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PROVINCIAL SYNODS

THIRD DAY.

Synod opened with Prayer. Minutes of Wednesday read and confirmed.

Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong on "behalf of Canon on the Diaconate" presented a report to the following effect:

The subject being one of very great importance and beset with great difficulties, it had been thought advisable to content themselves with throwing out the following suggestions. As to the existing diaconate, many reasons induced the committee to recommend that, without an extreme necessity, no deacon should be placed in an independent charge, but that in cases where there were several deacons in sole charge of country parishes, there should be a person in priest's orders placed at their head. As to a secular diaconate which should not require that the deacon should surrender all his worldly callings, it was desirable to provide great safeguards, and they suggested that any candidate for the diaconate should act for one year in the capacity of a lay reader and should not be appointed under the age of 21 years. Then he should be recommended by the incumbent of his parish, the rural dean, the lay delegates and the archdeacon, and no man should be admitted under the age of 25 years, and the qualifications should be a thorough acquaintance with the Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, Church History and dogmatic divinity. In view of the intellectual and sceptical dangers of the present day, the committee thought it desirable that the standard of qualifications of the priesthood should be largely increased. The committee thought the candidates might be admitted to the lower orders without academic training or classical learning, but that they should not be raised to the priesthood without they reached the higher standard the committee recommended for the future. At the proper time he should move that the Synod should take the report into consideration.

The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath gave notice that he would move, seconded by Rev. J. D. H. Brown that a committee be appointed to report whether any change in Article I. respecting the official dress of the clergy was advisable, and if not, in what way such uniformity might be secured as would tend to the dignity of that body.

The object of this motion is to lead the Synod to declare either that members shall not wear gowns and bands, (the present rule of Synod although not regarded, but may sit in Synod in ordinary dress; or to insist upon every member wearing the same.

The Rev. Dr. Hill, of Halifax, moved:—"That Section 3 of Canon 1, be amended by striking out the words after 'the said province' and that the following words be substituted, 'but that the Provincial Synod meet alternately in the Maritime Provinces and the Upper Canadian Provinces the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and by the Upper Provinces the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, as by civil law established.'"

The section of the Canon read "that the city of Montreal shall be, as it presently is, the place of meeting for the Provincial Synod of the said province." His reason for moving the resolution he would endeavour to give as briefly as possible. In the first place he would state what they all admitted that their first object was to promote the interests of the Church. He believed so far as regarded the true interests of the Church a very great advance had been made within those few years in the dioceses which now constituted the Provincial Synod of Canada.

For many years the dioceses acted in so far as regarded both the clergy and laity almost independently, doing the work they thought necessary in their own parishes. They were at one time the Church established by law, and a great step was made in advance, when in each diocese a diocesan society was formed. That brought the members of the Church together in the different dioceses; when they interchanged thoughts, and each parish found itself more closely identified with the others in consequence of these meetings. Afterwards the Synod was established, and although some of them took different views and remained outside, still now they admitted that Synods were of very great importance, and that they proved of very great usefulness to the Church. Men who hitherto had never seen each other

had now an opportunity of seeing each other, and expressing their views, and although doctrinal subjects went to a great extent excluded, the laity had an opportunity, which they had never had before of expressing their opinions upon various important matters. It was quite true that the laity before were unable to express themselves, except through the press; they sneered at the clergy who spoke from the coward's castle whence they could hurl their missiles whilst no layman had an opportunity of answering them. Now the laity could express themselves, and the clergy had the benefit of standing on the floor and answering any reflections that might be cast on them. Then he thought a great advantage accrued to the Church in the city in which the General Synod was held. That was an advantage which Montreal had enjoyed alone from the establishment of the Synod, and he thought that advantage ought to be enjoyed by dioceses included in the Provincial Synod. There had been a great revival in the Church throughout the Dominion, but in no part had there been such a revival as there had been in the Diocese of Montreal, and he thought that arose to a very great extent from the influence directly and indirectly of such gatherings as these. Therefore he did not think that Montreal alone should stand in that position, for he thought the advantage should be shared by other dioceses, who should have the opportunity of receiving the clerical and lay delegates. At least that should be so in the Maritime Provinces. They had always been most hospitably received at Montreal, and desired to return some of it, and he thought it would benefit the members from Montreal if they went to Halifax sometimes, for he believed with the exception of Mr. Brydges they know very little about it. He should be very glad if the Synod would hold its meetings sometimes in the Lower Provinces, in order to show the strength of the Church of Canada, in order to show that they were not the small body they were supposed to be, but that there was the spirit of God dwelling amongst them. If it was said that the Synod would under this plan be a travelling menagerie, he would reply that he had heard of ancient and venerable Synods of the Church which were held at Jerusalem, at Constantinople, at Ephesus and at Chalcedon; he knew the time came when the Lateran councils were held in one place, and he knew also the influence that was exercised in consequence of the councils being held in one place, and so far from an ambulatory assembly being laughed at, he thought it would be a great advantage, and great weight would be exercised by it. He might be told that the legislature always met in one place, but there was no analogy between the two; the Legislature must meet every year, but he could not help calling to mind the fact that in many places the legislatures did not always meet in the great capitals. He moved the resolution.

