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The Synod of Nova Scotia.

The Synod of Nova Scotia met in Halifax and commenced its biennial session on Friday, June 24.

The Synod sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Harley, M. A., rural dean of Shelburne, at St. Luke's Cathedral. His text was from Acts xviii, 17. "And Gallio cared for none of these things."

The meetings of the Synod were held in St. Paul's Parish Hall. At the first business meeting, the Rev. W. J. Ancient, M. A., was elected secretary and Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Springhill, was appointed assistant secretary. Mr. R. J. Wilson, lay secretary. The roll was called 143 delegates present, 83 clerical and 60 lay.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese read his address, and we regret we have only space for those parts of it which have special reference to diocesan affairs.

"I am deeply thankful to know that there is in some of our parishes evidence of the presence of a spirit of proportionate and systematic giving, which, if it is fostered and extended, will ultimately provide all that is required both for our own needs and to further the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom; but as yet it is emphatically the day of small things. One notable instance must not be passed over in silence. Last October the hearts of all of us were saddened by the calamity which befell the beautiful town of Windsor, when in a very short space of time the whole place was swept away by fire. We are indeed, while

sincerely sympathising with other bodies of Christians which mourn the losses that have befallen them, most humbly and profoundly grateful to Almighty God for His great mercy vouchsafed to us in that none of our church property was destroyed; but our people in common with others, were rendered homeless, their belongings swallowed up and their business put an end to. Nevertheless, the contribution of that parish to our various funds has been kept up, and when the rector, about Easter-tide, appealed to his people for a collection to make up a deficiency in the church accounts for the year, the offertory amounted to between \$300 and \$400. I trust this example will provoke many other parishes to a similar generosity, and the manifestation of a like spirit of self-help.

"It may be remembered that a few years ago I communicated to the synod the information conveyed to me by the secretary of the S. P. G. to the effect that while the committee of the Colonial Bishops Fund would continue to me the income assigned therefrom, amounting to £203 per annum, this sum could not be reckoned upon as being likely to be continued to my successor in the See, and that I asked you to take steps to make up that amount. Nothing, as you know, has been done, and recently I have received another letter from the secretary expressing his disappointment in this regard. He says it is quite certain that the amount in question will not be continued after my ceasing to be the bishop of this diocese, and requests me to

take immediate action looking to the collection of a capital sum, the interest of which will provide the required income, and also secure a more adequate endowment of the See. He also hints that if we should aim at raising \$50,000 for this purpose, the committee of the Colonial Bishopric Fund, and the S. P. G., and the S. P. C. K. might all be reasonably expected to give substantial help.

"I suppose that we all feel the unsatisfactoriness of the plan of providing a portion of the bishop's income by assessment on the parishes, whereas, if the amount mentioned could be raised, and invested at 4 per cent, which is about all that can be obtained from good securities, the amount of assessment could be reduced by one-half.

"You will perceive that I am personally entirely unaffected by this matter, and therefore free to press it as strongly as possible upon you, for immediate action, and I trust that a committee may be appointed at this session, and steps taken for setting to work at once. Contributions might be spread over a few years—say five—and I am sincerely glad to offer \$1,000, payable in that time, as my own contribution to this objective view.

"I do this in the hope that others who are able will give larger sums, but not at all with the intention of discouraging those who can only give a little, or wishing to limit the donors to the few; for I am convinced that the larger the numbers of those who help, the more wide and deeper will be the living interest which the people take in

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making adequate provision for their bishops.

DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

As far as I can gauge the feelings of the people there is no disposition to take any tangible action on the proposal which I made four years ago for the division of the diocese. In speaking to individuals about this during the past two years, the only sentiment expressed to me has been one of doubt as to the possibility of raising the necessary amount of money. Perhaps, if we readily succeed in doing what I now propose to you, it may prove an example and object lesson to set us at the work of accomplishing the division of the diocese.

THE PROPOSED CATHEDRAL.

