SYNOD IN SESSION

Good Attendance and Much **Business Transacted.**

His Lordship's Address - His Opinion Regarding Resignations—He Favors College Federation.

Synod Decides in Favor of Bleanial Meetings-Motion to Shelve Country Clergy's Reports Provokes Vigorous Discussion - Three Sessions Tuesday.

The - 34th session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton began Tuesday with the celebration of Holy Com-munion in Trinity church at 8 o'clock Three well-atten ded sessions were held during the day and a large amount of business was carried through. Some interesting discussions characterized the day's proceedings, the most important being that on the proposed change to biennial sessions, which was favored

by the synod. After prayer, led by his lordship, the roll of the clergy and of the lay representatives was called by Rev.

Millidge. Lay, W. C. H. Grimmer.
St. John—Clerical, Rev. W. O. Raymond. Lay, J. Roy Campbell.
Woodstock — Clerical, Archdeacon Neales, Lay, G. N. A. Burnham,

Rethren of the Clergy and Laity:

It has pleased God to spare me to address you once more in synod. The sickness with you once more in synod. The sickness with which I was struck down on the second Sunday in March was very severe, and has made day in March was very severe, and has made me realize, if I had not done so before, how mear I am, as we all are, to death at every moment of our lives.

It has pleased God of His infinite mercy I have done and he has more work for me to do; and He has granted me opportunity to do more faithful granted me opportunity to do more faithful granted me opportunity to the has given of His mercy grant that as He has given to first the longer time upon earth, so He may give me grace to serve Him better than I give me grace to serve Him better than I have done, and grant that His grace may not be given in vain.

CANON KETCHUM.

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But while I have been spared to be with you, several of your elder clergy have gone to their rest.

William Quintard Ketchum was among the first ordained by Bishop Medley, being ordained in Septembor, 1845. He became and continued to be one of his most trusted clergy. Working at first under the bishop's eye in Fredericton he was deputed by him to visit the parishes on the other side of the River St. John between St. Mary's and Quebec; but the anxieties connected with the consecration of the cathedral prevented full attention being given to his report.

It needs not for me to tell of his work in connection with the Diocesan Church Society as its secretary for more than forty years. We all know how the work of the society grew and multiplied and how faithfully ka kept pace with the work. As rector of St. Andrews for years he has left material proof of his earnestness in the two churches of St. Andrews and Chamcook, and the respect and affection borne him by his people bear testimony to the faithfulness of his ministration amongst them.

Salient points of the scheme that the synod may be able to express an intelligent opinion without much waste of time.

OPENING SERVICE.

The synod really opens with the celebration of the holy communion, and it would be well that all who expect to take part in the deliberations of the synod should attend the revice and communicate. In order to draw particular attention to this, it were well if there were a special collect, epistle, and gospel to be used at such time.

And now, brethen, I would pray that God's blessing may attend our deliberations, that they may tend to His greater glory and the advancement of His church.

On motion a committee was appointed to formally receive the address and prepare a reply.

The secretary read a memorial from the rector, church wardens and vestry of St. Martins-in-the-Woods, Shedlac, requesting a grant of \$50 to case the stream of the scheme that the synod really opens with the deliberations of the synod should attend the deliber

When Elisha asked his generous entertainer how he could return her kindness, what temporal advancement she sought, her answer was that she sought none, "I live among mine own people." Such would have been the answer of Donald Macquean Bliss. He lived amongst his ewn people, and seldom left them Quietly, simply, faithfully he saved them, and never once asked them for anything, but respect and love in return. As he grew old in service, while he hoped to make up fifty years in his rectory, he only wished to do what was pointed out as alis duty; and voluntarily and unselfishily gave up all emolument he derived from his preteriment that his people might have the benefit of the more active services of a younger man. He has gone to his rest greatly respected by all to whom he ministered. DONALD MACQUEAN BLISS.

WILLIAM JAFFREY.

