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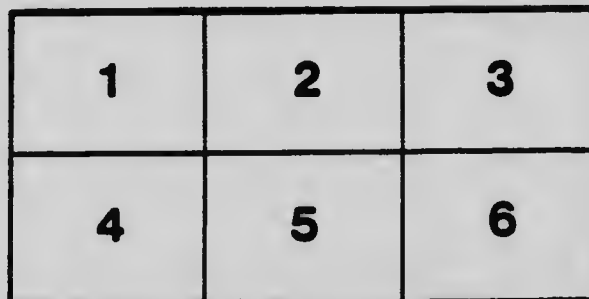
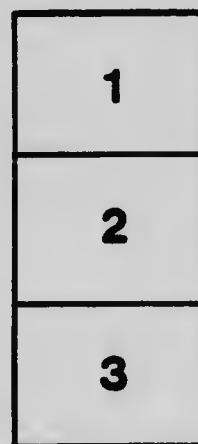
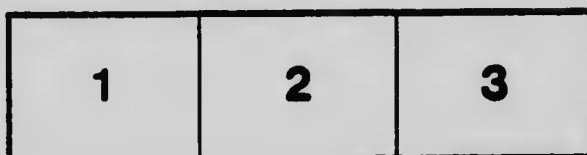
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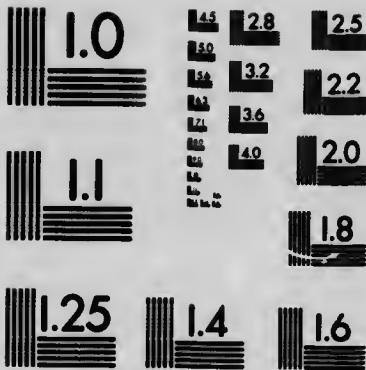
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DELIVERED AT THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE
SYNOD, JUNE 3rd, 1919.

REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY:

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

It falls upon the day that is the 54th anniversary of the birth of our Sovereign, Lord King George, that we are met in the 67th Session of our Annual Diocesan Synod, and well may we pause and thank God that "for such a time as this" we have such a King as this. Visiting us as the Duke of York on October 11th, 1901, and winning for himself and the Duchess that esteem and affection, which was so soon after to ripen into loyalty and love for King and Queen. Ever since his accession on May 6th, 1910, no portion of the Empire has been more devoted to their Majesties than has this Dominion and Province, and no Community more emphatic in its expression of devotion than this in which we live, and we would fain send to him on this his natal day, through His Excellency, the Governor-General as his Representative in our midst, heartiest congratulations on this his 55th birthday, with the assurance of our unflinching loyalty to his Throne and Person, together with that of our prayers to Almighty God that he may be blessed and preserved from all evil, and spared for many happy, peaceful and prosperous years "long to reign over us." With heart and voice we pray

"God save the King."

After four years, three months and one week of the World's greatest War the most supremely important event of the Armistice took place on the 11th of last November at 11 o'clock in the morning, relieving the tension and the strain of suffering mankind. Once more God and the right triumphed over the incarnate powers of darkness and evil, and the world acclaim Him King, and accords to Him all the glory.

Six months, three weeks and three days of extended armistice has passed, and still Peace is not yet signed. Thank God, however, the yearning desire for the close of the war, so strongly felt at our last Session, has been realized. The hateful horror is over, the ghastly carnage is past, and the War itself is becoming a perspective of the background for scenes indescribable and ineffaceable in the minds of those who were compelled to take their part in them.

How appalling has been the calamity appears from the published statements which the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race have issued in this connection. The loss of over nine millions of lives in all armies, the maiming of over eleven millions more, the withdrawal of thirty millions for four years from productive occupations to serve in the World's armies; the outpouring of one hundred and ninety-seven

billions of dollars, to say nothing of the incalculable destruction and waste of these years of ravage and devastation—all these appalling facts confront us, and give force and meaning to the statement of the American Secretary of War, viz.: "That no child born in civilized nations in the next hundred years will escape a considerable portion of the debt this war has brought about" (Mail and Empire, March 19th, 1919).

While we stand at the early dawn of a new day, please God, and the clouds of night are disappearing, still, alas, dark forms and shadows hover over the unhappy continent of Europe. The beast of war with his blood lust unsatisfied still prowls through hapless Russia, his jaws dripping with the blood of victims of the aftermath of war. How long these added horrors shall last, and over what area they shall spread, God alone knows. It is the manifest duty of every intelligent, enlightened and Christian man to use his utmost of strength of mind and of body and of soul to steady and control himself so that he may be the more fit to restrain and withstand the onward march of disorder and unrest which has already reached our shores and paralyzed one of our largest centres of industrial population.

OBITUARY.

During the past year two former members of the Canadian Episcopate have passed to their rest: The Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, formerly Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of our Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, that sweet and saintly soul we all loved so well, who died in California on March 14th. A Canadian by birth, he was born in Hawkesbury, Ontario, on the Feast of the Epiphany in 1834, the son and founder of the Hawkesbury Lumber Mills. He was educated in the Montreal High School and the University College of Oxford. He was ordained Deacon in 1857 and Priest the following year, being appointed Rector of St. Matthew's Church in the City of Quebec. He was elected second Bishop of Niagara and was enthroned in his Diocese of Hamilton in 1885. There he remained until 1896, when on the creation of the new Diocese of Ottawa he was translated as the first Bishop of the new See. He served the Church in this office faithfully up to 1914. In 1909 Archbishop of Ottawa and seventh Metropolitan of Canada, first Metropolitan of Ontario in 1912. He has left an indelible impress upon the Church in Canada, and his memory and his personality will long linger, and the courtesy and consideration of his character will long be cherished by those who had the privilege of serving with him in the Church of God.

