

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TRURO.—Rev. A. D. Sylvester, Curate of St. Luke's, preached in St. John's Church last Sunday, and the Rev. F. R. Martell, Rector of Maitland preached there on Sunday week. Last Tuesday the ladies of the congregation were engaged in providing for the wants of the St. St. Georges' Halifax excursionists. A plentiful supply of first-class provisions was temptingly arrayed in the exhibition building, and the ladies did their best and succeeded well in adding to the pleasure of the excursionists.

HALIFAX.—The annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions took place last Wednesday. The Lord Bishop in the Chair. The Board of Home Missions and the Widow's and Orphan reports were adopted, and as they are of deep importance to the Diocese we shall shortly publish them. The present financial standing of the Board is not in a satisfactory condition through the negligence of many in not taking up the collections at the proper time.

St. George's.—The annual congregational excursion, notwithstanding the bad weather, was a great success. Nearly four hundred people availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Truro and will long remember the hospitable treatment they received from the good people there. Dr. D. H. Muir was untiring in his attention in showing visitors over the pretty stone Church, and Mr. Tremaine in administering to the pleasures of the day.

ST. MATTHIAS MISSION.—The Bazaar brought to the building fund about \$225.00 which, now that the debt is entirely off the building, will be devoted to the beginning of the finishing of the building. The Mission people assisted by the kind liberality of friends have raised quite a handsome sum of money for the debt and building fund during the year that the present Missionary the Rev. W. C. Wilson has been with them.

PRESENTATION—HALIFAX.—Miss Elizabeth Roach, for the past three years organist of St. Matthias Mission was last week presented with a set of valuable books from the people of the Mission, in recognition of her gratuitous services. Miss Roach has gone to Bermuda and her position as organist of the Mission is now filled by Miss Rose Johnstone.

St. Paul's.—The Rev. D. Neish is now working wholly in the Parish. Both the Curates find their hands full during the absence of the Rector.

AMHERST.—On Sunday morning, the 12th instant, Prof. Sumichrast delivered an earnest and impressive address in Christ Church, and in the evening the Coadjutor, Bishop Kingdon, of New Brunswick, preached. The Church was filled with a large and attentive congregation. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will administer the rite of Confirmation on the 5th August.

PRESENTATION.—Charlottetown.—Last Sunday week, at St. Peter's, Charlottetown, evening was sung by the Rev. J. A. Kaulback, M.A., Rector of Truro, after which Mr. King preached from the first verse of Psalm 90. The farewell sermon—a very eloquent and affecting one—was attentively listened to by the congregation. Mr. King touchingly alluded to his connections with the Church for the past fifteen years as choir boy, scholar, schoolmaster, lay reader and priest, and thanked the congregation for their confidence in him and other affectionate support. Afterwards, in the sacristy,

the churchwardens read an address to him, and presented him with a purse of \$125.

In reply the Rev. gentleman said that he left St. Peter's with much reluctance and great regret, and would not do so at all only that he was bound by an engagement made in Boston some months since, with the consent and by the advice of the Priest Incumbent himself. The fulfilment of the engagement had been postponed so often that it could no longer be put off. And thus the Diocese loses one of its most promising young men, one who has scarcely yet served three years in the ministry. The suicidal policy which allows men who do the pioneer work in the Diocese to be passed over by the election of strangers, is already beginning to be felt in many ways, and demands some stringent legislation in the next Synod.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Synod—Second Day.

Synod resumed its session at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

After routine, the Bishop said he had received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, regarding the consecration of Bishops in his Province according to forms sent him. His Grace has undertaken that when Bishops are consecrated, this Diocese as well as others will be informed of it.

The Coadjutor stated that it was most important that this communication should appear in the Journals of the Synod. It promoted inter-communication among the several branches of the Church all over the world. He moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Ketchum, that the letter be printed in the Journal. Carried.

At the suggestion of the Lord Bishop, it was resolved that the Letters of Consecration of the Bishop of Niagara be also printed in the Journal.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Consecration, Rules of Order, &c.

The eleventh sub-section of section 2 of the Constitution, relating to the duties of chairmen at meetings held for the election of lay representatives, was adopted.

