

PSALM LXXIV: 1.

Dear Sirs,—We have come the cross-roads of our lives and know not which way to turn—to the right hand or the left. Therefore, we most earnestly beseech all God-fearing, Christian people, who may see this heart-felt appeal, to remember us before the Throne of the Most High God, and that right early, lest it be too late.

My God, my Father's God, have mercy on us!

Ontario, March 26th.

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SESSION OF 1880.

The following business will engage the attention of the Synod:—

Passed for Confirmation.

Clause 10, Canon of Discipline, p. 53, Journal 14th Session.

In the absence of Rev. J. P. Sheraton, Resolution No. 2 was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and the whole Clause X., amended as follows, was passed for confirmation at the next Session of the Synod:—“Advocates shall be allowed on both sides at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Clergymen of the Church of England, or Laymen who declare themselves to be members of the said Church, and to belong to no other Communion.”

Motions Deferred.

I. By Rev. J. Norwood, relating to Pew system, p. 53, Journal 1878.

Mr. McCully moved, in behalf of Rev. J. Norwood, that Resolution No. 3, (Page 69, Journal), relating to the Pew system, be deferred to another Session of the Synod. Passed.

II. By Hon. A. M. Cochran, relating to higher education of clergy, p. 54, Journal 1878.

Notice of motion was given by Hon. A. M. Cochran—

Whereas, the circumstances of the present day are such as to require a trained and educated ministry; and

Whereas, the great demand for men to serve in the Ministry is a strong inducement to admit men without due preparation; therefore

Resolved, That while this Synod has no wish in any way to interfere with the discretion of the Bishop in conferring Holy Orders, it expresses its firm conviction that the interests of the Church will be best served by maintaining a high standard of education for the ministry, and further that it is very desirable that all candidates should pass through a college course before presenting themselves for ordination.

III. By Rev. D. C. Moore, relating to mode of appointment to Parishes, p. 42, 59, Journal 1878.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. D. C. Moore:—“That a Committee be appointed to consider what is the best mode of appointment to parishes, with a view of consultation with the Synods of other Dioceses, so as to bring about, if possible, a uniform system in all the Dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province.”

Rev. D. C. Moore's notice of motion was at his desire deferred to the next session of the Synod.

IV. By Rev. G. W. Hodgson, relating to Evening Session of Synod, p. 65 Journal 1878.

At half-past ten, Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved his resolution with reference to the Evening Session of the Synod.

On motion, it was resolved in amendment—“That the discussion of the Resolution be postponed till next Session of the Synod.”

V. By Rev. G. W. Hodgson, relative to Amendment of Canon of Discipline for the Clergy. P. 65 Journal 1878.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson gave notice of motion to amend Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy, defining the Bishop's position in any suit against the Clergy as follows:—“If the Bishop himself be promoter of the suit, then the Court shall consist of Assessors appointed as before directed, and of some Bishop of the Province appointed for that purpose by the Bishop of the Diocese.”

VI. By Rev. P. J. Filleul, relative to assessment of parishes. P. 66 Journal of 1878.

Rev. P. J. Filleul moved his notice of motion, relative to the assessment of Parishes for the expenses of the Provincial Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Bowman—“That the assessment be

made every year, instead of every second year.”

On motion, the consideration of the question was postponed till next Session.

VII. By Rev. Dr. Nichols, relative to Canon of Discipline of the Laity. P. 66, Journal of 1878.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Dr. Nichols, relating to the Canon of Discipline of the Laity.

Notice of motion by Rev. Dr. Nichols relative to the Canon of Discipline of the Laity, was, by him, deferred to the next Session of Synod.

Business referred to Committees. To the Executive Committee—To prepare an outline of rights and duties of Rectors, etc. Page 53.

The Registrar of the Diocese to whom Returns are to be made is C. B. Bullock, Esq., Granville Street, Halifax.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WINDSOR.—The Church in this parish is entirely self-sustaining. We have the high honor of being the first parish in the Diocese thrown upon its own resources, and well have the parishioners responded to the calls made upon them. The expenses of carrying on and maintaining the services of the Church, relieving the poor, and supplying the stipend of the incumbent, were necessarily heavy. They have been all met and provided for by the voluntary contributions of the parishioners, and that, too, without diminishing but rather increasing their offerings to all other Church objects.

Mrs. Maynard, with the members of her Bible Class have been enabled by their efforts and their appeals to the parishioners for the five years last past, to send each year seventy five dollars for the support and education of an Indian boy, at the Shingwauk Home, Algoma, or a total of \$375.00.—Windsor parish Church Work.

