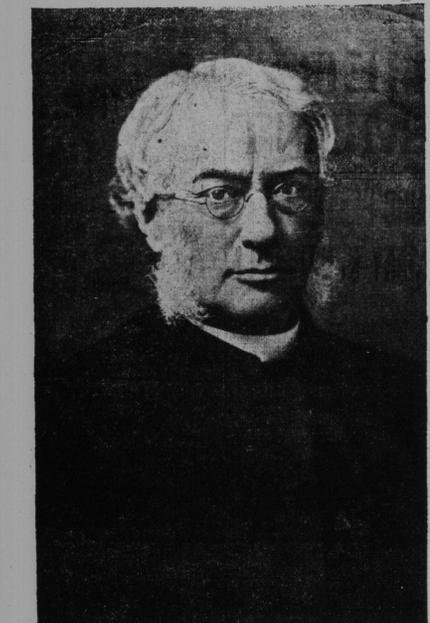


HIGHER SALARIES FOR CHURCH OF ENGLAND CLERGYMEN HERE.

Recommended by Bishop to Synod.

Invitation to Archbishop of Canterbury to Visit This Diocese—Committees Appointed—Encouraging Parish Reports.



HIS LORDSHIP, BISHOP KINGDON.

Fredericton, N. B., July 5.—(Special.)—A feature of the business of the first session of the Church of England Synod here today was Bishop Kingdon's suggestion, which he urged in his annual address, that higher salaries should be paid the clergy.

Another interesting matter was the passing of a resolution inviting the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit this diocese.

It was a day of much work in the synod and a great deal was accomplished. At 8 o'clock Holy Communion was celebrated in the cathedral, Bishop Kingdon presiding, assisted by Dean Partridge and Archdeacon Forsyth.

The synod commenced in Church Hall at 10 o'clock, the bishop presiding. After prayers by the bishop came the calling of the roll by Canon O. S. Newham, secretary. After the routine of opening the bishop delivered his address.

Who Are Present. There was a very fair attendance at the opening, the attendance of clergymen being fifty and lay delegates about thirty. Other clergymen and delegates arrived later, and were present at the afternoon and evening sessions. Those at roll call included the following clergymen:—

Deanery of Chatham—Archdeacon Forsyth, T. H. Outhbert, J. H. Hooper, M. E. Shawen, W. J. Wilkinson, G. L. Freshman. Deanery of Fredericton—Dean Partridge, Canon Roberts, H. Montgomery, T. W. Street, J. R. de W. Corrie, A. B. Murray, E. E. Dibblee. Deanery of Kingstons—D. W. Pickett, C. D. Schofield, C. P. Hanington, A. W. Daniel, S. Neales, J. Spencer, A. J. Gollmer, C. S. Warnford, W. J. Bate. Deanery of St. Andrews—Canon Newham, R. J. Langford, J. W. Millidge, H. F. Bigby. Deanery of St. John—L. A. Hoyt, J. de Soyres, W. O. Raymond, A. D. Dewdney, R. P. McKim, W. H. Sampson, G. F. Scovill, P. Owen-Jones, H. M. Spike, G. E. Macdonald, R. W. Colston. Deanery of Shediac—Dr. Campbell, E. B. Hooper, C. F. Wiggins, W. B. Armstrong, E. J. Wood. Deanery of Woodstock—Archdeacon Neales, A. W. Teed, C. J. Mainville, E. M. C. Bedell, J. E. Flewelling, C. H. Fullerton.

Among the lay delegates are W. M. Jarvis, F. S. Neaves, F. J. G. Knowlton, H. B. Dickson, W. J. Wallace, H. B. Schofield, H. Peters, J. R. Campbell, A. C. Fairweather, St. John; G. T. Whelpley, W. E. Smith, T. C. Allen, G. O. Dickson, Fredericton; T. C. L. Ketchum, St. John; Raymond, G. N. A. Burnham, Woodstock; F. W. Clements, Kingsclear; John H. Peat, U. O. Maaza, Andover; Wm. Whyte, Blissett; Henry Wilcox, Oromocto; Judge Hanington, Dorchester; G. O. Dickson, Otty; T. F. Gigger, Hampton; W. A. Daniel, New Maryland; Geo. Armstrong, A. W. Coombes, St. Mary; Alfred Whelpley, Woodfield.

The most animated debate of the morning session took place on the subject of Sunday school libraries. The report of the board of church literature gave rise to this discussion.

The Bishop's Address. Bishop Kingdon, in his annual address, referred to the severity of the past winter, yet was happy that no minister had been called away. He referred to the departure of Rev. H. A. Ody for missionary work in the Yukon, and paid a tribute to his faithfulness and good work. He spoke of the missionary conference of 1903, when a great thanksgiving is to be made. He was desirous that a commencement should be made at once to raise this offering. It will be under the direction of the various provincial synods.

