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## EDITORIAL.

The Synod of the Diocese met on June 12th and passed off pleasantly and with greater expedition than usual, the session being brought to a close before six o'clock on Friday afternoon instead of late Friday night or on Saturday morning. The attendance of both clergy and laity was good, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The Bishop's address was somewhat hopeful in tone, and recorded progress in several departments of work and finance. The most important legislation, and that which called for the most prolonged debate, was the decision to appoint a Trust Company to manage the investments of the Synod instead of the present being in the hands of Synodical Committees as at present. The Missionary Commission Committee presented a rather pessimistic report. They had set before themselves a very high ideal, and as they had not attained to it they considered their work somewhat of a failure, and recommended that the Committee be discontinued. The Synod would not take this view of the matter, however, and the report had to be amended and the Committee reappointed. We hope that the Committee will continue its good work under its tireless organizing Secretary, Mr. Gwynne, with the same zeal it has displayed in the past, and that in time the Church will awaken to a full realization of the duty and privilege of supporting and advancing the missionary work of the Diocese. The Rev. M. M. Fothergill, the agent of the Church Publishing Company, was appointed collector for that most important, but as yet poorly supported fund, the Superannuation Fund. We hope the Diocese will heartily assist Mr. Fothergill in this matter.

The Honorary Clerical Secretary, who had occupied the position for the past ten years, retired from office, and the Rev. C. L. Ingles, M.A., was appointed in his room. We noticed, too, that the able and energetic Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary acted as reporter for one of the most important of the city papers, and that her reports were most excellent in every way. Naturally most of our space is taken up this number with the work and reports of the Synod.

## THE HOLIDAYS.

But for whom are the holidays? In these days of rapid living every professional man at least feels the necessity of an occasional rest and change. So the lawyer has his long vacation, the school teachers have three vacations, the bank clerk his two weeks—all too short—while the whole community, with a few exceptions, has, and perhaps could not exist without its one day in seven. But the clergyman! His work is incessant. The "day of rest" is the day of hardest work with him. He enters not into those amusements and recreations which serve to relieve the strain of work to others. If he is a faithful minister of Christ his work seems never to cease, while in addition to the anxiety which he shares in common with others of providing for his own and his family's living, there rests upon him the still greater anxiety of caring for the spiritual and often the temporal wants of others. Yet no provision is made for the minister's vacation, and if he does leave his work for a short time, constrained perhaps by necessity to do so, he must add to the expense of leaving home, which in most cases he is ill able to bear, the further expense of providing for his services during his absence. In the United States our own Church and the various denominations provide for their minister's vacation, in many cases quite a long one, and such, too, do some of the denominations in our own country. But the Church of England in this country makes no such provision. Yet nothing would pay the members of the Church themselves better than this, for the renewed life and energy which would thus be imparted to the clergyman would be reflected in his work and teaching through the rest of the year; so that not only would the clergyman himself feel refreshed and strengthened, but the congregation would find that for themselves the minister's vacation was an excellent investment.

It ought indeed to become a recognized institution, care should be taken that the clergyman should have no anxiety or expense in carrying on the work of the parish in his absence, and in many cases, where no doubt it is needful, other assistance might be granted him. It would, by

the way, greatly remove the difficulty which is now felt, if one or two laymen in each parish could be qualified to act as lay readers. Surely there are few parishes in which no one could be found capable of this.

### THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE SYNOD.

His Lordship's address was in many respects, as we have elsewhere pointed out, of a hopeful tone. The Bishop commenced with a feeling allusion to the four clergymen whom death has claimed during the past year: Henry Bunand Owen of Markham, Vincent Clementi of Peterboro', Philip Tocque, and David Atkinson Madill of Beeton, after which the Synod united in the service of commemoration, which the Bishop had arranged in accordance with resolution of last session. It was then stated that 20 clergy had left the Diocese during the year and 14 had been admitted, 7 by ordination and 7 from other Dioceses. The clergy of the Diocese now number 184: engaged in parochial work, 148; in tuition or chaplaincies, 17; on leave or retired, 12; superannuated, 7. The Bishop had held 2 ordinations, ordaining 7 Priests and 8 Deacons, and apart 5 Deaconesses, and admitted one Priest to the Anglican Communion. The Rev. John Langtry had been appointed Rural Dean of Toronto, Rev. C. H. Marsh, Rural Dean of Durham, and Rev. E. Soward, Rural Dean of Haliburton.