The Rt. Rev. Frederick Courtney, fifth Bishop of Nova Scotia, was consecrated April 25th, 1888, and resigned in 1904 to take the important post of Rector of St. James' Church, New York. Retiring some few years ago, he passed to his rest on December 29th, 1918. Dr. Courtney was truly one of the most outstanding preachers of the Canadian Church, and warm and eulogistic, indeed, were the testimonies borne to his work as the fifth Bishop of Nova Scotia by his successor, the present Archbishop, in his Annual Charge delivered at the 42nd Session of his Synod on the 13th of May last (which it was my privilege to listen to).

1. REV. JAMES GEORGE LEWIS, D.D.

The first on our list in the Diocese for the past year is the name of Rev. James George Lewis, D.D., who at the time of his sudden death

was acting as Assistant Curate of St. Simon-the-Apostle in this city. He had not complained of any ailment, and had officiated at daily evensong on Saturday, October 8th, at 5 o'clock, when he was seized with a serious heart failure during the evening. Recovering slightly, a recurrence of the attack resulted in his passing away late on Sunday night. Dr. Lewis was born at Pontypool, Wales, having begun his education in the Old Land, he completed the same at Trinity College, Toronto. He was ordained Deacon in 1886, and Priest in 1887, and since that time has occupied several important positions both in the United States and Canada. In Toronto he served as one of the Clergy on the Staff of St. Alban's Cathedral, and in the States his latest appointment was that of Assistant Priest in the Church of the Transfiguration, New York. He filled with great ability and conscientiousness the office of Secretary to the Bishop of the Diocese in succession to Mr. W. S. Battin. When, however, the Rev. E. G. Burges Browne, Assistant Curate of St. Simon's, (Toronto), went overseas as Chaplain of the C.E.F., Dr. Lewis took his place and was associated with St. Simon's Church up to the time of his death. Cheerful, willing and always courteous, he left a large circle of friends both amongst the Clergy and laity, who deeply and sincerely regret his loss.

It is a desire personally to express my appreciation of the help he was to me in the exacting duties of his position as Secretary to the Bishop.

Dr. Lewis passed away on Sunday, October 8th, 1918. The funeral took place the following day at St. Simon's Church, the interment being at St. James' Cemetery, Toronto.

2. REV. HENRY FRANCIS BURGESS, B.A.

Rev. Henry Francis Burgess, B.A., died November 10th, 1918. He was a graduate of Bishop's College and Lennoxville University. He was ordained Deacon in 1868 in Montreal, and Priest in 1875 in Toronto, was Curate at Cavan, and Incumbent at Manvers, and was superannuated in April, 1906. Of late years, owing to failing health, he only undertook occasional duty. In disposition he was modest and retiring, and was very much beloved by his parishioners in the spheres in which he was called to work.

3. REV. THOMAS BEVERLEY SMITH, B.A.

Rev. Thomas Beverley Smith, B.A., will be most lovingly remembered in connection with his work as Rector of St. John's Church, West Toronto, where for fourteen years or more he built up a strong cause and established two Missions, one of which he had the satisfaction of seeing develop into a self-supporting Parish. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto and Wycliffe College, was ordained Deacon in 1892 and Priest in 1893 by the Bishop of Fredericton, having taken his degree of B.A. in 1891. He began his work as Curate of St. Peter's, Toronto, in 1897. From Toronto he went to St. John, N.B., as Master of the Rousesay Boys' School. He then returned to Ontario, where he established a Mission Church at Windsor, and from there was appointed Rector of Holy Trinity, Chatham, before coming to St. John's. After many years of hard, faithful and painstaking work in St. John's, West Toronto, he accepted the position of Agency Secretary for the Upper Canada Bible Society, and he was engaged in that work up to the time of his death. Devout in disposition, earnest in speech, active in service and faithful in Parochial ministrations, his parting with his people was

deeply felt, and he has left behind him an impression for fearlessness of utterance in advocacy of all movements that would make for the uplift of the Community. His name will long be associated with the history of the Church at Toronto Junction which he served with such fidelity. He passed away November 14th, 1918.

4. REV. SAMUEL LAWRENCE.

There passed away on Saturday, the 14th of December, 1918, the Rev. Samuel Albert Lawrence, Rector of Trinity Church, Thornhill, in the 54th year of his age. No Priest of the Diocese was more honoured and beloved than the Rev. Samuel Albert Lawrence, a true, devout and untiring servant of God, who through many years of physical disability laboured uncomplainingly in the cause of his Master. Mr. Lawrence was born at Bradford, Ontario, and after receiving his early education graduated from Trinity College, Toronto, ordained Deacon in 1897 and Priest in 1900 by the Bishop of the Diocese. He left his stamp as a Missionary of great earnestness upon Minden, Stanhope, Markham and Stouffville, to which latter Parish he was appointed in 1898, where he continued until his health compelled him to seek a more bracing climate in the West. In 1905 he left for Pincher Creek in the Diocese of Calgary. He returned to Toronto in 1907, and did splendid work as Incumbent of Elmvale and Waverley, where he won the hearts of all to whom he ministered. In 1910 after a period of rest he took up work at Kinmount and Burnt River, and in 1912 became Incumbent of Trinity Church, Thornhill and Richmond Hill, where after two years of successful labour he had the satisfaction of seeing the Parish become subdivided, and Thornhill self-supporting. He was, indeed, an illustration of "patient continuance in well doing" in spite of constant physical disability, and of him we may truly say "he being dead, yet speaketh."

