

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP of Nova Scotia left Halifax on the 15th instant, having made the following appointments:—

July 16, Musquodoboit Harbor; 17, Jeddore, Oyster Ponds; 18, Ship Harbor, Tangier; 19, Spry Bay; 20, Salmon River; 21, Eoum Secum, Marie Joseph; 22, Liscombe Harbor; 23, Sherbrooke; 24, County Harbor; 25, Guysboro', Half-way Cove; 26, Canso; 27, Arichat, C.B.

Other appointments will be published next week. His Lordship will be absent from Halifax until Aug. 22.

SYNOD MEETING.—Continued.

SECOND DAY.

After routine, the committee appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a school for girls reported against the Windsor memorial in its present form, whilst unanimously of opinion that a diocesan school for girls should be established. The committee left the consideration of the question of providing for the education of the daughters of the clergy until the Synod has decided on the establishment of a Church School.

The committee in regard to the condition of parish property reported that in only one case had they been called upon, viz., by the parish of Sackville. The property had been visited, and the committee recommended that it be sold.

Several notices of motion were given, and the deferred motion of 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," was taken up. A long discussion followed, interrupted by the arrival of the time appointed for electing delegates to the Provincial Synod; but ultimately an amendment referring the matter to a committee of four clergymen and three laymen was adopted.

The following were elected as delegates to the Provincial Synod:—

Clerical—Canon Brock, Revs. Kaulbach, Hole, Harris, Caswell, Nichols, Partridge, Murray, Bowman, Moore, D. Smith, Bambrick. Substitutes—Revs. Gibbons, DeBlois, A. C. McDonald, G. Maynard, Martell, Gelling.

Lay—Messrs. W. C. Silver, Hind, Vizard, E. J. Hodgson, Lieut.-Col. Stewart, C. S. Harrington, D. Gossip, J. J. Hunt, J. G. Foster, Hon. Judge Ritchie, J. W. H. Rowley, E. P. Archbold. Substitutes—Messrs. J. G. Wylde, S. H. Shrove, G. E. Francklyn, H. M. Watson and Charles Palmer.

The Clerical Secretary, by request of the Bishop, read the report of parishes which have contributed to home and foreign missions, as requested by rule, amounting in all to \$4,613.24 for home missions, and \$987.11 for Dominion and foreign missions.

The discussion on Rev. Mr. Wilson's resolution, "that the clergy superannuation fund of this diocese be placed on a business basis, somewhat similar to the widows' and orphans' fund," was commenced, and the Synod adjourned.

In the evening a missionary meeting was held in Freemasons' Hall, presided over by the Bishop. The hall was quite filled, and the meeting a great success.

The meeting was eloquently addressed by the Lord Bishops of Nova Scotia and of Iowa, the Revs. Caswell and Gibbons, and and E. J. Hodgson, Esq.

The Bishop of Iowa, in his eloquent speech,

claimed that the cause of missions was the cause of the church; that the mission field was the work itself. He referred to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ as a missionary in a most touching and impressive manner. He spoke of the claims of home missions. The children must first be fed, and the crumbs afterwards given to the outside circles. He commented on the great need of mission work in Nova Scotia, and recognized the favorable situation of the province washed by the broad Atlantic. He paid a high tribute, as an American, to the martyred Bishops of the Mother Church. His Lordship Bishop Binney had spoken of his far-off home, yet the speaker did not feel like a stranger; he felt at home, and he desired to return his thanks to the people who had so generously received him whenever he had appeared before them. He portrayed his diocese, which was situated two hundred miles beyond Chicago, and told of the work being carried on there. The speaker's announcement that he had, on account of so many English subjects coming to his diocese, obtained the consent of the President to put into the American and Irish Prayer Book used by them a prayer for her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, was greeted with great applause. The rev. gentleman concluded by importuning those before him to put forth their best efforts in the great cause.

Bishop Perry, who is a most electrifying and pleasing speaker, was given a perfect ovation at the close of his remarks.

THIRD DAY.

After routine, the discussion on Rev. W. C. Wilson's motion was renewed, and a special committee was appointed to take the resolution and an amendment, "that, subject to certain conditions, the applicants to the benefits of the fund should enter by right and not by permission, and should feel secure in the possession of their annuity," into consideration and report at next Synod.

