THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The Amalgamation of the Synod and Church Society.

Special Meeting of the Synod for the Purpose of Adopting Canons.

A Committee Appointed to Draft Resolutions Touching the Death of C. W. Weldon.

TUESDAY'S SESSION.

A special meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton opened in the school room of Trinity church on Tuesday morning of last week, for the purpose of considering and adopting canons, etc., made necessary by the amalgamation of the Synod and Diocesan Church society.

The Lord Bishop of Fredericton presided, and there was a large attendance of both clerical and lay representatives.

Among those present were: Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke, Archdeacon Neales, Canon Ketchum, Canon DeVeber, Canon Roberts, Revs. S. J. Hanford, E. A. Warneford, H. M. Spike, D. I. Wetmore, W. LeB. McKiel, J. R. Campbell, W. B. Armstrong, L. A. Hoyt, J. M. Davenport, R. Mathers, O. S. Newnham, J. de Soyres, J. W. Millidge, W. O. Raymond, W. J. Wilkinson, A. J. A. Gollmer, H. Montgomery, T. Dickinson, W. H. Sampson, C. P. Hanington, A. J. Cresswell, G. E. Lloyd, A. D. Dewdney, N. C. Hansen, A. G. H. Dicker, A. A. Slipper, A. W. Teed, H E. Dibblee, W. Eatough, A. A. Bryant, J. T. Bryan, R. P. McKim, W. Hays and A. W. Smithers.

The following laymen among others answered to their names: Henry Wilmot and C. E. A. Simonds, Burton; W. J. Cornfield, Joseph T. Mosher, Carleton; George Burchill, Chatham; Mr. Justice Hanington, John B. Forster, Dorchester; A. Vail, Gagetown; W. Otty, E. R. DeMill, Hampton; Wolfred Smith, Musquash; S. G. Kilpatrick, Portland; A. C. Fairweather, J. M. Robinson, Rothesay; R. W. Crookshank, C. H. Smith (St. James), St. John; Geo. A. Schofield, Hurd Peters (St. John Baptist), St. John; C. E. L. Jarvis, H. L. Sturdee (St. John), St. John; Geo. E. Fairweather, A. H. Hanington (St. Mark), St. John; C. Miller, St. Martins; Henry Town, S. G. Olive (St. Mary), St. John; Hon. T. R. Jones, J. R. Campbell (St. Paul's), St. John; J. M. Deacon, St. Stephen; W. DeMill, Upham; E. J. Wetmore, Victoria, Carleton; T. C. L. Ketchum, C. L. S. Raymond, Woodstock; C. F. Hanington, Shediac.

The meeting opened with the usual devotional exercises, led by His Lordship.

The secretary, Rev. O. S. Newnham, having certified that the requirements of the constitution had been fulfilled by the insertion of the usual summons in the Royal Gazette and the sending of the proper notices, the Bishop proceeded to explain the object of the meeting of Synod. His Lordship said it was called for the purpose of considering the canons and a bill providing for the sale of Church or Glebe lands at other times than was permitted under the old act. It had been hoped that his honor the lieutenant governor would be able to be present to introduce the bill. He was, unfortunately, unable to attend. Then T. C. Allen was chosen to do that work, but his physician had forbidden his leaving home. His Lordship went on to point out that the bill was intended to provide for the sale of church lands in parishes where there was no rector in charge. There were two lots of land which could be disposed of at any time after the act had been amended. They were being occupied and would be lost to the church without the change contemplated. The occupier of one lot was willing to buy, provided he could get a proper title. He hoped the bill would be adopted and sent to the legislature for enactment. (Applause.)

The rules of order were suspended, and Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Rev. J. deSoyres and adopted:

"That Rev. Jos. Smith, formerly rector of Welsford, and Rev. Alfred Bareham be given seats on the floor of Synod."