Dealing with parochial statistics, it was shown that the Church population had slightly increased, that there had been an increase in the number of Sunday services of 836, that the attendance at morning services had increased by 365, while the attendance at evening services had decreased by 611. The number of communicants had increased by 808, the total number in the Diocese being 21,185; the Easter communicants by 743, being 15,266 as against 8,303 twelve years ago. There was an increase in the number of baptisms and marriages, with a regrettable falling off in the attendance at Sunday school, although the contributions of the Sunday schools had considerably increased. The voluntary contributions of the congregations had also increased, for clerical stipends by \$750, for parochial objects by \$4,089, and for extra parochial objects by \$8,629. Three new Churches had been built, one at Campbell's Cross costing \$1,700, one at Hall's Glen costing \$800, and one at Young's Point costing \$1,200. Contributions to the Diocesan Mission Fund, although falling \$6,645 short of the allotment to the parishes, had yet increased by \$2,477, while \$1,810.12 had been contributed to Domestic Missions and \$1,636.19 for Foreign Missions more than in the previous year.

The Bishop announced that the Rev. C. H. Shortt and the Rev. G. Egerton Ryerson had been accepted for mission work in Japan, alluded to the success of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and announced that the bicentenary commemoration of the venerable S. P. G. would commence on Sunday, June 17th, and be continued for one year.

The Bishop spoke with satisfaction of the appointment of Rev. T. C. Street Macklem as Provost of Trinity University, and alluded to the appointment of Rev. R. Edmonds Jones as Head Master of Trinity College School, Port Hope, and the Rev. G. H. Broughall, late of Trinity College School, to the Head Mastership of the Church School for Boys in Toronto. St. Hilda's College now occupies its beautiful new building erected in the grounds of Trinity University, and the Bishop Strachan School at Toronto, and the Bishop Bethune College at Oshawa, are both in a flourishing condition. The Bishop made a strong appeal to Christians to support these institutions of the Church, and especially to rally to the assistance of Trinity University which is at present in urgent need of funds.

His Lordship alluded finally to the war in South Africa, stating that the contributions from the parishes in the Diocese to the Patriotic Fund had amounted to \$1,256.22, in spite of the failure of the attempt to raise a Queen's Fund; and closed with an allusion to the closing Prayer which the Archbishops in England had issued for the closing year of the century, and the response which is being made to it by the Church in Toronto.

### REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

In presenting their report the Mission Board are thankful to be able to announce a substantial increase in the contributions to the Mission Fund of the Diocese. The amount reported last year was \$10,971.52. This year it is \$13,394.41, being an increase of \$2,422.89.

Only four of the city congregations, St. Alban's, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, Leslieville, and St. Simon's, have exceeded the amount of their allotment. One, St. Thomas', has equalled it; all the rest have fallen below the amount asked for, some of them to such an appalling extent that only the lack of proper organization or indifference to the interests of the Fund can account for it.

The following parishes outside the city have exceeded their allotment, some of them largely:—

Albion and Caledon.	Hastings.
Alliston and West Essa.	Innisfil.
Chester.	Lakefield.
Bobcaygeon and Dunsford.	Markham and Stouffville.
Bradford (nearly double).	North Ori'lia.
Brighton.	Oshawa.
Coboconk.	Penetanguishene.
Collingwood (more than double).	Pickering.
Cookstown.	Scarborough.
Creemore.	Shanty Bay (nearly double).
Darlington.	Tecumseth.
Elmvale.	Thornhill (7 times more).
Georgina.	

In order to bring the expenditure within the income, and to make it possible for the Church to extend her missionary operations, the Board has determined to make an annual reduction of ten per cent. of its entire grant, for the next three years.

The Mission of Bobcaygeon and Dunsford and Midland have voluntarily relinquished \$100 of their grant and will in the near future become self-sustaining parishes.

