

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society and Synod.

The Members of the Board of Home Missions

Various Reports Submitted.

Moncton, July 2.—The annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society and synod of New Brunswick is attended by the clergy of the diocese and a number of laymen, among the latter being his honor Lieut. Governor Fraser and Judge Hanington.

A missionary meeting, largely attended, was held in St. George's church last evening.

This morning holy communion was celebrated in the church, and at 9.30 the Diocesan Church Society met in the cathedral hall, his lordship Bishop Kingdon presiding, and his honor the Lieutenant Governor occupying a seat on the platform.

The first business was the reading of reports from the different parishes, which were on the whole very encouraging.

Rev. W. O. Raymond, secretary, presented the statistical returns from the parishes and missions, which he stated were more complete than usual.

The secretary then submitted the report of the executive committee of the diocese for 1894.

George A. Schofield, from the committee appointed at last year's meeting to report such amendments of the acts of assembly, constitution, canons, rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry the union of the Diocesan Church society into effect, reported that they had consulted with a committee of the synod on the subject, and that they had revised the draft of a bill for carrying the proposed union into effect.

The report was adopted and laid on the table for discussion at the afternoon session.

Archdeacon Brigstocke brought up the case of the Rev. A. Hiltz, formerly of Derby, Northumberland Co., which he thought was one that should receive consideration from the incapacitated clergymen's committee.

He believed that Mr. Hiltz was now undergoing treatment in the insane asylum in Halifax, and some provision should be made for his wife and family. He made a resolution respecting the case, and the committee to reconsider the application made in this case, with the object of granting him such an annual pension as the condition of the fund will warrant.

The resolution was seconded by Canon Forsyth, and adopted by acclamation. Bishop Kingdon, Judge Hanington and others, it was adopted. Rev. Mr. Davenport and T. B. Robertson being added to the committee.

At the afternoon session, Geo. A. Schofield read a report on the home mission board grants. Under widows and orphans special fund there were made to Revs. W. L. McKelvie, J. A. Galloway and R. W. Colton \$250 each grant of \$150 for expenses of divinity students; \$50 each to H. A. Cody, W. Gardner, E. R. Cummings; scholarship grant of \$150 to H. A. Colton.

Treasurer George E. Fairweather read the annual report.

Rev. Mr. Etouh, secretary of the committee, gave an interesting report on the course in home missions. He reported \$308.81 contributed during the year, and the amount is far ahead of any previous year. Moncton parish contributed \$6,010, being next to St. John.

Rev. Mr. Etouh also read the report of the book depository committee, stating that the books and literature were sold to the amount of \$1,021.15, being an increase of over a hundred dollars over the previous year.

The following were elected the executive committee: W. S. Fisher, Judge Hanington, H. A. Harvey, E. Peters, J. Black, Roy Campbell, George Burcill, Dr. Weldon, A. C. Fairweather, A. A. Sterling, John Irvine, C. A. Macdonald, T. C. Allen, C. F. Kinnear, A. S. Beckwith, Judge Wilkinson, W. H. C. Trille, A. F. Street, T. B. Robinson, F. B. Robinson, F. B. Forster, A. Porter, R. W. Hewson.

The following were elected the board of home missions: Clergy—Canon Roberts, J. M. Davenport, E. Bertram Harper, O. S. Newham, Dean Partridge, laymen, W. M. Jarvis, G. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, Lieut. Governor Fraser, W. S. Fisher, H. Peters, J. Black.

The bill to amend the acts relating to the Church of England, which it is proposed to send to the legislature next session, came up for consideration. The preamble of the bill sets forth that whereas it is deemed expedient to amalgamate the Diocesan Church society of New Brunswick with the Diocesan Synod, and to vest in said Diocesan Synod the funds and property heretofore held and administered by the said Diocesan Church society, and to amend the acts relating to the Church of England; be it therefore enacted from and after the first day of January, 1898, the Diocesan Church society of New Brunswick shall be amalgamated with and merged into the Diocesan Synod, and shall cease to exist as a separate body or by a separate corporate name.