The Hon. W. B. Vail seconded the resolution, adding that he was afraid that the city of Halifax would not be able to come up to the hospitality of Montreal, but he was sure if the Synod decided to hold its next meeting in Halifax, the people would extend all the hospitality that they could.

This motion after considerable discussion participated in by many of the leading Clergy and Laity of the Upper Provinces, and by Rev. Geo. W. Armstrong of St. John, against; and by Rev. Canon Dart, Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson, Rev. John D. H. Brown, and Hon. P. C. Hill, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in favor of its passage, was rejected by a very large majority, and the meetings will, therefore, be held as formerly in Montreal.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—A delegation of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England waited on His Excellency the Governor-General, at the Windsor Hotel, on Thursday morning last to present him with the address adopted by the Synod at its last meeting. The following gentlemen composed the delegation:—His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, the Rev. Canons Evans, Norman, Henderson and Baldwin, Rev. R. Lindsay, Rev. G. Baker, Chancellor Bethune, Messrs. C. J. Brydges, W. B. Simpson, Geo. Macrae, Q. C., Thos. Simpson and Leo. H. Davidson. His Excellency was attended by Lt.-Col. DeWinton, Capt. the Hon. C. Harbord, A. D. O., and Capt. Chater, A. D. O.

His Lordship the Bishop read the following address:—
To His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne,
Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the name, &c., &c.

We, the Bishops, clergy and laity of the Church of England in Canada, in Provincial Synod assembled, desire to take advantage of this, the first meeting of that body since your Excellency assumed your present high and important position, to assure you of the devoted loyalty of the members of the Church to the Throne and person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and of their deep respect for your Excellency as her representative in this Dominion.

It is with no little satisfaction that we observe the uniform and practical interest which your Excellency and Her Royal Highness take in every movement made for the social, moral and religious advancement of the people of the provinces over which you have been called to preside, and we trust that this interest may ever meet with a ready response and grateful appreciation on the part of those on whose behalf it is manifested.

We desire also to take this opportunity of expressing the great satisfaction which is felt by the whole body of the Church in Canada that Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise has taken up her residence amongst us, and we earnestly pray that she may speedily return, completely recovered from the affects of the accident which caused such heartfelt sorrow and sympathy throughout the country.

In conclusion, permit us to say that it is the unfeigned hope of every member of our Church that your Excellency and Her Royal Highness may long continue amongst us, and our prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and guide you in the discharge of your high and responsible functions.

Signed, John Frederickton, Metropolitan of Canada; George Whitaker, Prolocutor of the Lower House; John Pearson, Secretary of the House of Bishops; R. W. Norman, M. A. D. C., Clerical Secretary to the Lower House; Alexander Johnson, M. A. L. D., Lay Secretary to the Lower House.

HIS EXCELLENCY replied as follows:—
My Lord, Reverend Sirs and Gentlemen: I gratefully accept the assurance you give me of the devoted loyalty of the members of the Church to the Throne and person of the Queen. I have watched with great interest and sympathy the proceedings of the Synod, and pray that your deliberations may be attended with benefit to that branch of the Catholic Church to which you belong, and for the furtherance of good among your people.

Your concluding words to prove to me the sympathy you have felt for the Princess, who has suffered much from the results of the accident of last winter.

