

This amendment caused some little discussion, Dr. Gilpin's supporters seeming to think than the other side has accepted the Archbishop of Canterbury as sole referee, but ultimately the amended proposal was accepted; and the Synod having resumed its session permission was granted to those who nominated the Archdeacon and the Bishop of Algoma to withdraw their names, which being done,

Hon. Mr. Vail, enquired whether the Bishop of Iowa being at present an American subject could accept this diocese before he became a British subject? In the second place, if he does require to be naturalized, how long will it take to naturalize him? The Dominion law of 1873, amended in 1881, requires a regular form of naturalization to be gone through with.

Mr. Harrington, Q. C., said that the Bishop of Iowa was a British subject born, and that being so he could never divest himself of his nationality, no matter how many oaths of allegiance to other powers he might take.

The Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton, Dr. Kingdon and the Lord Bishop of Niagara entering at this moment, were received standing and took seats by the chairman.

Ballotting was then proceeded with. 73 clerical votes cast, 72 were for Dr. Perry and 1 blank. Of the 102 lay votes cast, 99 were for Dr. Perry, 1 blank, and 2, deposited evidently by a pair of irreconcilables, who voted respectively for the candidates whose names had just been withdrawn.

The chairman after the announcement of the vote declared Dr. PERRY elected Bishop of Nova Scotia, and by the rules of the Synod, the election was confirmed by a standing vote of the whole, and all joined in singing the doxology.

It was then moved and resolved that in the event of non-acceptance on the part of Bishop Perry, reference be made to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London, for their recommendation, and Rev. F. R. Murray, Dr. Hole and Dr. Nichols, were associated with the Archdeacon, in event of its being necessary to communicate with these Prelates.

Rev. Dr. Murray said that as Dr. Perry, whom he would now call Bishop-elect of Nova Scotia, would in all probability arrive in town the next day, he would move that the Archdeacon nominate a committee to wait on him on his arrival to welcome him. The following committee was appointed:

The Archdeacon, Revs. Hole, Brock, Maynard, Nichols, Uniacke, Snider, Filleul, W. Ritchie, Murray; Messrs. Jones, Silver, Vail, Ritchie, Palmer, Cundall, Hodgson, Owen, Stewart.

The Lord Bishop of Niagara, then delivered a short address expressing his pleasure at being the first to offer them congratulations on the happy result arrived at. He considered that the House of Bishops in this Ecclesiastical Province would greatly profit by the introduction of Bishop Perry among their number. He had been trained in the methods of the American House of Bishops, and there was no doubt their methods were more business like than ours.

Dr. Kingdon also expressed his gratification at being present to witness what he considered to be one of the most remarkable elections held for many years and upon which he congratulated the Synod.

Since the foregoing we learn through Press despatches, that Bishop Perry has cabled Archdeacon Gilpin to the effect that he cannot give any encouragement as to his accepting the Bishopric of Nova Scotia. In such case the nomination will be in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London.

THE BISHOP ELECT OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Right Rev. William Stevens Perry, S. T. D., L. L. D., the second Bishop of Iowa, was born

in Providence, Rhode Island, on January 22, 1832. He went to Harvard and in 1854 graduated from that university, and took deacon's orders three years later. In the following spring he took priests orders. In the interval he served as assistant minister at St. Paul's, Boston. He was afterwards successively rector of St. Luke's, Nashua, New Hampshire (1858-61); of St. Stephen's, Portland, Me., (1861-63); of St. Michael's Litchfield, Conn., (1864-69); Trinity, Geneva, N. Y., (1869-76); and editor of the *Church Monthly*, Boston, 1864. He was appointed president of Hobart College, Geneva, and held that position from April, 1876, to September of the same year, when he was elevated to the Episcopate. He has received the collegiate degrees in regular course, M. A. (*ad eundem*) from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Province of Quebec, 1859; S. T. D. from Trinity, Hartford, 1869; and the L. L. D. degree from the college of William and Mary, Virginia, 1876. He was deputy from New Hampshire to the general convention in 1859, and from the Diocese of Maine in 1862; at the latter he was made assistant secretary. In 1868 he was elected secretary to the house of clerical and lay deputies in the general convention, which he also held in 1871 and in 1874. He was made historiographer of the American Church in 1868, and professor of history in Hobart College in 1871-73. On his elevation to the Episcopate he was consecrated at Trinity, Geneva, N. Y., on September 10, 1876, by Bishop Stevens, of Pennsylvania; his uncle, Bishop Coxe, of Western New York; Bishop Kerfoot, of Pittsburg; Bishop Bissell, of Vermont, and Bishop Oxenden, of Montreal, then Metropolitan of Canada.

