

Grace thought the example of Jesus Christ was a safe one to follow. The Lord Himself had used wine, which was made from the pure juice of the grape. The evil of the present day is that ardent spirits are common beverages. In old England, before the introduction of tea and coffee, beer was the almost universal beverage. On the Continent light wines are drunk at every meal. Saloons, those dens of misery, are responsible for much of the liquor evil. The sale of mixed and intoxicating drinks is allowed full scope. His Grace would like to see drunkenness treated as crime and punished as theft and other crimes. The proper course was the government of saloons;—they might be removed altogether.

The amendment was carried, 37 members voting in favor of it, and 10 against.

On the motion of Rural Dean Burman, seconded by Canon Matheson, the heartiest congratulations of the Synod were extended to Dr. Grisdale, on his elevation to the Episcopate.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin moved, seconded by Mr. L. A. Hamilton, That the cordial congratulations of the Synod be given to Rev. Dr. O'Meara on his appointment as Dean of the Diocese. Carried.

Mr. T. Robinson moved, a loyal and hearty resolution of congratulation to Her Gracious Majesty, on her having attained the 60th year of her auspicious reign. This was enthusiastically carried, the members standing to their feet and singing "God Save the Queen!"

The rest of the business was mainly of a routine character.

The Synod proceedings were brought to a close by the Benediction pronounced by His Grace.

—o— DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

1.—MISSIONS.

On Thursday evening, May 6th, a mass missionary meeting was held in Holy Trinity school house. His Grace The Archbishop took the chair at 8 o'clock, and gave out the opening hymn, after which a scripture lesson was read by Ven. Archdeacon Phair, and prayers were said by Ven. Archdeacon Fortin.

The Archbishop, in his opening address, spoke of the great encouragement given at the present day to the friends of missions. Forty years ago men found it needful to apologize for, and defend, missions. Now this aspect of things had passed away. Nowadays there was a great cause for thankfulness in the fact that the devotion of individual Christians was leading them to give both themselves and their money to the cause of missions. Speaking of the noble work done by the C. M. S., His Grace said that the great growth of mission work in the Church was shown in the History of this Society. Its regular income had increased from £239,000 to £250,000, while its appropriated funds had increased from £261,000 to £290,000. The most wonderful of modern missionary achievements was the mission of Uganda in South Africa. But five years ago there was only one church and 1,000 members; now there are 57,380 learning to read, and

to these the Bible is an open book. There are now 323 churches in Uganda, with 49,751 worshippers, and a regular attendance every Sunday of over 25,000. There are now 472 male and 61 female teachers; 6,000 baptized Christians, 1,355 communicants and 2,590 catechumens.

His Grace spoke of the very liberal giving of our own people to the cause of missions, and of the restoration of our financial position, there being now a credit balance of \$700.

He said that grants could not be reduced. Outside help was not very reliable—very little was coming in from the East, in spite of pressing memorials from Diocesan, Provincial, and General Synods. The Indian Fund was giving a good deal of concern. The C. M. S. does most of the Indian work, to which it still gives \$10,000. Much promise was given in the devoted labors of the Women's Auxiliary, which rendered valuable assistance to missions and Church work generally. The missionary spirit was needed in every parish. He earnestly prayed that God's choicest blessing would rest on missions and on Church work of all kinds.

Rev. Canon Matheson was the next speaker. The object of missionary meetings, he said, was to enlist the sympathy of the people in missionary work. Since the days of Paul and Barnabas, it was always the custom to have two sets of missionary workers. One set stayed at home with the mother Church, and the other went abroad and went on with the active missionary work. He (the speaker) belonged to the first class, and in order to tell his hearers any stories of missionary adventure, he would have to go back to the early days of Manitoba, when the churches were few and far between, before the days of railways.

The work of Christian missions is peculiarly God's enterprise, and it, therefore, has dignity. The enterprise is backed by God's authority, and its success is thus assured. We cannot abandon it. God says, "I am going to do this work

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