5. REV. JOHN WILLIAM BLACKLER, L.Th.

Rev. John William Blackler, L.Th., was born at Twillingate, Newfoundland, in December, 1853. He was the son of Mr. Amos Blackler, whose father was a native of Devonshire, England. He was educated at the Church of England Academy (now Bishop Field's College), Newfoundland, and taught school himself until the time of his leaving the island. He came to Trinity College, Toronto, in 1885, and was ordained and appointed as Curate to St. Matthew's Church, Toronto, in 1888. After a faithful and productive ministry for eleven years as Assistant to the Rev. J. Scott Howard, he was appointed Rector of Newmarket in 1899, where he remained until 1913, when he retired, and came to live in the City of Toronto. It is probable that for many years past his health had been failing, a circumstance which was doubtless the reason for his somewhat retiring habit of life. After several weeks of illness and a severe surgical operation he passed away on the 21st of January last at the High Park Sanitarium. He possessed undoubted gifts and personal attractions for which he was truly esteemed by those that really knew him.

6. REV. FRANCIS TREMAYNE, M.A.

The late Canon Tremayne, like "a shock of corn fully ripe," entered into rest on January 24th, having a continuous ministry that extended from his Diaconate in 1852 to the very hour of his death. Taking his B.A. at Trinity College in 1860, and his M.A. in 1877. He was ordained

Deacon in 1852 and Priest in 1853 by the late Bishop Strachan. He was appointed Travelling Missionary to the Wellington District, and from 1854 to 1873 he was Incumbent of Milton, Hornby, Omagh and Palermo. In 1873 he was appointed to Newmarket, and in 1877 to the Church (which he held continuously down to 1919) of Etobicoke and Mimico, being appointed Prebend of Etobicoke in 1889. At the time of his death he was Canon of St. Alban's Cathedral. It is not given to many to serve the Church under three Sovereigns and under four Bishops of the Diocese in which he lived, yet such was his unique experience. He saw the City of Toronto grow from a town of small population to a great city, and his present Church from a small outpost to a growing position of prosperity. Always of a happy, cheerful disposition, with a keen sense of humor and a quiet, even temperament, he lovingly endeared himself to a host of friends in various parts of the Diocese wherever he had laboured. Possessed of a spirit of unbounded hospitality, his parsonage or rectory was always the happy centre of Deanery and other clerical gatherings, and as Rural Dean of Peel for many years every guest at Mimico was made to feel perfectly at home. Full of stories and anecdotes of the early days of the settlement of the country, and particularly of the Diocese, he was a most entertaining and interesting host and companion. Under the shadow of the Church which he served and loved so well his remains were laid to rest on January 27th in the sure and certain hope of the "Resurrection to Eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ."

7. REV. FRANCIS JOHN LYNCH.

After a lingering illness at the age of 59 on the 19th of March last the Rev. Francis John Lynch entered into rest. Born at Olandeboye, Ont., he was among the early graduates of Wycliffe College. He was ordained Deacon in 1887 and appointed to the charge of Sunderland. On this his first charge he left a strong impression, and even after so many years of absence the memory of his ministry is still alive in the community. From Sunderland he went to Rosemont, where he spent ten happy years and where again the fragrance of his ministry still lingers. From Rosemont he became Financial Agent of his College from 1902 until five years ago, when as Assistant Curate of St. John's, West Toronto, he devoted himself to the interests of the Church of the Advent. In all these positions his life was marked by the spirit of loving service, while his serenity and gentle patience endeared him to all who enjoyed his helpful ministrations. After a long and trying illness, borne with a peaceful resignation to the Divine Will, he passed away, as stated above, leaving a devoted wife and family and a large circle of friends, who sincerely mourn his loss.

8. REV. GEORGE NESBITT.

Rev. George Nesbitt died in his 87th year on the 4th of April, at his residence in Toronto, where he had been living in retirement for the past twelve years. He graduated from the University of Trinity College 60 years ago, taking his B.A. in 1859, and his Master's degree in 1863. He was made Deacon in 1861 by the Bishop of Toronto, and ordained to the Priesthood a year later. For many years he laboured faithfully, and in the face of many difficulties, in several Missions in the then Diocese of Toronto, prior to the date of the separation from it of the Diocese of Niagara. From 1871 to 1930 his name is recorded in connec-

tion with the Parishes of Arthur, Port Perry and Rosemont. In 1880 he was appointed to the living of Georgina, which he held till the date of his retirement in 1867.

9. REV. GEORGE IRWIN TAYLOR, M.A.

Amongst the oldest of the Clergy of the Diocese and amongst men in their prime when nearly 37 years ago I began my ministry in this Diocese was the late Rev. George Irwin Taylor, for 42 years Rector of St. Bartholomew's in this city. He was ordained Deacon in 1868 and Priest in 1871. Prior to coming to St. Bartholomew's he had done constructive missionary work in connection with Port Perry and Cannington. In 1887 he was instrumental in founding St. Augustine's Church, of which the Rev. Canon Plummer is the present Rector, and in 1910 in bringing over from its old site on River Street to the new site on Dundas Street the present St. Bartholomew's, which was then enlarged, modified and improved. Of Irish extraction he was a man of ready wit, and his record in Trinity University was a most enviable one, while his labours in the district of St. Bartholomew will associate his name and memory with that district for many years to come.

Other losses in addition to these that we must note, however briefly, are the following, viz.:-

On November 23rd last there passed to her rest Mrs. Sweatman, widow of our late beloved Archbishop, in her 77th year, after many years of failing health. As the devoted helpmeet of the Archbishop, Mrs. Sweatman won a place of deepest affection in the hearts of the Clergy and the laity of this Diocese, and this was evidenced by the large attendance at the funeral service which was held in the Cathedral of the Diocese on Monday, November 25th, 1918, her body being the first to be borne over the floor of the new extension through the entrance on Albany Avenue. Fitting, indeed, it seemed that this should be so, since the foundation of the Cathedral will ever be associated with the name of her husband, the Archbishop, who strove so hard to realize his vision in his day.

