

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it: for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.—EccLES. V. 4."

On Trinity Sunday his lordship the Bishop of the diocese held an ordination in the cathedral at Fredericton, when Mr. Edward Hamington, B. A. of the University of New Brunswick, and Mr. Charles Mathew, B. A. of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, were admitted to the diaconate. This impressive service took place at 11 o'clock, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Holy Communion was afterwards celebrated by the Bishop.

We understand that Mr. Hamington has been appointed to serve the parish of Mungersville-cum Burton during the absence of the rector; and that Mr. Mathew has been licensed as assistant curate of the parish of St. Mark in St. John.

We are enabled to state on good authority, that eighteen of the parishes have elected delegates to discuss the Synod question; while eight have either declined to send representatives or have elected them with instructions to oppose the Synod. There are other parishes which in all probability will send delegates so that the subject will at any rate receive a respectful consideration.

NOVA SCOTIA:—On the subject of Synods the *Nova Scotia Church Chronicle* says: We may be thankful that we have a Synod already established, representing nearly all the diocese recognized by the Crown as the representative of the Church of Nova Scotia, and fully capable of handling such matters of interest.

But for the sake of uniformity in practice, it would be well for the several dioceses to act together. Why should not the Church in the Maritime Provinces do as they now do in Canada, elect their own Metropolitan, and have their Provincial Synod? Canada is too distant, and her district already too large, to make it desirable that we should be united under her Metropolitan; but we have Church members enough in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to form a province and act in unity for ourselves. The Crown will issue no more letters-patent, even of the partial character already given; and it appears to be the design of the English Government that in Church matters, as well as in politics, the colonies should think and act for themselves.

The General Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society will be held in Halifax on Monday, the 2nd July next, at two o'clock p. m.

CANADIAN.—The Bishop of Western New York has recently paid a visit, by invitation, to Toronto, for the uprose of addressing the Church Society of the Diocese. He was met at the station by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, now nearly ninety years of age. Every attention was shown to the American Bishop during his stay, and his address to the Church Society was received with much approbation, the audience rising *en masse* to return their thanks.

There will probably be a Coadjutor Bishop appointed at the next meeting of the Synod of Toronto to assist the aged Bishop of that diocese, who feels that he cannot overtake the increasing duty.

St. Stephen's Church Toronto, recently destroyed by fire has been rebuilt at a cost of \$800. The internal arrangements are very similar to the old ones. The windows are said to be very beautiful.

BERMUDA.—The Bishop of Newfoundland has received the necessary recognition by the local Government of Bermuda. By the last census the Church population of the Bermudas was 9774.

His lordship at his late visitation there, confirmed 123 candidates, and afterwards occupied himself in forming and instructing a "Choral Association." More clergy seem to be required on the island.

UNITED STATES.—The bells presented to St. Mary's, Burlington, in memorial of Bishop Doane, chimed out their first song of praise at sun-rise on Easter morning. It was the intention of the Rector to have a muffled peal on the 27th April, beginning at the hour when the great and good Bishop entered into his rest. It is intended that this shall be an annual custom.—*Church Journal*.

The Divorce Court in London has pronounced a Mormon marriage null and void *ab initio* on the ground that a polygamous marriage is no marriage at all.

The Eastern Church Association have issued two Tracts. One is the Rev. Wm. Stubb's letter to a Russian friend on *The Apostolical Succession in the Church of England*, and the other is an extract from Dr. Pusey's *Eirenicon on The Essential Unity of the Church*. Both these tracts are in the course of publication in the Russian language.

The Bishop of Limerick, Dr. Griffin, died on the 5th of April, at Dublin, aged 80 years.