

# Archbishop Richardson's Address

Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada Spoke Most Impressively at Opening of Provincial Synod Meeting Here—Asks Further Increase in Jurisdiction and Authority of the General Synod.

The address of the Archbishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada at the Provincial Synod, Most Rev. J. A. Richardson delivered at the opening meeting this morning was as follows: Right Reverend Fathers in God: Reverend Brethren of the Clergy, and Brethren of the Laity:

I welcome you to your deliberations as the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada; and, in so doing, may I welcome you also to the See City of the Diocese of Fredericton. I trust that your brief stay amongst us will be happy as well as profitable. Fredericton is, as you see, a small city, and we are unable to offer you all the attractions that you would find in a metropolis, but that will not militate, I trust, against the success of the Synod. We, who belong to this Diocese, remember with pardonable pride that Fredericton was the home of John Medley, of blessed memory, the first Bishop outside of the City of Montreal to be honoured with the office of Metropolitan, and one who left to the Church in Canada a rich legacy of statesmanship and saintly life. His abiding monument is the lovely little Cathedral in which we have just held our opening service. We are happy, indeed, in the privilege of being your hosts.

I fear that some of you will feel that I have called this meeting of the Provincial Synod at an uncomfortable time of the year for those who have had to travel far.

It is many years, however, since the Synod was last convened, and its business affairs have sunk into a state of chaos that is not creditable to the Province. I felt, therefore, and those with whom I took counsel agreed with me, that the Synod ought to be convened at the earliest possible moment. I am sure that you will forgive me for any inconvenience to which you may have been put.

It is in the minds of many of us that, when the Synod met last, it was under the able presidency of the Most Reverend Clarendon Lamb Worrell, for a long term of years the beloved Bishop of Nova Scotia, Metropolitan of this Ecclesiastical Province, and later the honoured Primate of all Canada. Few men, I venture to say, have given to the Church in Canada more devoted service, or have laboured with such marked success. He passed to his reward full of years and honour, and his works follow him. It is fitting that of this session of the Synod we should place on record our grateful thankfulness for his fruitful life.

## Synod Necessary

It is not my intention to detain you this morning with a long address, for many of you have come to this meeting at considerable cost in time and money, and are anxious to return to your homes with as little delay as possible. There is one subject, however, about which I feel I ought to



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speak to you. I shall try to be as brief as possible.

More than eleven years have passed since the Synod of this Ecclesiastical Province has been convened, for its last meeting was in June, 1924. We need no pause to inquire why the Synod was allowed to become practically moribund. If the question were asked at all, it would find its answer, I imagine, in a widespread feeling that the extraordinary development of the General Synod has made unnecessary the Provincial Synods—a sort of fifth wheel to the ecclesiastical coach, as it were. I think, however, that more careful reflection will lead us to an entirely contrary conclusion,—that the very fact of the development of the General Synod is in itself a sufficient reason for the continuance of the Provincial Synods.

## Increased Jurisdiction

It is obvious, of course, that the General Synod could only hope to function in an effective manner by taking over many of the responsibilities and duties that were formerly vested in the Provincial Synods. No one will question that. It is reasonably clear, moreover, that, for the

welfare of the Church of England in Canada, there must be a further increase in the jurisdiction and authority of the General Synod, so that it may become in actual fact what the Anglican National Commission has fittingly termed "the effective and final legislative and governing body of the Church of England in Canada."

The consideration of that question will come before us in the order of our deliberations, and, in preparation for our task, we are fortunate in having in our hands a singularly clear and convincing memorandum upon the subject, prepared by a committee of the House of Bishops of the Church in the Dominion. I happen to be a member of that committee, but I need not hesitate to describe the memorandum in those terms, for it was really the work of the Bishop of Huron, one of the outstanding thinkers of the Church in Canada. I hope that all members of the Synod will read the memorandum,—if they have not already done so,—and consider its conclusions carefully in preparation for Chancellor Harris' presentation of the subject later on. The question involved is of such far-reaching importance, that I venture to cite certain pregnant paragraphs from the memorandum in support of my own conclusion that, so far from it being true that the development of the General Synod has made unnecessary the maintenance of the Provincial Synods, it is imperative that they should be retained and strengthened.

"Side by side," the memorandum says, "with the growing unity of the Church throughout the Dominion runs an inevitable localism, which must be reckoned with in all wise planning for more effective administration. Thus, while called upon to consider the advisability of increasing federal power through the General Synod, a grave error would be made if the necessity of local or sectional authority were overlooked."