The twelfth sub-section, requiring an annual payment to the Contingent Fund before lay representatives are entitled to a seat in the Synod, was also adopted.

The third section, fixing the quorum, and the fourth section, declaring "no act or resolution of the Synod shall become valid without the concurrence of the Bishop," etc., were adopted without comment.

The fifth section, determining when the Synod shall meet, was adopted without debate.

The sixth section provides for the calling of a special meeting of the Synod. Rev. Canon Brigstocke moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Medley, that the following words be added to the section: "at which meeting any business may be transacted." Rev. George M. Armstrong objected to placing such powers in the hands of a special meeting. His Lordship thought the notices of special meetings should contain what business was to be brought up at such meetings. After considerable debate, Rev. Canon Brigstocke was granted leave to withdraw his amendment. Hon. D. L. Hanington then moved, seconded by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, that these words be added: "at which meeting only the subjects mentioned in the notice thereof shall be dealt with." The amendment was accepted by both orders, and the section, with this addition, adopted.

The seventh section, which describes under what circumstances a special meeting may be held, received a similar addition as the preceding section, and so amended was adopted.

Section eight requires that notice of all special meetings of the Synod shall be given by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* for at least

one month before such meeting. This section was amended by further requiring that such notice shall contain the object of the meeting as well as the time and place of holding the same, and as amended was adopted.

Section nine, stating who shall preside at Synod meetings, was adopted without debate.

Section 10, relating to the secretary's duties, caused some discussion, several clergymen pointing out that it was not stated in the section that the secretary should publish the notice of special meetings in the *Royal Gazette*. The Chief Justice thought that as the Lord Bishop called the meeting he could direct whom he pleased to insert the notice. He did not think any amendment was needed to the section. Hon. D. L. Hanington thought it would do no harm to have it defined in the section that the secretary should issue the notice and he moved a resolution to that effect, which amendment was accepted by both orders, and the clause, as amended, was adopted.

The eleventh section refers to the appointment of a Treasurer and his duties. Some discussion arose over the provision that the Treasurer shall be a member of the Synod, and that he shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Synod, but the section was adopted without amendment.

Section 12, as to the contingent fund was adopted without debate.

The 13th section is divided into four sub-sections. The first providing for the election of a standing committee, was adopted. The second sub-section fixes the time of meeting of the standing committee, and provides that the committee shall aid and advise with the Bishops in the administration of the temporal affairs of the diocese. This was adopted without comment. The third sub-section provides that during a vacancy in the See, the standing committee shall have full power and authority to manage and administer the temporalities of the diocese, and to take charge and control of the property and estate vested in trust in the Bishop of Fredericton and his successors this was adopted. The fourth sub-section, providing for calling the standing committee together, was amended slightly and adopted.

The 14th section, relating to propositions for alterations of the constitution, was amended so as to apply as well to the Declaration of Principles.

Mr. W. M. Jarvis moved, seconded by Hon. B. R. Stevenson, that the amended constitution, as passed by the Synod, be approved. The motion was carried unanimously by both orders.

The order of business was suspended to admit of a motion being made by the Rev. Canon Medley—that the next meeting of the Synod be held in Saint John on the Wednesday before the first Thursday in July, 1886. The motion was put and adopted.

Rev. T. E. Dowling moved a resolution of regret and condolence on the death of the late William Carman. The resolution, which was very feelingly worded, was seconded by Mr. G. S. Grimmer.

Judge Wilkinson eulogized the virtues of the deceased gentleman.

Rev. Canon Ketchum also paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Feeling addresses were also made on the resolution by Chief Justice Allen, Mr. W. M. Jarvis, Mr. G. A. Blair and the Lord Bishop (who claimed the privilege of presenting the resolution to the widow of the deceased), when the resolution was passed by a standing vote.

The rules of order having been suspended, it was moved that Rev. F. W. Vroom and R. T. Clinch be the Governors of King's College, Windsor, for the ensuing year.

Mr. Parkin thought the election should be made by nomination and ballot; but on the question being put, the resolution was adopted.

The Synod then adjourned until three o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following were chosen the Sunday School