What shall we say of the last unexpected deaths of two prominent lay members of this Synod, both of whom expected to be present at this Session, but who passed away within a day or two of each other so suddenly week before last.

In the death of Mr. Herbert Waddington, Managing Director of the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation, which occurred so unexpectedly on Saturday morning, May 24th, Empire Day, the Church has lost one of her most outstanding devoted laymen, and the Toronto Rectory Endowment Committee of the Synod one of its most able, distinguished and faithful members. We sympathize greatly with the Parish of St. Clement, Eglinton, in the great loss that it has suffered by his demise, having been associated with the Parish from the time when it was a Mission. Personally I am deeply conscious, as will be also many clerical and lay members of this Synod of the loss of a very valued personal friend.

This, too, I may state in connection with the equally sudden passing of Mr. Thomas Edward Moberly the next day (May 25th), who passed suddenly to his rest as he was preparing to leave his house for Divine worship at St. James and All Angels. The press of this city will miss his interesting and attractive pen in connection with "Fianceur" in the columns of the "Mail and Empire," whilst his contributions to the "Canadian Churchman" and other publications won for him a literary position in the ranks of the Churchmen of this city.

The Parishes of St. Clement's, Eglington, and St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, are to be deeply sympathized with in the loss of two such lay representatives - Herbert Waddington and Thomas Edward Moberly, and this Synod is the poorer by their absence from our midst.

Mr. Noel Henry Mackintosh, a Divinity student, who had been taking duty at Kiamount and Burnt River, passed away at the Toronto General Hospital on December 3rd last.

For all the sorrowing relatives of this long list of those who have gone before during this past year let us offer our prayers to the Eternal Father, that through the merits and mediations of His Son they may be strengthened and consoled by the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

PRAYER.

BISHOP PRYDE.

It has been a subject of much distress that the good Assistant Bishop has been so seriously ill for the past three and a half months, and I have felt the loss of his companionship and assistance very deeply. On February 17th last he entered the Toronto General Hospital for a critical operation, which was followed by a second, resulting in great pain and weakness. His recovery during these many months has been very slow, but I rejoice to inform you that he is now improving, and, though not able to be at the Synod, is able to take interest in Church matters once more, and will, I hope, in due course, be fully restored to his wonted health and strength. Prayer has been made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him, and we thankfully acknowledge that He has heard and answered our prayers on his behalf. It is hoped that his tenancy during the summer at St. Andrew's on the Island will completely restore him to his health and strength.

The good Bishop hopes to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Friday of this week, and will, I trust, be able to attend a special celebration of the Holy Communion to be held that morning in St. James' Cathedral at his particular request, and join us at the Session and general luncheon on that day. On this happy anniversary we warmly congratulate him, and pray that with restored vigor he may long be spared to help in the office which he has so faithfully discharged as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

The most important event during the past year was the holding of the 8th Session of the General Synod in this city on September 11th-18th, 1918, on which occasion the most outstanding subject dealt with was, as expected, the Revised Book of Common Prayer. In the first issue of the "Year Book of the Church of England" in the Dominion of Canada, published under the auspices of the M.S.C.C., and upon which I am sure we can all warmly congratulate the General Secretary (a copy of which every Churchman should immediately procure), will be found on pages 123 and following "An Historical Sketch by the Rt. Rev. David Williams, D.D., Bishop of Huron." This sketch constitutes a most valuable historical document and places the matter fully before the members of the Church, tracing the matter from the very beginning, and showing what additional changes were affected. Referring you then to this volume, it will not be necessary for me to set forth in detail the results of the decisions arrived at (they will be found also in extenso in the Journal of the Synod recently issued). It is hoped that as the result of the last Synod's work in connection with this undertaking that the

Book in its final form may be adopted at the next General Synod in 1921, and thereafter become the authorized Book of Common Prayer for the Church of England in Canada.

During the past winter our services have suffered much from the epidemic of "Spanish Influenza" which prevailed generally on both sides of the Atlantic; and the action taken by the Medical Health Officers resulted in absolute closing of Churches in some instances, and in the restriction of services in other cases, with the result that has been financially disastrous to many Parishes. So many communications have been received on the part of the Clergy by the Bishops of the various Dioceses of the Province that the matter came up for discussion at the Fourth Meeting of the Provincial Synod of Ontario held in this city on the 19th of November last. The subject was discussed and referred to the Executive Committee, which resulted in the passing of a Resolution on Wednesday, April 30th, 1919, asking the Bishop of Toronto to bring before the Social Service Council of Ontario the following Resolution, viz.:-

"That a Memorial advocating an appeal from the decisions of local health officers to a central authority and the giving of powers to a central authority to pass general regulations in cases of epidemics, affecting more than one municipality, be prepared by the Council and sent to the Provincial Secretary of Ontario."

It was generally felt that it was an unfair discrimination against the Churches to have them closed when places of resort and crowded departmental stores and over-crowded public conveyances were allowed to "carry on" without regard to restrictions of any kind. It was pointed out in any event that the Church is the last place that any one suffering from any ailment attends, so that the danger of infection would be least in the "House of God," and it was pointed out further that these decisions of the Medical Health Officers resulted in the complete reversal of the Christian practice of the ages, which has always been to summon the people to the "House of God" that by prayer and supplication He might be graciously pleased to avert a calamity of so general a character as an epidemic, which ancient and holy custom fell into abeyance in this instance.