Geo. A. Schofield, in introducing the canons drafted by the committee of Synod, explained that very few of them were new. The majority of them were re-drafts of the regulations, etc., so that little change was contemplated. He submitted the canons, which were printed, and moved that the first one, Canon 20, be taken up section by section, considered and adopted.

The first section of Canon 20 read as follows:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The executive committee shall consist of the bishop of the diocese, the bishop coadjutor, the dean and archdeacons, if any, the standing committee, the rural deans of the several deaneries, the secretary and treasurer of the Synod, and twelve clergymen and twelve laymen elected by the Synod, which laymen need not be members of the Synod.

Objection was taken by Rev. Mr. Lloyd to this section. He did not believe in the appointment of laymen on the executive committee who were not members of Synod. He moved in amendment:

The executive committee shall consist of the bishop of the diocese and all clergymen resident in the diocese who are duly licensed by the bishop, and 24 laymen being members of the Synod or otherwise duly qualified for election on such committee, to be annually elected by the Synod, together with the secretary and treasurer of the Synod.

A. H. Hanington seconded the amendment, speaking strongly in support of it.

Mr. Justice Hanington did not think the Synod could make laymen members of the executive who were not members of Synod.

Rev. W. H. Sampson opposed any change in the constitution of the executive, and said he would vote for the amendment.

Sheriff Sturdee said this was in reality no change. Laymen came to the society years ago representing churches were made members of the executive, and continued as such although they ceased to hold positions as representatives.

Rev. J. deSoyres was opposed to the change proposed. The first section of the canon was a change from the popular and democratic system to a basis of centralization. He spoke eloquently and strongly in favor of the amendment.

In closing the debate, Geo. A. Schofield said he had always been an opponent of amalgamation. But as a loyal son of the church his opposition must cease. Mr. Lloyd proposed to put 70 clergymen on the committee. The section of the canon under consideration contemplated putting 30 clergymen on it and 12 laymen. The committee was to be elected. It was simply proposed to give the Synod the right to elect somebody other than members of the Synod to the committee. It did not compel the choice of outside men by any means. He urged the adoption of the section.

The amendment was lost by a vote of 48 to 17.

Rev. S. J. Hanford moved, seconded by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, that the words "which laymen need not be members of the Synod" be stricken out of the section.

Rev. W. O. Raymond moved in amendment to the amendment:

"That the following words be added to the section: provided they shall have been on the 31st of December A. D. 1897 life members of the Diocesan Church society and otherwise qualified to be members of the synod under the constitution."

This was seconded by Rev. J. de Soyres.

Rev. J. M. Davenport urged the adoption of the section as submitted to synod, and Sheriff Sturdee spoke in support of it also.

Archdeacon Brigstocke hoped the words would not be struck out as it would preclude from appointment on the committee some of the ablest men in the church, men who had served her for years and years.

Hon. Judge Hanington did not think the synod should have the right to elect any one they saw fit to the committee. It should be qualified in some way.

Rev. Leo A. Hoyt desired to see the words left out of the section.

Rev. H. Montgomery favored the section in its entirety. It was only permissive, and this synod should not bind future synods.

Rev. J. de Soyres made another appeal aginst the passage of the section as it stood.

A. H. Hanington suggested that if it were ever found necessary to elect men outside of the synod the canon could be changed. The laymen on the executive should be chosen from among the representatives sent to the synod by the churches.

Rev. A. D. Dewdney did not think it advisable to have anything in the canons which would make people inquire why they were there. People would ask what the qualifications of the men were who were on the committee and not members of the synod.

Rev. Dean Partridge was going to vote for the striking out of the last few words in the section. He would do so on principle. He thought it a dangerous precedent to permit anyone to legislate for a body of which he was not a member.

Rev. W. O. Raymond made a few remarks in support of his amendment.

Rev. J. Roy Campbell favored the section as it stood.

Geo. A. Schofield said section 3 of the bill set forth that all life members of the D. C. S. existing on 31st Dec., 1897, being otherwise qualified to be members of the synod under the constitution shall be considered ipso facto duly qualified for election at any time as members of any or all the boards or committees which may thereafter be appointed by the synod. Why then object to the latter part of the section.