Tomorrow morning at seven there will be full choral celebration of Holy Communion and the synod meeting will open at 8.30 o'clock.

Moncton, July 3.—The report of the secretary of the Diocesan society, read yesterday, shows a gratifying increase in the contributions both from the urban and rural districts, and gives the following synopsis of contributions from the different parishes in St. John as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Parish or Mission, Contribution. Lists various parishes and their respective contributions.

A total of upwards of \$34,000, or an average of \$1,900 a year.

Geo. A. Schofield, secretary of the board of home missions, submitted the schedule of missionary grants for the ensuing year, recommended by the board, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Parish or Mission, Contribution, Total. Lists various parishes and their respective contributions.

On motion of George A. Schofield, the thanks of the synod were extended to his lordship for his address.

Rev. E. V. Harris, vicar of Amherst, was here invited to a seat in the synod.

The following committees were appointed: Standing committee—Clergy—Canon Roberts, Dean Partridge, Revs. Newham and Davenport; lay, Lieut. Gov. Fraser, Geo. A. Schofield, Hon. Justice Hanington, C. N. Vroom.

Board of management domestic and foreign missions—Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke, Messrs. C. N. Vroom and G. Schofield.

Sunday schools—Clergy—Revs. Newham, W. Etouh, E. B. Hooper, E. H. Montgomery, lay, S. J. Wetmore, Hurd Peters and D. Deacon.

Canon Roberts presented a lengthy memorial from Trinity church, Sussex, setting forth in detail the trouble and proceedings in the Little case, that Mr. Little had never been legally appointed rector, asking for a refund by the synod of the heavy expenses incurred and that Mr. Little be not reinstated.

The memorial was read, and the synod met this morning at 9.30, his lordship Bishop Kingdon presiding.

Rev. Allan Daniel was invited to a seat on the floor of the house.

The announcement of the secretary that the Moncton Y. M. C. A. had placed their reading room at the disposal of the synod was received with applause, and on motion of Archdeacon Brigstocke, seconded by Judge Hanington, the thanks of the synod were returned for the courtesy.

His lordship Bishop Kingdon then addressed the synod, saying that he was glad to meet in synod to consult about matters concerning the welfare of the church in this diocese.

Our meeting together now would remind us that two of the clergy who were named in their names at Woodstock last year have now answered to their names before a higher tribunal, and have passed to their rest, leaving behind them a record of good works and of our existence need the inauguration of a cathedral chapter attached to our beautiful cathedral. It was a great delight to me that I found myself able, in consequence of the generous liberality of the cathedral chapter, to appoint a second clergyman at the cathedral. It has been a still greater pleasure that I have been enabled to have a chapter attached to the cathedral. The safekeeping of the late Mrs. Gordon enabled her to accumulate from the income over which she had control during her life a sum of money with which she endowed the cathedral.

The bishop then referred to a matter which has ever since the last session of the synod caused the deepest anxiety and pain. He referred to the action taken in the case of Mr. Little of Sussex. His lordship reviewed the record as to the court being formed and the proceedings taken. A verdict of guilty was returned on one charge, which was of making false statements, and it was understood that the verdict was unanimous. An appeal was made to the supreme court. It is stated that the falsity was wilful; the supreme court points out that a false statement, to be an offence, must be wilfully false and decided that the court of triers had no jurisdiction, there being no offence charged. In conclusion his lordship said: Grieve over the whole matter I must, but I cannot reproach myself in respect of any part of the action I have felt compelled to take. There are some points I should like to discuss in committee, and I will ask the synod to appoint a standing committee at once, at the commencement of the synod, to take into consideration and also to report, if possible, to this session on a very temperate and sad petition presented to me by the churchwardens and vestry and seventy-one persons who are regular attendants and supporters of the church in Sussex. This question, with other matters, shows

we feel, that the synod should frame a canon for the appointment of a chancellor of this diocese.