Another matter regarding which any living interest seems to be altogether lacking, is the building of the proposed cathedral. The plans have been received from Mr. Street, the architect, and are stored for safekeeping, while their drawings, giving external and internal views of the building have been framed, and hung in the Church of England Institute building, where they can be inspected. The old penitentiary and grounds, which were purchased from the government as an investment for some of the money in hand, have been sold at a good profit, even when the loss of compound interest is reckoned; but no new subscriptions have been received, and the sum required is regarded by most people as altogether beyond our ability. I still hold to the belief that it would be best to abandon the site on Robie street, and to rebuild St. Luke's as the permanent cathedral. If Halifax had been a growing place, or there were conditions existing or

likely to exist, which would produce a great increase in the population, I would hesitate; but as things are I do not think we can look for anything beyond holding our own, or very gradual increase in our members, so that a moderate-size building, which would not add another to the number of our churches, would probably meet all the needs of the case for several generations to come. Doubtless, a large and lofty building, with a wealth of carving and every kind of adornment.

"With storied windows richly
dight,
And filled with dim religious
light,"

is most valuable, as reminding the worshippers of the mysterious side of religion, and suggesting the spiritual realities which lie behind our natural life, and of which in the oppressive materialization of our everyday existence we are too much disposed to be neglectful; but it is a luxury which I fear we must forego, as we are not apparently in a condition to even provide adequately for the practical necessities which are constantly staring us in the face. There are difficulties in the way of carrying out my suggestion, such as the relinquishment by the congregation of St. Luke's of their position and privileges as a parish, the extinction of the existing indebtedness, provision for the stipends of the dean and chapter, and the maintenance of the fabric. But these obstacles ought not to prove insuperable, and the end to be achieved is worth more than all the pains to be expended and the sacrifices that must be made.

I make this communication to you because the subject is one in which you are all naturally much interested, though I think the

cathedral building fund committee have power to deal with it according to their best judgment. While my relations with the dean and chapter on the one hand, and the rector of St. Luke's parish on the other, have been most cordial and entirely free from disagreeableness or difficulties, yet all must see that the arrangement at present existing could only, in the nature of things, be a temporary one, while if colonial dioceses are to be furnished with cathedrals it is little less than a scandal that the oldest colonial See of the British empire should still lack this important organization for the efficient working of the system of the church.

DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS.

What may be called our diocesan institutions demand some remarks from me. One of my first acts on coming amongst you, now ten years ago was to lay the corner stone of the Church of England institute. The building has been of great service to us in many ways being a common meeting place for all our people, irrespective of party, a centre of church work, where the bishop has a room and the secretary treasurer an office; a place for all kinds of meetings and entertainments, besides its primary purpose as a club for the young men of the city, where they can meet one another socially and find healthful and innocent recreation. The council are much hampered by debt, which instead of being reduced, if unpaid off, has shewn in some years a considerable increase. A large addition to the membership and some vigorous efforts to raise funds would soon reverse the existing state of affairs, and I trust that these may be forthcoming. I am, however,

more concerned to see the religious side of the work more strongly emphasized than it has been hitherto. True, the Sunday school association, the Brotherhood of S. Andrew and other religious bodies, hold meetings there which are of that character; but the building is used by many who are never touched by these things, and who, as far as one can judge, need to have the claims of Christ to their allegiance and service pressed upon them, they not as yet having given their hearts to Him. It is in no spirit of fault-finding that I say this, but in order to make that which is now an agent and centre for much good, still more effective for direct Christian influence.

KINGS COLLEGE.

Kings College presents much the same characteristics as those of recent years. The Board of Governors was enlarged not long ago under powers obtained from the local legislature, it being hoped by the originator of the scheme that all parts of the Maritime Provinces being represented, the interests of the university would be correspondingly increased. It has been found, however, that this many members of the board could not possibly meet frequently, and therefore an executive committee was appointed, to which was intrusted the carrying on of affairs; the consequence being that little interest was felt by any members who were not on the executive committee, and a full meeting of the Board has only taken place annually, on the evening before the encaenia.

Mr. Butler, the professor of engineering, who has served faithfully and efficiently for seventeen years, left at the beginning of the last college year, having been ap-

pointed to a like position in the Royal Military College, Kingston; and his place was filled by the election of Mr. Karl Weatherbee, a past student, of great ability, who is doing good work and gives promise of being an admirable and successful professor.