Both amendments were put and lost, and then the synod adjourned for dinner

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The synod met at 2.30 o'clock.

Mr. Justice Hanington moved the following amendment to the first section:

That after the word "members" in the last line the words be added "but must be qualified to be elected members."

This was seconded by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker.

Rev. G. E. Lloyd moved in amendment to Judge Hanington's amendment:

The executive shall consist of the bishop of the diocese, the dean, and archdeacons, if any, the standing committee, the secretary and treasurer of the synod and twelve clergymen and twelve laymen elected by the synod.

Mr. Lloyd said it might almost be taken for granted that the synod had no legal right to elect laymen to its committees who were not members of the synod.

Geo. A. Schofield took the point of order that the synod having voted not to strike out the words "which laymen need not be members of the synod," Mr. Lloyd's motion was out of order.

A. H. Hanington held that Mr. Lloyd's amendment was in order, and the bishop decided that it was.

Mr. Lloyd, continuing, said the section made the committee consist of 25 clerical votes and 13 lay.

Judge Hanington said Mr. Lloyd now argued against the section because it put 25 clergymen on the executive and only 13 laymen. In the morning Mr. Lloyd advocated making it up of all the clergy (some 72 in all) and 24 laymen. Mr. Lloyd must have forgotten what he said in the morning. Some of the speakers had a mistaken idea as to the duties of the executive. It would have to do with the financial affairs of the church. He could not understand why any warfare was waged against the rural deans. They represented the various deaneries and had a better knowledge of their affairs than any one else. Why should Mr. Lloyd wish to put the secretary and treasurer (who were not necessarily members of the synod) on the executive if he wanted none but members on it.

A. H. Hanington seconded Mr. Lloyd's amendment.

Rev. J. deSoyres asked if there was a quorum of clergymen and laymen present, and was informed that there was in the morning. The secretary said he would not state positively now without calling the roll.

Mr. deSoyres thought it would be well to make sure that such a change in the constitution was not made by an illegal number.

Mr. Schofield, while he did not doubt but what there was a quorum present, said it should be sufficient to know that there was a good representation of the members of synod in attendance.

Mr. Lloyd's amendment was lost, 54 to 12.

Judge Hanington's amendment was then put and carried by a vote of 52 to 12.

Section 1 was then adopted as amended.

Section 2. The clerical and lay members of the committee elected by the synod shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting of the synod, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

This was amended by the addition of the following words: "or until others are elected in their stead."

Section 3. Five clerical and five lay members of the committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.—Adopted.

Section 4. The committee shall meet at such an hour and place and on such days in the months of January, March, June, July and October in each year as may be directed by the bishop, the bishop coadjutor, or the standing committee.

This was amended by the insertion of the words, bishop's commissary, after the words bishop coadjutor.

Section 5. Special meetings of the committee may be summoned by the bishop, the bishop coadjutor, the bishop's commissary, or the standing committee, to meet at such time and place as they shall direct.—Adopted.

Section 6. The committee shall elect a secretary, who shall keep the minutes of the meetings, issue notices of the same, and perform such other duties in connection with such committee as the committee shall direct.—Adopted.

Scetion 7. The committee shall have and exercise all such rights and powers in and connected with the management, control and disposal of all lands, real estate, and property of every kind, now or hereafter vested in the synod, and with respect to the common seal, as the synod could or might have or exercise when in session, subject to article 4 of the constitution, and shall also have and exercise all such other rights, powers, functions, and duties as may be vested in such committee, by any canon or regulation of the synod.

It was amended by the insertion after the word "land" in the third line of the words "real estate, moneys, funds, stocks, property and assets of every kind and description.

Section 8. The executive committee shall present a report of their proceedings during the year at the annual meeting of the synod.—Adopted.

