

churches the vestry should be composed of members of the Church who so declared themselves in writing, and who had attended the particular church for at least six months during the year preceding the meeting of vestry.

The proposal of the Committee on Foreign Missions to apply the contributions not specially appropriated by contributors to work in India directly and independently of the S. P. G., brought out considerable opposition. Many urging that it was wiser to send such monies to the S. P. G. to be applied by it as it, in its wider knowledge of the Mission Field, might think best. It was also pointed out that if the proposed course were followed by all dioceses it would have the effect of largely reducing the revenue of the noble Society to which the Church in Canada owes almost its existence. The proposal was held over for further consideration.

One regrettable feature of the meeting was the party character of the voting, and the party ballots circulated by the extreme section of the Evangelical school, (so called) for the Executive Committee and the Provincial Synod delegation. And it has been declared that several of those most active in circulating "ballots" were actually named as *scrutineers* of the ballots cast. It can hardly be that the Bishop was aware of this, or we think the parties would not have been appointed. Many members expressed a desire that some means might be adopted whereby the best and most capable men might be chosen independent of party considerations; and that the "party ticket" might vanish for ever.

The Rector of Montreal, the Rev. Dr. Norton has gone to England on, we understand, private business. It is said that a call was lately given to him from one of the important parishes of the old land: but the Dr. declined it, and many will rejoice at his decision. He is building surely in his present field of labour for the Church, and we trust will continue the good work.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese is we understand, enjoying a well earned rest at Murray Bay. We regretted to notice that during the Synod he seemed much fatigued, as if his heavy diocesan work was telling on him. We hope he may return completely recuperated.

The resolution on the Jesuit question adopted by the Synod reads as follows:

That this Synod having taken into its consideration the several memorials presented in regard to the Jesuits' Estates Act, and the incorporation of the Society of Jesus (acts of the Legislature of this Province of Quebec), yields its assent to the principles and declarations therein contained; that further this Synod strongly protests against the recognition by incorporation of the Society of Jesus, and its re-establishment within this Province and Dominion, the principles, teaching and conduct of said Society as evidenced in its past history being inimical to, and imperilling civil and religious liberty, and the existence of said society endangering the peace and well-being of the Church and State, and being, it is believed, in contravention of the principles of the British Constitution.

That, further, this Synod most earnestly protests against the Act known as the Jesuits' Estates Act as being a violation of the principle on which alone the secularization of the Clergy Reserves can be justified, and of the whole course of legislative action since, as well in the old province of Canada as in the Dominion, and also involving an illegal and unjust appropriation of public funds of this province received for and assigned to the purposes of education, and being, it is believed, unconstitutional and illegal.

That, further, this Synod records its distinct disapprobation of any change which may have

been allowed in the oath of supremacy, as administered to those in official positions in this Dominion and the provinces thereof.

And this Synod most urgently joins in respectfully asking the disallowance of said Jesuits' Estates Act, if the same may still be constitutionally done; and failing this, that the constitutionality and legality of said Act should be tested in the highest court of the Empire; and further, that this Synod would urge resistance to said Act in every legal and constitutional manner.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HORTON.—On Sunday, June 30th, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia paid his promised visit to this parish. The services of the day were as follows: 8 o'clock a.m., in St. James Church, Kentville, celebration of Holy Communion; 11 a.m., St. James Church, Matins; the prayers were read by the Rector, the lessons by the Rev. R. Avery, M.A. The Confirmation service followed; twenty eight persons received the Apostolic rite of "the laying on of hands,"—males 13; females 15. Of the class, eight had been baptized as adults; ten were married persons; the average age of the whole class was nearly 25 years. At the close of the service the Bishop gave a most impressive address on the Blessing of the Lord conveyed in Confirmation.

At 3 p.m. Evensong was said at St. John's Church, Wolfville. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry How, B.A., Vicar of Shelburne, and acting chaplain to the Bishop. At 7 p.m. Evensong was said in St. James' Church, Kentville; the Revs. R. Avery and H. How, assisting the Rector. The Bishop preached a masterly sermon on the work of our Lord, from the words: "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." During the whole of the forty minutes of the Bishop's sermon the attention of the large congregation was sustained. Several said afterwards they would gladly have listened for forty minutes more.