With regard to the \$1,000 a year promised to the Diocese of Algoma (see Synod Journal, 1899, p. 53), your Committee learn that certain individuals and congregations have contributed about \$450 towards making up arrears of this amount, but the Committee has had no funds at its disposal to enable it to carry out the pledge above quoted. They therefore appeal to the Synod to take this matter up, and direct them as to their future action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR TORONTO,  
*Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION

Your Committee to report that on the instruction of the Mission Board the sum sought to be raised for the Diocesan Mission Fund during the past year was \$20,000, apportioned, \$13,000 to the Rural Deanery of Toronto and \$7,000 to the outside parishes. The amount realized was \$13,394.41 of which the former contributed \$8,488.80, and the latter \$4,905.61. These figures show an increase of \$2,616.33 over those of the previous year in the case of Toronto, and a falling off of \$193.44 for the other Deaneries.

Your Committee provided eighty-eight Deputations, and visited one hundred and sixty-one places or parishes including thirty-three parishes in the Deanery of Toronto.

While the sum raised last year is the largest since the year 1888 with the exception of 1898 when it reached \$16,299.54, it must be admitted that the result is far from satisfactory. The Synod would do well to enquire as to the cause of the failure, and Churchmen earnestly to ask themselves whether they be worthy of their appointed service, that of upholding the Banner of the Church in this Diocese.

Many are the reasons which are alleged as contributing to this unfortunate result, but the Committee are of opinion that it largely arises from a lack of knowledge and consequent lack of interest.

An unprecedented effort was made last year, and a canvass more thorough than had ever been

previously attempted in the Diocese, with the result that the sum given has only exceeded the average amount of the preceding thirteen years by \$1,700. If this is all that can be accomplished by the severest strain, what would be the result if the work of the Deputation Committee were discontinued!

In the first year that this plan was adopted (1897-98) the novelty of the method seemed to move the people to an unwonted enthusiasm, and the Committee's efforts met with comparative success, but in the next year when the high pressure was somewhat relaxed in Toronto, the amount fell off over \$5,000. That great and earnest efforts should meet with such poor success seems to point to the fact that in spiritual matters business methods alone will not avail, and that unaccompanied by a spiritual awakening the most approved methods will fail.

Three years' experience has taught the Committee that success in raising money cannot be achieved unless there exists in the minds of the people the true foundation on which all true giving should be based.

The Committee suggest that the special form of service for missionary meetings with appropriate hymns, psalms and lessons be used, and that the clergy do make more strenuous efforts to awaken a more lively interest in the Deputation.

In order that the movement shall attain any permanent success it is absolutely necessary that there shall be united action in each Rural Deanery for the arrangements for holding the meetings. To do this the Rural Deans must make early, full and exact arrangements for the series and receive the full support of the clergy and congregations in their Deanery.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

FROM MARCH 31ST, TO JUNE 30TH, 1900.

<i>Parishes—</i>	
Ashburnham, St. Luke's.....	\$ 5 05
Brighton .....	9 80
Cavan, St. Thomas'.....	13 45
" St. John's.....	38 00
" Trinity Church.....	17 00
" Christ Church.....	40 00
Chester, St. Barnabas'.....	1 80
Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	21 75
Deer Park, Christ Church.....	11 85
Lindsay, St. Paul's.....	40 65
Mimico, Christ Church.....	7 00
Orillia, St. James'.....	11 80
Peterboro', All Saints'.....	26 80
Penetanguishene, All Saints'.....	9 90
Port Hope, St. John's.....	18 80
Stayner, Church of Good Shepherd.....	8 45
Uxbridge, St. Paul's.....	6 05
Whitby, All Saints'.....	14 40
Innisfil, St. Paul's.....	6 00

Toronto, St. Alban's Cathedral .....	\$ 7 50
" All Saints' .....	28 80
" Church of the Ascension .....	8 25
" St. Anne's .....	19 90
" St. John's .....	1 00
" St. Luke's .....	28 55
" St. Margaret's .....	20 00
" St. Mark's, Parkdale .....	25 00
" St. Matthias' .....	2 90
" St. Paul's .....	29 80
" St. Philip's .....	6 85
" Church of Redeemer .....	41 35
" St. Simon's .....	43 70
" St. Stephen's .....	15 70
" St. Thomas' .....	16 30
" Trinity East .....	13 30
Thank offering at the Annual Meeting .....	8 00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$625 45</b>
Of this \$567.70 is for Diocesan Missions; Algoma, \$11.55; North-West, \$28.05; and Foreign, \$16.15.	