The committee in reference to wine for the Communion service reported upon the importance of the matter, recommending "Tarragona," a light Spanish port wine, as the most suitable. The committee suggested that a standing committee be appointed to report to each session of the Synod on the vintage and purity of the wine selected, and to recommend a more suitable wine if such were found.

The committees on secularization of disused ecclesiastical buildings, and the sustentation of King's College fund reported. The latter recommended a circular letter stating the financial position of the College, and an annual sermon and collection in all the churches on its behalf.

The debate on the subject brought up the old question of College consolidation, resulting in the wording of the report being somewhat modified.

The committee on appointments to parishes reported that they were of opinion that the Church act should be so altered that while the nominating power should remain with the parishioners, that power should be exercised by a body specially chosen for that purpose, to be called the board of nomination; this board to consist of the vestry and churchwardens, with the addition of three persons, not necessarily parishioners, but necessarily members of the Church of England; to be chosen at each Easter meeting. Should, however, a vacancy occur between two Easter meetings, the vestry, churchwardens and the aforesaid named three members shall not go out of office until the Easter after the appointment of a rector. It was further recommended that a majority of the nominating body be a quorum, and should the said body fail to nominate a clergyman to the Bishop within twelve months, the appointment shall (as now) lapse to the Bishop absolutely.

The matter was fully discussed later on, and

various other plans were proposed, amongst others, an amendment which left the election in the hands of two-thirds of the meeting, who were to elect three persons, and from these three the Bishop was to induct one.

Ultimately the whole matter was referred to a special committee, to report next session.

On the question of the admission of delegates of missions to the rights of the Synod, a most interesting debate took place, commenced with a telling speech from Rev. A. DeBlois, and participated in by Revs. J. Filleul, J. J. Ritchie, Ancient, Sampson Smith, Archdeacon Read, Dr. Hole and Mr. W. C. Silver. The tenor of the debate was in favor of an extended representation from all missions and churches under separate charges of curates or missionaries, if the consent of the rectors be first obtained.

The resolution was amended, defining the meaning of "separate minister," and affording this extension of representation in the Synod.

On the appointment of Governors for King's College being taken up, Rev. Dr. Partridge was elected for four years, and Mr. Sumichrast for two years.

Professor Hind then explained the scheme for the formation of a young ladies' seminary at Windsor, and gave statistics on the subject.

Mr. Sumichrast then read an elaborate scheme, proposing the Girton House as the diocesan school of the diocese, and fully submitting the details of its working.

The discussion of the subject took up a great deal of time, but the Windsor scheme was voted down by a bare majority.

FOURTH DAY.

The morning of this day was devoted to the Board of Home Missions. The report embodied the following recommendations:—

1. That the clergy be instructed to lay before the members of their respective congregations the duty of giving a little of their income to God and His Church.

2. That an earnest attempt be made to increase the number of self-supporting parishes, in accordance with Clause 5 of the Quebec scheme.

3. That it is for the well-being and prosperity of the diocese that Clause 4 of the Quebec scheme be strictly adhered to and complied with.

4. That the local committees in each parish be revised.

5. That missionary meetings be held in each parish and district at least once a year, when the condition of the diocese, financially and otherwise, shall be plainly and clearly laid before the respective congregations.

6. That to the better carrying out of these meetings, delegations be appointed to visit each deanery, and that these delegations be appointed by the respective chapters, so that where possible the members of one deanery may become the delegates to the adjoining deanery, and so on throughout the diocese.

7. That in addition to the decanal delegations a delegation of at least one clergyman and one layman should visit every parish at least once in each year to plead the cause of the spiritual needs of the diocese.

8. That if possible, branches of the Church Woman's Missionary Association be inaugurated in each parish and district, and that also, in addition to these, parochial branches and ruri-diaconal branches be formed, all of which shall be under the guidance of a diocesan branch, and that a sum of at least one thousand dollars from the funds of this association be placed annually at the disposal of his Lordship for the benefit of the poor missionary districts.

The receipts for 1885 were as follows:—Reserved fund, \$433.65; W. & O. fund, \$1,994.14; Superannuation fund, \$1,530.59; Parish endowment fund, \$904.84; Bishopric endowment