The president and staff have labored diligently to do their duty in every way to the students entrusted to their care and deserve our hearty acknowledgment of their zeal and ability; while the honorary treasurer, Mr. John Y. Payzant, is always keenly interested in doing all in his power to bring the finances of the college into a satisfactory condition. The income would be largely increased if the clergy did their duty by taking the annual collection appointed by the synod. I have been given to understand that some of them hold they are not bound to do this, but I point out to them that have agreed to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made by the synod of the diocese of Nova Scotia, and that such promise is required of them before being licensed, not to secure their observance of such rules as may be in accordance with their own views and opinions (which would be entirely needless) but of those of which they disapprove, and which it may be they exceedingly dislike.

If it be said that the resolution making an annual collection for King's college obligatory was passed when there were very few members of the synod present, I would remark that the laws of the legislature do not depend for their binding powers upon the number of legislators present when the third reading takes place, but upon the majority of those present voting for the measure; and in the com-

mons of England a house is constituted if only 40 are present out of a total 658. But, in order to do away with the last shred of objection, and to leave such clergy as deliberately refuse to take an annual collection for King's college without excuse and subject to the stigma of wilfully breaking a promise to which they have deliberately subscribed, I would desire that the synod should, on the first or second day of its present session, when there is a full attendance, pass this resolution over again. As regards the prejudice which exists against the college in the minds of some, it should suffice to say that it is prejudice, which is, I am thankful to say dying out; and I invite anyone to look into the teaching which is given to our divinity students, for, if he be a candid man, he will recognise, and, if need be, publicly acknowledge, that it is entirely consistent with the doctrines of the Church of England, and equally free from the errors of Rome and Nonconformity, and the vagaries and excesses of party.

I want to say that I consider any of the clergy of this diocese, all of whom owe their presence in it to the official position they hold, who use that position to alienate the affection, interest and pecuniary help of their parishioners from our own diocesan college, and endeavor to secure that affection, interest and pecuniary help for any other college outside our borders, are abusing their authority and taking an unfair advantage of their position and disloyal to their synod.

Some of you may think this strong language for me to use, but I do not see the advantage of saying what is weak, on this or any other subject; and however strong, I do not think it can be considered unjust, or the position I have taken

to be unfair. The case, as I see it, stands thus. King's college exists the synod has approved it and directed an annual collection in its behalf to be taken in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese. If the college, or anything about or in it, requires alteration or amendment, let us alter or amend it accordingly; if it is hopelessly bad, or the synod has changed its mind and disapproves of it, let us discard it and have nothing to do with it. But as long as it retains our approval and is acknowledged as the divinity school of our diocese, let us stand shoulder to shoulder in its support, and make it thoroughly efficient for the important it has to do.

THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

for boys has been transferred from the control of the school committee of the board of governors of the college to that of the president, who is entitled the rector with full power over all persons and concerns, being himself responsible directly to the board. This is an admirable arrangement, particularly as Dr. Willets has twelve years' experience as head master, and therefore knows thoroughly the difficulties and requirements of the position. The new head, Mr. Handsombody, has in the school year which has just been completed, answered fully to the high expectations formed of him from the excellent record which he had made for himself in England. The number of pupils would probably have been larger but for the opening of two new schools for the same class of boys, one by the former head, in Annapolis, and the other by one of the assistant masters, in Halifax. It is reasonable to expect that when parents throughout the Mari-

time Provinces learn how thorough the instruction is imparted and how watchful and wise is the care that is taken of the boys in the collegiate school, the numbers sent there will steadily and largely increase.

The church school for girls has had to pass through something of a crisis. A year ago Miss Mackin sent in her resignation of the position of lady principal, to the great regret of all, and could not be persuaded to withdraw it, while no less than five of her assistants also decided to leave. No one who knows anything of human nature, especially parental human nature, could look for any other than a large withdrawal of pupils as the result of such action, and the only wonder, in my mind, is that the diminution in the number of our scholars is not much larger than it is.

I render thus publicly my thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for directing us to choose as the new lady principal, Miss Lefroy, of the Ladies' college, Cheltenham, and for endowing her with the wisdom and discernment necessary for making so satisfactory a selection of five assistants, all of whom have proved themselves not only equal to the demands made upon them, but also pleasant companions to work with. Many and important changes have been effected, and no pains have been spared to make the education at Edgell second to none in any other school, whether in Canada or elsewhere. I can confidently say, parents may be quite sure that everything will be done for their daughters that the most improved methods of teaching by thoroughly competent instructors, combined with affectionate interest and skill in the de-

velopment of their characters and zealous regard for their religious interests, can effect. If only the board of directors can successfully cope with the financial question, we may anticipate a very bright future for our girls' school.

