

probation, and being not less than thirty years of age, to undertake life-long engagements to the work of the community, provided that such engagements be liable to release by competent authority.'

'3. That the form of such engagements should be a promise made at the time of admission before the bishop or his commissary, from which, if the bishop think fit, from cause shown, he might subsequently release the sister.'

On Friday the discussion was resumed, and the following resolutions were passed—

'4. That the statutes of the community should be sanctioned by the bishop under his hand, and not be changed without his approval, signified in like manner.'

'5. That no branch house of a sisterhood should be established, or no branch work undertaken, in any diocese without the written consent of the bishop of such diocese.'

'6. That no work external to the community should be undertaken by the sisters in any parish without the written consent of the incumbent of such parish, or subject, if that be refused, to an appeal to the bishop of the diocese.'

The Bishop of Winchester proposed, and the Bishop of Ely seconded, the seventh resolution—

'7. That every sister be free to dispose of her property as she thinks fit, and that no sisterhood receive property belonging to its members without the consent of the bishop.'

This resolution was severely criticised by several of the bishops, and eventually, on the motion of the Bishop of London, seconded by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, the following resolution was adopted, instead of that proposed by the Bishop of Winchester—

'That no statute should contain any provisions which would interfere with the freedom of any individual sister to dispose of her property as she thinks fit.'

The House next proceeded to consider resolutions as to deaconesses. The following were carried:—

'That deaconesses having, according to the best authorities, formed an order of ministry in the early Church, and having proved their efficiency in the Anglican Church whenever the order has been revived, it is desirable to encourage the formation of deaconess' institutions, and the work of deaconesses in our dioceses and parishes.'

'That a deaconess should be admitted in solemn form by the bishop with benediction by the laying on of hands.'

'That there should be an adequate term of preparation and probation.'

'That a deaconess so admitted may be released from her obligations by the bishop, if he think fit, upon cause shown.'

The Bishop of Winchester moved, and the Bishop of Gloucester seconded, the following resolution:—

'That, however, there should be no promise of celibacy, at all events for more than a limited period.'

The resolution was strongly objected to and accordingly was altogether withdrawn.

The following resolutions, after discussion, were passed—

'That a license should be given to each deaconess employed in any parish by the bishop of the diocese at the request of the incumbent.'

'That the dress of deaconesses should be simple, but distinctive.'

'That a deaconess should not pass from one diocese to another without the written permission of both bishops.'

'That special care should be taken to provide for every deaconess sufficient time and opportunity for the strengthening of her own spiritual life.'

This completed the consideration of the resolutions on deaconesses.—*The Churchman, N. Y.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SYNOD MEETING.

The 21st annual Session of the Synod of the Diocese commenced in Trinity Church, St. John, on the morning of the 2nd July, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Metropolitan, presiding. About fifty of the clergy responded to their names, and there was a fair representation of the laity.

Immediately after the opening exercises C. W. Weldon, M. P., under suspension of the rules of order moved a resolution in regard to the late Hon. B. R. Stevenson, recording the high estimation in which he had been held by the Synod, its appreciation of its great loss by his death, and also its testimony to the eminent services he had rendered so heartily in the councils of the Church. He had been for several years a member of the Synod, a delegate of the Provincial Synod, and a member of the chief Standing Committees of the Diocese. The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to Mrs. Stevenson,

A special committee was appointed to draw up a resolution in regard to the decease of the Rev. Canon Medley, and Rev. G. M. Armstrong and E. B. Chandler. After the appointment of Standing Committees the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, B. D., and R. T. Olinch were named Governors of King's College, and the report of the Governor's of that institution was submitted. It appeared therefrom that \$2,400 had been raised in the Diocese by the Rev. W. H. How for the College. It also referred to the improvements contemplated in the College course.

The annual report of the *Diocesan Board of Domestic Missions* showed an increase in contributions over those of several previous years. The amounts received by the Treasurer for Domestic Missions were: Algoma \$264.86; Bishop of Algoma's stipend \$15; Homes for Indian Children in the Northwest \$421; contributions unappropriated \$375.35; Northwest Missions \$49.59; Diocese of Qu'Appelle \$7.50; making a total of \$1,138.31—an increase of \$186 over last year.

For *Foreign Missions* the amounts were: For the S. P. G. \$404.57; for the S. P. C. to the Jews \$73.88; Parochial Missions to the Jews \$101.06; Bishop Blyth \$86.87; Japan Mission (Rev. C. Robinson) \$53.87; and the C. M. S., making a total of \$722.17—a slight increase over the amounts for last year.

