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accordance with the provisions of Canon XXIII, a large assortment of books and literature other than those of the S. P. C. K. are now in stock at the depository, and supply a long felt want.

They comprise the admirable publications of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, as well as those of the Religious Tract Society; and a large class of books specially suitable for children and for Sunday school libraries, together with church literature, literary, doctrinal, devotional and historical, thus making the whole stock more complete than it has ever been before.

These books and publications are sold at a commission of 15 per cent. The board also calls special attention to the recent importations of Bibles and testaments in 23 editions and various bindings. Hitherto, this has not been the case, but for the future it is intended that a full stock of Bibles and testaments of the S. P. C. K. shall be always kept for sale.

The board trusts that this enlargement and extension of the work of the depository contemplated by Canon XXIII, and now carried into effect, will be heartily appreciated by both clergy and laity, and that not only they but all the members of our church will heartily co-operate with the board in its work.

The board feels that it cannot too strongly urge upon the members of the synod the great importance of this branch of church work, and of the necessity of all to support the depository, which is endeavoring to help on the welfare of the church in one of its most important features, as bearing directly upon the religious culture of her people.

At this juncture of the affairs of the depository the board cannot report any definite results, nor can it say any information as to future prospects until the new scheme has been in operation at least a year. At present the sales compare most favorably with those of previous years.

\$17.88, a total of \$22.18 for the same object. Wicklow—A Lenten offering of \$8.95 for same object, the report does not show St. Mary's, St. John—Advent, \$3.95; Lent, \$5.99, or \$23.94 for poor fund and other local parish purposes.

Total amount of appropriated children's Advent and Lenten offerings reported is \$41.21. The following parishes report no offerings: Bay du Vin, Burton, Blackbridge, Carleton, Derby and Blackbuck, Gordon and Lorne, Hampton, Johnston, Madawaska, Musquash, Norton, Fortinville, Portland, Richibucto and Kingston, Richmond, St. David, St. James (St. John), St. Mark (St. John), Trinity (St. Stephen), Shellic, Simonds, Westfield and Westmorland.

This analysis explains itself without further comment. Your committee, however, cannot but express their disappointment that the report does not show an increase in the contributions, especially in the face of the present financial exigency to maintain the ministrations of the church throughout the diocese.

They had hoped that the children's offerings this year would have been one thousand dollars instead of half the sum. As stated in your committee's report of last year, the church schools within the city of St. John, give nothing again this year to support the diocesan mission fund and this is where the results of the work are least encouraging. Your committee feel that they have endeavored to interest all Sunday schools by circulars, appeals, envelopes and mission boxes, which have been distributed at a considerable cost, to say nothing of the time and labor spent in the work, and yet despite their efforts only partial fruits have been attained.

It is just possible that suggestions might be made which would promote the desired interest, and for this reason your committee venture to plead for the opportunity to be given for a full discussion of this report. This year's committee would respectfully recommend that the synod request his lordship the bishop to issue a pastoral appeal to the clergy in the coming season of Advent inviting their sympathy and hearty co-operation, and calling upon them to interest all Sunday school workers and scholars in the missionary work of the church in the diocese. The time has come when the laity are called upon to provide for the practical needs of their church, and what more effective way could be present but how much more for the future support of the church—than by training our children to give their offerings systematically and proportionately according to their means throughout the whole year, but especially in the seasons of Advent and Lent.

A grant of \$15 has been made to the parish of Bliffed on behalf of the Sunday school in Daoktown for prayer and hymn books. Three meetings of the committee have been held during the year, and the following members have attended the same: Revs. Canon Forsyth, H. Montgomery and W. Etouah; Messrs. Alfred Porter and H. Towne.

Your committee further recommend that the synod transfer to the diocesan mission fund the whole amount of offerings subscribed this year to the children's mission fund. Respectfully submitted, David Forsyth, chairman; Wm. Etouah, secretary.

C. N. Vroom, St. Stephen, gave notice of motion regarding the prohibition plebeite for the present session. The motion is not sufficiently pronounced to provoke much discussion. ST. STEPHEN, July 6.—The synod resumed its session at 10.30 this morning, the earlier hours having been spent in committee work.

Rev. Canon Forsyth, seconded by Geo. Burhill, moved that the next meeting of the synod be held in Chatham on the first Tuesday in July. Hurd Peters suggested that the date of meeting be changed to the second Tuesday in July. He moved, seconded by A. H. Hanington, that the words "first Tuesday" be omitted from the resolution.

Judge Hanington thought it would be well to let the date stand as had been the practice, for the first week of July. Speaking from a farmer's standpoint, as well as from that of the legal profession, he felt the first of July was the best date of meeting. A. H. Hanington failed to see many farmers in the synod. (Voice raised.) As a general thing the farmers did not largely attend the meetings, but even from their point of view early in July was a bad time to meet. He wanted the meetings held later in the summer.