As one who has been brought up in your communion she has seen with the most heartfelt satisfaction that your labors are being attended with the heavenly blessing in the efforts that are being put forth by you to accompany with the ministrations of the Church the spread of colonization in distant regions.

Nowhere, perhaps, in the world are the operations of the different branches of the Christian Church carried on with a more unflinching zeal, and with greater toleration and mutual regard than in the wide-stretching Provinces of the Dominion. The state machinery works here in separation from ecclesiastical organizations, but every one whose duty it is to endeavor to promote the material progress of the people must look to the ministers of religion for the spread of those influences without which government would become indeed almost a hopeless task.

I thank you for your expressions of good will towards myself, for such words are an encouragement to perseverance in the endeavor to use whatever power lies in the office I have the honour to fill, in the promotion of the interests of our Canadian people.

The deputation then withdrew.

Amongst the pulpits in Montreal which we did not name last week was that of St. Thomas, which was filled by the Rev. D. C. Moore, of Albion Mines, N. S., and the Rev. E. J. Fossenden, of Chippewa, Niagara. The former

clergyman preached on the previous Sunday at St. James the Apostle.

CHARENON.—Thursday, the 16th September, was set apart as a Parish Festival and Harvest Home. The morning dawned somewhat cloudy, but as the day advanced the clouds partially cleared away, making the temperature enjoyable.

The proceedings of the day commenced with a thanksgiving service in the Parish Church, Shawville, which was conducted by Rev. W. H. Naylor, incumbent, assisted by Rev. T. Motherwell, of Portage du Fort, and Rev. W. B. Longhurst of Eardley. The singing was remarkably good; the sermon preached by Mr. Longhurst was an eloquent, plain, and earnest appeal for gratitude to Almighty God for the present bountiful harvest. The beautiful little church had put on a truly beautiful garb, and the taste displayed in its decoration reflects great credit on those ladies engaged in its ornamentation, and eminently so on Mrs. Lyon, who was the moving spirit.

After service the congregation with their many friends repaired to Mr. R. Shaw's bush, where a sumptuous dinner, prepared by the ladies of the congregation, awaited them. When justice had been done to the good things, kindly words were spoken by the incumbent, then followed an eloquent address by Mr. Motherwell. The day's doings were closed with service in the church, which took the nature of thanksgiving to Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts. *UTILE DULCI.*

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's—The teachers and children of the Sunday School in connection with St. Mark's Church, Russell Street, held their annual picnic at Hosterman's grounds, North West Arm, on Thursday, the 16th inst. Notwithstanding the unfavorable appearance of the early morning, a large number of the children, with their friends, embarked on board the "Charger," at the Dockyard Pier, at 10 1/2 o'clock. A number of visitors, principally members of the congregation, came by the steamer at 3 p. m. Lady McClintock visited the grounds in the afternoon, and was invited by the Superintendent to present the awards to the successful competitors in the races, recitations and lessons. Lady McClintock expressed herself very much pleased with the appearance, conduct and intelligence of the children. Games of various kinds whiled away the afternoon, and at 7 p. m. the party embarked on board. The sail down the Arm was most enjoyable, the nocturnal luminary in all its resplendency enhanced the pleasure of the return home. Red and white fires displayed at intervals, presented a very pleasing effect from the shore. The Superintendent and teachers were indefatigable in their attention to all, and succeeded in bringing to a successful termination this annual picnic for 1880.

St. Paul's.—The Rector of this Parish—the Rev. Dr. Hill, Chancellor of the University of Nova Scotia—leaves tomorrow for the United States, whither he goes as one of a delegation, appointed by the late Provincial Synod, to represent the Church of England in Canada at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States, which meets in New York on Wednesday next.

