

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—At a late meeting of the Dean and Chapter of St. Luke's Cathedral the Rev. F. R. Murray was appointed Minor Canon of the Chapter.

THE REV. E. H. BALL kindly asks of the clergy and others a fulfilment of their lately renewed promises to send him photographs or sketches of Nova Scotia Churches and short historical notes of the same. He also offers to congregations intending to build plans of a pretty and cheap church lately built at Spring Hill in return for \$5.00 towards the funds of said church.

PARRSBORO'.—On Sunday evening, July 9th, the Rector of this parish announced that, in accordance with a vote of the pewholders of St. George's Church, he had the satisfaction of declaring the pews in that church free and unappropriated. Apologizing for introducing subjects connected with finance into the pulpit in a statistical form, he proceeded to disabuse the minds of the congregation of the common error that Parrsboro' was a rich parish, and showed them that, though blessed with an endowment of \$500 available for purposes of salary, the parish, considering its extent and ministerial requirements, was, through the negligence of the people to contribute, one of the poorest in the Diocese; because, while there was work enough for two and perhaps three clergymen, there was not a sufficient sum made up by the people to pay a reasonable salary, with the help of the endowments, to one. We hope, now that one good move has been made in declaring the church free, that others will soon follow, and that Parrsboro', already by nature one of the most desirable places in the Province for summer residence, may in the not distant future be in reality what it has been in fiction represented—one of the most desirable parishes in the Diocese.

PICTOU.—The fancy sale etc., by the ladies of St. James' Church on the 29th ult., was quite a success, the attendance being good, and the net receipts, \$350.00,—very satisfactory. The sale was held in the Mainland building, the large shop of which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the front were the tables for needle work, etc., and many very tasteful objects were here to be seen. The specimens of point lace, Berlin wool work, etc., were excellently made, equal in fact to any ever shown here, in quality at least. The assortment of useful articles and garments was good, and all were well made, and sold very reasonably. The refreshment tables were in the spacious rear store, and were laden with everything seasonable to tempt the appetite. The wet and cold weather injured the demand for ice-creams and cooling draughts, nevertheless the demand was brisk. With better weather, the managers of the affair would have a bonanza in this department. The sale closed on Friday evening, everything being disposed of. The ladies who carried it to a successful conclusion are to be congratulated on the success of their most pleasant, orderly, and excellently conducted enterprise. It is thus that the ladies of St. James' sustain their well deserved reputation, as earnest and successful workers. The gentlemen too, deserve some credit for abetting the ladies' efforts. St. James' may very well be congratulated, not only upon this instance of success, but also generally upon the marked progress, that has characterized its situation of late. Without being boastful, Pictou may with pride, point to her present position in church matters, and compare it with that of a few years ago. The erection, in two years, of a new handsome Church, at a cost of nearly \$8,000 (about \$6,000 of which is paid or in funds), with but little aid from without the parish, should be sufficient proof of the fact. The position speaks volumes for the rector whose energetic and earnest work is appreciated by the people, and is producing beneficent and lasting results.

SYNOD—FIRST DAY, TUESDAY.

(Continued.)

The motion to assess parishes for expenses of Delegates to Provincial Synod was lost. Vacancies on Boards and Committees were filled.

A notice of motion by Rev. V. E. Harris to the effect that in every parish a sermon upon the position and claims of King's College be preached, and contributions for objects connected with its enlargement be made annually, met with much favor, and was subsequently embodied in the report of the special committee on the subject.

A motion of the Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson, that a committee of five clergymen and five laymen be appointed to consider the relations of King's College to the Synod and what steps should be taken for the advancement of the interests of the College, was adopted; and Revs. Geo. W. Hodgson, Canon Dart, Dr. Hill, D. C. Moore, and F. R. Murray; and Messrs. J. Norman Ritchie, W. C. Silver, C. F. Fraser, J. A. Shaw, and H. J. Cundall, were elected.

Rev. D. C. Moore's motion that a committee of three clergymen and three laymen be appointed to consider that portion of the Bishop's address which refers to the support of the clergy was carried, and Revs. D. C. Moore, Dr. Hill, Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, and Messrs. W. H. Wiswell, J. J. Hunt, and J. T. Wyldo were elected.

After some other matters had been arranged and the Bishop had given notice that at 3 o'clock to-morrow the election for Clerical and Lay Delegates to Provincial Synod would take place, the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY.

Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson presented Report Special Committee on King's College, and it was made the order of the day for to-morrow evening.

Rev. Mr. Axford presented an excellent Report from Committee on Temperance, making several valuable suggestions, which must in time meet with favor throughout the parishes.

Notices of motion were given with reference to the decease of the late Rev. Messrs. Godfrey, Jno. Abbott, H. P. Almon and W. S. Gray.

Rev. J. Padfield gave notice of motion that Synod meetings be held annually instead of every two years as at present.

Time having arrived, nominations were made for Delegates to Provincial Synod.

The Report of Board Foreign Missions was presented, showing the receipts to have been about \$500 for the past year. The Report spoke warmly of the duty of Churchmen to sustain Algoma and to send a missionary to the heathen. It also spoke in feeling terms of the first Bishop of Algoma and most complimentary of his successor.

