

duced. He also urged the pressing and immediate necessity of action in regard to providing for the education of girls. Something must be done or the Church will suffer serious losses.

Many Church of England girls were entrusted to the teaching and influence of the Roman Catholics; others went to Wolfville and Mount Allison; and now the Presbyterians are about to establish a female seminary for themselves. Can it be possible, asked his Lordship, that the Church of England will be not the last to act, but actually the only one taking no action at all in this important matter? He hoped the Synod would not separate without inaugurating a scheme for remedying this serious want and for removing the reproach and scandal incurred by the present position of their Church. Two schemes will be presented—one looking to the conversion of Mr. Sumichrasts' Halifax school into such an institution as the Church required; the other was for its establishment at Windsor. His Lordship paid a glowing tribute to the efficiency and high character of Mr. Sumichrast.

His Lordship recalled the fact that two years ago he had directed attention to two valuable associations designed to promote purity in both sexes. He regretted two years had slipped by and not the slightest progress had been made in this very important matter. The public standard of morality must be raised. Young men and women must be taught that sin is sin and that the expression so common in certain grades, "she had a misfortune," is a euphemism that ought not to be tolerated, being, in fact, a phrase for disguising evil. And this fact is thus practically enforced by expulsion from the "Girls' Friendly Society," so that membership is, so far as men can judge, a certificate of character all over the world. Besides the Church of England Purity Society and the G. F. S., there is the Young Women's Help Society. The latter does good service. But in it young married women are admitted to membership; while the G. F. S. is intended simply for maidens. The G. F. S. numbers 80,000 members in England; while it has altogether 112,500 members.

His Lordship referred at length to the jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria. The length of Her Majesty's reign may perhaps be more fully realized when we consider that it has extended over more than half of the period of the existence of the Colonial Episcopate. One of the earliest acts of the Church of England in the United States after they separated from England, was to obtain the just object of their desire, for which they had been long striving in vain—Episcopal government. Owing to political obstacles in England, they had recourse to Scotland, whence the great boon was obtained in 1783. This appears to have opened the eyes of both the Ecclesiastical and civil authorities in England, and they discovered that what had so long been declared to be impossible could be without difficulty accomplished.

The first Colonial See was erected and Charles Inglis was consecrated the first Bishop, August 12th, 1787. Little would anyone have imagined what would be the extent of that Episcopate, viz.: that at the end of the first century of its existence we should have seventy-two Colonial and ten Missionary Bishops,—there being altogether in the Home and Colonial Episcopate over 150 Bishops. We may indeed, with thankfulness and wonder say, "What hath God wrought!" considering that this is an indication of the growth of the Church and the extension of Christ's Kingdom: and the greater part of this increase has taken place within the latter part of the century. If there should be the same ratio of increase for the next fifty years there will be over three hundred Bishops. The celebration of the Colonial Centennial will receive due attention. The authorities of the Mother Church will make the best arrangements practicable for the fitting commemoration of the conclusion of the first century of the

existence of the Colonial Episcopate, but as this is the original diocese we ought ourselves to mark the year, beginning 12th of next month and ending August 12th, 1887. How this can most fittingly be done he left for the consideration of the Synod.

After the delivery of the Bishop's address the Synod immediately proceeded to business, and appointed Committees, amongst others one in regard to the Endowment of King's College, and another to report on the advisability of starting a Diocesan Church School for Girls. The report of the Executive Committee was presented, and a number of notices of motion given. The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with the business on the published programme.

EVENING.

The Evening Session was occupied for the most part with an animated discussion arising out of the motion of Rev. D. C. Moore as to appointments to Rectories. It was generally admitted that the existing mode was anything but satisfactory; but great difference of opinion existed as to the manner of bettering it; ultimately the whole matter was referred to a special Committee to formulate a plan, to be submitted for the consideration of Synod.

[Owing to pressure of matter we are obliged to hold over the remainder of the report.]

HALIFAX.—*Personals.*—One of the bright spots in the Halifax Church life was the recent visit of the Lord Bishop of Iowa. His Lordship preached in several of the Halifax Churches, addressed the Missionary meeting and was present at the long Synod and kindly addressed the Clergy. His visit will be remembered with much pleasure.

Rev. W. C. Wilson has been appointed rector of the growing town at Springhill Mines, in the Amherst Deanery.

Rev. T. Hudgell has been appointed Travelling Missionary in the Amherst Deanery.

