

WEST AFRICA.—Recent letters of Bishop Crowther and the Missionaries on the banks of the Niger reported that the work at the old stations of Gbebe (Confluence) and Onitsha had made some progress, that a new station had been opened a few miles from Gbebe, at Lokoja, where the British Consul resides, and, at Idda half-way between the Confluence and Onitsha: also that the first baptism had taken place at Akassa, at the mouth of the Nun.

NOTICES.

SYNOD.

The ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee of Diocesan Synod, was held in Halifax, Sept. 18th. Eight members were present. The Bishop presiding.

The business committed by the Synod was brought forward, viz:—Questions to be prepared for the Rural Deans,—establishment of a Church Paper,—assessment for expenses of Synod,—publishing the proceedings of Synod.

With reference to a Church Paper, it was decided to issue a monthly periodical of popular character at 50 cents per annum, and to issue a Circular to the clergy, asking their support and co-operation. The town members of the Executive Committee were appointed a Sub-Committee, to make all arrangements for the issue of the paper, beginning with 1867.

With reference to the Rural Deans, it was decided that the Questions be prepared by the Bishop and the Secretary, and submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to carry out the directions of the Synod, as to publishing its proceedings.

With reference to the expenses of the Synod, it was resolved that \$400 will be required to pay the expenses of the next session.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare a scale of assessment from the Parishes for that sum, and to submit the same to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Bishop asked what steps should be taken to provide for the representation of this Diocese, in case a General Council of the Anglican Church should be summoned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, before the next session of the Synod.

It was recommended that in such case the Bishop should call a special meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose of appointing representatives.

RURAL DEANS.

- No. 1. "Lunenburg," Rev. H. L. Owen, R. D.
2. "Shelburne," Dr. White, R. D.
- 3.
4. "University," Rev. John Storrs, R. D.
- 5.
6. "St. George's," Rev. H. Hamilton, R. D.
7. "Tangier," Rev. R. Jamieson, R. D.
8. "Sydney," Rev. Dr. Uniacke, R. D.

The Rev. J. P. Sargent has removed from Melford, and is appointed to the mission of Tusket.

D. C. S.

A meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, 19th inst., at 4. P. M.

☞ A Church Bell, of bell metal, about 156 lbs., daily expected from London, will be for sale at cost and charges. Information will be given by the Editor.