

European children in India, and she established them, and has laboured in them ever since, but during the recent famine the necessities of the miserable native children made themselves felt, and she tried to do something for them, too. For this cause she came to this country to plead. The famine is over, and the Government has decided to give these children back to the natives, as they cannot support them. There are thousands of them. "What will become of these children?" is asked, and Mrs. Tytler answered it in a most heart-rending way. The natives will take them, and the poor little girls will be subjected to a life of awful misery and infamy, while for the boys, there is a fate even more unspeakably dreadful. It costs so little to keep these children in an orphanage in that country. The small sum of \$15 will provide for a child permanently, until it is grown up. Who among us will turn a deaf ear to the sorrows of these little ones for whom Christ came as a little child to earth, and suffered and died? Will not someone, she implored, save some poor little soul from this terrible impending fate, or at all events, help to do so? Further information can be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary of the Toronto Woman's Auxiliary Board, and any subscriptions, large or small, will be gladly received by her for this purpose. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

TRINITY ALUMNI.

Whoever first conceived the idea of inviting all the past and present members of the Divinity School of Trinity University to meet together once a year for mutual intercourse and the discussion of topics of interest, has certainly earned the gratitude of a very large number of people. If the first reunion was so successful as to justify the event being made an annual one, the second, which was held last week, has even eclipsed it. Such gatherings as these cannot fail to be of very great value indeed to priests and people, and to deepen the love of all who attend them for their Alma Mater. It was a happy idea to begin the conference with the Quiet Hours, instead of having them on the last day, as was done last year, and the beautiful addresses of Bishop Courtney struck a note which was not lost throughout the meeting. It was indeed a very great privilege to have his Lordship present, and his remarks on the various subjects which came under discussion were enthusiastically received, and will not soon be forgotten. The committee charged with making the arrangements was fortunate both in its choice of subjects and its selection of speakers to deal with them. The programme included many of the burning questions of the day, both intellectual and practical, and the manner in which they were dealt with was well calculated to inspire all present with a desire to follow them up more closely. The conference proper was held in the Convocation Hall, and there were three sessions a day. The Holy Communion was celebrated in the chapel each morning at 7.45, and the daily offices were also said. The Provost's opening address on Tuesday afternoon will be found in full elsewhere, and some of the papers which were read will be published next week. A considerable part of the afternoon was devoted to the transaction of necessary business, the election of a committee, the relation of the Alumni to the Missionary and Theological Association, and the nature of the practical missionary work to be undertaken during the present year. The Rev. Rural Dean Carey, of Kingston, was elected chairman. Two important matters were settled which graduates and other friends of Trinity will do well to bear in mind.

(1.) That the Conference shall always be held in the last week of the Christmas vacation.

(2.) That all members and associate members of Convocation who are in holy orders shall henceforth be entitled to the privilege of attending the meetings.

With reference to the former it may here be said that after careful consideration it was found that

all other times which had been suggested were practically impossible.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied by the reading and discussion of a valuable paper by the Rev. H. Symonds, on "How to Encourage Theological Study." The difficulties in the way of performing this very plain duty were set forward by the Rev. C. W. Hedley (Brantford), and the Rev. H. M. Little (Bolton), from the points of view of the city and the country parson, respectively. All pleas of want of time and variety of distraction were, however, mercilessly cast aside, and the whole matter was summed up by a story of Archbishop Temple, who, when assured by a young curate that he found it impossible to make time for study, simply replied: "But you must." By way of helping to make this discussion fruitful and aiding those who are in doubt as to what to read, a sub-committee is preparing a suggested course for one year, which will shortly be issued.

The missionary meeting on Tuesday evening was magnificent. The large hall was well filled, and the Bishop of Nova Scotia held the vast audience spellbound. His address was a masterpiece of eloquence and passionate earnestness. The chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of Toronto. Extracts were read from Mr. Waller's letters, which were of great interest. Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite read the report of the treasurer of the Nagano Church Fund, which showed that nearly \$900 had been collected by the Alumni since the last reunion, for the erection of the church. The Rev. C. H. Shortt explained how it came about that the cost of this undertaking was much greater than was anticipated, owing to the unforeseen change from a silver to a gold standard in Japan.

In consequence of this the Alumni have decided to continue their efforts during the present year, and it is most sincerely hoped that all will do their best to raise the amount to \$2,000, which will cover everything. The papers on Wednesday morning were on two subjects of very great importance in the present day—"Evolution" and "Inspiration." The relation of evolution to Christian thought was ably shown by the Rev. Canon Low, of Almonte. It is not easy to be at once profoundly learned, and clearly understood by less developed intellects, but certainly the Canon's paper could be intelligently followed by all, and the discussion which followed, led by Professor Cayley, showed how intense was the interest taken in the subject.