THOMAS DICKINSON. One more would I mention of bright intellect and original thought, who indeed had left the diocese for a while but was anxious to return. Rev. Thomas Dickinson was stricken down with serious sickness, and sought help at the heopital of \$1. Luke, New York. My sickness prevented my writing to him or seeing him, and he died in the hospital on March 20 and was buried in a portion of consecrated ground appropriated

remarkable fact that whose the bishops of the province of Canada appointed the same day as that appointed in England, and as you will remember from that day the tide of war turned. The full answer to our prayers in the proclamation of peace was announced from the pulpit of the cathedral in Fredericton the same evening at service that I heard it announced from the pulpit of the cathedral of St. Paul in London, There at once the vast congregation arose and sang a hymn of thanksgiving with heart as well as voice.

ILLNESS OF KING. As I wished to be present here today I could not stop in London for the 28th of June. But I took with me on board the steamer one hundred copies of the service appointed to be said throughout the empire, and this I used on the day appointed for the coronation. It was not until we arrived at Rimouski that we became aware of the sad news that the illness of our King prevented his being crowned. We all pray that it may please God to raise our King from the bed of sickness to health and strength once more.

BILL TO ENABLE THE BISHOP TO HAND OVER CHURCH TRUSTS TO

As the synod is now in full working ord by committees and otherwise, I am of opin ion that it should have charge of all church funds to be administered according to the various trusts under which they are held as the bishop has several little trusts which he cannot hand over without legal authority, he has prepared a bill to enable him to vest these trusts in the synod, a copy of which is laid before the synod, and I ask the synod to pass a resolution in favor of the bill, and to authorize the secretary to affix the seal of the synod to a petition to the legislature to pass such bill.

PESIGNATION

representatives was called by Rev.
Canpo O. S. Newnham, secretary of synod. Thirty-five of the 117 certified delegates answering to their names, the secretary certified that a quorum was present. A larger number will probably be in attendance today.

On motion of Dean Partridge, the proceedings as printed were taken as read and confirmed.

The bishop appointed the nominating committee, consisting of the following clerical and lay members of the synod from each deanery:

Chatham—Clerical, Archdeacon Forsyth. Lay, Hon. Judge Wilkinson, Fredericton—Clerical, Rev. H. Montgomery. Lay, C. E. A. Simonds.

Kingston—Clerical, Rev. S. Neales.
Lay, W. Tyng Peters.

Shediac—Clerical, Rev. E. B. Hopper.

St. Andrews—Clerical, Rev. J. W. Millidge. Lay, W. C. H. Grimmer.

St. John—Glerical, Rev. W. O. Ray—

The position of rector is a legal position, recognized by law and protected by law. No one can act legally as rector until he has been admitted by a well ascertained process of law. The office is vacated by voluntary resignation on at well as overlanded process of law. The office is vacated by voluntary resignation as well as ceptance by the bishop? resignation of his work is not allowed to take effect until it has been accepted by the majority of his brother bishops, so a rector's resignation requires the acceptance of the bishop. The bishops may say. "I refuse your resignation and require you to stand trial for hecause we require you to stand trial for hecause we require you to stand trial for hecause we require you to stand trial to hecause we require you to stand trial for hecause we require you to stand trial to hecause we require you to stand trial for hecause of the bishop. The bishops may say, "I refuse your resignation and require you to stand trial for hecause we requi RESIGNATIONS.

gone as before when he was admitted as rector.

Some years ago I had to give this decision, and I was glad to find that the court of appeal in England gave, the same verdict in 1898, and this has been recognized within the past year in our own supreme court.

After a resignation has been received and accepted, the bishop has no power to allow it to be withdrawn so as to give legal status to the one who resigned.

I would therefore repeat to the clergy the advice given to his colleague by the great English statesman George Canning, "Cave de resignationalbus."

KINGS COLLEGE WINDSOR.

Shediac, requesting a grant of \$50 to assist in religious instruction in the schools there. His lordship decided

that such a grant could not be legally made.