Bishop Perry is the author of many very valuable works particularly those relating to the history of the American Church, upon which subject he is the ablest living authority. He has published the "Centennial History of the American Church," of which he is editor and to which he is the chief contributor, assisted by several eminent scholars in the Church.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The Churchmen of this Diocese have naturally been much interested in the recent commemoration of the Centenary of the consecration of the first Anglican Bishop in British America.

In accordance with the desire of the Metropolitan the subject was brought forward prominently by the clergy in their sermons either on the Sunday preceding or on that following the commemorative services at Halifax.

The Metropolitan, the Bishop Coadjutor and several of the clergy of the Diocese were present and participated in the services at Halifax, on August 12th.

Much interest has also been manifested in this Diocese in the election by the Synod of Nova Scotia of a successor to the late Bishop Binney. The election has been in many respects a remarkable one, and the result a complete surprise, but the general feeling in this Diocese is one of thankfulness, in that the Synod has been able to unanimously agree in its choice and of hope that the Bishop upon whom the choice has so unexpectedly fallen may indeed be the called of God for the post.

The Metropolitan and Bishop Coadjutor are at present confirming in various portions of the Diocese. The former will visit St. Andrews, Grand Manan, Chatham, Newcastle, Sussex, Bathurst, Bay du Vins, Dalhousie, and Edmundston. The Bishop Coadjutor will hold confirmations in St. John, Richibucto and in the northern portion of the Diocese.

St. GEORGE.—A very successful parlour entertainment was held at the Rectory on the evening of the 4th inst., the proceeds of which are in aid of the Church Work Society.

St. STEPHEN.—A special service was held by

the Rector Rev. T. E. Dowling, at Christ Church on August 12th, with special reference to the Centenary of the founding of the Colonial Episcopate. It was of an extremely interesting character and has been referred to at length in the columns of the local papers.

CAMPOBELLO.—The Rev. A. F. Hiltz, of Derby, having decided upon declining the char e of this Parish, the post has been offered to the Rev. F. Pember, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Calais, Maine, who it is said has accepted and will probably enter upon his duties there next month.

CAMBRIDGE.—The Corner Stone of the new Church in this parish, was laid on Tuesday, August 4th, with suitable services. A handsome and substantial edifice will shortly be erected. The windows will be set in Caen Stone the gift of the Bishop of the Diocese.

GAGETOWN.—This parish is now vacant, the aged Rector after many years of hard and faithful work having decided to retire from the active duties of the ministry. He will live with his son the Rev. Scovil Nealer, who has just assumed the charge of the Mission of Southampton and Queensbury.

NORTON.—The S. S. Teachers union of Kingston deanery; was lately held in this parish. Thirty-two members, representing 9 parishes, were present. After service with Holy Communion at the Parish Church, the members met at a Hall close by. Canon Medley, the President, gave an address concerning the work of the past year, after which two interesting and valuable papers were read, one by Mrs. E. N. Sharp, subject "The Ground Work of S. S. Teaching"; the other by Miss Hannington, subject "The Superstructure of S. S. Teaching." Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Rev. Canon Medley, President; Mrs. E. N. Sharp, and Miss Hannington, Vice-Presidents; Rev. J. R. DeWolfe Cowie, Sec-Treasurer. The members of the Union were most hospitably entertained by the kind ladies of Norton.

St. JOHN.—Trinity.—Whilst appreciating the compliment paid their Rector by one of his friends in the Synod of Nova Scotia in nominating him at the recent election of a Successor to their late Bishop, the congregation of Trinity are nevertheless greatly relieved that the exigencies of the situation did not call for the serious consideration of the nomination which might have resulted in depriving them of the ministrations of one whose labours in the Parish have been so markedly successful. Canon Brigstocke occupies not only a warm place in the affections of his parishioners, but is a very valuable member of the Synod, and his removal would be a real loss to the Church in this Diocese.

St. Paul.—The Committee appointed to mediate between the Corporation of this Church and the Priest and Trustees of St. John the Baptist Mission Chapel, met at Trinity Schoolhouse on August 9th. The morning was spent in hearing the statement of the Rev. J. M. Davenport, and the Trustees of the Mission Chapel. In the afternoon a statement was made on behalf of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Paul's. It will probably be some time before the Committee arrive at any definite conclusion. Should they fail to arrange for an amicable settlement of the difficulty, the Committee are empowered to recommend to the Synod a scheme of settlement.

CLIFTON.—At a meeting held on the 1st inst, by the parishioners of the Church of England, of this place, the sum of five hundred and forty dollars was subscribed towards the erection of a new Church.