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His Lordship the Bishop delivered an eloquent address, explaining his reasons for summoning the Synod at the present time, so as to enable them to attend the Conference to be held at Lambeth on the 2nd of July. He referred to his visit to the Montreal Synod last September, regretted the presence of so small a lay delegation, and suggested that in future only those who are able to attend be elected as delegates. His Lordship entered somewhat minutely into the details of the business transacted there. He also referred to the pressing need of an Academy for young ladies, controlled by Episcopalian authorities, and regretted that while the Baptists had their institution at Wolfville, and the Methodists theirs at Sackville, the Church was, as yet, only talking about one.

His Lordship, in eloquent language, referred to the troubled times in which we live; to the terrible business depressions, and the dark clouds hanging over the European horizon. He recommended that special prayers should be offered for peace. He was thankful to be able to leave them in peace among themselves. Difference of opinion would always arise in reference to church management and religious doctrines, but no man should arrogate to himself personal infallibility. He urged them all to work together, and bid God speed to every effort for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

The following resolution previously passed, was taken up for confirmation: "That in case it shall happen that the Bishop shall withhold his assent to any act or resolution of the Synod, the same may be brought up again at the next Session: and if it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds of each order present and voting, and shall again be dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly in Canada, whose decision shall be final."

After being discussed by the Revs. Dr. Hill, Dr. Nicholls, Dr. White, Messrs. Ed. J. Hodgson, P. C. Hill, J. W. K. Rowly, W. B. Vail, and others, it was withdrawn, and the following adopted on the motion of the Rev. Dr. Hill: "That the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province be respectfully requested to inform the Synod of this Diocese if, in the event of an appeal made by them on a subject dissented from by the Bishop, their Lordships would be ready to receive an appeal and give an opinion thereon."

The following resolutions were unanimously confirmed:—"That each Parish represented in this Synod be assessed for the purposes of this Synod; that the assessment be due from each Parish as soon as the amount assessed is announced to the Rector thereof, and that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat, as long as the dues of his Parish or District shall be one year or upwards in arrears." "That the following regulations shall be observed in the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod": "If more than the required number of Delegates has been nominated, then the clergy shall ballot for the clerical delegates, and the laity for the lay delegates. The required number of candidates having the highest number of votes shall then be put, the clerical delegates to the laity and *vice versa*; and each house must accept or reject the election of the other as a whole." Confirmed. "The substitutes shall be elected in the same way, after the declaration of the names of the delegates elect."

WEDNESDAY.

Morning prayers were offered at nine, and the

Synod resumed their sittings at 10 o'clock. The following additional Lay delegates took their seats:—Blandford, H. Y. Clarke; Crapaud, P. E. I., D. W. Palmer; Dartmouth, J. G. Foster; Eastern Passage, P. Shiels, P. Himelman; Rosette, Chas. Spurr; Tangier, George R. Anderson; Turn's Bay, Dr. W. B. Slayter.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. D. C. Moore. Reports of Home Missions and Widows' and Orphans' Fund were also presented, after which the following motions were taken up and passed:—

"That every Parish or Mission in this Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions, and that not later than on the second day of each Session of this Synod, at such hour as the Bishop or Chairman shall see fit the Secretary shall read out the names of all Parishes and Missions, with the amount (if any) paid by them into the respective Treasurer's hands."

That clause 10 E. D., Act read:—

"Advocates shall be allowed on both sides at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen of the Church of England, or laymen who declare themselves to be members of said Church, and to belong to no other communion."

"That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an outline of the duties and rights of Rectors, Church Wardens and Vestries within their Parishes, to the intent that uncertainties and doubts now existing on these subjects (or some of them) may be set at rest by a rule of our own."

An attempt was unsuccessfully made to include in this, the rights and privileges of the Bishop in the pulpits, and otherwise, in the parishes.

An important addition was made to section 7 of the Church Act, requiring Church Wardens to send an annual return of all real and personal property of the parish to the Registrar of the Diocese.

The following passed at last Synod, was confirmed.

"That no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, regulations, rules of order or Canons of the Synod shall be taken, except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod."

The following motion was laid over until next session at the request of the Rev. J. Norwood:—

"That this Synod practically discountenance the pew system, that the placing of parties according to rank and wealth is destructive to the Catholic truth of equality of membership in the body of Christ, and that it is in direct opposition to Scripture and primitive usage of the Apostolic Church."

