

THE SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA

THE annual Synod of the diocese of Nova Scotia met in Halifax on May 19th. The Synod service was held in the Cathedral of All Saints'. The church and lay delegates marched in procession. The service was conducted by Dean Llwyd and the sermon preached by Rev. Chas. S. Cummings, Rector of Christ Church, Sydney, upon the theme, "The Rediscovery of Prayer in the New Era." The Archbishop pronounced the Benediction.

The outstanding feature of the business this year was the all important problem of the rebuilding of King's College. Chief Justice Harris moved a resolution to the effect that the Synod lend its full support in the rebuilding of King's College, at Windsor. Dr. Boyle stated that he was glad to have opportunity to make a statement to Synod in this connection. On bringing his splendid pension fund movement in the States to a triumphal conclusion and addressing a banquet given in his honour, Bishop Lawrence, of Massachusetts, had said that there are three things necessary to success of any campaign: (1) A cause; (2) careful organization; (3) money. There had been very good cause—but entirely inadequate organization. Those connected with the campaign were above reproach—every cent of the money had been applied to the purpose for which it was given. In the new campaign there must be three things: One office; one responsible man; one channel of collection. Dr. Boyle explained all the difficulties in the way, speaking with utmost frankness, and showing how manifold and various have been his duties—far too many and varied for one man.

Rev. W. W. Judd expressed the opinion that there was no other way by which the old Church College can now be saved than to act in accordance with the terms of the Chief Justice's resolution. The arguments for confederation and for building at Windsor have been fully aired. Yet it be remembered that the statement of the Chief Justice was that of one who was himself open to conviction. He hoped for an unanimous vote. But one word as to the Collegiate School—they had failed thus far to get things from the governors which were needed. But this Synod must assume the responsibility for the future of the Collegiate School, if it endorsed a policy which seems to exclude the school from any share in the campaign. It faces unprecedented difficulties.

Dean Llwyd followed, speaking to three points: Federation; relation between an arts and a divinity course; concrete action.

"I want a residential arts course," said the Dean, "an arts course whose substratum is character." He presented a splendid plea for concerted action by the Synod, explaining the reason for his personal position on the question of King's.

After much debate at the final session, Dr. J. W. Allison moved the resolution in the absence of Chief Justice Harris, who was slightly indisposed, seconded by the Rev. R. Romans:—

"Resolved that this Synod endorses the campaign on behalf of King's College, and pledges its support to the Archbishop in his leadership of this great movement, on condition that the teaching of controversial subjects in the College be based on equal representation of the two existing schools of thought in the Church, and that the government, as far as possible, of the College, be based on the same principle."

The Synod passed this unanimously amidst great applause and then rose to its feet and sang the Doxology.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Synod, recommending an increase of salary to the clerical secretary and his assistant, met with hearty concurrence. A living wage for the clergy as one of the endeavours of the Diocesan Mission Board during the past year, and it met with a gratifying response from the parishes.

The Widows' and Orphans' and Superannuation Funds were shown to be in a healthy condition, though the pensions were very low. It was felt that it would be well if the budget system could be adopted by all parishes for their contribution to the beneficiary funds. The sum of \$500 was voted to the Archbishop towards his expenses at the Lambeth Conference. Memorials were read concerning the late Rev. Dr. Bambrick, W. H. Wiswell and Judge Savary.

In the matter of the possibility of the Archbishop's removal to Bermuda, the committee expressed itself as convinced that the sole desire of every church in the diocese is that he remain in charge of the diocese of Nova Scotia. Rev. G. M. Ambrose suggested that some more definite step be taken in regard to keeping the Archbishop in Nova Scotia than had been suggested by the committee. Judge Forbes supported Mr. Ambrose most heartily, and suggested the possibility of a Coadjutor to assist the Archbishop. His Grace rose to say that he still felt able to carry on the work of the diocese and that he did not need a Coadjutor. He felt that a stenographer should provide all the assistance that he needed. A committee was appointed to consider the matter.

Rev. E. B. Spurr presented the report on the Anglican Forward Movement, which showed that the diocese had exceeded its financial objective of \$180,000 by \$20,000, and that a new spirit of giving had developed as a result of the Forward Movement.

Rev. R. A. Hiltz, formerly of St. Matthias' Church, Halifax, now General Secretary of the General Board of Religious Education, addressed the Synod on work of G.B.R.E. "The whole future success of the life of the State depends upon religious training of the young," said Mr. Hiltz, and he reported that by next Advent the Board would issue for the first time an official series of Sunday School lessons. This will make for unity throughout the whole Canadian Church, and is a definite step forward in the life of the Sunday Schools. Upon motion of F. C. Ward-Whate, it was decided to make a survey of the diocese in regard to Sunday School work.

Canon Vernon in report on Social Service made a ringing speech, dwelling, first on the Maritime Home for Girls, which he visited on Tuesday, and which he regarded as "one of the most important pieces of constructive Social Service in the Dominion. He had gone all over the institution and regarded conditions as simply ideal and the results accomplished even thus far as splendid. He made a fine plea for the girlhood of the country, emphasizing its preciousness and its claim upon all who call themselves Christians. Canon Vernon stated that he had just attended a conference in Moncton, at which a provisional committee was appointed to take up the matter of establishing another home for older girls and young women—an institution which our chiefs of police as well as all in touch with the sorrowful records of the courts know to be a crying need. He suggested that the Synod take this matter under careful consideration.

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