St. James' Church was crowded to its utmost capacity both morning and evening. The offertories amounted to nearly \$37. Several strangers remarked on the excellence of the singing, and the heartiness of the responses; and the Bishop noticed with favorable words of commendation the taste shown in the floral decorations of the Church, which were carried out by some of the ladies of St. James' Guild.

CORRECTION.—The name of Mrs. Proctor White, of Westville, N.S., whose death was recorded lately in the CHURCH GUARDIAN, was "Maud Matilda," not *Elizabeth* as was sent in error.

PARISHOP.—We learn that a donation of £40 sterling has been received by the Rector of St. George's Church from England, to aid in the erection of a new church at Diligent River. A festival in aid of the church was held lately and the ladies of St. George's held a strawberry festival at Lakelands on Saturday evening, 6th July, to assist in building a church in that section of the parish.

ALBION MINES.—A picnic will come off in Mount Rundell Park, on 16th inst., in aid of the fund for the improvement of that church.

CAPE BRETON.

Cow Bay.—The 45th meeting of the "Sydney Rural Deanery" was held in St. Paul's parish here on Thursday June 26th. There were present:—Venerable Archdeacon Smith, Revs. R. D. Bambrick, Thos. F. Draper, Samuel Davies, and William J. Lookyer.

On the preceding evening prayers were read by the Rector, and a sermon preached by Rev. T. F. Draper.

On Thursday morning Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. R. D. Bambrick, and a

sermon preached by Rev. S. Davies, of Bedford.

At 2 30 the chapter met at the rectory, the meeting being opened with prayer and responsive readings as usual.

The Rev. D. Smith then announced to the meeting that he was presiding only as senior priest, and not as Rural Dean, he having placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop, upon his recent appointment as Archdeacon of Cape Breton.

The first business therefore was to elect a Rural Dean. It was proposed by Rev. T. F. Draper and seconded by Rev. W. J. Lookyer that our secretary Rev. R. D. Bambrick be the Rural Dean. The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The Rev. W. J. Lookyer was then elected Secretary to the Deanery.

Rural Dean Bambrick then read the following:

To the Rev. D. Smith, B. D., Archdeacon of Cape Breton.

Dear Brother.—We, the members of the "Sydney Rural Deanery" beg to offer you our sincere congratulations on your elevation to the office of Archdeacon of Cape Breton.

We feel that the position is one well merited, and pray that God may be pleased to give you many years to enjoy it, and use it for the promotion of His Glory, and the extension of His kingdom here on earth. (Signed) R. D. Bambrick, R. D., Thos. F. Draper, Samuel Davies, W. J. Lookyer.

In reply the Archdeacon very feelingly thanked the members of the Deanery for their kind wishes, spoke of the great pleasure which he had hitherto derived from the discharge of his duty as Rural Dean, and bade the Deanery God speed in the future.

The 1st. Chap. of the Epistle to the Hebrews was then read in Greek, the quotations being carefully compared with the original Hebrew, and the chapter discussed at length.

Clerical supply was arranged for St. Peter's, whereby the monthly services will be continued.

Evensong was said at 7.30 by the Rev. S. Davies, the lessons being read by Rev. T. F. Draper, the sermon preached by the Rural Dean, and the benediction pronounced by the Archdeacon.

The Rector was rather amused the following day by being informed that quite a number of the large congregation which had assembled at Evensong were very much disappointed, they had come "to see the Archdeacon ordained." Such a function, however, being neither primitive medieval nor modern, was not performed.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will probably visit this parish sometime in August next, for the purposes of inspection of Church property &c.

Every effort will be made to present a creditable appearance.

The "Church," a parish magazine, edited by the Rector has an increasing number of subscribers, and is doing good work for God and the Church.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

RURAL DEANS.—The following appointments to this office have been made by the Bishop:—

- For St. John, Rev. Dr. Brigstocke.
- For Fredericton, Rev. H. Montgomery.
- For Chatham, Rev. Canon Forsyth.
- For Woodstock, Rev. Canon Neales.
- For Kingston, Rev. Canon Medley.
- For St. Andrews, Rev. R. E. Smith.
- For Shediac, Rev. J. R. Campbell.

The Bishop has appointed Rev. D. Forayth to a Canonry, in place of Rev. Canon Walker, deceased.

The Synod of the Diocese was in Session last week; reference will be made to its proceedings in next number.