Mr. Schofield moved the adoption of the canon as amended, which passed, the vote taken by orders being as follows:

Clergy—Yea, 36; nay, 7.

Laity—Yea, 20; nay, 4.

Several of the laymen did not vote.

Canon 21 was then taken up and considered section by section.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Section 1. The board of home missions shall consist of the bishop or his commissary, the bishop coadjutor, the dean, the archdeacon, if any, the secretary and treasurer of the synod, and five clergymen and seven laymen elected by the synod, together with one clergyman or layman chosen by each deanery, and resident within the same, whose name shall be certified to the synod by the secretary of such deanery as having been duly elected at a regular meeting thereof, all such persons being contributors to the home mission funds of the synod within the year ending the 30th day of June then last past.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Lloyd, the number of laymen on the committee was made 10 instead of seven, and each deanery was given the right to elect a clergyman and a layman to the committee. The section thus amended was adopted.

The rules of order were suspended to allow Rev. J. M. Davenport to move that Rev. Wm. Ball Wright, rector of East Acklow, Yorkshire, England, be invited to a seat in the synod.

His lordship welcomed Mr. Wright to the synod and he was given a seat at the right of the bishop.

Section 2. The clerical and lay members of the board elected by the synod shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting of the synod, and shall hold office until others be chosen in their stead.—Adopted.

Section 3. The clergymen to be elected shall be members of the synod, and the lay members shall be either lay representatives or substitutes, upon the roll of the synod at the time of their election. Laymen, chosen by the several deaneries, need not be members of the synod.

This was adopted by the addition of the following words, "but must be qualified to be elected members of the synod for some parish within such deanery."

Section 4. Nine members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.—Adopted.

Section 5. The board shall meet whenever summoned by the bishop, his commissary, or any five members of the board, at such time and place as may be fixed by the notice of the meeting.—Adopted.

Section 6. The board shall elect a secretary, who shall keep the minutes of the board, issue notices of meetings, and perform such other duties as the board shall direct.—Adopted.

Section 7.—The board shall administer, distribute and control the annual income and revenue of or received by the synod available for home mission purposes, including the yearly income of invested funds, the grant received from the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, all donations, subscriptions and contributions received for such purposes by the treasurer of the synod, and not limited by the donors or by any canon or resolution of the synod to capital account, and all funds voted or granted by the synod for the same; and shall also administer, distribute and control such other funds or property as may be made subject to their management or direction by any canon or resolution of the synod; provided that such income, revenue, funds and property shall be managed, administered and applied in all respects in accordance with the provisions of this canon, and of any other canons, rules or regulations made or adopted by the synod regarding the same. If in any case the proceedings of the board shall be disapproved by the executive committee, no further action shall be taken by the board in the matter so disapproved of, contrary to the directions of the executive committee—Adopted.

Section 8. The board shall present a report of their proceedings at each regular meeting of the executive committee, and at any special meeting of the executive committee, if required by the bishop, his commissary, or the executive committee so to do; and shall also present at the annual meeting of the synod a general report of their proceedings during the year, which shall include:

(a) A summary of the report made by the clergy of the diocese and a list of any who have not reported.

(b) An estimate of the funds at the disposal of the board for all purposes connected with home missions, together with a statement of contributions and subscriptions from the several parishes or missions for the ensuing year.

(c) A list in detail of grants made or proposed to be made for any of such purposes during the ensuing year, with the conditions attached to each.—Adopted.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of each rector, incumbent, or missionary having cure of souls in the diocese (and in case of the vacancy of any parish or cure, of the church wardens) to cause the parish or mission to be canvassed annually for subscriptions and donations on behalf of home missions, and also to preach or cause to be preached annually in each church within the cure a sermon on behalf of the home mission work of the diocese, the collection on such occasion being devoted to home mission work.

A long discussion took place with regard to this section, several amendments being offered. Action had not been taken at the hour of adjournment.

During the discussion one or two clergymen accounted for the falling off in their churches' contributions for home missions by stating that certain things had occurred of which their parishioners did not approve.