Towards the close of his address his lordship said: And now one word in conclusion, for Moncton, where we meet. I am delighted that we meet here. Moncton has ever been near my heart, and I feel sure that there is a great future for the city. When entering manufacturing centres, and it has ever had my heartiest good wishes and prayers. I am glad that we have met here and I hope that it will be for the advancement of the church here that the first synod in the second half of the first century of our existence as a diocese has been held in Moncton. In the midst of this busy world, with all its unmet needs and unmet needs, with all its turmoil and restlessness, our silent work must be done our part in building up in the unmet world the noiseless city of God, the city whose foundations are upon the holy hills, whose builder and maker is God.

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synod record its deliberate judgment that religious teaching in our public schools is absolutely necessary in order to fulfill the true purpose of education and conserve the highest interest of a nation of free and just people that the day is not far distant when biblical instruction will form a regular part of the public education. He supported his resolution in half an hour's speech. For a long time, he said, religious teaching in the public schools has been a burning question in England. He wished to show that the whole church is moving to have religion in the public schools, and if the synod neglected to deal with the matter now they would fall behind those in the front ranks. He did not offer the resolution in antagonism to public schools, or to the Church of England point of view alone. He asked for biblical instruction in the interest of the whole people.

Mr. Lloyd seconded the resolution, asking that other religious denominations be asked to send a delegate to the Church of England in this matter.

Mr. Thorne, teacher of St. John, believed there was as much Bible reading and religious instruction in the schools now as there would be if Bible reading was regularly prescribed.

Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, E. J. Wetmore, Rev. J. deSoyres, Wiggins, J. W. Jones, Sheriff Sturdee, Judge Hanington and Lieut. Gov. Fraser spoke briefly.

Hon. Mr. Jones was a member of the government at the time the school law was passed, and did not think the Roman Catholics had secured any privileges in regard to giving religious instruction that other denominations could not obtain.

Judge Hanington said he had supported the present school law down to the point that it proposed to send the Bible out of the schools, and he had opposed it then and was still fighting the opposition.

The motion finally passed unanimously.

Notice has been given of a motion to request other denominations to join with the Church of England in memorializing the provincial government to amend the school law so as to admit of religious instruction being given by ministers of the different denominations for a half hour daily.

Moncton, July 4.—At the opening of the synod this morning, His Lordship Bishop Kingdon read a telegram from Rev. H. W. Little of Sussex, stating that his case was still under the jurisdiction of the provincial government, and formally protesting against any discussion in synod of his case, as he had a complete answer to the memorial sent by J. M. Kinnear.

An address was read from W. J. Wallace of Sussex asking that Trinity church council be heard personally in regard to the matters in dispute. Referred to the standing committee.

More we are expected to meet in Camp Hill, Raymond, Canon Forsyth, Lieutenant Governor Fraser, J. D. Black and George A. Schofield were added to the amalgamation committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the synod in St. John at the usual time.

Mr. Justice Hanington gave notice of motion that the sum of \$100 be appropriated out of the special fund for the purpose of the Church school for girls at Windsor, to be awarded as prizes to the students who shall attain the greatest success or proficiency in such courses of study as his lordship the bishop and trustees from the synod may designate next year.

A. H. Hanington gave notice of motion to amend the laws governing the presentation to rector and incumbents, that hereafter in the election to fill the vacancy of any church the law shall only allow an election for a limited term, to be named by the synod; that in case two-thirds of those entitled to vote in any parish for the election of a rector shall at any time petition the Diocesan synod for the removal of such rector with or without giving any reasons, the same may at any general or special session declare such church and parish vacant, and therefore the position of rector shall immediately become and be vacant until the next session of the synod, that the time for which rector shall be elected and presented shall be for a term of seven years. And further, that a committee be appointed to prepare a bill in accordance with the above resolution, that the same may become law.

The appointment of a diocesan registrar was referred to the standing committee.