INGONISH, C. B.—Having spent the Sunday, 14th, after Trinity, at New Haven, the Missionary, attended by his wife, left in an open boat to go to St. Paul's Island. The day was fine the wind pretty fair, and in 6 hours they were at the home of the large-hearted Superintendent of the Island, Saml. C. Campbell, Esq. Nothing could exceed the kindness of him and his family. So seldom do they see any strangers, that their welcome seems condensed when they do come. When the boat came in sight of the Governor's house, every man on the Island was busy transporting a five ton boiler to the Engine house, a matter of wonderful difficulty, demanding caution, patience, and inventive power, such as few men possess. After six days' hard and constant work, it was safely placed in the whistle-house, where it will shriek forth its warning voice, when the fog hides the perilous rock. During his stay, the Missionary visited every part of the Island—had Service every night, but Saturday, and on Sunday, two Services in a store which was gaily decorated for the occasion. These Services were

attended by most of the inhabitants of the Island; whose general population of 45 is just now augmented by some engineers and carpenters at work at the new boiler. It is not often that one has a place in such a thoroughly united community, where everything is as well planned and carried out by the Superintendent, that every one there seems a member of one large family, (and are we not so?) Your readers will remember that St. Paul is thirteen miles, in the Gulf from the Bill of Cape North, and until lately, was often before the public as the scene of many wrecks; but during the superintendence of S. Campbell, Esq., only two wrecks have taken place. In 1876, the Island was visited by a water-spout, which destroyed many of the buildings, and killed one man. It is 500 feet high in the highest part—has two ponds or lakes on it, and is well wooded—has two light houses, one at North-East Point, kept by a Newfoundland family, and one at South-West Point. It has this year been visited by steamer *Napoleon*, which landed supplies, etc., and a new boiler for the whistle-house. On board this steamer were two Roman Catholic priests, who were sent around to look after the spiritual welfare of their people living on the distant stations visited by the steamer. Is not this good example worthy of imitation on the part of the Nova Scotia Government? Could not they send one large hearted Protestant minister in the same way. It seems strange that the subject of a school for the inhabitants of St. Paul's and the Sable Islands has never been mooted by any of our statesmen. Surely, the Dominion Government would make a special grant, and that not a small one, for that object, if the matter were properly represented at head quarters. Won't some influential Government man take hold of the matter and carry it through? After a very happy visit, on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, the Missionary bade farewell to the hospitable inhabitants of St. Paul's, rested and refreshed in body, richer in purse by a handsome donation, and glad to think that his voice had been raised in his Master's service on the wave-beaten shores of St. Paul's.

New Ross.—Though regretting sincerely the illness of the estimable clergy of Shelburne, which we hope was only of short duration, yet we could not help congratulating ourselves on the opportunity thus opened the Rev. Clerical Secretary for paying us a visit.

Mr. Wainwright arrived late Friday evening, the 3rd inst. On Sunday, 5th, he attended our S. S. session at 9 a. m. in the parish church. Of 71 on our present roll about 44 responded to their names, one-third of these living at varying distances of 4 or 7 miles. Mr. Wainwright explained in full the organization and work of the "1st Royal Reserves,"—which must certainly prove an important adjunct to parish work,—and so deeply interested the school that all were at once duly enlisted and their officers elected. At 10.30, Mr. Wainwright preached to a large congregation, and the Missionary celebrated—54 of the congregation receiving the sacrament. Another good congregation awaited us at "Forties" school-house, 6 miles W., on Annapolis road, at 3 p. m., whom Mr. Wainwright addressed in reference to the improved scheme for collecting B. H. M. subscriptions. He then formed a committee of vice-president, secretary and four collectors. A third hearty service in the parish church at 8 p. m., with instructive address by rev. secretary, brought the day's efforts to a satisfactory close. On Monday we drove up the Kentville road 7 miles to Aldersville school house, where, at 3.30 p. m., over 30 had assembled, a large number, all things considered. After the B. H. M. prayers, Mr. Wainwright made a very successful appeal, and all the adult church people present asked to have the amy chests sent to them, this mode of collecting being preferable to that district. On Tuesday a similar meeting took place in the parish church, at 8 p. m., when a B. H. M. committee was formed of vice-president, secretary and 14 collectors. Here, also, the rev. secretary enkindled the warmest zeal and interest. We regret the various collections amounted to no more than \$4.41, but immediately before special collections amounting to \$7.50 had been taken to cover insurance on our church. Mr. Wainwright's visit was doubly acceptable, having been accompanied by Mrs. Wainwright, whose genial pleasant society afforded us great gratification during their stay here. The rev. sec. left us on Saturday a. m. for Bridgewater, etc. As God, through him,