

DIOCESAN SYNOD.—An ordinary meeting of the Executive and Business Committee of the Synod will be held on the 6th of March next, to propose business for the session of the Synod in July, and to consider such suggestions as may be offered.

THE Bishop reminds those Clergymen who have not yet sent in their returns for 1865, that they ought to have been sent early in January.

We thank "ANTI-SYNOD" for his communication in answer to "S. M. C.," but it does not appear to us advisable to publish attacks upon the Diocesan Synod. The Church in Nova Scotia felt the want of a Synod; they have got one, and we trust mean to keep it. It embraces nearly all the Clergy and Laity in the Province; it has been acknowledged and incorporated by the Provincial Legislature; it has been recognized by the Crown as the representative body of the Church in this Diocese; and instructions have been given to the Lieutenant-Governor to treat it as such. We cannot therefore see the use of attacking its position. Some may not be satisfied with its constitution. If they do not belong to it they cannot well say much about it. If they be, or will become members, we feel sure that every facility will be afforded them for expressing their sentiments in the Synod, and equal justice will protect their efforts to change the constitution. The pages of the "Church Chronicle" shall not be closed against Correspondence for such object, so long as the sentiments are expressed as becomes Christians and Churchmen.

"A CHURCHMAN" (whose constant interest in the welfare of the Church entitles him to our respect) did not quite understand the position of the D. C. S. at its last general meeting. The expenditure of the Society has not exceeded its income, but the grant of the S. P. G. was £37.10 less than the amount required to pay the salaries of its missionaries. It was optional with the D. C. S. to accept or decline the offer of the S. P. G. to grant a diminishing Block Sum, but having accepted it, the conditions must be fulfilled. The meeting referred to by "A CHURCHMAN" was the regular general meeting of the Society, at which any of its members might be present. It was therefore perfectly justified in pledging its funds to meet the responsibility attending the acceptance of the Block Sum from S. P. G. We have no doubt the Church in the Diocese will acknowledge their responsibility and respond to the "appeal" lately circulated. The other conditions named by the S. P. G., viz.: "a Glebe House," or a Church in the Mission, or an endowment yielding interest equal to the grant of the Society for that mission, are surely fair and for our benefit. Happily in our present condition they can be complied with. Had the venerable Society long since appointed such conditions to its grants to the Diocese, our Church would have been better provided for than it is now. We think it hardly just in "A CHURCHMAN" to find fault with the men who manage the funds of the D. C. S. They give from a sense of duty much time to its business. They have no personal objects to gain in the distribution of its income and cannot fairly be accused of partiality in their grants.

THE Rev. W. H. Snyder, missionary of S. P. G., has published "a Catechism for the use of those who intend presenting themselves to the Bishop for Confirmation." It contains the good and sound teaching to be found in some tracts issued by the S. P. C. K., but in form better suited to the present times of our Church, the questions of the day, and the condition of many in our rural parishes who need instruction of a special kind before presenting themselves for the holy rite. It is printed in convenient size and attractive form. Copies may be obtained at the bookstore of the publisher. W. Gossip, Halifax.

D. C. S.—At the meeting of the Executive Committee, January 19th, it was directed that a separate account be kept of the money sent in as a response to the late "appeal" of the Society. The Bishop proposed for the consideration of the Widows' and Orphans' Committee, "a pension to each child of the deceased under the limits named in Rule 14th." Notice of motion was given for a grant toward building a new Church at Little Glace Bay, C. B. The next meeting of Ex. Com. will be on Friday, February 18.