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CHURCH MEETINGS.

THE Annual Meeting of the Associate Alumni was held at Windsor on the 27th, and the Eucænia was celebrated on the 28th ulto. In this number we give an account of their proceedings.

The past week has been occupied with the meeting of the Clergy and Synod at Halifax. On Monday was held the annual meeting of the D. C. S. The most important business brought forward was the deficit in the Block Sum of the S. P. G., and the necessity for completing the Church Endowment Fund, without which either the Block Sum must be given up, or the salaries of the clergy paid from that source reduced in proportion to the deficiency. Neither of which alternatives would be either profitable or creditable to the diocese.

On Tuesday the Synod met at St. Luke's Cathedral for morning service and celebration of the Holy Communion. The services were performed by the Cathedral Clergy. The sermon was taken by the Very Rev. the Dean. We hope in a future number to be allowed to publish it, for the benefit of those who had not an opportunity of being present. On each evening of the week there was service at the Cathedral Church, and lectures were given by the elder clergy on subjects connected with the work of the ministry. These services were well attended and decidedly successful. The exertions of St. Luke's choir added much to the warmth and beauty of praise. Shey

In the afternoon the Bishop delivered his charge. There were about sixty-two of the clergy present, and the church was well filled with laity. As his Lordship has kindly consented to publish the charge, we need say nothing further than that it seems to have met the general approbation of the clergy, who speak of it as the best charge they have ever heard the Bishop deliver. His Lordship spoke with kindness and consideration, yet with that boldness and decision which we might perhaps hear from an English Bishop, were he set free from the trammels of the State.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were occupied by the meeting of the Synod. The result of their deliberations will be found in the present number of the *Church Chronicle*. We would only call attention to the division of the Diocese into Deaneries and the provision for the appointment of Rural Deans, and to the proposed alterations in the Canons.

Perhaps the most important feature of the meeting was the position recognized and assumed by the Synod as a body quite independent of external control (except the laws of the province), and clothed with full powers to make