

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod, on Feb. 25th, the following was made the business to come before the Synod, and it was ordered to be printed in the CHURCH GUARDIAN at the usual time:—

For Confirmation.

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—Any proposition standing over for confirmation which shall not have been brought before the Synod for two consecutive regular sessions shall lapse.

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—That the Order of Proceedings (Art. 3) be altered so that the roll shall be called only at the opening of the session, the names of those who enter afterwards being recorded by the Secretaries.

By Rev. Canon Dart—That Clause III. of Canon III. on Divinity Students be repealed, and that the Report of the Executive Committee concerning the Divinity School in connection with King's College be adopted.

Motions Deferred.

By Rev. S. Gibbons—That the Missionary meeting be held upon some evening, instead of the Evening Session of the Synod, subsequent to the Monday.

By Rev. H. DeBlois—That the Constitution of the Synod be so amended as to allow Churches and Missions, having for all practical purposes a separate organization from the Parish Church, to elect representatives to this assembly.

By Rev. Prof. Wilson—That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to furnish a Prayer or Collect for the success of all Church Educational Institutions of the Diocese, and particularly of King's College; the said Prayer or Collect to be used in Public Worship at least once every Sunday or Holy Day where Service is held.

By Rev. F. J. H. Axford—That the Rural-Deanal Chapters be empowered to admit the Laity in Session with them.

By Rev. Dr. Bowman—That the Register of the Diocese be requested to report to this and subsequent Sessions from what Parishes he has received reports of property, and to produce any one or more that may be asked for.

By Mr. W. C. Silver—That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the Rules governing Rural Deaneries with the view of making them more efficient, and to report at next meeting of Synod.

By Rev. D. C. Moore—To amend Clause 3 of Church Act, so as to read—"When any Rectory shall be vacant, the two Church Wardens of the vacant Parish, with the two delegates from the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, shall proceed to appoint a Rector. But if no appointment is thus made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop alone shall appoint a Rector."

By Mr. R. J. Wilson—That notice of Synod Assessment be sent to the Church Wardens as well as to the Rector or officiating minister.

By Rev. F. R. Murray—That full Statistical information be provided for the use of the Synod by every Clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission.

By Rev. W. C. Wilson—That the Clergy Superannuation Fund of this Diocese be placed on a business basis, somewhat similar to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Notices of Motion.

By Rev. F. R. Murray—That he will intro-

duce a measure to provide for the education of the children of the Clergy.

By Rev. Dr. Bowman—That he will introduce a resolution to extend parochial franchise to women.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the consideration of Synod the extension of further pecuniary advantage to Lay Delegates.

The following corrections were made in the Journal of last Session, requiring immediate attention:—

In Clause 3 of the Constitution, instead of "Within thirty days," &c., read: "The Chairman of the meeting shall forthwith transmit to the Lay Secretary the certificate of election of the representatives, and also the certificates of qualification."

The Committee especially call attention to Clause 10 respecting Assessments as amended at the last Session, and to the new clauses following it:—

11. The Treasurer and the Lay and Clerical Secretaries shall be a Standing Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine the certificates of the representatives, and also to ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessment for which they have been respectively liable, and to report thereon to the Bishop on the day before the day of the meeting of the Synod, and the Bishop shall immediately on the opening of the Synod lay such report upon the table.

12. If any objection be made to such report on behalf of any person or persons claiming a seat in the Synod as a lay representative, the same shall be referred to a special committee of seven members, of which the Standing Committee on Credentials shall be *ex officio* members, together with four lay members whose right to a seat is unquestioned. No representative whose right to a seat is questioned shall be a member of, or vote for members of, the Special Committee on Credentials.

13. In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as hereinbefore provided, the Synod may, for good and sufficient cause, permit any delegate at any time to take his seat on producing sufficient proof of election and qualification.

In the Order of Proceedings, Clause 2 is to be as follows: "After this prayer, the report of the Committee on Credentials having been on the first day of the Session laid upon the table, in accordance with Clause 11 of the Constitution, the Clerical Secretary shall call," &c.