SYDNEY MINES AND NORTH SYDNEY.—The clergyman of this Mission was able to have service on Wednesday evening and Friday morning during Lenten Season at Trinity Church, Sydney Mines, and, during the last three weeks, on Friday evening at St. John's Church, North Sydney, (this church being previously closed on account of the small-pox panic).

Easter Sunday there was Divine Service with the Celebration of the Holy Communion in Trinity Church at half-past 9 o'clock, a. m. Twenty-nine persons received, I believe the largest number for some years.

At St. John's Church there was also Divine Service, with celebration of the Holy Communion, at a quarter past 11 o'clock. Seventeen persons received. We had our evening service at Sydney Mines.

The usual Parish Meeting took place Easter Monday, at which the financial and other matters were examined and found to be in a satisfactory condition. Officers were appointed for the ensuing year; also representatives for the Diocesan Synod.

Another meeting was held Tuesday evening at St. John's Church, when the very kind offer made by certain members who had assumed the debt upon the church, viz: to cancel the balance due, providing the other members pay for the bell, was gladly accepted, and measures taken towards doing the same.

It is, therefore, quite safe to state that the new church will, in a few weeks, be free from all liabilities, and that when the Bishop visits us this summer His Lordship will find the promise made by the people fulfilled.

HALIFAX.—Easter decorations were to be seen in nearly all the Churches, and the services were particularly hearty and joyous. The congregations were large, and the number of communicants (within the octave) considerably over that of last year.

St. George.—This parish has at last, we are glad to learn, “fallen into line,” and its representatives, in July next, will take their place in the Council of the Church. We also understand that it has been decided to discontinue the use of the black gown, (that badge of popery), in the services of the Church.

St. Luke's.—Being most anxious to see the affairs of this important parish placed on a sound financial basis, we have refrained from criticizing the latest change in its system of obtaining the offerings of the people. However, now that many have given in their adhesion to the plan

(not to the principle) in order to carry on the work of the Church, let us hope that at no distant day not only in theory but in practice the Scriptural system of FREE SEATS will have been adopted. Meanwhile, we may be allowed respectfully to suggest to the pewholders the importance of generally adopting the present plan.

HALIFAX.—The Chaplain of Saint Andrew's Waterside Church Mission acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a bundle of magazines from “A Sailor's Friend,” Liverpool, N. S. He would be glad to receive more of the same kind from Liverpool and other places.

BADDECK, C. B.—The Church people at New Haven have presented Rev. S. Gibbons with the frame of a house. The Churchwardens of St. Andrew's are Messrs. Abraham Hayman and Thos. Williams. A Chancel is to be built on the Church as soon as spring opens, as the building is too small for the number of attendants in summer. The people of Little Baddeck have again shown their practical sympathy with their Missionary by the presentation of another money offering. The Easter Day Services were well attended, and \$5.81 were given for the Superannuation Fund. On Easter Monday the annual meeting was held, when the Churchwardens of St. John's were chosen, and arrangements made for a Graveyard—the site of which has been generously given by the Warden, William Jones, Esq., who also, some 20 years ago, gave the site upon which the present Church stands. May the kindly sympathetic feelings which exist between Missionary and people in this Mission always remain so. S. G. A. McKoen, Esq., M. D., and Mr. George H. Davis, of Halifax, were chosen as Representatives of this Mission at the Synod.

PICTOU.—The annual Easter meeting for transaction of business of this Parish was held on Monday evening, 29th March, inst. The Rector, Rev. John Edgecumbe in the chair. After prayers the report of churchwardens for past year was read, showing the financial matters to be in a healthy state. The question of abolishing pew rents was discussed and it was determined to give the system of voluntary contributions by envelopes a trial this year. The new Church building committee presented their report. The erection has progressed favorably, the exterior with the exception of doors and the painting of the main body of church being all completed. The report shows that the church will when the exterior is finally completed (with exception of painting) have cost \$4,500.00, of which sum about \$1,069.00 will have to be met during ensuing summer, sufficient to partly pay this is already subscribed, the balance will it is hoped be forthcoming in due time—and if the congregation is enabled to discharge this amount the interior will be at once proceeded with. Robert Hockin and George J. Campbell Esquires were elected Church Wardens for this year. Our services on Easter, were largely attended, and the Rector preached appropriate and impressive sermons, in the morning from St. Mark xvi. 6 and in the evening, St. Mark xvi. 3. The Easter anthem, The Lord is risen indeed, hallelujah! etc., nicely rendered by the choir was a feature of the service. The progress made in this Parish during the past year is very encouraging, the untiring efforts and Evangelical teaching of the Rector resulting in the promotion of zeal and harmony among the parishioners, which should and we believe does, cause the hearts of our Church people to rejoice and thank the Giver of all good for the large measure of happiness, prosperity and unanimity he has been pleased to bestow upon them.

