

several matters of importance came under consideration and were satisfactorily disposed of. In this Province the Diocesan Synod meet annually, and the General Synod, which acts as a court of appeal on all Church questions, meet triennially.

Coming nearer home, the Bishop of Fredericton held a Visitation of his Clergy at Fredericton on the 13th of September. The charge dwelt at length on the action of S. P. G. and the necessity of meeting the gradual diminution of its grants, as well as on the recent decisions of the Privy Council and the questions thence arising.

On the following day a meeting of the Clergy took place in the Cathedral Library, when it was moved by Rev. S. D. Lee Street, and seconded by Rev. Canon Gray, D. D., and passed, that the Bishop "be requested to call a meeting of the clergy and lay-delegates of the Church to take into consideration the question, 'whether it would be desirable to have a Synod or not; and if so, under what particular organization.'" The meeting is to be held in July next. The Provincial Synod of Canada meet at Montreal, on the 13th September. After some delay the Diocese of Huron gave its adhesion. We have no details of the proceedings.

We give a few general items: The Queen has returned from the continent, after having inaugurated a statue of the late Prince Consort at Coburg.—The interchange of visits between the British and French fleets passed off most satisfactorily.—Austria and Prussia have agreed for the present to retain possession of the Duchies; Austria occupies Holstein, and Prussia, Schleswig; this course excites much indignation in Europe.—Moens, who was captured some time since by the Italian brigands, has been set free on payment of a ransom of 5000 guineas.—Carlyle has at length completed his Frederick the Great. The book will remain a monument of perseverance and determination to make out a good case in spite of unfavourable circumstances, but can hardly be considered attractive by the general reader.—The Fenians have at length been noticed by the British government, and several arrests have been made in Dublin; it is said, on information obtained from Washington.—The cattle disease still prevails to an alarming extent, and has proved very destructive.—The cholera seems to be diminishing, and to be retiring towards the east.—The canal across the Isthmus of Suez has been opened so as to allow the passage of a small vessel.—Judge R. Parker has been appointed Chief Justice of New Brunswick, in the place of Sir James Carter. Judge Parker was educated at King's College, Windsor, where he took the degree of B. A. in 1815.—Sir R. G. MacDonnell left Halifax in the Asia on September 29th. It is said that Sir W. F. Williams, Bart. of Kars, is to succeed him as Governor of Nova Scotia.—Sir George Brown, of Crimean reputation, died on the 27th August.—Judge Haliburton the historian of Nova Scotia, died at Islesworth on the same day. It is well known that of late years he has resided in England, where he sat as M. P. for Launceston.—We have also to lament the death of Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq., an old and tried friend of the Church, and for several years an efficient officer of the D. C. Society.

EDITORIAL NOTICES.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Annual General Meeting of the D. C. Society was held in Halifax on Wednesday the 4th inst. The Bishop took the chair at 2 P. M., and opened the Meeting with an address.

The Very Rev. the Dean and N. Clarke, Esq., were appointed Vice-Presidents of the Society. Messrs. E. D. Meynell, T. Boggs, G. Smithers, J. Thorne and W. Hare were elected members of the Executive Committee in place of the first five on the list, who went out of office.

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