FINANCE COMMISSIONER.

The first clause of the Report of the Executive Committee you will observe concerns the appointment of a Finance Commissioner for the Diocese, and announces Mr. R. W. Allin as the first to hold this important office. I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my own satisfaction as Diocesan in connection with this appointment. From end to end of the Diocese he has met with enthusiastic approval, and hearty appreciation of his unflinching courtesy and untiring zeal. The action of the Committee has more than justified itself and the office in fulfilling their most sanguine expectations. In co-operation with a small sub-committee of the Executive known as the "Finance Committee," the Executive Committee of the Diocese is kept in touch with all the financial activities of the Parishes and Missions, and the result is a much healthier condition of finance, and a greater willingness on the part of the Church's members generally to accept the financial responsibilities which the various organizations and the demands of the Church lay upon them. That Mr. Allin may long be spared to carry on his good

work as the Finance Commissioner of the Diocese of Toronto is the sincere and earnest prayer of the whole Church within its bounds.

HALIFAX DISASTER.

In the same report of the Executive Committee, Appendix A, is found a reference to the Halifax disaster. I am able to state that having accepted the invitation of His Grace, the Archbishop of Nova Scotia, to preach the Synod Sermon at the 42nd Annual Synod of his Diocese on the 13th of May last in All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, an opportunity was afforded me to see the extent of this disaster, which startled the whole Dominion on the morning of the 6th of December, 1917. Accompanied by a prominent Churchman of the Cathedral the whole decimated area was skirted, and the relics of the devastation, which must have been of a truly frightful character, pointed out, as well as the efforts that have since been made in the way of reconstruction by a special Commission acting for the Government.

Nine thousand buildings have been repaired, including the Cathedral, which was damaged to the extent of \$9,000 in spite of its being situated about two miles from the scene of the explosion; 700 new houses are being built, of this number 326 are handsome hydro-stone buildings. These buildings are specially designed so that no two are alike in outward appearance. The dwellings are being built on wide streets with large courts in the rear. Every house is being furnished and handed over to those who survived the catastrophe, on the same basis as they held their previous property. Originally 10,000 families were cared for and five months after the explosion 900 families were still being housed. These houses were specially constructed and each contained eight apartments of four rooms each.

FORWARD MOVEMENT.

This matter (also referred to in the Report of the Executive Committee, Appendix A) has been formulated by the M.S.C.C. under the action of the General Synod, which will be found in the Journal, 1918; on pp. 62, and 80-82.

The Movement was organized with the Primate as Hon. President, the Bishop of Huron as Chairman, and Canon Gould as Organizing Secretary. Strong, earnest and immediate action will be necessary by this Synod if this Diocese is to realize its objective in connection with the Movement.

The following is a revised statement in regard to the various funds included in a total of \$2,000,000: Missionary Funds, \$890,000; General Funds, \$260,000; Beneficiary Funds, \$750,000; Diocesan Local Needs, \$600,000. The suggestion of the Executive Committee to appoint a Special Committee to operate with the central organization is one which should commend itself as the speediest and most effective way of dealing with the matter in the short time that we have to carry it out to a successful issue. The "Drive," as such movements have come to be styled, is to take place in the last week of November and every Parish and Mission throughout the Diocese must immediately begin to arrange for spiritual and practical preparation for the "Every Member Canvass" that is to take place in the month of November throughout the Anglican Church from ocean to ocean. Let there be a great and exultant vision before the whole Church in regard to this magnificent total and the purpose for which it is being collected, and let there be a deep and unwavering determination that this

objective by the Grace of God shall be reached for His honor and glory and the advancement of His kingdom. For the first time in the history of the Church in Canada an amount worthy of her wealth and position is asked of her. Let her wait on God with great expectation and then let her undertake corresponding great adventures for His Holy Name.

This Synod will be asked to endorse and adopt the following resolution in regard to this matter, viz.:—

“That this Executive Committee, having heard the presentation, by the Organizing Secretary, of the Anglican Forward Movement under the General Synod, recommends the Synod:—

- “1. To give its hearty endorsement to the Anglican Forward Movement.
- “2. To secure, under the leadership of the Bishop, the appointment in every Parish or Mission of the Diocese, the necessary Committee for canvassing the whole membership of the Church in the Diocese.”—Carried.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance and Social Reform (Appendix M, Convening Circular, p. 106, on p. 109, No. 12) makes reference to the appointment of the Rev. Canon Vernon as General Secretary of the Council for Social Service for the Anglican Church in the Dominion. I am glad to say that the Rev. Canon Vernon, who was appointed at the General Synod as General Secretary, has, after finishing up his duties in connection with King's College, Windsor, N.S., removed to Toronto and began his regular work on the first of last May. We anticipated great things as the result of this appointment, and I bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of his brethren, both of the Clergy and the Laity, in his efforts to discharge the important duties of a new, untried office. This action of the General Synod places the Anglican Church in the position in which it ought to be as amongst the great forces which are striving for the betterment of social conditions, and working and preparing for that righteousness which alone “exalteth a nation.”

As we look over the social network of our communities we are compelled to admit the supreme importance of the work of Social Service and the necessity for its due emphasis in the thought and life of the people. If it is too late in some directions to apply the principle “that prevention is better than cure,” and that, to use the words of another, “The fence at the top of the precipice is more effective than an ambulance at the bottom,” it surely ought not to be too late in other directions where fresh challenges for the bettering of social conditions confront the Church day by day, challenges which the Church of England must take her place in meeting, and do her part in the bettering. The loud calls that are made for clearer expressions of social justice demand that the Church shall study and interpret the teachings of Christ in their large social comprehensiveness, as well as in their individual application.