OBITUARY.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of three of our clergy since the last session of the synod, and must feel ourselves saddened by this removal.

The Rev. Simon Gibbons owed all that he became, humanly speaking, to the sainted Bishop Field, of Newfoundland. An Eskimo boy, cast upon the bishop's care, he was gradually advanced by him and educated, until at last he was fitted to be ordained. First in Newfoundland, and then in this province, he did much work for God and the church. Gifted with a mellifluous voice and ready utterance, he was an acceptable and persuasive speaker, and whether in the pulpit or on the platform, never failed to secure and keep the close attention of his hearers, who found themselves moved to tears or laughter by the pathos or humor of his words. He succeeded in building quite a number of churches in the various places where he labored, but perhaps his heart was most with the people of the Baddeck mission, and especially the fisher folk of Neil's Harbor for sustaining ministrations amongst whom he raised a large sum of money in England during Bishop Binney's episcopate, the interest of which is still paid to the missionary. He did a full days work on his last Sunday, though suffering much bodily pain, and died suddenly on the Monday morning. to the sorrow of his friends, the loss of the church and the deep

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grief of his wife, to whom we trust the loving sympathy of all who know her will readily be given.

The Rev. Charles Gordon Abbott had but made a beginning in the career to which he was called. Following in his father's footsteps, after a successful course at Kings college, where he has left the savor of an example which will be known for many years to come, he was ordained to the assistant curacy of St. Mark's church, in this city, where he served with combined zeal and modesty to the satisfaction of his rector and the edification of his people. Elected rector of North Sydney with Sydney Mines, in succession to the Rev. R. D. Bambrick, he labored most conscientiously, being fervent and pains-taking, warm-hearted and affectionate; and succeeded in gaining the good-will and co-operation of the people committed to his trust. The future seemed most promising for a long and successful pastorate, but alas, he was attacked by an insidious and fatal disease, and expired in Halifax on Ash Wednesday, the 23rd of February last, cheered and sustained to the last by the love and care of his friends and relatives, and especially of his young wife, who put aside all thought of self, and resolutely held down the swelling tide of her own sorrow to comfort with the brightness of her face and the cheeriness of her words the dear husband, over whose features the coming death was casting its ever-deepening shadow. May the Lord console her for the loss of the husband of youth, and give us all grace to follow him as he followed Christ.

The Rev. Thomas Howland White was the oldest clergyman among us, and I am told, the oldest in the Dominion of Canada.

So sensible was he of age and infirmity that on my first visit to Shelburne in 1889, as he bade me good-bye, he expressed the fear that he would not live to see me again. "But God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also," and suffered us to meet on several subsequent occasions, the last of which was in March of this year, on the 22nd of which month he entered on his 92nd year. I considered it a privilege to receive his parochial blessing, and was glad in his person to "rise up before the face of the old man and to honor his grey head." For more than 65 years he had been rector of Shelburne, being a veritable pastor to the flock of Christ, one who knew all the sheep and fed the lambs, going before them as he trod the way which leadeth to the Shepherd of our souls. Very beautiful was it to witness the combined affection and reverence with which he was regarded, and blessed is the bond which united him to his people—one which death has no power to sever, but which will endure until they meet to part no more, in the presence of our King. Full of years and full of honors, Dr White has gone to his reward, "Exchanging", as one has beautifully said, "the silver crown of the hoary head, for the golden crown of immortality."

BISHOP THORPE.

May I ask you once more to do something, such as the appointment of a committee to look after Bishop Thorpe? The property has had assigned to it by the executive committee the sum of \$3,000, received from the sale of the bishop's farm at Windsor, for which a declaration of trust by the bishop and synod has been drawn up by the solicitors of the S. P. G. in whom

the farm was vested. There is therefore not much indebtedness left upon the building, but from time to time work upon the outside needs to be done, and there is no one appointed by the synod to attend to it. It would be most unfortunate if it should be allowed to fall into a condition of much disrepair, which only a small outlay now and then would easily avert.

