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that heretofore any clergyman desirous of going upon this fund must give 4 months notice, also that a clergyman who had not paid his premiums up to within a few years or even months of the age limit could then pay the total sum of premiums and partake of the benefits of this fund. He gave notice of motion to be considered at next synod to amend the rules governing this fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. M. Withycombe, of Summerside, moved for the organization of a diocesan Sunday school conference.

He said we recognize that the children of the church are those upon whom in the future we shall have to rely for support. The Sunday school is the place for the formation of habits of proportionate giving and church attendance. We as a synod should give more attention to work of Sunday schools. The synod gives its attention to financial matters almost exclusively and we as a church need the inspiration of a diocesan Sunday school conference. In other dioceses it has been tried with good success, for instance, in Toronto and Fredericton. He proposed that the conference be held annually in various parts of the diocese.

Rev. E. P. Crawford moved as an amendment that the rural deans be requested to organize conferences in their respective deaneries.

The amendment carried.

Hon. Justice Savary gave the following notice of motion, which he intends to move at the next synod (two years hence):—

"That in future the fund under the control of the Board of Home Missions shall be called the "Church Maintenance Fund of the Diocese of Nova Scotia" instead of the

"Home Mission Fund" as heretofore.

Votes of thanks were given to the railway and steamboat companies for reduced fares, to the rector and corporation of St. Paul's for the use of the hall, to the generous churchpeople of Halifax for hospitality; to Mr. R. J. Wilson, the lay secretary of the synod, by a standing vote; to the Rev. C. R. Cummings, and J. A. Stansfield, officials reporters and the press. The synod adjourned.

We enclose bills to date and hope there will be a general response from our friends.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We shall be glad to receive notes regularly each fortnight from our correspondents.

Three visiting clergymen were invited to seats in the house during the synod, Rev. H. Wainwright, of Fredericton diocese, Rev. E. Lawlor, of Algoma, and Rev. H. Gouin, of Montreal.

Daily services were held in St. Paul's morning and evening, during the session, but were very poorly attended.

Rev. George I. Foster, M. A., rector of Lockport, and Miss Annie Day, of Lockport, were married by the Rev. A. P. Shatford at Lockport on June 1st.

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The Rev. N. LeMoine, rector of St. Mark's, Halifax, has been appointed by the bishop as the preacher for the next synod, substitute, Rev. E. P. Harley, of Antigonish.

H. A. Ancient, B. A., has been appointed on the teaching staff of the Collegiate School, Windsor, to succeed Rev. C. W. Vernon, now rector of North Sydney.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Rev. W. S. H. Morris, of Shelburne, whose recent death was chronicled in the papers, was highly respected and is deeply lamented.

Rev. T. R. Gwillim, rector of Baddeck, died on Monday, June 27th. His remains were interred at Middleton.

During the synod the Rev. W. J. Armitage, rector of St. Paul's showed his practical interest in the Superannuation Fund by personally urging the claim of that fund upon the clergy and was successful in inducing 25 clergymen to become yearly contributors.