A detailed report of the work of the executive committee was presented by

the secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond The report of the board of finance, read by W. M. Jarvis, showed that the

the board of diocesan by Rev. J. R. DeWolf

special grant of \$100 for extra ex-penses. The other fields have been ad-ministered with encouraging results. The total amount of graits for the coming year is \$27,910. The contribution from miss ons is placed at \$15,293.

There are 44 fields on the active list. The board recommended (1) that the schedule committee be so constituted as to include a representative from each deanery, and (2) that a meeting of rectors be held to consider the adoption of a system of apportionment so as to stim late voluntary contribu-tions. These will be dealt with later by the synod.

The statistical report fron the various parishes in the diocese was pre-sented by the secretary, who announced that nearly all the parishes had sub-mitted reports. The committee on biennial meetings

of the synod through Dean Partridge reported that their proceedings had been printed in the last journal and that they would present a resolution at the proper time.—Received. The committee on fireproof storage

Rev. J. de Soyres presented the re- be transferred back to the port of the committee on the encouragement of theological study in the A vigorous discussion ensued and liocese. He congratulated the diocese Rev. Canon Richardson moved in of Fredericton on taking the lead in amendment that any surplus remain this important work, which had been ing to the contingent fund after the well carried forward. The fee for expenses of the year had been deductmembership in the society was only 60 cents and any member had the oppor-tunity of consulting all the greatest theological authorities. He appealed

The committee appointed by the executive committee on the contingent fund and other expenses of the synod reported that for lack of time they had been unable to complete their enquiries. They recommended that a committee be appointed from the synod to consider the whole question—Adouted.

by Rev. Scovil Neales, that meetings and the work would advance greatly of synod be held on the first Tuesday In seconding, A. H. Hanington, ex after the 3rd of July each year. (3) By Rev. C. R. Hanington, second-

ed by G. O. D. Otty, that special colctions be taken in each church in the diocese not later than the Harvest Thanksgiving of each year for the incapacitated and superannuated minis-

For the governors of King's Callege
Dean Partridge reported that the
most important question which had
come before the board at its December meeting had been that of the federation of the maritime province colleges. At this meeting a committee
of fourteen was appointed to consider
the whole question and to confer with
all colleges interested. This commitall colleges interested. This commit-

The report of the board of finance, read by W. M. Jarvis, showed that the treasurer had been instructed to transfer to invested capital the capital balance standing to the credit of the Widows and Orphans fund, and the incapacitated clergy fund to such an extent as to increase such funds respectively by the sum of \$500 or multiples thereof and hereafter to add such capital balances to invested capital room time to time as soon as the same shall amount to \$500 independently of accruing claims. Investments in mortgages amounting to \$6,700 were reported. One mortgage amounting to \$6,531, has been foreclosed and the board is in treaty for sale of some of the properties.

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ns, read by Rev. J. R. DeWolf such an important part of the symp Cowie, showed that grant to Canning programme. A. H. Hanington considered had been increased; that Sallsbury ered that as the reports would be and Havelock, which had been vacant published in full the necessity of for four months, had been reopened having them read was not evident. W. and grant resumed; McAdam has been M. Jarvis opposed the amendment on the sum of the sum

and grant resumed; McAdam has been formed into a separate mission with a grant of \$500, on condition that they contribute \$150. A regular clergyman, Rev. T. W. Street, has been appointed to Douglas and Bright and a grant of \$700 made on condition that they contribute \$300. Aberdeen, deserted for some time, has been re-opened with a grant of \$150. The ocople have already contributed \$300 for the exection of a church. Albert has been allowed a special grant of \$100 for extra ex. progress of the church. They would be disappointed if not allowed to read them, and in the future would not be encouraged to prepare them. Dr. Campbell, Rev. H. A. Cody and others of the country clergy spoke in

the same strain and were support by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker. In closin the discussion in which several other took part pro and con, his lordsh said he would be sorry if the sync ports from the clergy to be read. The vote resulted in the defeat of the amendment and the passage of

(5) W. M. Jarvis, seconded by T. B. Robinson, regarding the filling by the executive of vacancies accruing in ofices or on boards.