Professor Clark's paper on "Inspiration" seemed to follow naturally upon what had gone before, and another paper, by the Rev. J. McLean Ballard, contained many interesting points.

The manner in which Bishop Courtney, taking the two subjects together, set forth clearly his views upon them, was calculated to clear away misconceptions and remove misgivings.

The afternoon was devoted to papers of a lighter character, but of very great practical interest. A most thorough treatise was given by the Rev. T. W. Powell on "Sunday Schools," which was all the more valuable because it was not merely idealistic, but a statement of what he himself had proved to be feasible. The paper is deserving of wide circulation. At its termination, Mr. Powell was besieged with questions. The Rev. A. C. Watt, of Bondhead, also gave the results of his experience in Sunday school work.

Very suitably, this discussion was followed by a paper on "Confirmation Candidates," which in the absence of the writer, the Rev. C. B. Kenrick, was read by the Provost. The Rev. H. P. Lowe followed with a number of very practical remarks, which evolved a useful discussion. It was almost a pity that the subject of "Co-operation with other Religious Bodies," which was dealt with by the Rev. T. G. A. Wright, was left to the last, as several had been already obliged to leave. It was, however, in many respects a fit subject with which to conclude, as if it were some Apostolic message of grace and peace to all Christians, terminating an epistle full of wise counsel and food for thought. It is indeed a live question, and one in which many of Trinity's sons are manifesting a most intense interest, and though, as the Provost most wisely

pointed out, the greatest difficulties in the way of reunion are those which do not appear on the surface, and are very hard to remove, yet it is certainly worth trying whether such co-operation as may be possible without sacrifice of principle will not do something towards enabling us at least to understand each other's positions better than we do at present. It is not a mere question of the interchange of social courtesies; we need to do more than this. If such corporate work as is being done in our own Church by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the W.A., and our Sunday School Associations, tends (as it undoubtedly does) not only to reduce the selfishness of parochialism, but to lessen the bitterness of party spirit, why may we not hope that corporate Christian work may contribute towards a better understanding between the scattered disciples of our Master and pave the way for further steps towards unity. If all the ministers and stewards of Christ's mysteries, whatever particular course in this matter they might feel bound to avouch, were at least imbued with the spirit of the utterances with which Bishop Courtney closed the discussion and the Conference, we might hope for glorious things in our own day and generation.

THE PROVOST'S ADDRESS.

My first duty is a most pleasant one. It is to offer on behalf of the resident members of the College a most cordial welcome to all who have come up to take part in this, the second annual reunion of Divinity Alumni. I have also to express my own hearty thanks to many both present and absent who have been kind enough to express their appreciation of the efforts made to establish and perpetuate this gathering. Those thanks are due, as I said last year, not to myself at all, but to one who is at once both a dear friend and a valued colleague. I ought, perhaps, next to say a word or two in reference to the work of the committee which has made the arrangements for this meeting. Those of you who were here last year may possibly remember that, inasmuch as this reunion was the outcome of a resolution passed by the Missionary and Theological Association, it was thought desirable that the Executive Committee of that society, together with two representatives from each of the dioceses of Ontario, should form a Special Committee for the purposes of this gathering. That committee as a whole has only met once, owing to the distance from the college at which most of its members live. The distant members were, however, consulted by correspondence, and a number of valuable suggestions received from them, of which, besides others, one of great importance with reference to the devotional part of our gathering has been embodied in the programme. You will be asked to consider certain suggestions made by this committee, and to elect representatives to act during the present year. At our last gathering I ventured in opening the proceedings to speak of some aspects of the ideal as to the training of men for the sacred ministry, which those hold up before themselves to whom this work of such unspeakable importance has been entrusted. I shall have a word or two on that topic to say in a few minutes. But, first, it seems not out of place that something should be said as to the claims of Trinity.

1. Trinity, regarded now not as a general university, but simply in one aspect, namely, as a training school for the clergy of the province, has claims upon the support and allegiance of every loyal Churchman, claims which have not yet been acknowledged as fully as they should have been, because, in a large measure, they have never been enforced widely enough or with sufficient insistence. I say and I repeat that Trinity has a right to claim the interest and support of every loyal Churchman. What are the facts connected with her government? They are very important facts in this connection, and I ask your special attention to them. The government of the university by the provisions of our Royal Charter, is vested in the Corporation; and the corporation is made up in this way. First of all there are the six Bishops

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