JESSIE HOSKIN,  
Secretary-Treasurer P. M. C.

At the Synod service on Tuesday evening, held in St. Alban's Cathedral, the Rev. J. C. Davidson of Peterboro' was the preacher. The Annual Missionary Meeting, on Wednesday, was a great success, and was on all hands spoken of as one of the best ever held in Toronto. The Rev. F. Kennedy, lately returned on furlough from Matsumoto, Japan, gave an address; Miss Paterson, also from Matsumoto, said a few words. A hymn in Japanese was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Paterson, and Ichimura San of St. Mary's Bible Home, Matsumoto. Rev. C. H. Shortt and Rev. G. E. Ryerson, about to depart for Japan, spoke briefly, and finally a magnificent address was delivered by the Right Rev. Dr. Perrin, Bishop of Columbia. The meeting ought to have some effect in increasing the missionary zeal of the Church people of Toronto.

A correspondent to "Church Bells" wrote lately: "One of the greatest reasons which causes gentlemen not to take Holy Orders, and to prefer any other profession, whether military, naval, legal, medical, or mercantile, is, undoubtedly, unwillingness to leave their relatives to maintain their wives and families at their death after a life of anxiety and poverty." And how if they have no relatives to do this? Surely there is need of a good Superannuation and a good Widows and Orphans' Fund!

The destruction by fire on April 7th, of Trinity Church, Bradford, was a very serious blow to the parish. The loss is estimated at about \$3,500 while the insurance amounted to only \$1,250. The Bishop immediately wrote to Mr. Morley, the incumbent of the parish: "It was only last evening that I heard of the calamity which has fallen upon you and your congregation in the

destruction of Trinity Church by fire. The misfortune is greatly intensified from the circumstances that the Church people had so recently succeeded in freeing the property from debt. I feel sorry for your trouble, and wish to assure the congregation of Trinity Church of my sincere sympathy with them, and my desire to do anything that I may be able to help them in this emergency." We feel sure that contributions towards the fund for rebuilding the Church will be most welcome. They may be sent to A. E. Scanlon, Esq., Bradford.

The departure of two of our clergy for the Foreign Mission Field should be a matter of much interest to the whole Diocese, and, indeed, to the whole Canadian Church. The Rev. C. H. Shortt and the Rev. G. E. Ryerson are leaving, under the authority of the Board of the Domestic and Foreign Missions, for Japan, for the country and the Diocese which the Church in Canada seems to have taken under its especial care. Mr. Shortt has been for upwards of fourteen years a clergyman of the Diocese of Toronto, working at first in connection with the late Rev. O. P. Ford and others in the associate Mission of Woodbridge, afterwards as Rector of St. Cyprian's, and later in the important parish of St. ... During all this time his mind has been directed towards Japan, and that which he has continually longed for he has at length attained in becoming a missionary to that country. Mr. Ryerson has been only one year in the ministry, during which he has laboured in the associate Mission of Minden. Just advanced to the priesthood he goes young and fresh to work in the Foreign Field. A meeting was held at Trinity College on the evening of June 26th, to say farewell to the two missionaries. The Convocation Hall was well filled when Rev. Canon Welch opened the meeting and called upon the Rev. F. H. DuVernet, a member of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board, who spoke very warmly upon the subject of Foreign Missions. He was followed by Rev. F. Kennedy, who gave a most interesting sketch of his work in Matsumoto, after which Mr. Ryerson and Mr. Shortt said a few words in acknowledgment of the splendid "send-off" they were receiving. The speeches were interspersed with the singing of hymns, and the meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology after a few appropriate words from Provost Macklem. Refreshments were then in order and a very pleasant time was spent in social converse. Previous to the meeting a very solemn service was held in the College Chapel. We pray that God's blessing may be with the two earnest missionaries in the noble work upon which they are entering.