ALBION MINES.—Easter services well attended. The floral crop of vases of geraniums and callas lovely, as also the font decorations. 40 communicants.

Churchwardens—James Hudson, Geo. Carritt. Delegates to Synod—H. S. Poole, J. Whitman. Substitute Delegates—A. O. Pritchard, Dr. C. Crane.

The Lenten and Holy Week services have been fairly attended, notwithstanding the weather. On Good Friday congregations assembled at Christ Church, at New Glasgow, and at Westville, though on that day one of the most unpleasant snowstorms of the season fell. Above \$90 was offered on Good Friday for the Chancel Fund.

SOUTH-EAST PASSAGE, HALIFAX Co.—Easter Sunday Services, owing to the bad weather, not so full as usual. Communicants numbered over 30. Parish meeting Easter Monday largely attended, and resident delegates appointed to Synod.

HALFWAY COVE, GUYSBORO' Co.—Had very interesting services here on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Numbers had to go away for want of seats. The work of the church is making good progress in this Mission generally.

GRANVILLE.—During Lent special services were held on Wednesday and Friday evenings in the Parish Church and at the Ferry. A course of meditations being read upon the sufferings of our Lord: and the Litany of the Passion sung kneeling. On Maundy Thursday a heavy snow-storm set in which completely blocked the roads, and prevented many from attending Church on Good Friday. In order to reach the Parish Church, the Rector started off to walk and found the road only broken for about one-third of the distance, so he had to take to the fields and marshes. He was rewarded however by an earnest and attentive congregation, although smaller than it would have been had the roads been broken. The full service, known as the “Three hours of agony,” was conducted, but spread over a little less time. This solemn and impressive service is always much appreciated in the Parish Church. On Easter Day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Church at the Ferry at 9 o'clock. The violet altar frontal, &c., used during Lent, having given place to white and gold, and the general appearance of the Church being appropriate. Full morning service was held, and Holy Communion celebrated in the Parish Church at 11 o'clock. The musical part of the service was remarkably good, and the organist, Mr. LeBaron Mills, deserves the highest commendation for the care and interest he takes in training the choir. Evensong was said in the Ferry Church at 7.30. Two handsome carved alms dishes, kindly presented to the Parish Church by the Rev. Canon Walker, of Hampden, N. B., were used for the first time on Easter Day.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

EASTER AMONG THE CHURCHES.—Press of matter will only allow us to give a few notes for each point. Our advices show us that Easter was celebrated with more than usual rejoicing. The services seem to have been well attended, and the number of communicants large.

St. JOHN.—Trinity School-room was most effectively and beautifully decorated. St. Paul's had elaborate decorations around the Chancel and Font in exquisite taste. Three services were held. In St. Luke's the evening service was for the children. Easter texts were recited, and Easter Carols sung. St. John's Church had three services, one of them for the children. In St. Mary's Church there was a Carol Service for the children, and the usual Easter Services. In St. James' Church, Rev. W. Armstrong preached Easter sermons to good congregations. In Carleton, St. George's Church was simply and tastefully decorated, and at St. Jude's the day was becomingly marked. St. Luke's Church was the recipient of an Easter gift of a Pulpit and Reading Desk from Edward Sears, Esq., as a memorial to the late Rev. Canon Harrison.

We give the corporations elected in the City Churches on Easter Monday. In Trinity and St. Luke's Churches, not being completed, the old officers remain.

St. JOHN.—St. John's Church.—Wardens—James R. Ruel, Thos. W. Daniel. Vestrymen—Wm. M. Jarvis, Jonas Howe, Geo. F. Smith, S. deForest, L. R. Harrison, James F. Robertson, M. F. Manks, Dr. J. C. Hatheway, Charles Masters J. E. Puddington, Thos. S. Adams, W. K. Crawford. Delegates to Synod.—Wm. M. Jarvis, T. W. Daniel; substitutes, Jeremiah Travis, C. F. Kinneer.

PORTLAND.—St. Paul's Church.—Church Wardens—W. C. Drury, T. B. Robinson. Vestrymen—Geo. A. Schofield, Dr. Barker, S. Schofield, R. P. Starr, A. Mills, F. T. Stephens, A. Shives, T. R. Jones, J. Harrison, A. Daniel, G. S. Smith, W. H. Thorne. Delegates to Synod—Geo. A. Schofield,

T. B. Robinson. Delegates to Diocesan Church Society—R. P. Starr, Arthur Daniel.

PORTLAND.—St. James Church.—Church Wardens—R. W. Crookshank, John Holden. Vestrymen—E. Willis, Capt. Betts, O. V. Troop, Walter Lamb, W. Kee, Col. Cunard, T. W. Seeds, L. D. Milledge, J. R. Armstrong, Alex. Reed, R. B. Emerson, G. L. Robinson. Vestry Clerk—G. L. Robinson.—Delegates to Synod—R. W. Crookshank, E. Willis.—Delegates to D. C. S.—W. H. Hatheway, J. R. Armstrong.

