

derived from local endowments, shall be visited by a deputation of clergymen and laymen, appointed by the bishop, and that deputation shall make an estimate of the annual contribution which such parish should be reasonably expected to provide towards its clergyman's support, and no appointment shall be made to such vacant parish until a guarantee shall have been afforded that the amount so determined will be annually contributed.

## Notices.

### THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The seventh session of this assembly opened on Tuesday the 30th ult. with the office of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. At eleven o'clock the Dean, accompanied by the Archdeacons and Canons, with a large body of the clergy, in surplice, stole and hood, moved in procession to the front entrance of the church, where they were met by the Bishop, to whom the Dean in their name presented a Pastoral Staff with a short and significant address, to which his lordship, holding the symbol in his right hand, returned an earnest and emphatic reply. He then delivered the Staff to the Rev. John Abbott, thereby constituting him his chaplain, and the clergy returned to the church, his lordship, with his chaplain preceding him, closing the procession, Hymn 164 (A. and M.) being sung by the choir and clergy as a processional hymn.

The sermon was preached by the Dean, "on the nature and necessity of synods, and the manner in which they ought to be conducted," and the Blessed Sacrament administered to nearly 200 communicants, the Bishop acting as Celebrant, assisted by the Archdeacon of P. E. I. and the Cathedral Clergy.

During the week of the session, the Lord's Supper was celebrated every morning at 7.30. Matins said at 9, and evensong with lecture at 8 o'clock.

We subjoin the address and reply.

IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT AND GOOD SHEPHERD. AMEN.

*Right Rev. Father and Bishop:—*

On behalf of my brethren in the Ministry, I desire to present you with this ancient symbol of your sacred office, and entreat you to receive it as a token of our undiminished confidence in your administration of the Diocese, and a small tribute to your earnest zeal for the truth of God, and the order of His Church.

We heartily pray the Good Lord to give you a long life, and a steady hand and paternal heart to bear this Pastoral Staff I now present unto you, and I venture to express the hope that whatever difficulties you may meet, and whatever trials you may be called to bear, you will be strengthened and comforted in looking upon this emblem of guidance and governance, with renewed assurance that there are still many who not only sympathize with their Bishop, but will bravely stand by you, as a faithful and orthodox brotherhood.

### REPLY.

*Mr. Dean and Rev. Brethren:—*

When upon the presentation of an address, you informed me that it was to be followed in due time by a Pastoral Staff, I stated that any material token of your good will and confidence would be altogether superfluous, but that I could not refuse to accept it, if such acceptance would be gratifying to you. And now that