I trust we may find we have the help of the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and ghostly strength in our mutual consulation for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and that what we shall devise may show forth God's glory and set forward the salvation of all men.

REPORT OF BOARD OF

HOME MISSIONS.

The Board reported a falling off in the year's subscriptions of \$649.27. The grants made to parishes aggregated \$4,176. The following is the financial statement for the year ending March 31st.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, April 1st	\$277.52
Refunded from Quebec, scheme, paid in error in Feb., 1897.....	139.50
Parochial contributions	3,493.17
Donations.....	59.50
Interest.....	468.05
	\$4,737.74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants to parishes.....	\$3,976.67
Proportion to sec. treas. salary.....	385.76
Deputation expenses.....	46.34
Proportion of office rent	53.56
Proportion of cost of Year Book.....	117.84
Proportion of guarantee bond.....	17.12
Interest on overdrawn bank account.....	21.85

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Printing, postage, stationery, etc.....	42.87
Refunded to Windsor, amount twice paid, in error, last year.....	39.32
	\$4,701.33
Balance	36.41

W. J. ANCIENT.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Brown reported for the audit committee, calling attention to the deficiency on the B. H. M. fund, and their intention to refuse to make payments on July 1st., unless the money were in hand. There is a deficit on the year's operations of \$568.

Rev. S. Trivett, of Blandford, thought the falling off of funds was due to the failure of the fisheries.

The secretary explained that the fund last year was \$500 in advance of what it is now, and estimated that by October there would be a deficiency of \$2,600, unless some special effort was made.

After discussion, the Rev. V. E. Harris moved for the appointment of a committee to suggest means for making up the deficiency as quickly as possible.

Thomas Brown reported for the committee, and presented the following report:

The special committee on Board of Home Missions, appointed by this synod, beg leave to report, that, at a meeting held this morning, it was resolved—That this committee be authorized to issue a strong appeal to the members of the church in the diocese, setting forth the urgent present need of the B. H. M. to meet the stipends of the missionary clergy within the diocese, and that the bishop be requested to issue a pastoral letter to be read by all the clergy in the diocese on the first Sunday in

July, and that the clergy be supplied with envelopes, to be distributed throughout each congregation, for such a collection, to be made on the second Sunday in July. They also ask that this committee be continued. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was adopted but not without protest from several parishes, who felt the injustice, while acknowledging the necessity, of having to make up the delinquencies of others.

At the session on Saturday afternoon the following report was read, signed by C. C. Blackadar, Jno. Y. Payzant, and F. H. Almon:

The committee appointed by the synod in 1894 to secure necessary legislation for the speedy abolishment of the truck system, while they feel that the system is in some cases injurious to the laboring classes, yet consider that there are great difficulties in proposing practical legislation on the subject.

They therefore, recommend the appointment of a larger committee to interview the government and to ask their earnest consideration of the truck system and to press upon that body the importance of their proposing legislation either for its complete abolition or the mitigation of its alleged evils.

The report was adopted and the following committee appointed;

His lordship the Bishop Rev. F. H. Almon, Rev. W. C. Wilson, Messrs C. C. Blackadar and J. Y. Payzant.

Rev. W. J. Armitage reported for the committee appointed to consider the bishop's address. On the subject of Episcopal fund, King's college, and intemperance the report read as follows;

The episcopal fund—Whereas the attention of the synod has again been called to the certain

withdrawal of the sum of £203 per annum now given by the colonial bishoprics' fund, the committee recommend that a special committee be appointed by the synod for the purpose of adding to the episcopal endowment of the diocese the sum of \$50,000, which will not only replace the amount of income to be withdrawn, but will also enable the assessment committee to reduce by fifty per cent, the amount assessed upon the parishes. The committee trust that the generous offer of \$1,000, made by the bishop, will stimulate the zeal of many others in the diocese.

Kings college—The committee regrets to learn that the annual collection required for Kings college is not taken in all the church, and respectfully draws the attention of the clergy to the resolution of the synod, passed at the session of 1888 and printed on page 65 of the journal of that year, requiring such collection.

