

this would affect the diocese, unless some more zealous efforts were made to meet the difficulty. The sum granted for three years was £260 sterling, from January 1836 to January 1839, being a reduction of £257 10s. sterling on the present grant.

The Bishop also entered at length into the questions forced upon our consideration by the late decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He pointed out, that in whatever degree the decision might affect the temporal interests of the episcopate, it did not abridge any part of their spiritual powers, and that as regards the temporal status of the Bishop in this diocese, the law of the province had abundantly provided for that. The Bishop took a more hopeful view than usual of the effects of the Judgment, and especially drew attention to the fact, that it was a legal, not a theological decision. After entering more fully into these matters than our space will permit us to analyze, his lordship concluded with some earnest admonitions to both clergy and laity on the present crisis in our affairs, which we are sure they will do well to think of most seriously.

The following is a list of the music used on this occasion:—*Venite*, Sixth Gregorian tone; *Psalms*, Farrant, *Te Deum*, Cooke and Dr. Franz, *Jubilate*, Crotch; *Antiem*, "Lift up your heads," Hopkins; *Hymn before Sermon*, by Dr. Walmisley. In the evening the *Paulina* were chanted antiphonally in unison, to the well-known "Parisian"; *Magnificat* and *New Devotions* to the service of Dr. Wesley; the *Antiem* was "O give thanks," by Elvey; after the prayers *Hymn* 159 was sung to the tune No. 43 in the excellent collection "Ancient and Modern"; and after the Bishop's Charge, immediately before the blessing, Handel's sublime Hallelujah Chorus was sung.

Besides the usual cathedral choir there were present the choir of the parish church of Fredericton, and members of the Kingsclear, (Fredericton), and Carleton, Trinity, St. Paul's, St. James', and Military choirs, of St. John, in all numbering about ninety voices, who rendered effective aid in making the service what it truly was,—an outburst of praise befitting the worship of the Lord of heaven and earth.

No one, we think, can have been present at the beautiful services on the 13th without feeling that great care and attention must have been bestowed upon the training of the choirs, and that the singers themselves must have personally bestowed great pains upon the subject. It is not an easy matter to get choirs of different churches to sing together in strict time, and when it is accomplished, with so little room for criticism, it is a matter for congratulation. Of the Fredericton choirs we need not speak, except to thank them for their labours, and wish them to continue in their good work. But we think that we ought to mention the kindness of the Rev. J. Black, Kingsclear, for bringing his choir to assist, after bestowing so much labour upon their training. And especially every credit is due to the Rev. Canon Coster, of Carleton, for the skill, perseverance, and kindness, which he exhibited for a long time past in bringing together the various choirs of the churches in St. John. To his indefatigable industry it may be conceded that the success of these services is justly due.

In conclusion we can only express our earnest hope that the choral character of the late Visitation services may be the beginning of a more solemnity in the performance of divine worship throughout the diocese, as far as practicable, befitting the honour of Him before whom we fall down,—the Lord our Maker.

under the presidency of his lordship the Bishop of the diocese, when the Letters of Orders were exhibited and signed. The new Rural Deans who had been previously chosen by the clergy of the deaneries, were then presented to the Bishop and duly sworn into office. For Fredericton deanery, the Rev. Charles Lee; for Shediac, the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, for Chatham, the Rev. S. Bacon; for St. Andrews, the Rev. W. Ketchum; for St. John, the Rev. Dr. Gray; for Woodstock, the Rev. S. D. Leo Street. It was ordered that the Visitation returns be made up to the 25th August preceding each triennial visitation.

The question of the formation of a Synod for the diocese was then brought forward, and it was proposed by the Rev. S. D. Leo Street, rector of Woodstock, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Gray, rector of St. John, and agreed to, that whereas it has been stated by his lordship in his late charge to the clergy that the clergy and laity should express an opinion as to whether it is desirable to have the organization of a Synod in this diocese, therefore resolved that his lordship be requested to call a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates of the Church to take into consideration the question whether it be desirable to have a Synod or not; and if so, under what particular organization.

It was also agreed that the Bishop be requested to summon the clergy and lay delegates to meet in the month of July next, at the time of the annual meeting of the Church Society.

At the unanimous request of the clergy his lordship was respectfully requested to appoint an annual harvest thanksgiving service in the churches of this diocese.

The clergy asked permission to be allowed to publish the Bishop's charge, which was granted, but his lordship himself kindly undertook the expence.

It was agreed that the Rev. C. Leo be requested to allow his sermon to be published in the *Church Magazine*, to which Mr. Leo assented.

It was then proposed, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the clergy be offered to the members of the Church in Fredericton for their kindness in entertaining the clergy during the present week, and also to the owners of the steamboats, and to the directors of the railway for their liberality.

IN our last number we endeavoured to give an account of the condition of the Church in Nova Scotia, with especial reference to its numbers and geographical position, if we may be allowed the expression. It must have been felt by all who gave any consideration to the statistics then given that, in spite of the improvement that has taken place in the last few years, the number of our clergy is still insufficient for the requirements of our people. To increase their number must be one of the first objects to which our efforts should be directed. At present we have several sources whence the salaries of our clergy are paid, either wholly or in part. Let us briefly look at each of these in turn, in order that we may ascertain what our resources are, and which of them may most readily be increased.

The venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts must be put in the foremost rank. For more than a century has it contributed to the support of the Church in Nova Scotia, and even at the present time the sum annually received from it must be nearly equal to that obtained from all the other sources together. Nor must we forget, whilst dwelling on our obligations to this Society, that until a comparatively recent date a large proportion of the schools throughout the Province were conducted by persons paid from its funds. It is however well known

ON THURSDAY morning, September 14, a meeting of the clergy assembled at the Visitation, was held in the Cathedral Library