Rev. Mr. Ritchie's motion that clergy and laity vote together for Delegates to Provincial Synod, and not by Orders as at present, was defeated by an almost unanimous vote.

A motion of Dr. Hill's for a committee to frame regulations relative to candidates for the ministry, presented as a substitute to Dr. Nichols' and Canon Dart's motions on the same subject, was accepted, and a committee of ten appointed.

Contributions to Board of Home Missions were announced by the Secretary, and after some routine business Synod adjourned.

Synod resumed at 7.30 p. m.

Rev. Canon Townshend's motion, as follows:—“Whereas, the late census of the Province returns 60,000 members or adherents of the Church of England; and whereas the list of the contributors to the funds of the B. H. M. shews only 3,000 or 4,000 subscribers; Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the causes of this apparent indifference to the interests of the Church so extensively prevalent among its professed members, with the view of devising some plan by which a juster proportion of them may be enlisted in the work of the Church,” was carried and a committee appointed.

Rev. J. D. H. Browne's motion, that while the ordinary place of meeting shall be Halifax the Synod may at any regular meeting appoint a place other than Halifax for its next place of meeting, was unanimously adopted. This is intended to meet the views of many who maintain that the Church in country towns would be greatly benefitted by the presence of the Synod once every few years.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson gave notice of motion so as to make the above resolution operative, “That if any parish shall invite the Synod to hold its next meeting with them the Executive Committee shall be empowered to accept such invitation.”

The hour named having arrived, the ballots were taken for Delegates to Provincial Synod with the following result:—

Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Canon Dart,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
“ Dr Nichols,	“ C. B. Bullock,
“ G. W. Hodgson,	Hon. W. B. Vail,
“ Canon Maynard,	“ A. M. Cochran,
“ John Ambrose,	Mr. E. J. Hodgson,
“ F. Partridge,	Lieut.-Col. Stewart,
“ F. R. Murray,	Mr. T. C. Moody,
“ Dr. Hill,	Hon. A. G. Jones,
“ J. D. H. Browne,	“ Judge Savary,
“ J. A. Kaulback,	Mr. J. J. Hunt,
“ D. C. Moore,	“ P. C. Hill,
“ Canon Townshend.	“ J. T. Wyldo.

Subsequently the following were elected substitutes:—

Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Dr. Bowman,	Mr. J. V. Payzant,
“ R. Shreve,	“ J. Norman Ritchie,
“ A. D. Jamison,	“ J. A. Shaw,
“ J. Padfield,	Hon. C. J. Townshend,
“ J. R. S. Parkinson,	Mr. C. S. Harrington,
“ A. C. McDonald.	“ J. E. Foster.

A very admirable and exhaustive Report from Committee on Appointment to Parishes was presented by Rev. D. C. Moore, from which we shall publish extracts at an early day.

Rev. Canon Dart moved that in the judgment of this Synod it is advisable to limit the number of Delegates to Provincial Synod from 12 to 8, which was adopted, and a memorial on the subject ordered to be sent to the Provincial Synod.

(To be continued.)

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own correspondents.)

BEEBE PLAIN.—A very interesting service was held in All Saints' Church on Monday, 3rd inst. It was a Service for administering the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. And it was presumably the first time that the rite was ever administered in the place. Very naturally, therefore, the church was filled to its utmost seating capacity by a most attentive congregation. In the course of the Confirmation Office, which was preceded by the shortened form of Evening Prayer, the Bishop addressed the candidates upon the nature and responsibility of the act they were engaged in, and subsequently preached an impressive sermon enforcing the necessity of personal holiness and the “new creation in Christ Jesus.” Nine candidates were presented, five or six of whom, it was gratifying to notice, were young people. Surely there are few things more beautiful than the spectacle of youth publicly avowing its allegiance to Christ, and assuming the responsibilities of the Christian Covenant. And nowhere can the young find such strength and protection in living righteous and godly lives as in the way of godliness; that is in the full enjoyment of those Christian privileges to the use of which Confirmation at once admits and pledges them. It was particularly pleasing to notice the excellence of the music and the heartiness of the responses in this, the first Confirmation at Beebe Plain. Nor must we omit to pay a tribute to the taste which provided and arranged the flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the occasion. Our hope and prayer is that this may not simply prove the first Confirmation, but the first fruits of a large harvest of souls to be gathered into the Lord's garner in due time from this place.

MARBLETON.—A ten days' “Mission” was held at St. Paul's Church, Marbleton, by the Rev. Isaac M. Thompson, “Missioner.” This Mission was conducted after the manner of those held in England, where their usefulness is no longer a matter of speculation. In this Diocese where already held they have resulted in a general stirring up of all—of the sinful to forsake his sins, of the careless to an awakened sense of duty, and of the careful Christian to be more zealous and active in the Master's service. A careful preparation beforehand is important for a successful Mission. Due notice must be given, and the parish minister must be active in circulating correct information as to the ends and aims of the work, and then when the ex-