

torical crisis of their births as a nation, and as a bishop deeply sympathizing with the cares and anxieties of true Catholics in France, I have felt these explanations to be due to Your Grace and to the flock over which you preside with godly sincerity and simplicity. I love all my fellow Christians, but among those of this brilliant capital my Catholic sympathies are with these, however humble, who will not suffer ecclesiastical France, with their consent, to be reduced to a mere satrapy, which Bossuet has called a foreign domination. I venerate those holy witnesses to CHRIST and to his apostolic Church, who, when others forsook him and fled, were resolved that the illustrious Gallican Church should not become extinct and that her free maxims and and splendid traditions should never be forgotten.

Accept, I pray you, monsignor, the assurance of my profound respect in Christo, *et in ecclesia.*

A. CLEVELAND COXE,
Bishop of Western New York.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—On Friday, June 29th, there was laid to rest in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax, one who had throughout his life been a faithful and prominent layman of this Diocese. Selwyn H. Shreve, a son of the late Rev. C. J. Shreve of Chester. For several months the health of this devout servant of Christ had been failing, and on the 22nd death ended his sufferings, while he was in Boston, Mass., where he had gone for medical treatment. Mr. Shreve was a zealous member of the Bishop's (St. Stephen's) Chapel. The fruits of his self-denying labours as a lay-reader at the North-West Arm, and in helping to lay the foundations of the Mission of St. Matthias will ever be associated with his memory.

The body was placed in St. Stephen's at an early hour on the 29th (Festival of St. Peter). The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a.m., by the Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, and at 4.30 p.m. the interment took place; the Lord Bishop and the Rev. C. W. McCully taking part in the service. The funeral was attended by the clerical and lay members of the Diocesan Synod, which had adjourned to witness the last sad rites of one who had laboured session after session with them in furthering the interests of the Church in this diocese.

NOVA SCOTIA SYNOD.

The Twentieth session of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, opened in Halifax on the 20th June last, with a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m., at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was celebrant, Archdeacon Stevens, of Brooklyn, New York, Epistoller; and the Rev. Dr. Partridge, Gospeller. The appointed preacher was the Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, who took as his text Joshua 1st chap., 9th verse, from which he delivered an able and eloquent sermon in reference to the Church and her claims.

About 120 members of the clergy and laity were in attendance, and the Rev. Dr. Partridge was unanimously elected clerical secretary. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese delivered his first charge in which he referred at length to the history and progress of the Diocese, especially during the period of office of the late Bishop, to whose memory he paid an eloquent tribute. He asked the sympathy and assistance of the members of the Synod in his work as Bishop, and urged unity amongst themselves and faithful allegiance to the Church. He also referred to his own Episcopal labours since his consecration in March last, and took occasion to refute the statement made in some quarters as to the condition of the Church in Prince Edward Island. His visit to that portion of the diocese had convinced him that in-

stead of being in a state of decay, the Church was flourishing and was now making satisfactory progress. He also referred to King's College, Windsor, urging greater liberality on the part of Churchmen in its support and in the use of the privileges thereby accorded.

The Ven. Archdeacon Stevens occupied a seat on the platform by invitation, and addressed the Synod after the conclusion of the charge.

The Bishop having vacated the chair, a committee to prepare an address to His Lordship was appointed, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Hole, Kaulbach, and Ritchie, the Hon. H. E. Baker, and Mr. W. C. Silver.

The following resolution, remaining over from last session, was, after a long and warm discussion, adopted by a two-thirds majority:

"That the Constitution of this Synod be altered so as to allow Churches or Missions or ecclesiastical districts, under the charge of a clergyman other than the Rector, to elect representatives to this Synod.

Provided, that no such Church or Mission or ecclesiastical district shall elect more than two representatives.

And provided also, that the consent of any Rectors interested shall have been first obtained."

A resolution in favor of holding the next session of the Synod at Yarmouth was carried. Several other motions standing over, were either withdrawn or referred to special Committees, after which the following motion in reference to parish registers was taken up, discussed and adopted, when the Synod adjourned to the following day:

"That the Executive Committee of the Synod be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of parochial records with printed headings prepared for issue at the expense of the Synod, or kept on sale, as may be decided, the use of such records to be compulsory by each parish or mission."