He appointed the following committee to plan for and carry on the raising of this fund in Fredericton diocese: Archdeacon Forsyth, Canon J. A. Richardson, Rev. A. G. H. Dickson, G. O. Dickson, Otty, W. M. Jarvis, H. B. Schofield. The bishop referred to the plea made last year for funds to repair the cathedral and the generous response made. Reference was made to the issue of the Transfiguration and the services to be held.

Speaking of the investment of church property and the laws which govern such investment, he said it had now become his duty to see that every investment was made in compliance with all laws, civil and ecclesiastical. Several other phases of this matter were touched upon. The board of education has now been in existence four years. The work may not show very great results, he said, yet progress has been made. The bishop spoke of the fact that it had now become possible to have religious instruction in schools. He also spoke of the excellent work done in the Fredericton school and of needs of the school for modern equipment. The work of the Sunday school committee of the diocese was praised and a tribute paid to Dr. Smith, of New York. He urged the adoption of a system which would provide for lessons by experts on how to teach, if necessary, having skilled government teachers employed. The need of school literature was emphasized. He hoped for an opportunity for discussion the Sunday school report and formulating plans for the improvement of work.

Increased Salary for Clergy. His lordship spoke of increase in the cost of living and urged that the synod make provision for increase in the salary of the clergy. Reference was made to the large salaries paid elsewhere in Canada. He thought the clergy in orders more than five years should receive at least \$800 and house.

The auditor in his report urged the purchase of a fireproof safe for vouchers, etc. The bishop thought the safe necessary not only for these vouchers, but for all diocesan records. The synod might well consider whether or not a safe house ought to be built or purchased. The present house belongs to the cathedral, but this is hardly becoming to the diocese. Possibly a fund might be raised for repairing the rectory of the diocese. The bishop paid a tribute to T. Carleton Allen, chancellor of the diocese, and closed with an exhortation to the delegates to be faithful in work and duty.

On motion of Dean Partridge, the address was referred to the standing committee. Rev. J. A. Winfield, of Nova Scotia, was admitted to the privileges of the synod. Rev. Dr. Raymond reported for the executive dealing chiefly with routine business. Rev. J. R. Corrie presented the report of the Board of Diocesan Missions. Much was contributed to the church funds had been loaned to \$40 owing to the fire of 1903. Blackville, Ludlow and Blissett had been made a mission from missions at Derby and Blackville with Ludlow and Blissett. The mission at McAdam has been re-opened. Grants to St. Mary's and Addington and Edon have been renewed. The missions of Queensbury and Southampton, Dalhousie, Bright and Douglas, New Bandon, Canning, Greenwich, were declared vacant. Several special grants were made. The board specially referred to the paying of part of the traveling expenses of clerical delegates to committee meetings, and the matter of contributions to the diocesan mission fund from the self-supporting parishes to the consideration of the synod.

The board of finance reported through W. M. Jarvis, showing investments, leases, etc. Rev. G. F. Scovill reported for the church literature committee, showing a successful year, the sales being second but one in six years. The surplus is somewhat greater than last year. The board had granted \$25 to the G. O. Institute, and reported that the S. P. C. K. had recently published the new improved hymn book. The board also recorded appreciation of the services of Miss Chandler and Miss Simpson, of the institute.

Archbishop of Canterbury Invited to New Brunswick. A motion was made by W. M. Jarvis that a cordial invitation be extended by the synod to the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit New Brunswick on the occasion of his visit to Canada and the United States this autumn. The motion was seconded in a very happy speech by Rev. J. de Soyres, and carried enthusiastically by a standing vote.

The debate on Sunday school libraries brought out some pronounced differences of opinion as to the merits of the books of the S. P. C. K. and those written on this side of the Atlantic. Messrs. Sampson, Scovill, Otty and others thought many of the books "too English."

The women's aid association reported through Dean Partridge. It showed that \$236.80 had been received, making receipts of \$880. The expenditures were \$635.58. Consideration of the report of the Diocesan Mission Board was deferred.

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A motion of F. J. G. Knowlton was passed that the reports of all boards and standing committees be read in St. John. A verbal report from the Theological Standing Committee was given by Rev. J. de Soyres.

To Print Reports in Advance. It is beginning to be felt that the synod is rather behind the age in its method of presenting and dealing with reports of its committees. At least three hours is probably required to read the reports, and the monotony of such a proceeding results in wearying the members of the synod, and a considerable measure of conversation and discussion during the reading of reports in which statistics figure.

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Constitutions and canons—Revs. H. Montgomery, Canon Newham, W. O. Raymond, Messrs. T. C. Allen, A. C. Fairweather, W. M. Jarvis.

Statutes and state of church—Revs. Canon Newham, W. J. Wilkinson, Messrs. H. B. Schofield, F. S. Sharpe, G. O. D. Otty.