In the course of debate Rev. Mr. Lloyd said he found this feeling in his parish.

Rev. Mr. deSoyres said his church's contribution fell off from $1,000 to a couple of hundred dollars. This was because his parishioners disapproved of a certain event. It was very objectionable to them.

Geo. A. Schofield denied that the board of home missions had done any such thing.

Rev. Mr. deSoyres—Do you deny all responsibility for the introduction of Staley's Catholic doctrine?

Mr. Schofield declared that he never did anything that partook of a party character.

Here Judge Hanington interfered, and the bishop called the synod to order.

Synod adjourned till 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The synod sat from 8 o'clock until 11.15. The greater part of the time was spent in the discussion of section 9. It was finally adopted as follows:

It shall be the duty of each rector, incumbent, or missionary having cure of souls in the diocese (and in case of the vacancy of any parish or cure, of the church-wardens) to cause to be taken in the parish or mission annually, by envelope or otherwise, subscriptions on behalf of home missions, and also to preach or cause to be preached annually in each church within the cure a sermon on the home mission work of the diocese, the collection on such occasion being devoted to home mission work.

The following section was adopted:

10. Each rector, incumbent or missionary (and in case of a vacancy of any parish or cure, the church-wardens) shall furnish the secretary of the board, on or immediately before the (20th) twentieth day of June in each year with a statement in detail of the amount of all contributione from the parish or mission to the synod for home mission purposes during the year, so far as the same shall have statement of such contributions to the secretary on or before the thirty-first day of December, which final statement shall be accompanied by an account and payment in full of all contributions to the synod for home mission purposes received during the year.

11. The board shall, as soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each year, issue a report which shall contain a list of contributions and collections actually received during the preceding year, and such other information as they may deem proper.

12. The following objects connected with home mission work shall be specially promoted by the board:

(1) The maintenance of the ministrations of the church in missions requiring aid.

(2) The bulding of parsonages and the building and enlarging of churches and chapels in such missions.

(3) Aid to Sunday schools.

(4) The establishment of divinity scholarships, and assistance, when necessary, to those who may be under preparation for the ministry, especially sons of clergymen.

(5) Provision for clergymen who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity.

(6) Provision for the widows and orphans of the clergy.

(7) Provision for the education of the children of the clergy.

Archdeacon Brigstocke brought up the matter of seamen's mission. St. John, he said, was a seaport and there were other ports similar to it in the province. He trusted the church would never lose sight of that fact. St. John would, he trusted, become all that we expected to see it. Already large ocean steamers were coming here, and still more of them were looked for. He referred to the immense trade that had been developed during the winter months and said the synod would do well to include such missions among the objects to be promoted by the synod. He moved that:

The establishment of missions to seamen and general missionary work be made one of the objects.

This was seconded by Rev. Mr. de Soyres, who alluded to the good work being accomplished by means of the present mission. He was glad to say that some of his congregation, the Tilleys and others, were deeply interested in the work.

Rev. Mr. Sampson spoke in the support of the motion, and the object mentioned was one of those which the board should promote. It was numbered three and the numbers of the others were changed accordingly.

Section 13. Subscriptions, contributions, and donations for home mission purposes not limited to any special object, may be applied to such of these purposes and in such sums or proportions, subject to the terms of any canon or resolution of the synod, as the board shall direct.—Adopted.

Section 14. All bequests made to the synod after 31st Dec., 1897, shall be considered to be made for home mission purposes, unless the testator shall otherwise direct, and shall, in the absence of any district direction by the testator to the contrary, be funded, and the interest only applied to such purposes, or to the special purposes for which they may be bequeathed, unless on recommendation of the board of home missions, the executive committee shall as to any fund not specially appointed by the donor at any time otherwise direct and shall appropriate the same or any part thereof.