In Clause 3 the first paragraph is to be cancelled, and it shall begin: "The election of new Secretaries," &c.

The following Committees are expected to report:—

1. On a suitable time for Holy Communion.
2. On consecrated buildings no longer used.
3. On shortening the services.
4. On the care of Parish property.
5. On Sunday-schools.
6. On organization in Parishes.

Two Governors of King's College, one for two years and one for four years, are to be elected.

In accordance with resolutions passed at the last Session, the Committee have recommended Thursday, July 1, as the day of meeting of the Synod this year, Friday evening for the Missionary meeting, and the evening of Monday, the 5th, for the Conference into which the Synod is to resolve itself for the reading of papers and discussions.

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R. J. WILSON,
Secretaries.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—The Rev. W. B. King has arrived, and is now working as Curate of St. Luke's. Special courses of sermons are being taken by different clergymen at the Wednesday and Friday services. A mid-day

service at ten minutes to one o'clock is held daily.

ORDINATION.—An ordination service was held at the Bishop's Chapel on the second Sunday in Lent, at which the Rev. W. C. Wilson, Curate of St. George's, and Rev. S. Davies, travelling Missionary in Cape Breton, were admitted to the order of priesthood; and the Rev. F. Lowe, taking temporary duty at Aylesford, was made deacon. The Rev. Clarence McCully preached the ordination sermon, a strong and logical argument on the necessity of the three orders, and an endeavor to prove that no scriptural church could exist without them. The chapel was crowded. The altar was beautifully decorated with calla lilies, which had been sent from Windsor. The service was smoothly and sweetly rendered by the choir. There assisted at the ordination the Ven. the Archdeacon, the Rev. Dr. Nicholls, Revs. C. McCully and K. C. Hind.

PERSONAL.—On account of age and infirmity, the Rev. Mr. Dyer is about to resign the pastoral charge of Alberton and Tignish, Prince Edward Island. Mr. Dyer has rendered long and good service in the Master's vineyard.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE LECTURE COURSE.—The last lecture of the course was delivered last week by the Rev. D. Neish, Curate of St. Paul's. The subject was "The Church in the Eighteenth Century." For nearly two hours the lecturer held the interest of the audience while he traced the influence of contemporary politics and life on the Church of the period. No synopsis of the lecture could convey a fair idea of the whole. The effort from beginning to end was brilliant, masterly, profound, and true to the innermost core of history. The Institute is to be congratulated on the success of the course.

ALBION MINES.—Mr. Selwyn Shreve, Lay Reader, of Halifax, kindly helped Mr. Moore at the Ash Wednesday services. The Lenten services are in the Parish Church on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 7; St. George's, Wednesdays, at 7:30; Westville, first and third Thursdays in the month, at 7; Vale Colliery, fourth Thursday in the month, at 7.

Holy Communion, Parish Church, second, fourth and sixth Sundays in Lent, at 8:30 a.m.; third Sunday in Lent and Feast of Annunciation, at 11; St. George's, first and fifth Sundays in Lent, at usual hour.

Further notice will be taken of the services for Holy Week.

BRIDGEWATER.—For many years past our Church people at Conquerall Bank, on the La Have River, have worshipped in a union building, which they were permitted to use once a month. Not satisfied with such an arrangement, they have made good progress towards procuring a church for themselves. A nice Gothic building, capable of seating about two hundred people, has been completed on the outside, the stained glass windows having been supplied by Messrs. Spence, of Montreal.

The congregation has purchased its freedom at a great price, as it is a question whether they will receive anything for their share of the union building, and they have now to provide one for themselves.

Any help towards finishing the inside of the new church would be thankfully received by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Gelling.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

LUDLOW.—Hudson Memorial Church.—The following sums have been paid to the Treasurer:—Collected by Rev. Canon Townshend, \$94.40; collected by Miss Wilmot, \$14; some members of the Girls' Friendly Society, Fredericton, \$6.