Memorial to deceased members—Revs. Dean Partridge, T. W. Street, Messrs. Hurd Peters, A. C. Fairweather.

Unfinished business—Revs. Canon Richardson, W. O. Raymond, Messrs. C. F. Kinnear, J. H. L. Fairweather.

Credentialed—Rev. H. E. Dibblee, Messrs. T. C. Allen, W. C. H. Grimmer, J. R. Norton.

Regular meetings of committees—Revs. Canon Richardson, W. O. Raymond, A. G. H. Dickson, Messrs. W. M. Jarvis, H. Peters, F. J. G. Knowlton.

Lay members of board of discipline—Judge Hanington, A. C. Fairweather, W. J. Wallace, J. P. Burchill, P. H. Wilmore, G. Armstrong, H. M. Campbell, R. W. Hewson.

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AFTERNOON BUSINESS.

Letter of Clergymen's Fare on C. P. R. May Be Sent to Railway Commission—Synod Will Close Today.

The synod resumed business at 3 o'clock, when the election of standing committee and boards was taken up. In nearly all cases the report of the nominating committee was confirmed. Some considerable time was occupied in this.

Rev. Canon Forsyth from the committee appointed to consider the question of a thank offering to be presented at Canterbury in 1908 reported in favor of the scheme.

The Railway Fare Matter. There was an animated discussion respecting the abolition of reduced fares to clergymen by the C. P. R. and a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with other denominations to obtain if possible the restoration of the "Madras school" at Fredericton, which matter may be brought to the attention of the railway commission for their consideration. The committee appointed are Canon Richardson, Rev. A. G. H. Dickson, W. M. Jarvis, H. B. Schofield and T. B. Robinson.

The report from the board of education spoke of the encouraging condition of the "Madras school" at Fredericton, which had an attendance of fifty-seven students and had a successful year. A very important recommendation indeed was made by the board, in respect to the fact that should be obtained to enable the funds of the old Madras board to be used for purposes of education in a more general way than has been heretofore attempted.

An Impressive Service. The special service of the synod was held on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The clergy to the number of sixty walked from the vestry of the cathedral and walked up the aisle, entering by the west door. The service was led by the bishop and dignitaries bringing up the rear. The appearance of so many clergymen in their robes was impressive and the singing of the professional hymn by so many men's voices, including the prayers were intoned by Rev. A. G. H. Dickson, the last lesson read by Archdeacon Neales, the 2nd by Archdeacon Forsyth. There was a very large congregation and the service was of a high order. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Street, sub-dean of the cathedral.

The synod will readily finish its business tomorrow and a grand public missionary meeting will be held in the evening which will be addressed by the Rev. Norman Tucker, organizing secretary of the M. S. C. C., and other speakers.

Want Old Rates on the C. P. R. In the proceedings at this morning's session Canon Richardson read the report of the Diocesan Mission and also the report of the sub-committee of diocesan mission on transportation. The latter report says that missionary fund will not allow the payment of traveling expenses of those travelling in Synod's interest, and the committee recommends the appointment of a committee to meet other religious bodies with the aim of getting the C. P. R. to establish the old rates. Both reports were received.

Rev. L. A. Hoyt presented the report on statistics. The whole provision for divinity scholarship has increased from \$800 in 1871 to \$8,000 this year. The report describes the building and enlarging of churches. The incapacitated clergy fund has increased to \$37,725.02. The widow and orphan fund, capital in 1871 of \$5,000, has increased to \$43,700. To this may be added the James F. Robertson special fund amounting to \$6,750.00. Sunday school work has been successful. In 1872 290 pupils were successful in teaching and 2,153 scholars. Last year 523 teachers and 4,638 scholars. By a canon of the Synod a board of education has been incorporated with a capital of \$22,829.24 at its disposal with an annual return from real estate of \$2,225.00. The report speaks of the board of church literature and the work accomplished by the store established under its supervision.

Congratulations to Auditor Beek. Judge Hanington moved that the rule of order be suspended and congratulations of the Synod be extended Auditor General Beek, who is ninety years old. A man who reflected credit on his province and whose assistance at meetings of Synod had been most valuable.

W. M. Jarvis also spoke in appreciation of Mr. Beek's services, and the motion was adopted by a standing vote.

Mr. Beek spoke briefly in reply.

King's College. The new president of King's College, Mr. Hannah, addressed the synod. One thing the college may do is to bring more of the church people in the teaching profession. Arrangements are being made to provide courses which will make it easy for persons to enter the profession. The courses will also tend to bring the college in closer touch with the educational system. One object of Christian education is to apply the Sermon on the Mount to economic and social questions. Economic and history will be taught. The college will also make great effort to offer good divinity courses. An additional professor for this course has been engaged. Various other matters were discussed.

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