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The Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Synod of Nova Scotia met in Halifax and commenced its biennial session on Friday, June 24.

The Synod sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Harley, M. A., rural dean of Shelburne, at St. Luke's Cathedral. His text was from Acts xviii, 17. "And Gallio cared for none of these things."

The meetings of the Synod were held in St. Paul's Parish Hall. At the first business meeting, the Rev. W. J. Ancient, M. A., was elected secretary and Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Springhill, was appointed assistant secretary. Mr. R. J. Wilson, lay secretary. The roll was called 143 delegates present, 83 clerical and 60 lay.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese read his address, and we regret we have only space for those parts of it which have special reference to diocesan affairs.

"I am deeply thankful to know that there is in some of our parishes evidence of the presence of a spirit of proportionate and systematic giving, which, if it is fostered and extended, will ultimately provide all that is required both for our own needs and to further the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom; but as yet it is emphatically the day of small things. One notable instance must not be passed over in silence. Last October the hearts of all of us were saddened by the calamity which befell the beautiful town of Windsor, when in a very short space of time the whole place was swept away by fire. We are indeed, while

sincerely sympathising with other bodies of Christians which mourn the losses that have befallen them, most humbly and profoundly grateful to Almighty God for His great mercy vouchsafed to us in that none of our church property was destroyed; but our people in common with others, were rendered homeless, their belongings swallowed up and their business put an end to. Nevertheless, the contribution of that parish to our various funds has been kept up, and when the rector, about Easter-tide, appealed to his people for a collection to make up a deficiency in the church accounts for the year, the offertory amounted to between \$300 and \$400. I trust this example will provoke many other parishes to a similar generosity, and the manifestation of a like spirit of self-help.

"It may be remembered that a few years ago I communicated to the synod the information conveyed to me by the secretary of the S. P. G. to the effect that while the committee of the Colonial Bishops' Fund would continue to me the income assigned therefrom, amounting to £203 per annum, this sum could not be reckoned upon as being likely to be continued to my successor in the See, and that I asked you to take steps to make up that amount. Nothing, as you know, has been done, and recently I have received another letter from the secretary expressing his disappointment in this regard. He says it is quite certain that the amount in question will not be continued after my ceasing to be the bishop of this diocese, and requests me to

take immediate action looking to the collection of a capital sum, the interest of which will provide the required income, and also secure a more adequate endowment of the See. He also hints that if we should aim at raising \$50,000 for this purpose, the committee of the Colonial Bishopric Fund, and the S. P. G., and the S. P. C. K. might all be reasonably expected to give substantial help.

"I suppose that we all feel the unsatisfactoriness of the plan of providing a portion of the bishop's income by assessment on the parishes, whereas, if the amount mentioned could be raised, and invested at 4 per cent, which is about all that can be obtained from good securities, the amount of assessment could be reduced by one-half.

"You will perceive that I am personally entirely unaffected by this matter, and therefore free to press it as strongly as possible upon you, for immediate action, and I trust that a committee may be appointed at this session, and steps taken for setting to work at once. Contributions might be spread over a few years—say five—and I am sincerely glad to offer \$1,000, payable in that time, as my own contribution to this objective view.

"I do this in the hope that others who are able will give larger sums, but not at all with the intention of discouraging those who can only give a little, or wishing to limit the donors to the few; for I am convinced that the larger the numbers of those who help, the more wide and deeper will be the living interest which the people take in