

## News from the Home Field.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Seventeenth Session of the Synod will commence with Celebration of the Holy Communion Tuesday, July 1st, at 9.15 a. m., and will be adjourned at 1 p. m. to 7.30 p. m.

The Bishop will hold a Visitation of the Clergy and deliver a Charge at 3 p. m. of that day.

A Missionary Meeting will be held on Monday evening, June 30, at 8 p. m.

By order.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,  
Clerical Secretary.

The Executive Committee give notice that the following business will be submitted at the next session of the Diocesan Synod:—

Passed at last Session and awaiting confirmation.

By Rev. J. D. H. Browne, with reference to place of meeting: "The ordinary place of meeting shall be the City of Halifax, but it shall be in the power of the Synod, at any regular meeting, to appoint a place other than Halifax for its next session."

By the Lord Bishop—"Resolved, That a Representative of P. E. Island be added to the Finance Sub-Committee, which is hereby authorized to act as the Assessment Committee of the Synod.

"That ——— be appointed as such Representative.

"That the Assessment be made early in each year in which a regular meeting of the Synod is to be held, and communicated to the Rector or officiating minister of each Parish not less than four weeks before Easter.

"That the amount assessed shall be due and should be remitted to the Treasurer of Synod immediately after the Easter meeting, and that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat at the ensuing Session of the Synod until the sum so assessed shall have been paid, together with any arrears that may become due after the confirmation of this resolution."

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—"Alteration of No. 16, Rules and Regulations of Synod, by omitting in two places the words 'Regulation, Rules of Order.'"

By Dr. Crane—"That it shall be the duty of the Secretary or Officer entrusted with the publishing of the Journals of Synod to have the respective valuations for payment by each Parish, with the names of the substitute representatives, printed in the Journals in line with the names of the Parish and Lay representatives; and that this shall be done as soon as all necessary information shall have been obtained; and also, that, at least five copies of said Journal shall be sent to each clergyman in the Diocese not less than thirty days before each session of Synod."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

1. That the Chairman at the meeting in each Parish for the election of Delegates to the Synod shall, upon the election of such delegates, forthwith transmit to the Lay Secretary the certificate of election and also the certificate of qualification:

2. That the Treasurer and the Lay and Clerical Secretaries be a Standing Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine such certificates, and also ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessment for which they have been respectively liable, and report thereon to the Bishop on the day before the day of the meeting of the Synod, and the Bishop shall, immediately upon the opening of the Synod, lay such report upon the table.

3. If any objection be made to such report on behalf of any persons claiming seats in the Synod as lay delegates, the same shall be referred to a Special Committee on Credentials of seven members, of which the Standing Committee on Credentials shall be *ex officio* members, together with

four lay members, whose right to a seat in the Synod is unquestioned.

4. No delegate, whose right to a seat in the Synod is questioned, shall be a member of or vote for members of the Special Committee on Credentials.

5. In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as herein before provided, the Synod may for good and sufficient cause permit any delegate at any time to take his seat who produces sufficient proof of election and qualification.

## MOTIONS DEFERRED.

By Rev. J. D. H. Browne—"That on one evening of the Session, to be named by the Chairman, the Synod do constitute itself a Committee of the whole on the state of the Church, to discuss the present condition and wants of the Parishes, and to deliberate on the best means for promoting the material and spiritual interests of the Church throughout the Diocese."

By Rev. V. E. Harris—"That in every church in the Diocese an address be given annually upon the position and claims of King's College, and that at the same time contributions be solicited for the maintenance of a Professor of Divinity."

By Mr. E. J. Hodgson—"That the Representatives to this Synod from each Parish shall be communicants in the Parishes they represent."

By Rev. J. Padfield—"That in clause 15 of the Constitution and Regulations of Synod the word annual be substituted for the word biennial."

By Rev. J. Padfield—"Whereas, This Synod is the Executive Body of the Church in this Diocese, and is responsible for the carrying on of the work of the Church in all its branches;

"And whereas, The management of the funds of the Church is at present virtually in the hands of a few;

"Therefore resolved, That this Synod itself assume the direct administration of the funds at present administered by the Board of Home Missions, and that the Executive Committee of the Synod be a Standing Committee for such administration as may be necessary between the Sessions of Synod; but that all action of this Committee, whether in the making or reducing of grants, be confirmed at the next Session of Synod."

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—"Alteration of Art. 2 of Order of Proceedings so that the roll shall be called only at Opening Session."

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—"That if any Parish invite within the next year the Synod to hold its next regular Session in their Parish, the Executive Committee have power to accept such invitation on behalf of the Synod."

