williams reminded the Synod that he had called attention to this matter in his Charge, which would be dealt with by a special committee. The answer of the Bishop to a question put by Mr. Backus, "How many increases were voluntarily made in the past year in missionary charges?" was "Just two." Later in the sessions a resolution was adopted fixing the minimum salary to be paid to clergy at \$1,200. It was further agreed that conferences between clergy and lay delegates according to deaneries be held at once and a general canvass be undertaken in July.

#### Extension of the Episcopate.

The report on the extension of the episcopate in the Province of Ontario, was presented by Mr. Jenkins, and recommended in short the increase in the number of Bishops, without any change in the diocesan boundaries, and referred the matter to the Provincial Council. The boundaries adjustment portion of the report recommended as follows: "Beyond the limits of the ecclesiastical province, but within the limits of the civil province, adjustment with the Province of Rupert's Land has to take place. When this is done the Church in the Province of Ontario will be able to give effect to its resolution passed as to support of another missionary diocese on the lines adopted by the Province of Canada in setting out the diocese of Algoma." Seconding the adoption of the report, Rev. Dr. Tucker referred to the three ways suggested in the Bishop's Charge for increasing the number of Bishops without dividing the dioceses. The disadvantages were pointed out of the too small diocese so far as circulation of the clergy is concerned. Reference was also made to the big claims the national movements in the Church of England, such as the Social Service Council, the M.S.C.C. and Sunday School Commissions, make upon a Bishop of the ability of the Bishop of Huron, in addition to the strain of duties within his own diocese, and coupled with this the suggestion that he should be given relief, perhaps by the appointment of an assistant Bishop. While expressing thankfulness for the thoughtfulness which prompted the suggestion of Canon Tucker re an assistant, Bishop Williams stated that he felt that he was quite capable to carry on the work of the diocese for the present. In regard to the matter of circulation of the clergy, he stated that 15 years ago he had introduced a motion for a change to be made every three years in all parishes receiving grants from the Synod. "Perhaps I didn't put it very well," he said. "In any case, I was turned down handsomely. I am still hoping to get at some means for better circulation of the clergy. Within the past six months I have had 37 applications for change of parishes, and only three parishes open."

#### Sunday School Report.

The report on Sunday Schools occasioned some discussion of the general examination scheme. (Continued on page 431.)