The bishop informed the synod, 34 out of 43 parishes gave early July as their choice of date of meeting. Rev. L. Hoyt, said the request was sent to the church wardens to lay before the Easter meetings, and the replies came in after Easter. Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke said the request was sent to the rector to lay before a parish meeting. A. H. Hanington said the trouble was the replies were from rectors in many cases rather than from the people.

Geo. E. Fairweather moved in amendment to the amendment that the meeting be held in St. John. He objected to going in a place where there was not sufficient hotel accommodation, and Chatham had not a hotel worthy of the name. He would as soon name Fredericton as St. John, for it had the very best of accommodation. He had no other objection to Chatham, but he did not want to repeat his recent experience of sleeping two or three in a bed. (Laughter.) If he came to St. John he would guarantee the use of St. John's school house for the synod.

Rev. Mr. Dewdney pointed out that to the present case many delegates had to stay over a night in St. John. That was the objection to meeting in places away from the great lines of travel. Judge Hanington pointed out that the object of meeting in Woodstock, Moncton, St. Stephen, etc., was to stimulate church work and church life in various parts of the province. The result in Woodstock and Moncton

had fully sustained the most sanguine expectations. For 50 or 60 years the Chatham delegates did not feel it too costly to attend synod in St. John and Fredericton, and delegates from other sections of the province should not now complain. The synod was coming to St. Stephen. The synod at the three places he had just named was fully up to the average, and there were other important places in New Brunswick as well as Fredericton and St. John. At this meeting the farmers were well represented and he was glad to see it. The ablest men in the synod were not born in St. John, but in the country. He had the honor to be a farmer himself. (Applause and laughter.) He urged the synod to accept the invitation from Chatham, and in this connection dwell forcibly on the necessity of developing and strengthening church life in the rural districts.

He had gone to St. John when he could not get into a hotel because they were all full, and did not complain, hence he did not see anything unusual in the St. Stephen hotels crowded on Dominion day and July 4th. C. N. Vroom was proud of the large attendance that had followed the new departure of meeting in Woodstock, Moncton and St. Stephen. It was not more than was the custom in St. John and Fredericton. Judge Hanington had explained, the St. John hotels were crowded July 4th, but the clergy had been well cared for in private houses. (Applause.) He voted to meet next year in Chatham.

Fr. Davenport felt some sympathy for the lay delegates in the matter of hotel accommodation, and if it was impossible to secure sufficient hotel in Chatham, he would be compelled to oppose going there next year. A. H. Hanington eulogized the hospitality of St. Stephen and loud applause. This year's experience had shown that the time of year was unsuitable for synod meetings. It had been so found in St. John, where the hotels are crowded on Dominion day. Chatham on the ground that it was in the best interests of the church to subject the lay delegates to the inconveniences of the hotels, as well as the clergy would be comfortably cared for.

Rev. H. S. Watwright wanted to know what the temperature of Chatham was in July. W. B. Wallace would vote for Chatham but objected to the date as too near the first of July. Geo. E. Fairweather repudiated any intent on his part of criticizing St. Stephen, where hospitality had been so generous. All he wanted was to see that wherever the synod went there would be good accommodation for those lay delegates who wished to go to hotels and pay their own way. Canon Forsyth explained that before asking the synod to come to St. John, he had fully satisfied himself that it could accommodate the members, lay and clerical. The amendments were voted down and the original motion to meet in Chatham was carried unanimously.

It was resolved that representatives of the diocesan on the board of missions continue to act until the synod has been notified of the election of their successors. The balance of the morning session was spent in passing the report of the nominating committee and other routine business. Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke read the report of the standing committee on recommendations contained in the bishop's charge to synod.—The report was read by Mr. Hurd Peters.

Dean Partridge presented the report of the committee on presentation to the synod, asking that they be continued for another year. The nominating committee, C. N. Vroom chairman, submitted the following list of standing committees, which were adopted: Standing committee of synod—The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales ex officio, and Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rev. W. B. Wallace, Rev. A. H. Hanington, Rev. A. Schofield, A. C. Fairweather, C. N. Vroom, Sheriff Sturdee. Committee on credentials—Rev. W. S. Raymond, and G. O. D. Oty, H. S. Wright. Committee on Sunday schools—Revs. E. B. Hooper, A. W. Daniel, H. Montgomery, and C. G. Olive, T. B. Robinson and Chas. Coer. Corresponding committee in connection with the board of management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society—the Lord Bishop, Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rev. W. B. Wallace, Rev. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, H. Wilnot, G. O. D. Oty, C. E. A. Simonds, E. Lee Street, H. Montgomery Campbell. Committee on unfinished business and printing—Rev. O. S. Newnham, and C. F. Kinnear and C. E. L. Jarvis.