On motion of Judge Hanington, Archdeacon Brigstocke was appointed the clerical representative on the board of governors of Kings college, and on motion of Sheriff Sturdee, Judge Hanington was appointed lay representative.

John R. Foster was appointed trustee of the Church school for girls at Windsor.

Archdeacon Brigstocke presented to the synod the bill prepared by the committee for the amalgamation of the Diocesan Church society and the Diocesan synod. The bill was referred to the standing committee to have it passed upon by the legislature.

The balance of the morning session was passed in consideration of the various canons which were taken up section by section.

At the afternoon session the standing committee reported that C. E. Simonds had been appointed registrar. It was decided after discussion that a special meeting of the synod would be called to consider the causes and changes in the contributions submitted in the morning.

Venerable Archdeacon Jones of Nova Scotia was welcomed to a seat on the floor of the synod.

Dean Partridge moved that in accordance with the report of the S. E. committee, a committee be appointed to examine the text books of the History of England as taught in the public schools of New Brunswick with a view to memorializing the government if it be found that said text books be inaccurate in its references to the

Church of England. The resolution was carried after a brief discussion.

Dean Partridge, Revs. A. H. Montgomery, E. B. Floyd and A. C. Fairweather and Hurd Peters were named on the committee.

The anniversary meeting of the Diocesan Church society was held this evening in St. George's church, the synod having adjourned till 9 o'clock to give members an opportunity to attend.

4th of JULY RIOT IN BOSTON.

The A. P. A. Display was Offensive to Many Citizens, it is Said.

Revolvers, Swords and Stones Freely Used in East Boston.

Boston, July 4.—The Fourth of July parade of the patriotic societies of Boston and vicinity at East Boston this afternoon ended in a pitched battle between some of the paraders and the police in which sticks, stones and revolvers were used with fatal effect.

John W. Willis, a laborer of East Boston, one of the spectators who who managed the parade in the hands of the police, was killed; Michael Doyle of East Boston had his head split open by a club and now lies at the city hospital. A young man named Andrews has his nose cut off with a sabre in the hands of one of the police. Patrick Kelly sustained a severe scalp wound, whether from a club or a bullet is not known, and Officer A. S. Bates was hit in the mouth by a brick thrown by an unknown person, and lost several teeth, besides suffering from severe lacerations.

It is claimed that the trouble all resulted from the persistency of those who managed the parade in introducing as a feature a float presenting "The Little Red School House," which, it is asserted, is the emblem of the American Protective association, and has become obnoxious to that party, especially those who do not sympathize with the A. P. A. movement.

The Fourth of July committee refused to permit this feature to appear in the parade and those desecrating to it tried to have an order passed by the board of aldermen, but failed. So great was the interest excited by this controversy and the excitement of the parade that the police officials have detailed a special squad of 350 men, in addition to the East Boston force on duty, but they marched at the head of the procession.

At several points the feeling of the crowd gave vent in hisses at the fifteen hundred paraders and the school house float. The American demonstration was made until the rear of the parade had reached Putnam street, when the crowd tried to overturn the last carriage. Word was sent to the front for police assistance, and a squad of 20 officers was sent back.

A skirmish followed between the crowd and the officers, and Michael Doyle, of 21 Norris street, received a fractured skull. He was taken to the city hospital. A man named Stewart, of Brook street, had his nose cut off by a sabre in the hands of Albert E. Andrews of Everett, a private in the Roxbury Horse Guards, who was in full uniform, and who went to the assistance of the occupants in the carriage.

By this incident excitement was intensified, and those who had participated in the parade left for the ferry and on to reach the city. A group of between sixty and seventy persons was surrounded on Border street by a crowd, who commenced hooting and throwing stones. A number of the paraders became frightened and lost their heads. A dozen revolvers were drawn, and in response to the fusillade of stones, shots were fired. The firing of the revolvers brought a large body of police to the spot and the mob was soon dispersed.

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