By Rev. W. Ellis—"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the condition of any Parish property, in this Diocese when requested to do so by any person or persons legally interested in such property in order to prevent misappropriation, loss or waste of the land."

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

In accordance with authority given (see page 87 of Journal of last Session), the Committee will recommend a few minor alterations.

The Committee give notice of the following motions:—

"Rural Deans to be elected for a limited period."

"That form of Testimonial be adopted for Clergy leaving the Diocese."

"That Clause 3 of Article 3 of Constitution be amended so as to allow of a specified Theological Course instead of a full Arts Course when desired."

The following resolution, passed by the Synod of Diocese of Montreal, has been adopted by the Executive Committee, and is recommended to the favourable consideration of the Synod:—

"It is desirable, in the interest of the Church in this Diocese, to make provision for the official employment and recognition of the services of Christian women in the work of the Church."

In accordance with the foregoing, the following Canon is suggested:

1. Women of devout character and approved fitness

may be set apart by the Bishop of this diocese for the work of a Deaconess, according to such form as shall be authorized by the Bishop.

2. The duties proper to a Deaconess are declared to be the care of our Lord's poor and sick, the education of the young, the religious instruction (under the control of the parish clergyman) of the neglected, and the work of moral reformation and duties of a kindred nature.

3. No woman shall be set apart for the work of a Deaconess until she is ——— years of age, unless the Bishop, for special reasons, shall deem it expedient to admit candidates at an earlier age, the age of admission in no case to be less than 21 years: it being provided further, that no woman shall be so set apart until she shall have laid before the Bishop testimonials certifying—(a) that she is a communicant in good standing in the Church; (b) that she possesses such characteristics as in the judgment of the persons testifying fit her for at least one of the branches of duty above defined. The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that the applicant has had an adequate preparation for her work, both technical and religious, which preparation shall have covered at least one year.

4. No Deaconess shall work officially in this diocese without the express authority, in writing, of the Bishop of this diocese.

5. A Deaconess may, at any time, resign her office to the ecclesiastical authority from which she received it; but no Deaconess having once given up her commission shall be re-appointed unless, in the judgment of the Bishop, such resignation was for weighty cause.

6. A Deaconess may be transferred from this diocese to another by letters dismissory upon request of the Bishop of the diocese to which she is transferred.

7. In case of Deaconesses joining together in one community, the constitution, rules and government thereof shall first be submitted to and approved of by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and shall be in harmony with the usages of this Church, and the principles of the Book of Common Prayer.

8. No manual of devotion shall be used by any such community unless it be sanctioned by the Bishop.

9. No Deaconess shall be sent to any parish or mission without the consent of the incumbent of the parish or mission.

In consequence of constitution of a Central Board of Missions, some change will be necessary in the Boards established by the Synod.

The discharge of some Committees, whose services are no longer required, will be recommended.

Committees on Sunday Schools and on Parochial Organizations will present their reports.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DORCHESTER.—The usual quarterly meeting of the Shediac Deanery was held at Dorchester on Wednesday last, 5th inst. The clergy present were the Dean, the Revds. D. Bliss, Arthur Hoadley, and Cecil F. Wiggins. Two visiting clergy, the Rev. Jas. Lowry, of Jeddore, and the Rev. V. E. Harris, of the neighbouring Parish of Amherst, were cordially received, and the latter was invited to affiliate himself with the Deanery, which he accordingly did. Mr. Hoadley reported concerning the establishment of the Branch Book Depository at Moncton, and informed the Deanery that \$140 worth of books (a portion of the grant made by the Central Depository of St. John) were now in stock at the store of L. A. McLean, Moncton. This Branch is entirely under the charge of the clergy of the Deanery, and will, it is hoped, prove a great convenience to both the clergy and laity of the Northern portion of the Diocese. The printed forms of opening service, prepared by the Dean, were used for the first time, and were found conducive to order and devotion. There was a public meeting in the evening, at which addresses were delivered by the clergy. The Rev. H. H. Barber spoke on "Individual effort in members of the Church of England," Mr. Hoadley on "The importance of the religious instruction of children in the Sunday School and at the fireside," and Mr. Wiggins on "What shall we teach in our Sunday Schools?" There was a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Parish Church on Thursday morning, at 8.30, at which the Dean was celebrant. A short address on the Holy Communion was delivered by the Rev. H. H. Barber. The offerings at both these services were for the benefit of the Deanery. The clergy, after finishing their business at a morning session, left for their separate homes. The clergy learnt, with deep regret, that the absence of their brother, Rev. H. B. Armstrong,