This synod desires to place on record its deliberate opinion that intemperance is one of the greatest if not the greatest, evil of the age, and its profound sense of the need of more aggressive work on the part of all our church people to meet its inroads. Its remedy has become the problem of the closing years of the century. We view with alarm its ravages in our land, its desolating effects in our homes, its awful results in the degradation and ruin of those who become its slaves, its waste of national wealth and its harvest of other evils.

And, whereas we believe it is the duty of this synod to aid, so far as it is able, all efforts towards lessening and abolishing these evils;

We, therefore, urge upon the members of the Church of England the necessity of doing all in their power to stem the tide of intemp-

erance, by practising self-denial for the good of others, by inculcating true temperance views in the training of the young, by promoting the passage of wise laws for the protection of the community against the ravages of intemperance and by educating public sentiment in the direction of greater respect of law and order.

And we earnestly request the members of the church to make the whole subject a matter of constant prayer, and especially to look for divine guidance in dealing with the great issue of prohibition now before the country, and that every act and vote may have the effect of banishing the great evil of intemperance from our midst.

REGISTRAR'S FEES

The Rev. E. H. Ball called attention to what he considered a very high charge for registrar's fees, the newly divided parish of Westville having to pay \$7.50. A committee of the synod conferred with Mr. Silver, the registrar, and arranged that the fees in future be the same as in the diocese of Fredericton, one dollar for each and every document, payable in advance.

The various standing committees were appointed.

His lordship called attention to the rule that rural deans are appointed for five years and that the Deans of Lunenburg, Avon, and Amherst have been in office over five years.

The report on the bishop's address provoked a very lively discussion. The Rev. F. H. Almon and others denied the right of the synod, or anyone, to order a collection to be taken in any parish.

LAST DAY.

Judge Ritchie read the report of the Assessment Committee. To meet the arrears of synod expenses

fund there is an increase of 50 per cent in the assessment for the next two years.

Two parishes in the Deanery of Amherst have been divided during the year and this necessitates a change in the assessment of the various parishes of that deanery.

BISHOP'S STIPEND.

The mode adopted on 9th October, 1896, by the executive committee, under the authority of the synod, of advertising in the secular press the names of the parishes and their incumbents who were over three months in arrears, has proved very effective, as well as the monthly advertisement in The Church Observer, since authorized by the executive committee, and your committee cannot recommend any change in that respect. Some parishes which have been advertised have complained, but they must remember that the remedy is in their own hands, and if all the contributions are promptly paid when due, as they should be, there will be no list to publish.

Reports were read on Education, Religious Education in public schools, the Church School for Girls, and the Widow's and Orphan's Fund.

C. E. FUND

The following were reported as members of the Church Endowment Fund: W. H. Wiswell, chairman; J. W. H. Rowley, T. Brown, J. Y. Payzant, Dr. DeWolfe, E. J. Lordly, Hon. Justice Townshend, A. E. Silver, R. L. Borden, M. P. Mr. Taylor, F. W. Green, E. T. Mahon, C. S. Harrington, A. Mackinlay, J. T. Wyld, treasurer; Rev. W. J. Ancient, secretary.

Important changes were made in the rules governing the distribution of this fund. Hitherto those parishes which received aid

from the S. P. G. considered they had the prior claim on this fund, consequently several parishes are reported to be receiving aid which do not need it while several poor missions are languishing for lack of funds. In future the committee which will consist of fifteen laymen will make grants to the parishes most in need of help, but will not interfere with the vested rights of any now receiving aid from the fund.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

Archdeacon Jones, E. P. Crawford, Ven. Archdeacon Smith, Rev. James Simpson, V. E. Harris, Prof. Vroom, Rev. C. E. Willetts, H. A. Harley, Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Rev. W. J. Ancient, Rev. E. A. Harris, Rev. T. F. Draper.

SUBSTITUTE DELEGATES.

Lay: R. E. Harris, R. J. Wilson, J. L. Jennison, J. Y. Payzant, Thomas Mowbray, J. H. Balcom, Clerical: Rev. W. J. Armitage, W. C. Wilson, G. Haslam, J. T. Bryan, H. How, W. H. Bullock.

On the recommendation of the committee on the Gottenburg system of liquor control the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach, Smith, and Jones, were appointed a committee to confer with a special committee of the Toronto synod.