## Should Be Abolished

"What the nature of the 'local' governing body should be is hardly open to question. Provincially, it would be as now the Provincial Synod. The opinion has sometimes been expressed that these Synods are unnecessary and should be abolished. Apart from the fact that no power exists to do so but themselves, it is wise to consider what the effect of such a course would be. The sectional character of our nation, and our Church, would always demand some sort of local organization of the latter. Far better than any new and untried ad hoc sort of thing is the

with their great prestige, well-defined functions, and, to us Anglicans, familiar features. The memorandum goes on, "whether, if the memorandum goes on, 'whether, if the ancient system of Provincial Synods were abolished, and no local organization should take their place, there would not emerge either an over-developed diocesanism, already, some of us think, far too much in evidence, or an intolerable bureaucracy heading up in Toronto, with a Church, as to its Dominion activities, controlled by central boards and committees. Probably we should have to suffer both evils. There is a great opportunity in our provincial organization to balance these tendencies, and without doubt much more may be made of our Provincial Synods than has yet been realized."

## Utmost Importance

I need offer no apology for thus quoting from a document that is already in your hands, for it is, I am convinced, of the utmost importance that we should face the question as to the future of Provincial Synods. The memorandum from the committee of the House of Bishops suggests, as has been noted, that abolition of Provincial Synods would result in the Church of England in Canada becoming bureaucratic and over-centralized. It is quite certain, however, that the mere maintenance of Provincial Synods, as some of them, at least, are functioning at present, will not avert that danger, for already, as it seems to me, the Church is suffering in precisely that way. I cannot speak for other parts of the Dominion, but in the Maritime Provinces, at least, and, I am informed, in the Western Provinces also, the impact of the General Synod policies is far from being widely felt. We are so remote from the official centre of the Church's larger activities, that it is almost impossible to make our people understand and feel their full responsibility for their fulfilment. It is hardly too much to say that, in spite of all the literature published and circulated from Toronto, the rank and file of the Church's membership in the more remote parts of the Dominion simply do not know what the plans and purposes of the General Synod are. Under such circumstances, it is extremely difficult to arouse and maintain their interest, and much more difficult to secure their active co-operation. It is needless to say, I hope, that in this statement of opinion there is neither expressed nor implied any criticism of those officials at headquarters, whose onerous task it is to direct the Church in its corporate activities.

Nothing of this sort is in my mind. On the contrary, indeed, we are profoundly appreciative of the self-sacrificing zeal with which they discharge that task. The weakness is not in our executives, but in our system.

Where shall we look for a remedy? In part, at least, I am sure, in the revivifying, and making more active, the Provincial Synods. It ought to be possible, surely, to make the Provincial Synods serve as effective links between the General Synod and the Synods of every Diocese. That is precisely what the memorandum from the House of Bishops has in mind when it indicates as one important function of a Provincial Synod "the mediation of the whole programme of the Church to the units of the Province, particularly with a view of developing the most effective methods of promoting that programme throughout the Province."

If such a mediation is to become possible,—in our own area, at least,—meetings of the Provincial Synod must be held at much more frequent intervals than has been the case for many years. I am of opinion, further, that, in view of the considerations that I have urged upon you, we ought not to contemplate any reduction in the total number of accredited delegates to the Provincial Synod. I am inclined to think, indeed, that the number might wisely be increased, so as to arouse the interest, and secure the co-operation of, as large a number of clergymen and laymen as possible in every diocese. You will be invited to consider approval to follow the precedent set by the General Synod by making the representation from each Diocese proportionate to the number of its clergymen licensed for active service within the Diocese. I do not at this time express an opinion as to the wisdom or unwisdom of such a course.

It only remains for me, dear brothers, to commend you, and your important deliberations, to the blessing and guidance of God.

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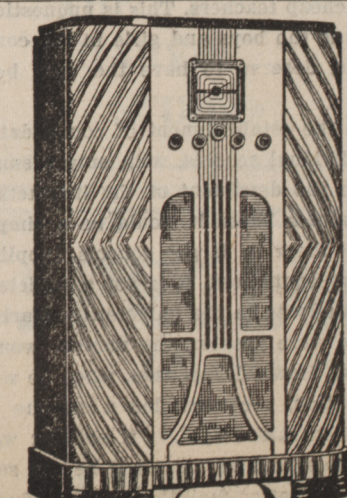
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