The session adjourned at one, and resumed at half-past two o'clock. An amendment to Sec. 4 of the Church Act, substituting "thirty" for "twenty" days, was adopted.

Section 4. was further amended by adding:

"All the real and personal property belonging to any Parish corporation shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish, in their corporate capacity."

Rev. D. C. Moore, moved an addition, declaring that the Rector be, and is declared to be, in possession of the Rectory and grounds during his incumbency, was lost by non-concurrence of orders.

An amendment to section 8 was under discussion, when the Session adjourned at 6 o'clock.

On re-assembling in the afternoon, the first business was a motion to define the Bishop's powers in any parish. After discussion the motion was put and lost.

Hon. A. M. Cochran tendered his resignation as a member of the Church Endowment Fund Committee.

The Synod then took up the proposed alterations to the Church Act, and passed a number of amendments thereto, which occupied the whole time until the hour of adjournment arrived. The time of notice or election of a rector was extended from twenty to thirty days. The words, "and for the transaction of other parochial business," were added to the clause in reference to the notice for the annual meeting. The wording of the property investment clause was made to read "that all property be vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry." After each annual meeting the Wardens are to forward to the Registrar of the Synod a return of all money invested, and property, and

the rate of interest, &c. The all important clause—"Who are entitled to vote at Parish meetings?" occupied the time until the meeting adjourned. It was ably discussed by both lay and clerical delegates.

An amendment proposed, to alter the time for holding the annual meeting to May instead of Easter Monday, was voted down.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The committee on Temperance reported; laid over to be taken up later. The discussion of the Church Act was then taken up, and resolutions passed deciding who should be entitled to vote at Parishioners' meetings.

An address was presented to his Lordship the Bishop on his proposed attendance at the Lambeth Conference, and his Lordship replied.

Vacancies in the Temperance Committee and Board of Foreign Missions were filled.

A public meeting in connection with the Board of Diocesan Missions of the Church of England was held in Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance. The Bishop presided. After devotional exercises he briefly addressed the meeting, referring to the importance of missionary work, the success of missions in various parts of the world and the encouragement to further efforts.

Rev. Theo. Richie, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., moved, and Rev. Mr. Parkinson, of Liverpool, seconded the following resolution: "That the command of our Great Master, and also practical experience, teach us that missionary work is necessary to the life of the Christian Church."

Mr. Geo. Reading, of Truro, moved, and Mr. E. J. Hodgson, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., seconded the next resolution, as follows: "That the number yet lying in heathen darkness demands every effort on our part to convey to them the light of that truth which we ourselves enjoy."

The third resolution was moved by Rev. Mr. Townend, Garrison Chaplain, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Owen, of Lunenburg: "That while recognizing the claims of those who are beyond our own border we feel that it is not less our duty, by every just means, to sustain and increase the work which the Board of Diocesan Missions is now doing in this diocese."

All the speakers gave excellent, practical addresses, some of them really eloquent, which were listened to with great attention. The Bishop made a few remarks enforcing the terms of the last resolution; a verse of the National Anthem was sung, and the meeting was dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction. The collection taken amounted to \$45.

There was a general meeting of the Board of Diocesan Missions on Tuesday evening, 14 inst., at 8 o'clock, in the National School Rooms.

FREDERICTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WOODSTOCK.—The Deanery of Woodstock met here on May 8th. There were two services in St. Luke's church, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. After Mattins, the Rural Dean celebrated the Holy Communion. The congregation was not large, but nearly all communicated. The preacher was the Rev. R. M. Edwards, a clergyman of the American Church, and an honorary member of this Deanery. Text, Mal. iii. 16. At evensong the congregation was much larger, the sermon was by the Rev. Le B. W. Fowler, from 1 Thess. viii. v. 5.

At both services the prayers of the congregation were asked for the safe voyage and return of the Lord Bishop of the diocese who had begun his journey to his native land to attend the Lambeth Conference.

The choir of St. Luke's, faithful to their duty were present morning and evening. But the merits of this choir have been too long and too well known to need remark here.

In the afternoon a very pleasant and profitable meeting was held at the Rectory. The Rural Dean, the Rev. Thomas Neales, M. A., Rector of Woodstock, presided. The other clergy present were the Rev. Messrs. Alfred H. Weeks, B. A. Rector of Queensbury, Leopold. A. Hoyt B. A. Missionary of Andover, Joseph E. Flewelling, missionary at Wicklow, Le Baron, W. Fowler B.

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