Fundamentally a large proportion of the community difficulties, social inequalities, class antipathies and barriers between the employer and the employed, are to be solved by a return to the simple statements and their honest interpretations of the answer to the question in the Church Catechism, “What is thy duty toward thy neighbor?” The frail bark of child-life should not be allowed upon the great wide sea of world activities without having as a chart and compass the spiritual essence of this teaching. We are now in the position, thank God, of having the Church of England from ocean to ocean, bound by a triple cord of three-fold obligation and effort, all under the aegis of the General Synod, the M.S.C.C., the S.S.C.

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(or as it is now to be called "The General Board of Religious Education"), and last of all, the Council for Social Service, on whose behalf I bespeak the earnest prayers and practical and studious interest and co-operation and the most liberal generosity for the advancement of its grave and difficult work.

WAR COMMISSION—THE RETURNED SOLDIER AND THE CHURCH.

No personality has loomed so largely upon the horizon and impressed his welcome presence upon the community more deeply than has the returned soldier, and this is quite as it ought to be. No evidence of appreciation is too great, no expression of gratitude too lavish to prove our thankfulness to him for the defence of our lives and liberties, and if we feel thus where the returned man is, in God's good Providence restored to his family "sound in mind and limb," what shall we say and how shall we feel where the wounded, mutilated and blind heroes of the great War are concerned, men who have, like their fellows, hazarded their lives, having lost limb and sight and stand in a class by themselves between those who have made the "supreme sacrifice" and those more fortunate who have escaped unscathed. Surely a full vocational training, a good start in the new life, and in extreme cases a life provision, is nothing more than ought to be expected. The first step taken by the Church in her representative capacity in relation to the returned soldier was taken at the General Synod when "A War Commission" was appointed, following which very general action has been taken by the Dioceses. The Church in the Dominion, in addition to her own Commission, has representation in the "Federal War Commission" as a unit, and presses along with representatives of the various denominations, matters on which all are agreed. In this Diocese (like all other Dioceses) we have in the interest of the soldier, and his return to civil life, a strong Committee composed of 28 members, 14 Clergy and 14 laymen, and I append a statement of the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Seager, which represents the matter in concise form.

DR. SEAGER'S REPORT.

The Committee's work has been confined to two matters, both of very great importance:—

1. The sending of names of returned soldiers to the Parish Clergy. The names are received from the Toronto Dispersal Area and distributed to the Parishes. From the middle of February to the 21st of March 3,973 names have been so distributed, including a relatively small number of names of immigrants—women and children.
2. The organization in Parishes of groups of laymen for the visitation of returned soldiers. In this the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has heartily and effectively assisted. This work, however, can not be effectively done without the assistance of a man (preferably a returned Chaplain) giving his whole time to it for some months. The Committee had strong hopes that the Federal Government would retain on strength, as it had decided to do, a number of returned Chaplains for such purposes. Unfortunately the Government cancelled this arrangement just about the time the Committee was organized. It has not been felt justifiable to undertake the considerable expense of appointing such a man by the Committee without the consent of the Synod. It would cost at least \$150 a month.

In connection with this visitation of returned soldiers the Committee thought that many cases would be discovered of hardship or grievance among the soldiers and their dependents. It therefore formed a sub-committee charged with the duty of dealing with any such cases and the Clergy were informed of this fact and urged to make use of the sub-committee. No cases have so far been reported, except one, which is being attended to. The experience of the Committee is that the arrangements made by the Federal and Provincial Governments to meet the returned soldier problem as a whole are very efficient and that agencies exist to deal with all specific cases. At the same time the Committee is still prepared to deal with any such cases.

Before leaving this matter, it has been suggested, a suggestion in which I very heartily concurred, that there should be collected and analyzed all information showing the corporate and outstanding individual activities of the Church of England and its members during the War apart altogether from military services. The suggestion, which contains certain lines of information, has been passed over by the Executive Committee to the Diocesan War Committee, who are taking action, and expect to present either to this Synod, or to be involved in the Journal as Appendix to the Synod, a comprehensive yet condensed statement of the result of that investigation.

In this connection, as far as the Rural Deanery of Toronto is concerned, I commend the suggestion that the Churches in Toronto should act together in giving a welcome to all the returned men on some one particular date, to be decided upon, as an expression of united welcome to and appreciation of the returned soldier. In this way the Church in a limited corporate capacity would be receiving her sons back from their terrible experience and expressing to them her joy at their return to their own Homeland.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

It is a hopeful sign of the times and one which is full of encouragement and cheer to Bishop and Clergy alike, that there has been a great deal of awakening on the part of the laity to their sense of their calling and priesthood in the Church of the Living God. More Lay Readers are coming forward than in past years, fresh organizations are waking into life and activity. In addition to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which had the honour and distinction next after the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of coming into existence, we have now the Anglican Service League, with Sir Frederick Stupart, K.B., as President, whose purpose is to take action and to mature plans for an "Anglican Service Club."

And the latest claimant to our interest and support is the organization which is known as "The United Men's Societies of the Church of England," which exists "to unite all men's organizations for the better promotion of the spiritual and social life among men."

May we not anticipate for all these a great and noteworthy "forward movement" bearing on the constructural life of the Church in city and Diocese and constituting a strong arm on which the Bishop may lean in matters material, as he has learnt to do in matters spiritual upon his loyal Clerical Brethren? Men and Brethren, Clergy and Laity, do let us, like a solid phalanx, press forward in mass formation together in co-operative work for God in this portion of His vineyard in which He has called all alike to work.

THE DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL.