The following sections were adopted:

15. All grants made by the board shall be for the fiscal year only in which they are made, and shall expire with it.

16. When any mission receiving aid from or through the board shall become vacant, the grant from the board shall thereupon cease, and shall only be renewed upon application to the board, and upon such terms as the board shall consider equitable.

17. When a missionary is absent from his mission on account of ill health, with leave from the bishop, the board may direct payment to such missionary of the whole or any part of the sum granted for such mission.

18. In order to encourage missions to become gradually self supporting, all grants made by or through the board in aid of home missions shall be conditional on the contribution by the mission itself of a stated sum towards the home mission fund.

19. All such grants shall be made subject to the following regulations:

(a) The board shall forthwith, after the first day of October in each year, communicate with the church wardens or other lay members of the church in each mission, requiring them to enter into agrement (A) with the synod, to contribute the sum required of the mission for the year, whenever such agreemnt shall be required under the terms of this canon.

(b) Such agreemnt shall continue in force until revised by the board.

(c) Should such agreement not be entered into to the satisfaction of the board before the 15th day of November then next, they shall communicate with the missionary requiring him to give each of his congregations notice (B) of the withdrawal of all payments to him as a missionary receiving stipend through the board on the 1st January then next, unless the agreement be meantime completed.

(d) Should such agreement not be entered into to the satisfaction of the board before the 1st of January then next, all payment sto the missionary's stipend through the board shall cease. Provided that any such missionary, if not appointed to any new mission, may be permitted by the board on special application to draw on the 1st of April for a sum in their discretion not exceeding his previous quarter's stipend from the board.

(e) When such agreemnt is entered into, the board shall forthwith notify the missionary, who will thereupon (unless the terms of such agreement shall not be fulfilled, as hereinafter provided) be entitled to draw upon the board for the full amount of his quarterly stipend, including therein the sum required for the quarter from the mission itself.

(f) The amount required from the mission may be paid either in money or produce, and shall be so paid by equal quarterly instalments at least one month before the last day of each quarter. If paid in money, the same to be remitted direct to the treasurer; and if paid in produce, such produce to be furnished to and received by the missionary, and his receipt in lieu of money forwarded to the treasurer within the time aforesaid. Provided that, if necessary, the mission may have one month's grace to complete the payment.

(g) Should the missionary give any such written receipt for produce, he shall keep a record therof, and shall make his next quarters' draft for such sum only as shall be due him after he shall be debited with such receipts in the treasurer's books.

(h) Should neither the money nor receipts for produce to the full amount required for the quarter be received by the treasurer by the last day of the second month of the quarter, it shall be the duty of the treasurer at once to send to the missionary, and to each of the persons who shall have signed the agreement, the notice (C), and should neither such money nor receipts have been so received by the last day of the quarter, the grant shall thenceforth cease, and it shall be the treasurer's duty at once and in like manner to send the notice (D). If, however, the arrears be subsequently paid, the grant shall be thereupon ipso facto revived, unless the board order to the contrary, in which case the board shall notify the mission and state the reason for such order.

(i) It shall be optional with the board to permit any mission to make a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly payment at any period in advance, and these regulations, mutatis mustandis, shall thereupon apply generally to any such mission.

(k) The board shall have power, with the approval of the bishop, to make any grant that the funds may allow, in aid of any mission not already receiving aid, upon such conditions as they may arrange.

(l) A certificate shall be added to the parochial agreements, which shall be signed by the representatives of the mission, declaring that the amount given by the mission is a bona fide contribution, and that no part is derived from the rent of the glebes or the interest of investments, the property of the mission, or held in trust therefor.

20. The board, with the approval of the bishop, shall appoint deputations of clergymen and laymen for each deanery, for the purpose of holding missionary meetings in the several parishes or missions, with the consent of the rector in charge, and taking up collections thereat, not interfering, however, with the usual collections of the parish or mission, on behalf of home missions, and further of making enquiries as to the power of the mission to contribute to the home mission fund. Such deputations shall make full report to the board.