(6) By Dean Partridge, that th

be requested to institute a system of normal training. Following this Rev. J. DeWolf Cowie on behalf of the Board of Diocesan Missions, moved that inasmuch as the The committee on fireproof storage the income of the mission board, and reported progress and asked to be concredit of the same of \$1,010, that \$1,000

ed be given to home missions unde

for an increased interest of the clergy in the theological study.

The committee on printing constitution, canons and rules of order reported progress and asked for continuance.

Beginned A. amendment to the am by Judge Hanington, that the executive committee be authorized from time to time to transfer such amount as they may deem proper from th sion fund after the current expen had been provided for. BIRE The vote defeated the second am

ment and Canon Richardson's ame On behalf of the committee on biennial meetings of the synod Dean
Partridge moved, seconded by A. H.
Hanington, that the regular meetings
of the synod be held every two years
instead of annually, as at present, and Adopted.

Synod here adjourned until 3 b. m.

As the first business of the afternoon session the report of the registrar was presented by Rev. J. R. DeWolfe Cowie. During the past year three appointments had been made, three clergymen ordained, five resignations accepted, six institutions, and two collections made; twelve licenses issued, one transfer made and three new bearing moved, seconded by A. H. Hanington, that the regular meetings of the synod be held every two years instead of annually, as at present, and that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. In speaking in support of his motion, he thought that under the present scheme too little time was given to spiritual that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. In speaking in support of his motion, he thought that under the present scheme too little time was given to spiritual that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. In speaking in support of his motion, he thought that under the present scheme too little time was given to spiritual that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. In speaking in support of his motion, he thought that under the present scheme too little time was given to spiritual that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. In speaking in support of his motion, he thought that under the present scheme too little time was given to spiritual that the constitution and canons be amended to allow of this change. lections made; twelve licenses issued, one transfer made and three new churches consecrated.

The following notices of motion were then given:

(1) By Rev. Canon Richardson, seconded by Rev. C. D. Schofield, regarding the authorization by the bishop of a missionary litany or litanies.

(2) By A. C. Fairweather, seconded by Rev. Scovil Neales, that meetings and the work would advance greatly

pressed his conviction that the spir itual life of the charch was utterly ne glected by the synod under the pre sent system. He heartily supported the mover of the resolution. Rev. Mr fronting such a change, and Rev. A. G. H. Dicker argued at length in favor capacitated and superannuated ministers' fund.

(4) By Rev. C. D. Schofield, seconded by J. Roy Campbell, that a committee be appointed to report upon the report presented by the representatives from the King's College governors regarding federation.

The standing committee on Sunday schools reported in detail and encouragingly regarding the work of the past year.

College the Dicker argued at length in favor of the resolution, Mr. Justice Hanington spoke strongly against any departure from the present system of annual meetings. Rev. C. T. Wiggins of Sackville, and Rev. C. B. Hanington favored the resolution. Rev. A. T. Dewdney urged the necessity of raising to earnestness the latent spiritual life of the church. If biennial sessions would tend toward this end by holding something like a For the governors of King's Callege this end by holding something like a

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sisting of Chancellor Allen, G. O. Churches in other parts of his charge D. Otty and W. M. Jarvis. D. Otty and W. M. Jarvis.

The motions of which notice was given at the morning session were then outlying districts good interest is shown. Foley Brook is greatly in need shown. Foley Brook is greatly in need ried, the latter with some changes in the wording. No. 3 was withdrawn as an altar is required. The parish is it was shown that the constitution now nearly free from debt. already covered the point in question Motion No. 4, regarding the appoint ment of a committee to report upor the King's College governor's repor-regarding federation was, after som discussion, carried. The committee

was appointed as follows: Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Rev. John deSoyres, Rev. Canon Richardson, Rev. C. D. Schodeld and J. Roy Campbell. Adjourned to 8 p. m.