RETURNS.

On motion of Judge Ritchie the following was substituted for section 6 of Canon VI:—

"That every such return shall be made up to the 31st. day of March in each year, signed by the incumbent making it, and transmitted direct to the clerical secretary on, or before, the first day of May following."

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Rev. E. P. Crawford explained

that heretofore any clergyman desirous of going upon this fund must give 4 months notice. also that a clergyman who had not paid his premiums up to within a few years or even months of the age limit could then pay the total sum of premiums and partake of the benefits of this fund. He gave notice of motion to be considered at next synod to amend the rules governing this fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. M. Withycombe, of Summerside, moved for the organization of a diocesan Sunday school conference.

He said we recognize that the children of the church are those upon whom in the future we shall have to rely for support. The Sunday school is the place for the formation of habits of proportionate giving and church attendance. We as a synod should give more attention to work of Sunday schools. The synod gives its attention to financial matters almost exclusively and we as a church need the inspiration of a diocesan Sunday school conference. In other dioceses it has been tried with good success, for instance, in Toronto and Fredericton. He proposed that the conference be held annually in various parts of the diocese.

Rev. E. P. Crawford moved as an amendment that the rural deans be requested to organize conferences in their respective deaneries.

The amendment carried.

Hon. Justice Savary gave the following notice of motion, which he intends to move at the next synod (two years hence):—

"That in future the fund under the control of the Board of Home Missions shall be called the "Church Maintenance Fund of the Diocese of Nova Scotia" instead of the

"Home Mission Fund" as heretofore.

Votes of thanks were given to the railway and steamboat companies for reduced fares, to the rector and corporation of St. Paul's for the use of the hall, to the generous churchpeople of Halifax for hospitality; to Mr. R. J. Wilson, the lay secretary of the synod, by a standing vote; to the Rev. C. R. Cummings, and J. A. Stansfield, officials reporters and the press.

The synod adjourned.

We enclose bills to date and hope there will be a general response from our friends.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We shall be glad to receive notes regularly each fortnight from our correspondents.

Three visiting clergymen were invited to seats in the house during the synod, Rev. H. Wainwright, of Fredericton diocese, Rev. E. Lawlor, of Algoma, and Rev. H. Gouin, of Montreal.

Daily services were held in St. Paul's morning and evening, during the session, but were very poorly attended.

Rev. George I. Foster, M. A., rector of Lockport, and Miss Annie Day, of Lockport, were married by the Rev. A. P. Shatford at Lockport on June 1st.

The Synod appreciated the kind liberality and enterprise of the publishers of the Halifax Herald, who printed the Bishop's address in full and presented 1000 copies to the Synod for distribution.

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The Rev. N. LeMoine, rector of St. Mark's, Halifax, has been appointed by the bishop as the preacher for the next synod, substitute, Rev. E. P. Harley, of Antigonish.

H. A. Ancient, B. A., has been appointed on the teaching staff of the Collegiate School, Windsor, to succeed Rev. C. W. Vernon, now rector of North Sydney.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Rev. W. S. H. Morris, of Shelburne, whose recent death was chronicled in the papers, was highly respected and is deeply lamented.

Rev. T. R. Gwillim, rector of Baddeck, died on Monday, June 27th. His remains were interred at Middleton.

During the synod the Rev. W. J. Armitage, rector of St. Paul's showed his practical interest in the Superannuation Fund by personally urging the claim of that fund upon the clergy and was successful in inducing 25 clergymen to become yearly contributors.

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We want correspondents in every parish of the two dioceses. We shall be desply obliged to any clergyman will be kind enough to get us a correspondent in his parish.

A neat mission house is in course of erection at Gunning Cove, in the parish of Barrington, where the Rev. W. J. Miller is serving the Church with much acceptance.

Mrs. Gibbons, late of Parrshoro, has gone to live at Digby.

The generous offer of the bishop of Nova Scotia to give \$1,000. towards the See fund should stimulate some of our brothers in the church who have the means at their disposal, to make a liberal donation to this fund.

Our next issue will contain an interesting historical sketch of the parish of Fredericton.

The Fredericton Diocesan Synod meets at St. Stephen on July 5th.