21. The board, with the approval of the bishop, may further appoint special deputations to enquire into the causes of any deficiency of contributions or other pecuniary difficulties in any misison, and shall have power to call for any returns they may think proper from any of the parishes or missions receiving aid from or through the board.

22. The board shall be authorized to require from the church wardens of every parish or mission receiving aid from or through the board, full details of all glebes, church lands and other investments, yearly or oftener, as they shall see fit, and if it shall appear that any part of the income from the glebes or investments held for the rector's use is taken to make up the sum required by the board from the mission, the board may forthwith increase the amount required in proportion thereto; and in case of neglect on the part of the rector or church wardens to collect the interests or rents, the board shall be authorized to enquire into the matter, and, if there be sufficient cause, to suspend the grant to the mission until the management of made satisfactory to the board.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Diocesan Synod resumed work Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. After devotional exercises the roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read by the secretary, Rev. O. S. Newnham, and confirmed. The bishop stated that Mr. Newnham was occupied until a late hour in the morning writing up the minutes, and said he was deserving of the thanks of the Synod. (Applause.)

The consideration of the canons was proceeded with.

Geo. A. Schofield read the adoption of the 23rd section of canon 21.

This was adopted, with the understanding that its adoption did not commit the Synod to everything contained in form E.

Section 24, sub-sections 1, 2 and 3, and sections 25 and 26 were adopted.

Then came a number of forms of agreement and notice, which were adopted. Briefly put, they were:

A.—The memorandum of agreement (referred to in sub-section a of section 19) betwen the Synod and the church wardens as to the sum which parishes or missions shall undertake to pay in quarterly to the treasurer of the Synod so long as the minstrations are continued.

B.—The notice to be given by congregations which fail to enter into the agreement required by the board of home missions.

C.—The notice to be sent by the treasurer as to the stopping of the missionary stipend in the event of the failure to enter into the required agreement by the home mission board.

D.—The notice to be given by the treasurer withdrawing the grant to missions.

E refers to statistical returns to the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton.

These were adopted without discussion.

The form of draft to be used by missionaries and the form of receipt to be employed, submitted by the committee, were adopted.

The canon 21 was then adopted as amended by a unanimous vote.

The order of proceedings was suspended to permit of the introduction of the bill relative to the sale of church or glebe lands.

His lordship explained the need of having such an act passed by the local legislature.

Sheriff Sturdee submitted the bill, which is as follows:

Be it therefore enacted by the lieutenant governor and legislative assembly, as follows:

That notwithstanding anything contained in the said act when it shall have been found by the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, or the standing committee thereof, that it would be for the good of the church in any parish that church or glebe lands should be sold at a different time of year, or in a different manner than as provided for in section 51 of the aforementioned act, then it shall be lawful for the said synod, or the standing committee thereof, to authorize the sale of such lands by public auction or by private contract as they shall deem advisable, and such lands may be sold at any time; provided, in case of sale by auction, that such notice of such intended sale, signed by the rector and churchwardens, if any, shall be posted at the places named in section 51 of the said act, at least one month previous to the sale, specifying the lands intended to be sold as aforesaid; and that such notice shall also be published during the like period of one month previous to the sale in a newspaper published in the county where the lands are situate, if any; and if there be no such newspaper, then in the Royal Gazette for the like period of one month.

2. That where there is no rector at the time of giving such notice, the notice of such sale shall be signed by the Bishop of Fredericton and the churchwardens, if any; and where there are no rector and churchwardens, it shall suffice that the notice be signed by the bishop and two members of the standing committee of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton.

3. That in such sale the conveyance of the land so sold, in addition to being executed under the corporate seal of the said rector, churchwardens and vestry (if any), shall receive the sanction of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton, or the standing committee thereof, signed by the secretary of such synod, executing the same under the corporate seal of the said synod; and also the sanction of the bishop of the diocese, signified by his being a party thereto and executing the same.

4. That in case there shall be no rector and no churchwardens, the

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