The synod resumed last night at eight o'clock, with Dean Partridge in the chair. The business of the evening consisted of the reception of re-Christ ports from clergy of the various par-ishes throughout the diocese regard-ing the state of their work during the

past year. All of the reports tokened the deep earnestness of the tokened the deep earnestness of them were communicant list is steadily increasmen in their work; most of them were ing. Three Sunday schools are in good encouraging, and many of them working order in the parish. The ware injections quaintly homorous, which gave the members opportunity for some wholesome and brightening

The first report received was from Blissfield and Gladstone, and was pre-sented by Rev. H. E. Dibblee, who said that the demands of the work there exceeded the powers of the pre-sent allotment and called for an asant. The same gentleman reported for Burton a year of quiet, uneventful progress. The receipts this year have been greatly in excess of that pre-vious. The church building at Rusi-

more stations, making seven in all. At in the parish was the willingness of the Narrows, where service had been the young men to do all in their power held since confederation, a church was for the furtherance of the work. held since confederation, a church was badly needed. A subscription list for the furtherance of the work the purpose had already accumulated in Kingston had been carried on in the over 1200, and more would be given. regular way and well. He gave an inHe appealed to the wealthier churches teresting account of some incidents in the work of a country clergyman durneeded. Were an earnest missionary ing winter.

Stationed at Newcastle for service. Church work in Lancaster, said Rev. around the upper part of the lake, W. LeB. McKiel, has been going on as the church could recover her lost usual. Since he took charge of the ground. Their

reported that the usual routine had tivity in the lumber interest had led

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need repairing. Twenty-four young of a chapel, and for St. Alban's Church Rev. Canon Roberts was thankful to be able to report that never during any year his ministry in Fredericton had he had such large congregations or so many baptisms. He returned feeling thanks for the gift of over \$600 presented him recently by his parishion-

For Gagetown, Rev. J. Spencer said that though his was, a difficult field there was room for much work. He had only hoped through earnest effort to advance the welfare of the church of

In Grand Manan, Rev. W. Hunter reported signs of spiritual progress. The North Head people deserved especial praise, having collected over \$500 more than any previous year. Rev. H. A. Cody gave a general outline of the work in Greenwich. The various guilds have done splendid work, and the parish church magazine work is steadily advancing and a con-tinuous line of services are now held as far up as Gagetown. The congregation are increasing and next spring they hope to begin the erection of a new church. The prospects are ex-

ceedingly bright. Rev. W. J. Wilkinson of Hardwick said the work in his parish was going ahead. Congregations and communicants are increasing. In spite of adment was being kept up to the mark. Sunday school work is progressing. From Havelock, Rev. A. W. Smithers reported that last year the largest number had been confirmed in the his There are two Sunday schools doing good work in the mission. The work gornish needs immediate action to in some parts of the parish is fast save it from utter ruin.

Rev. H. E. Gillies, reporting for the hoped that assistance might soon be

parishes of Cambridge, Waterborough sent.

and Chipman, said his field was larger Rev. C. A. S. Warneford reported than any two men could cover. Though encouraging progress in the several than any two men could cover. Though
he had been a year there, he had yet
been unable to penetrate the more remote parts. During the last year he
had driven over 5,000 miles, He hoped
during the next year to open two One of the most encouraging features

ground.

In Canterbury Rev. J. E. Flewelling building strongly needs painting, and reported favorable progress in all this year an effort will be made to have lines.

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Rev. F. M. Bedeil reported for the Cathedral, Morrison's Mills and Doak Settlement, where the work was progressing smoothly.

At Chatham, Rev. Canon Forsyth Lepreaux and Blue River renewed activities had been settled by the control of the church at Prince of Wales was progressing rapidly. At Lepreaux and Blue River renewed activities had been settled by the control of the church at Prince of Wales was progressing rapidly.

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