As I informed you last year, the Chapter has contented itself by making a temporary extension to the present permanent building, for the purpose of accommodating the growing congregation, which has doubled the seating capacity and now makes provision for over 700 people. The new work has been paid for, and the floor permanent floor has been put in, leaving the whole fabric in such position that it can be safely left without fear of deterioration by weather exposure, until it is thought opportune to resume the undertaking. When we think what has been accomplished in the seven years since His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught laid the cornerstone of the new Nave on August 27th, 1912, when we remember that over four of those years have been years of war, we of the Chapter feel that we have much for which to thank God and call upon the rest of the Diocese to join with us therein.

A property of the value of over one-quarter million dollars, eight costly memorial windows, costly marble font and decorated carved oak top, carved oak choir stalls, oak Cathedral chairs, all paid for, and the nucleus of the first unit of the future great organ in hand, such are some of the achievements of these troubled war years.

The following have been the Episcopal Acts during the past year:—

Ordinations.—There has been but one Ordination, viz., that of Advent, 1918, on 22nd December, when the Rev. Sextus Kent Stiles was ordained to the Priesthood (Trinity Sunday falling last year upon 26th May, and this year on June 15, accounts for the single Ordination recorded.

Confirmations.—There have been 96 Confirmations in all, 76 of which have been taken by myself and 20 by Bishop Reeve, previous to the term of his indisposition.

The number of male candidates have been 792, and females 1,340, making a total of 2,132, which is considerably in excess of the previous year.

Church Consecrations.—Four Churches have been Consecrated during the past year, viz.: (1) St. James' Church, Orillia, on July 7, 1918, at 11 a.m.; (2) St. John's Church, Craighurst, with portion of Cemetery, July 17, 1918, at 2 p.m.; (3) Trinity Church, Barrie, on May 25, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.; (4) Church of the Good Shepherd, Wyebridge, on May 27, 1918, at 7.30 p.m.

Dedications.—Once more I have to acknowledge an ever increasing list of Ordinations in the various Churches throughout the Diocese. The list is much too long to be given in detail, but includes 28 different occasions covering a great variety of gifts, chiefly memorials of the brave men who accounted not their lives dear unto themselves in the cause of liberty.

Institutions.—Of these there have been 17 during the year with, of course, a corresponding number of Inductions, taken by the Bishop, Archdeacons and Rural Deans.

Bene decessit.—15 letters of *Bene decessit* have been issued to Clergy leaving the Diocese for other fields of labour.

Lay Readers.—10 Lay Readers have been licensed, five of whom I have admitted at the public worship of the Church.

New Parishes.—(1) The erection and setting apart of St. Chad's Church, Arlscourt, on July 15, 1918. (2) Erection and setting apart of the Good Shepherd, March 4, 1919.

Appointments.—32 regular appointments and 17 special appointments have been made during the year and are noted in the appended list of changes and appointments.

I have administered the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 12th last to the infant son of the Rev. R. Seaborn.

I have administered the Holy Communion 77 times during the course of the year, officiated at 13 funerals, set apart four Deaconesses on 22nd May last: one for work in St. Paul's Church, Halifax, one for work in connection with the Emigration Chaplaincy in Quebec, and two for work in connection with Parishes in the city.

I have delivered in all 239 sermons and addresses. Confirmations, 792 males, 1,340 females; total, 2,132. For the year, Bishop of Toronto, 76 Confirmations; Bishop Reeve, 20.

CLERGY LIST CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

The total number of Clergy on the list is 239, of which 19 are engaged in tuition, 11 are still acting as Chaplains, 10 are absent on leave, and ten on the superannuated list.

Rev. G. S. Despard, to be Assistant Curate, St. Paul's Church, Toronto.
 Rev. F. H. A. Heffler, B.A., to be Rector of Grafton and Centreton.
 Rev. R. B. Patterson, M.A., to be Incumbent, Woodbridge, Castlemore and Clairville.

Rev. P. B. deLom, L.Th., F.R.G.S., to be Incumbent, Fenelon Falls and Verulam.

Rev. N. J. Thompson, L.Th., to be Incumbent, Stayner and Sunnidale.
 Rev. Harold Snartt, to be Rector, Colborne at Lakeport.

Rev. E. A. McIntyre, I.A., B.D., to be Assistant Curate, St. Paul's, Toronto.

Rev. A. L. Fleming, to be Assistant Chaplain, Wycliffe College.

Rev. A. J. Reid, L.Th., to be Rector, St. Chad's, Earls court, Toronto.

Rev. T. H. Cotton, M.A., D.D., to be Rector, St. Aidan's Church, Toronto.

Rev. H. G. Hiscocks, M.A., B.D., to be Assistant Curate, St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto.

Rev. J. H. Kidd, to be Rector, Cannington and Beaverton.

Rev. C. E. Emerson, to be Incumbent, Belmont and Havelock.

Rev. C. V. Pilcher, M.A., B.D., to be Locum Tenens, St. Stephen's Church, Toronto.

Rev. Oswald Rigby, M.A., LL.D., to be Rector, St. Mark's, Port Hope.

Rev. L. B. Vaughan, L.Th., to be Rector, St. Mark's, West Toronto, Carleton.

Rev. F. W. Clayton, to be Assistant Curate, St. George's, Toronto.

Rev. H. D. Caesar, M.A., to be Assistant Curate, St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.

Rev. W. C. Newman, to be Rector Lloydtown, Kettleby and Nobleton.

Rev. M. B. Johnston, M.A., to be Rector, Shanty Bay, East Oro and Hiawkestone.

Rev. A. J. Arthur, B.A., B.D., B.Sc., to be Assistant Curate, St. John's, Weston, and Priest in charge of Mt. Dennis.