Rev. H. Harley has been appointed Curate of Liverpool.

Rev. Mr. Archbold, of Ireland, was selected as Vicar of Shelburne, but it is said has refused the position.

We rote amongst the Clergy named as being present the Rev. Dr. Hole, the new rector of St. Paul's, Halifax. He preached his first sermon to his new flock on Sunday, the 4th inst., and according to local papers most satisfactorily to all concerned. We extend a hearty welcome to him to this Canada of ours, and wish him all success in the special work he has in hand.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY

met on the afternoon of the 29th ult. (preliminary to Synod), in Trinity Church School-room, St. John, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. There was a large attendance of clergy and laity. The annual report of the Secretary was submitted, in which reference was made to the progress of the Church during the fifty years of the Society's life; *progress, extension and revival* of interest were evidenced. The Church in the Diocese is largely indebted to the foresight and wisdom which guided the counsels of prominent churchmen in this Province at the time referred to. Missions then,—now, in many instances, large self-supporting parishes,—depended solely upon the aid supplied so generously by the Society in England. To a very large extent this support has been now withdrawn. In the meantime *the number of parishes and missions has been more than doubled.* This increase has been greater in the case of churches and parsonages. After further reference to the progress of the Church the report directed attention to the annual reports from the several parishes, which

were read in nearly every instance by the clergyman. The report concluded with a feeling reference to deceased members. The report was adopted.

At the evening session the report of the Executive Committee, of the Auditors, of the Treasurer, of the Incapacitated Clergy Fund; of the Home Mission Board, were presented.

A bequest of \$1,700 from Mrs. Dr. Gordon, of Fredericton, to the *Medley Memorial Fund* was announced by the Bishop; who also stated that the funds placed in his hand twenty-four years ago as the nucleus of a General Endowment Fund now amounted to \$2,600, and this he wished to make over to the Society, appropriating \$1,200 to the Divinity Scholarship Fund; \$1,000 to the Incapacitated Clergy Fund, and \$400 to the General Purposes Fund; and he suggested that Messrs. W. M. Jarvis, Geo. A. Schofield and E. E. Fairweather be appointed to take charge of the monies and debentures, the suggestion was adopted.

The report of the Book Depository showed a falling off in the sales which only amounted to \$871.32. There had, however, been eight importations of books during the year. The subscriptions to the *Dawn of Day* had also decreased.

The Committee on Interesting Sunday-schools in Home Missions reported that, in accordance with the report of 1884-85, a magazine called the *Chronicle of the Diocese of Fredericton* had been issued. So far it had not been productive of any great amount of good. As a financial venture it had not been successful, but the prospect was that in a second year it would be much better. The Committee recommended that its continuance be authorized and an appropriation made to be used if necessary. The estimated deficit in the running of the paper for the year was \$205. The sum of \$315.72 has been received this year from missionary boxes.

The report was adopted.

The following were elected to the Board of Home Missions:—

Revs. Canon Medley, G. G. Roberts, Canon DeVeber, Canon Neales, O. S. Newnham, Messrs. G. A. Schofield, R. T. Clinch, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, Chief Justice Allen, W. M. Jarvis, H. W. Frith, T. W. Daniel.

After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that as soon as the finances permit, a travelling missionary be engaged by the Board of Home Missions, who, under their direction and with the approval of the Bishop, shall labor to advance the spiritual interests of the Church and the objects of the society in the diocese.

SYNOD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Synod commenced on June 30th; but it was preceded by a special Missionary Service in St. John's Church, on the evening of the 28th, at which the Right Revd. Dr. Kingdon, Co-adjutor Bishop, preached, and earnestly appealed for greater interest in and larger contributions to mission work. On the morning of the 29th there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church, attended by a large number. The Bishop Co-adjutor was celebrant, and Canon De Veber and Canon Brigstocke, Epistolar and Gospeller, respectively. There were seventy clergy in the procession to and from the Church, and the music rendered by the choir of Trinity, assisted by members from other church choirs, was well executed. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Metropolitan) delivered his charge to the clergy, in which special reference is made to the progress and work of the Diocese, most excellent, fatherly and loving advice given to the clergy as to their life and conduct in the high and responsible office, and in view of the special dangers of the present time, concluding with special and extended reference to the exercise of the power of electing rectors to parishes; to confirmation, marriage and the exercise of the Episcopal power in matters of dispute and difference. The weighty words of