

Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, Halifax,—

JAN. 31ST, 1888.

Non-attending members Clerical Association, Prince Edward Island, deeply regret enforced absence from Synod. arrival in time necessitating closed churches here last Sunday. Other difficulties and obstacles almost insurmountable make attendance impossible. Earnest prayers of ourselves and people for Divine illumination in your deliberations.

C. F. LOWE,
Secretary.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Chairman made the following statement of the present condition of affairs, presenting and reading, also, the various letters connected therewith.

1. At the Synod meeting in November, last, a telegram was read from the Archbishop of Canterbury stating that our resolutions were defective.

2. I wrote to the Archbishop on Dec. 9th. A copy of the letter is subjoined.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, DEC. 9TH, 1887.

May it please your Grace,—

Permit me respectfully to request your attention to the position of this Diocese.

At the last meeting of our Synod, in November, we received a telegram from your Grace, stating that our communications were imperfect, and promising that you would write.

Since that time we have not heard anything from your Grace. We do not know what is deficient in the papers which have been sent, and have been anxiously looking for instructions. Our Synod is to meet again (for the fourth time on this subject, viz: the election of a Bishop) in the first week in February, next.

The time is but short for your Grace to inform us what is wanting in our communication, for us to amend it, and for your Grace to recommend a person for election as our Bishop.

Your Grace may easily suppose how much we are suffering from the want of a ruler, and how eagerly we are looking for response from those whom we have asked to help us in our need.

I hope that this may be regarded as sufficient apology for my again addressing your Grace on this subject.

I remain your obed't servant,

EDWIN GILPIN,
Archdeacon and Administrator of the Diocese.

3. The next thing in the sequence of events is a telegram from the Archbishop.

LONDON, Dec. 16, 1887.

Archdeacon Gilpin, Halifax,—

Assurance wanted that nominee will be accepted, otherwise adequate persons will not consent, also send certificate that action of Synod has been according to rules and within legal powers. I write.

ARCHBISHOP ADDINGTON.