Rev. S. A. Selwyn, M.A., Vicarship Church of the Messiah, Toronto, extended.

Rev. Charles A. G. Spence, to be Missionary at Apsley and District.

Rev. T. W. Murphy, M.A., to be Rector, All Saints' Church, Toronto.

Rev. E. G. Hutson, L.Th., to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity Church, Toronto.

Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., to be Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Toronto.

- Rev. J. W. McDonald, to be Rector, Trinity Church, Thornhill.
 Rev. A. J. Arthur, B.A., B.Sc., B.D., to be Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Dennis.
 Rev. H. O. Tremayne, M.A., to be Incumbent of the first Rectory or Parsonage within the Township of Etobicoke, otherwise called Christ Church, Mimico.
 Rev. W. E. Mackey, L.Th., to be Priest in charge of Coldwater.
 Rev. Herbert Naylor, L.Th., to be Rector, Mulmur West.
 Rev. E. G. Burges Browné, to be Rector, St. Barnabas Church, Toronto.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following Temporary or Special Appointments have also been made:—

- Rev. F. J. Lynch, General License "Under our direction."
 Rev. E. Gillman, Locum Tenens, Shanty Bay, East Oro, Hawkestone.
 Rev. H. C. Morris, Locum Tenens, St. Martin's Church, Toronto.
 Rev. A. E. Whatham, Missionary, Haliburton, Cardiff and Mourmouth.
 Rev. C. V. Pilcher, M.A., B.D., Locum Tenens, St. Stephen's, Toronto.
 Rev. E. Gillman, Locum Tenens, Church of the Resurrection, Toronto.
 Rev. C. A. Sadlier, written authority, pro tem until return to South America.
 Rev. S. N. Dixon, Temporary Assistant Curate, St. Augustine's, Toronto.
 Rev. F. S. Ford, Temporary Assistant Curate, Church of the Redeemer, Toronto.
 Rev. W. G. G. Dreyer, Assistant Curate, All Saints', Toronto, and working in connection with C. of E. Deaconess and Missionary Training House.
 Rev. A. H. Powell, to help Rev. A. Hart for three months during leave of absence.
 Rev. W. A. Earp, helping Canon Dixon during leave of absence.
 Rev. J. Lintott Taylor, temporary charge, St. John Baptist, Lakefield.
 Rev. J. A. Robinson, M.A., B.D., temporary charge, St. Philip's Church, Toronto.
 Rev. Canon G. B. Morley, temporary charge, St. Bartholomew's, Toronto.
 Rev. W. J. H. Petter, LL.B., temporary charge, Swansea.
 Rev. W. L. Cullen, Priest in charge, Christ Church, Brampton.
 Rt. Rev. W. D. Reeve, D.D., to take charge, St. Andrew's Church, Centre Island, Toronto.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing this Charge to a close there are two matters that I ask you to consider and one or two reflections that one feels constrained to make.

1. The first matter concerns our Diocesan history. You will recall that in 1914 previous to the outbreak of the War we had planned to observe the 75th Anniversary of the formation of this Diocese, that a programme was approved and some progress made towards carrying it out, when as a consequence of the Declaration of August 4th, 1914, War, with all its horrors, was upon us, and the proposal had to be deferred. Well, the war is happily over and this year we could celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese, and I am quite strongly in favour of doing so, not, however, on the large and pretentious scale of the programme for 1914, but in a much more modest way, say

by spiritual Thanksgiving Services throughout the Diocese on a Sunday, followed by a Historic Banquet on a Monday evening, in some large central hall, at which the Bishops of the Province and deputations of Clergy and laymen, representing the various Dioceses carved out of Toronto in the following order, viz.: Huron, 1857; Ontario, 1861; Algoma, 1873; Niagara, 1875; Ottawa, 1876, should be present as our guests and contribute brief historical or other addresses of interest to the occasion. The event to be commemorated in a short historical record to be preserved in the Archives of the Diocese.

I would be glad if the Committee appointed to deal with the Bishop's Charge would take this matter up and bring in a report before this Synod adjourns, and if such a report is favourable I would defer the review of the past ten years to that historic occasion.

2. The other matter is the establishment of a Church of England Institute in this See City on the lines of that of the Diocese of Nova Scotia in the City of Halifax. I was much impressed on my visit there last month with the value of such a centre for Church life, and feel that as we now happily have living in our midst the Rev. Canon Vernon, the newly appointed General Secretary for our Dominion Council for Social Service, who was the able and energetic guiding genius of the Institute there, we ought not to fail to avail ourselves of his help to the full in trying to establish a similar Institute here in this centre of Church life and activity. The Canon, I know, will give every help and counsel in the matter.

Finally, Brethren, it has not been an easy matter to prepare this Charge in the hope of bringing it up-to-date, owing to the kaleidoscopic changes which each day has brought forth, so that passing over the immediate past and looking calmly at the living present, we have to confess that War's reactions are still everywhere apparent. Civil readjustment is often proving most difficult. Industrial conditions never so unquiet and at the moment we know not what a day may bring forth. Certain it is that "the Devil hath come down to us, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12: 12) and certain it is that the issues he has brought to the surface of things, out of the heart of man, must be faced and fought to a finish by the great Christian Commonwealth of to-day; in the complexity of these discordant tangled conditions the Church must see her challenge and accept it and appropriating the co-operative spirit of the hour, born of the strain and stress of blood drenched scenes in France and Flanders, preach the gospel of the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man and interpret it by get together, work together, share together, rejoice together principles of the Divine Life and Example and precept in the application of which alone will be found the deep inner solution of social problems and disorders, which being solved shall find external expression in brotherly Peace and Concord.