On the opening of the Synod on Saturday, after routine proceedings, the report of the special Committee appointed in regard to the mode of constituting the Committee of Management of the Church Endowment Fund and other committees, reported through Judge Townshend who, after referring to the formation of the Endowment Fund and its destiny under the Diocesan Church Society, and to the Act of the Legislature incorporating the Synod, and to the custom of the Diocesan Church Society of appointing a permanent standing committee to manage the endowment fund, and in case of vacancy therein of filling up the same by appointment, and the action of the Synod since transfer of authority to it in the same direction, advised that it would be best to pursue the same course, but also suggested that the Synod should pass regulations specifying what should constitute a vacancy on the committee, and that some of the causes should be: death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, incapacity, ceasing to be a member of the Church, or habitual non-attendance at the meetings. The consideration of this report engaged the earnest attention of the Synod, and, after some discussion, it was proposed to add a clause to the effect that the Synod should have power to remove from the Endowment Committee any member for sufficient cause in the opinion of the Synod and fill up the vacancy, and that if legislation were necessary to carry out the recommendation of the report, the Committee be authorized to seek such legislation: and so amended the report was adopted.

The election of delegates to the Provincial Synod was made during the course of the morning, and the Synod adjourned till evening.

In the afternoon a meeting of the Board of Home Missions was held, at which the Annual report was submitted. The Board congratulates the parishes on having raised a larger amount than usual in the diocesan year. The receipts for the different funds are as follows:—

General purposes.....	\$5,453.35
W. & O. Fund.....	3,102.02
Reserve Fund.....	300.75
Superannuation Fund.....	1,659.23
Parish Endowment Fund.....	1,070.52
Bishopric Endowment Fund.....	58.07
Travelling Missionary Fund.....	18.75
Cathedral Fund.....	64.71
College Fund.....	1.85

\$11,670.73

Against \$8,920.80 last year.

The report says:—

"A portion of this increase is accounted for by the fact that quite a number of the parishes did not send in their contributions for 1886-87 until about the beginning of 1887, and also that the Board passed a resolution at the meeting in October, that parishes not sending their subscriptions before 31st December would not be acknowledged in the report for 1877. This action of the Board has brought in subscriptions from nearly all the parishes. The Board is glad to say, however, that nearly double the contributions have been made this year to the Widows' and Orphan's Fund. The circular issued by the Board has done good service in inducing the parishes to make greater efforts to raise the funds of the Board. The Board desires to emphasize the duty of a personal canvass of all the parishioners by the clergy, and it is convinced that that is the true way of procuring a personal interest in the Board's work."

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DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SYNOD NOTES.—In the absence of the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, as Commissary, took the chair at the opening of the Synod in Trinity Church School, St. John, on 4th July.

The Rev. O. S. Newnham was elected Secretary for the session, in place of Canon Medley absent with the Bishop.

After Roll Call, the Chairman read a letter from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese formally explaining the cause of his absence (attendance at the Pan-Anglican) and suggesting the line of action which he would wish the Synod to take, and expressing the hope that it would not be necessary to abandon any of the work which the Church in the Diocese had undertaken. His Lordship in concluding his letter commended the members of Synod to the loving care of the Heavenly Father, and asked their prayers in behalf of himself and his house. The election of Committees was then proceeded with. Amongst these was the Sunday-school Committee, which is as follows: Revs. O. S. Newnham, Canon Brigstocke, J. H. Talbot, and G. G. Roberts; Messrs. C. H. Fairweather, A. P. Tippett, E. J. Wetmore; and the Board of Dom. and Foreign Missions: Revs. J. de Soyres, O. S. Newnham, Canon Brigstocke, Messrs. C. N. Vroom, T. B. Hanington, Hon. B. R. Stevenson.

The Rev. Mr. Vroom and R. T. Clinch were appointed members of the Board of Governors of King's College, Windsor.

Mr. Fairweather, as Treasurer of the Contingent Fund Assessment and Bishop Medley Divinity Scholarship, presented his report. The latter showed receipts for the year \$360.25, and a total investment of \$5,450; one thousand dollars of which was on deposit in the Maritime Bank.

Chief Justice Allen read a report of the Committee on the Mission Church matter to the effect that they had made some progress in the matter referred to them, but had not as yet been able to deal fully with the whole subject, they therefore request that their powers be continued till the next session of the Synod.

The Committee on the Duties of Churchwardens also reported through the Chief Justice;