CARLETON.—St. Jude's Church.—Wardens—Samuel D. Berton, Edwin J. Wetmore.—Vestrymen—Chas. Pidgeon, S. L. Brittain, Robert Brittain, Thos. Johnston, Samuel Carrell, Fred. R. Linde, Stephen Purdy, Geo. F. Harding, John Durant, James Carleton, A. H. DeMill, James Wetmore.—Delegates to Diocesan Synod.—Edwin J. Wetmore, Alfred H. DeMill.—Substitutes—Samuel Carrell, Jas. Wetmore.

CARLETON.—St. George's Church.—Churchwardens—Tertullus Ketchum, Isaac C. Perkins.—Vestrymen—John S. Craft, Uriah Drake, W. C. Cornfield, H. Moian, G. T. Mosher, Edward Holder, D. B. Lord, A. Rankin Bedell, James Irvine. Delegates to Synod—A. Rankin Bedell, T. Ketchum, Substitutes, Isaac C. Perkins, John S. Craft.

FREDERICTON.—St. Ann's Church.—In the morning a Carol was sung by the children at the Cathedral, and the music was particularly good. The following officers were elected for the Parish Church: Wardens—Chief Justice Allen and George J. Bliss.—Vestrymen—H. B. Rainsford, Jr., John Richards, J. A. McCallum, W. H. Quinn, Edward Brown and E. L. Wetmore.—Vestry Clerk—E. L. Wetmore.—Audit Committee—Messrs. Richards and McCallum. Miss Black was appointed organist.

SUSSEX.—Col. Beer and Nelson Arnold Esq. have been re-elected Wardens. Miss Ada McLeod organist of Trinity Church was presented with a purse of money on the occasion of her leaving for St. Margaret's Hall, Halifax, with a request that she would again take charge of the organ on her return.

ROTHESAY.—Trinity Church.—Wardens—R. T. Clinch, Chas. Prince. Vestrymen—L. J. Almon, S. S. Hall, J. D. M. Keator, J. L. Flewelling, J. W. Robinson, A. C. Fairweather, T. W. Saunders, S. J. Prince, J. H. Dixon, Jas. Henderson, A. H. Langstroth, A. O. Otty.—Delegates to Synod—C. H. Fairweather, R. T. Clinch.—Substitutes—J. D. M. Keator, L. J. Almon.—Delegates to Diocesan Church Society—Charles Prince, J. D. M. Keator.—Vestry Clerk—C. H. Fairweather.

NORTON.—Christ Church.—Church Wardens—C. B. S. Raymond and Charles Dixon.—Vestrymen—Capt. Robert Baxter, George Raymond, T. H. Z. Wetmore O. A. Wetmore, Nerton Wetmore, George Dixon, John M. Raymond, Gilbert Dixon, Edwin Fairweather, J. E. Fairweather, Henry Dixon, and James Hendricks. Delegates to Synod—J. M. Raymond and J. E. Fairweather; substitutes, Capt. Robert Baxter, and George Raymond.—Vestry Clerk—I. B. S. Raymond.

St. STEPHEN.—Christ Church.—Wardens—D. Browne, N. T. Greathead. Vestrymen—Wm. Raine, C. N. Vroom, James McCullough, John Waller, Robert Law, William Finkle, jr., E. G. Vroom, W. F. Vroom, Jos. Bell, Wm. Cotter, Thos Hutchinson, Thos. Smith.—Delegates to Synod and D. C. S.—D. Brown, N. T. Greathead; substitute, W. F. Vroom.

St. STEPHEN.—Trinity Church.—Wardens—R. Watson, John Grimmer.—Vestrymen—T. J. Smith, Henry Graham, L. A. Mills, John Smith, L. Markee.—Vestry Clerk—L. A. Mills.—Delegates to Synod—N. Marks, Henry Webber substitutes, R. Watson, J. Cassidy.

BATHURST.—St. George's Church.—Wardens—Theophilus DesBrisay and Dr. W. P. Bishop. Vestrymen—Henry W. Baldwin, John E. O'Brien, William Milleck, William Hinton, William Ellis, Thomas Miller, Sheriff Vail, C. H. Mann, Henry Bishop, John T. Carter, Fred. S. Hilyard, and Chas. Gosnell.—Vestry