Further, the Rev. J. M. Davenport had raised \$40 for the East Indian Missions; from St. John's Church \$75; for the Shingwauk Home \$52.57; for the C. M. S. \$65.89; for the S. P. C. Jews, and from Trinity Church \$1.50 for support of Indian children in Algoma, making in all \$2,244.12 raised in the Diocese for Domestic and Foreign Missions during the past year.

The Secretary read a statement of grants from the Woman's Association for different churches throughout the Province, the Fredericton Branch having raised \$268.05; St. Paul's Branch, St. John, \$277, and the Junior Branch of the same church \$130.

In this Diocese the Church Society is independent of the Synod, and meets separately, and it held its meeting on the afternoon of the 1st inst., at which report was made as to the receipts for Missions during the year, and the schedule of grants and assessments for the coming year was submitted. At the last annual meeting the amounts expected from the several parishes or missions mentioned in the schedule reached the sum of \$58, and there had been actually contributed \$4,482.58. All the aided Missions had contributed the sums required from them; but the self-supporting parishes and missions had not fully made up the sums which they were expected to contribute.

The Committee reported that owing to withdrawal of portions of the S. P. G. grant it would require an additional sum of \$2,400 to maintain all present work; but that as no deanery except Fredericton had furnished such increased

contribution, they were obliged to recommend withdrawal of the following grants on the 1st October next, unless sufficient funds were provided by that date: Canning \$330; Kingston \$50; Petitoodiac \$150; Canterbury \$345.

The report of the Depository Committee of the S. P. C. K. showed stock on hand 1st May, 1889: \$1,587.75; imported during the year, \$145.44; stock on hand 1st May, 1890: \$1,233.84, showing sales during the year amounting to \$474.75. The circulation of *The Dawn of Day* had increased to 1,313 copies per month. The S. P. C. K. during the year had contributed for churches in several places £140, and had given grants of books to the extent of £21 15s.

The following were elected as members of the Board of H. M.: Clerical—Revs. Canon Brigstocke, O. S. Newnham, Canon Neales, G. G. Roberts, J. M. Davenport. Lay—Messrs. G. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, Sir L. S. Tilley, H. H. Frith, W. M. Jarvis, D. L. Hannington, A. P. Tippet, Rural Deans were appointed as follows: for St. John, Rev. O. H. Raymond; Fredericton, Rev. H. Montgomery; Woodstock, Rev. L. A. Hoyt; St. Andrews, Rev. R. E. Smith; Shediac, Rev. J. H. Talbot.

The donation made by Mrs. E. Robinson, to the D. C. S. was reported as consisting of 2790 acres of land.

At the evening session the report of the Committee on grants was taken up and amended in some particulars and finally adopted. The total estimate of income expected 90—91 being as follows:—Income \$32,023 of which \$16,053 is expected as Contributions from aided Missions, and \$5,989 from the assessments on self-supporting parishes. The expenditures were expected to amount to the sum of \$32,023.

The following resolution was passed by a standing vote, and Canon Ketchum's name was added to the list of Vice Presidents of the society.

'That the committee cannot receive the resignation of the Rev. Canon Ketchum, D. D., who has been for more than forty years secretary of the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick, without expressing their sympathy and regret at the serious accident sustained by him, which has been the immediate cause of his resignation, and has also prevented his being present at the meeting of the general committee; the committee would also place on record in their minutes their deep sense of the great value of Canon Ketchum's long and devoted services to the cause of the church in the diocese, both as secretary of the society and in every relation which he has borne to the society and the church at large; their regret at the loss the society is about to sustain, and their sincere hope and desire that he may speedily be restored to health and long spared to continue work in which, both as a pastor and a member of the D. C. S., he has been so faithful and has taken so great a delight.'

'Whereas, it is most desirable that provision should be taken for missionary visits in localities in this diocese in which there is no special clergyman, and also that the needs of the diocese be placed before the people in a systematic way; therefore resolved, that the Board of Home Missions be authorized, with the concurrence of His Lordship the Metropolitan, to secure the services of a suitable person for the office of organizing secretary and travelling missionary; and further resolved, that the executive committee be authorized to withdraw from the available invested funds of the society a sum not exceeding one \$1,000 as the Board of Home Missions shall elect, such sums to be placed in the hands of the Board of Home Missions for defraying the expenses of the missionary.'

EVERY wish that the Holy Ghost breathes into the soul of a believer is a voice which enters into the ear of God. We ought to go to God with our matters as altogether His.—*Chapman.*