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erance, by practising self-denial for the good of others, by inculcating true temperance views in the training of the young, by promoting the passage of wise laws for the protection of the community against the ravages of intemperance and by educating public sentiment in the direction of greater respect of law and order.

And we earnestly request the members of the church to make the whole subject a matter of constant prayer, and especially to look for divine guidance in dealing with the great issue of prohibition now before the country, and that every act and vote may have the effect of banishing the great evil of intemperance from our midst.

REGISTRAR'S FEES

The Rev. E. H. Ball called attention to what he considered a very high charge for registrar's fees, the newly divided parish of Westville having to pay \$7.50. A committee of the synod conferred with Mr. Silver, the registrar, and arranged that the fees in future be the same as in the diocese of Fredericton, one dollar for each and every document, payable in advance.

The various standing committees were appointed.

His lordship called attention to the rule that rural deans are appointed for five years and that the Deans of Lunenburg, Avon, and Amherst have been in office over five years.

The report on the bishop's address provoked a very lively discussion. The Rev. F. H. Almon and others denied the right of the synod, or anyone, to order a collection to be taken in any parish.

LAST DAY.

Judge Ritchie read the report of the Assessment Committee. To meet the arrears of synod expenses

fund there is an increase of 50 per cent in the assessment for the next two years.

Two parishes in the Deanery of Amherst have been divided during the year and this necessitates a change in the assessment of the various parishes of that deanery.

BISHOP'S STIPEND.

The mode adopted on 9th October, 1896, by the executive committee, under the authority of the synod, of advertising in the secular press the names of the parishes and their incumbents who were over three months in arrears, has proved very effective, as well as the monthly advertisement in *The Church Observer*, since authorized by the executive committee, and your committee cannot recommend any change in that respect. Some parishes which have been advertised have complained, but they must remember that the remedy is in their own hands, and if all the contributions are promptly paid when due, as they should be, there will be no list to publish.

Reports were read on Education, Religious Education in public schools, the Church School for Girls, and the Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

C. E. FUND

The following were reported as members of the Church Endowment Fund: W. H. Wiswell, chairman; J. W. H. Rowley, T. Brown, J. Y. Payzant, Dr. DeWolfe, E. J. Lordly, Hon. Justice Townshend, A. E. Silver, R. L. Borden, M. P. Mr. Taylor, F. W. Green, E. T. Mahon, C. S. Harrington, A. Mackinlay, J. T. Wyld, treasurer; Rev. W. J. Ancient, secretary.

Important changes were made in the rules governing the distribution of this fund. Hitherto those parishes which received aid

from the S. P. G. considered they had the prior claim on this fund, consequently several parishes are reported to be receiving aid which do not need it while several poor missions are languishing for lack of funds. In future the committee which will consist of fifteen laymen will make grants to the parishes most in need of help, but will not interfere with the vested rights of any now receiving aid from the fund.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Archdeacon Jones, E. P. Crawford, Ven. Archdeacon Smith, Rev. James Simpson, V. E. Harris, Prof. Vroom, Rev. C. E. Willetts, H. A. Harley, Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Rev. W. J. Ancient, Rev. E. A. Harris, Rev. T. F. Draper.

SUBSTITUTE DELEGATES.

Lay: R. E. Harris, R. J. Wilson, J. L. Jennison, J. Y. Payzant, Thomas Mowbray, J. H. Balcom, Clerical: Rev. W. J. Armitage, W. C. Wilson, G. Haslam, J. T. Bryan, H. How, W. H. Bullock.

On the recommendation of the committee on the Gottenburg system of liquor control the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Smith, and Jones, were appointed a committee to confer with a special committee of the Toronto synod.

RETURNS.

On motion of Judge Ritchie the following was substituted for section 6 of Canon VI:—

"That every such return shall be made up to the 31st. day of March in each year, signed by the incumbent making it, and transmitted direct to the clerical secretary on, or before, the first day of May following."

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Rev. E. P. Crawford explained