Executive committee—The Lord Bishop, Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales, the members of the standing committee, the rural dean, the secretary and treasurer of the synod (all above ex officio), and Rev. H. Montgomery, W. J. Wilkinson, J. R. Campbell, J. R. S. Parkinson, L. A. Hoyt, R. P. McKim, A. W. Daniel, J. Dewoyes, A. G. H. Dicker, W. O. Raymond, J. M. Davenport, Scovell Neales, and W. M. Jarvis, T. B. Robinson, G. O. D. Oty, J. Roy Campbell, W. W. Hubbard, R. E. Fisher, Judge Hanington, J. S. Beek, W. J. Coniff, J. E. Burhill, Alfred Porter, H. B. Schofield.

Board of home missions—The Lord Bishop, Rev. Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales, Rev. G. O. D. Oty, W. E. Smith, J. S. Beek (all above ex officio). Chosen by the Rural Deaneries—Chatham, Rev. P. G. Snow and E. Lee Street; Fredericton, Rev. H. Montgomery and J. S. Beek; Kingston, Rev. A. J. Cresswell and G. O. D. Oty; St. John, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker and W. M. Jarvis; St. Andrews, Rev. W. S. Raymond, and W. D. Forster; Woodstock, Rev. P. W. Teed and Lee Raymond; Shediac, H. A. Harvey. Also Revs. Canon Roberts, J. M. Davenport, Scovell Neales, A. D. A. Dewdney, W. B. Wallace, and Geo. A. Schofield, R. E. Fisher, Judge Hanington, Hon. J. P. Burhill, H. A. Harvey, A. C. Fairweather, C. E. L. Jarvis, Alfred Porter, T. O. Odeh, Henry Hilyard.

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This afternoon the following were elected delegates to the provincial synod, which meets in Montreal in September: Clergy—Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales, Canon Roberts and Father Davenport, O. S. Newnham, Canon Forsyth, H. Montgomery, T. B. Hooper, Scovell Neales, J. Roy Campbell, G. H. Dicker, substitutes, A. D. Dewdney, C. F. Hanington, C. Wiggins, H. E. Diblee, A. W. Smithers, R. P. McKim. Lay delegates—G. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, Judge Hanington, J. Roy Campbell, T. Barclay Robinson, A. C. Fairweather, W. B. Wallace, E. A. Simonds, George Burhill, H. A. Peters, Henry Wilnot; substitutes, Dr. Deacon, W. B. Wallace, H. S. Wright, C. E. L. Jarvis, A. H. Hanington, W. E. Smith.

The balance of the afternoon was taken up in receiving the clerical reports from parishes and missions, reports of the auditor, treasurer and considering business matters generally. The evening session was devoted to a discussion of W. B. Wallace's resolution to have the reports of standing committees printed before the meeting of the synod. The matter was finally referred to a select committee to report to the next synod. The recommendations of the Sunday school committee were on motion of Rev. Mr. Montgomery considered at some length. The standing committee on Sunday schools, Rev. H. Montgomery chairman, reported to the synod. The report submitted a lengthy report. The annual Sunday school teachers' conference, held at Sussex May 17 and 18, was a decided success. With regard to the formation of a Diocesan Sunday School Teachers' Association, the committee reported that only one diocese, viz. Montreal, has such an organization. It is found to be a most helpful agent in promoting the efficiency of Sunday schools there. This association is under the control of the Montreal synod, and the committee are of opinion "that a Sunday school teachers' association for the diocese would be helpful in securing greater efficiency in the work of our Sunday schools, but they consider that such an organization would have to be under the management of a much larger committee than the present one, and that the bishop should be the chairman." To carry out this suggestion they recommended several amendments to canon 21. They recommended that the standing committee on Sunday schools be requested to bring before the synod next session a draft of the canon and constitution of the proposed Sunday school teachers' association for discussion and approval.

On the matter of statistics the committee say that the returns secured by them are practically worthless, from the fact that only about 10 per cent. of the parishes have reported. Thirty-five of the parishes report 44 schools, with 383 teachers and 2,540 scholars; the contributions to all purposes are \$2,112.25. Of these parishes 25 use the system of reports. The total number of vessels built at this port to date is 138, with a tonnage of 31,408 tons. Last year the total value of exports was \$507,556; imports, \$33,487. The following figures for the presents duty collected, \$4,596.91. This represents a much smaller import trade than is actually done, much of the goods coming from St. John, where the duty has been collected.

In 1898 over one-third of the deals shipped from Nova Scotia, was from Parrsboro. The following figures for the last three years will give an idea of the shipping done in this export: Year. Vessels. Tons. Feet. 1896..... 51. 45,274. 42,701,549. 1897..... 33. 42,935. 43,812,244. 1898..... 33. 46,598. 47,377,123. As many as twenty vessels have been built at this port in one year. Last year the number built was seven, with a tonnage of 1,611 tons. Recently two good sized schooners were launched and a third is being built. The export of coal is an important factor in the business of the town. Since January last 38,000 tons were shipped, and 125,300 tons during 1897.

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RE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke read the report of the committee on Religious Instruction in the Public Schools. It recited the steps taken to secure a conference in St. John with the ministers of various religious bodies. This conference was held March 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, and was presided over by Rev. Dr. Carver, Rev. Mr. Forbes, Baptists; Rev. Geo. Steel, Rev. Dr. Pope and Rev. Dr. Wilson, Methodists; Rev. L. G. Macnoll, Rev. Dr. Bruce, Rev. T. E. Fotheringham, Presbyterians, and six members of the Church of England. The position the Church of England was anxious to take in the matter was fully explained, but no conclusion on the subject was arrived at. Subsequently the committee addressed a communication to the following religious bodies: The presbytery of St. John and Miramichi; the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and P. E. Island; the Baptist conventions of the maritime provinces; the E. C. Baptists and the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, embodying a copy of the resolution passed by the synod in July, 1896, and expressing the earnest hope that after due consideration of the subject a committee would be appointed to represent the Church of England in the other religious bodies to consider what further steps may be taken in the matter.

The Methodist conference held in June in Charlottetown replied, "stating that it was deemed inexpedient to take the action requested in the matter." Up to date (July 9) no further reply to their communication had been received by the committee.

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Some New Movement on Foot, Says Mrs. Blair—The Imperial Penny Postage.

MONTREAL, July 5.—The Star's London correspondent cables: Some important new developments are on foot respecting the fast Atlantic mail service, and they are expected to be completed within a week. Evidently they have nothing whatever to do with Petersen, for Mr. Blair when asked by a Star representative said: "It is my impression that it is all up with him. There need be no delay in placing the emphasis on fresh hands. For I think the Canadian Pacific Railway company would like to take it up. Of course this would mean the delay of a year or two in the fulfilment of the project."

SHIPPING AT PARRSBOBO.

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WOLFVILLE NEWS.

WOLFVILLE, July 2.—R. W. Foote, B. A. Acadia '95, missionary elect to Corea, gave an interesting and instructive address in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening. Mr. Foote read a letter written by the natives of Corea, imploring that Christian teachers be sent them. It is in answer to this appeal that the Presbyterian board of the maritime provinces is sending out its first missionaries to that place. The party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Foote, Rev. D. McRae and the Rev. R. Grierson. Mr. D. McRae was recently married to Miss Edith Sprague, who will be a valuable worker in the mission, as she has taken a course in a training school for nurses. Mr. Foote is a graduate in arts at Acadia, and theology at the Fine Hill Presbyterian college, Halifax.

J. deForest, the St. John artist, is spending a few weeks in the Annapolis valley sketching, and is now at Kent Lodge, Wolfville, where he is transferring to canvas some of the beautiful scenery in this vicinity. His paintings of Blomidon are especially good, both in drawing and coloring. Princeton University has conferred upon the Rev. H. S. Davison the degree of A. M. in philosophy. Mr. Davison, who is a recent graduate of Acadia, is a native of this town, and has received an appointment of "University scholar in Semitic language and literature" at Columbia University, New York.

The officers of the E. Y. F. U. for the ensuing year are: President, Rev. G. A. Lawson, Halifax; 1st vice-president, Charles Fitch, Wolfville; 2nd vice-president, H. H. Saunders, Kingston; secretary, H. G. Harris, Kentville; treasurer, H. S. Freeman, Halifax. Edgar Higgins, son of Dr. Higgins, having completed his course at Cornell, will spend the summer in Wolfville.

"THE VENUS OF TIVOLI."

A widowed princess of famous name has of late been receiving the attentions of a good looking young cavalry officer, and in order to avoid giving rise to gossip, especially on the part of the relatives of her dead husband, who are already embittered against her on testamentary grounds, the captain and the princess have been in the habit of meeting outside Rome. The other evening they missed the last train back from Tivoli, and knowing the stories which would become current if they were to remain for the night at any of the three Tivoli hotels, they finally discovered a tumble-down old cab in which they left for Rome about midnight. When they had got halfway the carriage was stopped by five brigands, who held up the occupants in regular old-fashioned style, relieving them of all their jewels and valuables. Unfortunately, the captain felt bound to offer some resistance to the bandits. This so enraged the men that they stripped not only the captain, but likewise the princess, of the major portion of their clothes, and it was in the scantiest of attire that they ultimately, near day-break, reached the St. Lawrence gates of Rome, where the custom house officers, taking pity on them, furnished them with necessary garments. Of course, the adventure soon became known, and ever since the charming princess, who is a beautiful woman and popular in society, has gone by the name of the "Venus of Tivoli."—Rome correspondent of Chicago Herald.

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