Rev. Charles R. Cumming, B. A. was ordained priest on Sunday, June 26th, at St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax. The ordination sermon was preached by the bishop. Dean Gilpin, Ven. Archdeacan Kaulbach Canon Brock and Revs. W. J. Ancient assisted in the "laying on of hands."

THE BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR JULY.

1. Boutillier's Cove.
2. French Village.
Head of Bay.
3. Mill Cove.
Hubbard's Cove.
5. New Ross.
6. Dalhousie.
8. Maitland.
9. New Cornwall.
10. New Germany.

- Northfield.
11. Conquerall.
 12. Conquerall Bank.
 13. Bridgewater.
 14. New Italy.
 15. La Have Island.
 16. Broad Cove.
 17. Cherry Hill.
Vogler's Cove.
 18. Liverpool.
 19. Churchover.
 20. Barrington.
 21. Yarmouth.
 22. Weymouth Bridge.
Weymouth.
 23. New Tusket.
Barton.
 24. Marshalltown.
Digby.
 25. Deep Brook.
 26. Clementsport.
 28. Rosette.
Moschelle.
 29. Dalhousie.
Annapolis.
 30. Belleisle.
Bridgetown.
 31. Cornwallis.
Wolfville.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

A meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in St. Paul's hall. The object of the meeting was to place the motives of the brotherhood before the clergy of the diocese and to create an interest in the good work accomplished by this body of young men. Mr. A. B. Wiswell, member of the Canadian Council of the brotherhood, occupied the chair.

After opening exercises, the chairman gave a brief review of the work performed by the brotherhood in the diocese. There exists in all 17 chapters five of which are in this city. The local chapters are doing a good work in visiting

hotels, wharves and the hospitals and in distributing literature, in extending invitations to attend church services and in ushering and parish visitations. The Truro and Windsor chapters are working on similar lines. In North Sydney Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Amherst Aylesford and Annapolis there were chapters established, all of which are reported in good condition.

The chairman alluded to the fact that many of the brotherhood in the United States had enlisted in the army and gone to the front. In our own country, in some districts, the work was much hampered by numbers of the young men leaving home. He counselled the dissemination of literature bearing upon the work as necessary in order that the work of the brotherhood should be extended. In concluding, the chairman made a vigorous appeal to the members of the brotherhood to be not only faithful to their orders, but, as members of church choirs, as churchwardens, and in every sphere to which they may be called to work for the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

ANNAPOLIS RURAL DEANERY.

A meeting of the Annapolis Deanery was held at Granville Ferry. On the evening of Tuesday a bright and hearty service, with good music and singing, was held at Trinity Church, Granville Ferry, when an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. D. Harris, rector of Weymouth. This service was largely attended. At the close of the service a meeting of the clergy and the lay delegates to the several synods, resident in the deanery- was held in the church, when H. M. Bradford, Esq., the head master of St.

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Andrews' school at Annapolis, was elected a governor of King's College; and Rev. J. Amor, rector of Wilmot, and Chas. Burrill, Esq., of Weymouth, were elected for appointment to the Board of Home Missions. It is hoped that the election of Mr. Bradford as a governor of King's College will strengthen and establish a good relationship between St. Andrew's school and King's College.

On the morning of Wednesday, service was held in Trinity church at 9.30 a. m. consisting of the Office of the Holy Communion and a sermon by the Rev. L. Amor. At this service there were five of the clergy present, namely, the Rev. Rural Dean deBlois, and the Revs. H. How, G. D. Harris, L. Amor, and J. E. Warner, the rector of Granville. At this service there were fifteen lay communicants.

At 11 o'clock the first session of the Deanery took place at the Rectory. After prayers and the reading and confirming of the minutes of the preceding meeting, 1 Timothy IV, was read in the Greek, and a critical discussion was being made when dinner was announced. The chief and most important point of discussion was upon the statement of St. Paul that in the later times some who should depart from "the faith" would, among other errors, be found "Forbidden to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." The idea was advanced that the Roman church fulfilled the first part by forbidding marriage to her priests, while the tectotalers fulfilled the second part by their vow of total abstinence. Of course this view was disputed, the Deanery having among its

members the G. W. P., and at one time grand lecturer of the Grand Division. The subject in this light is worthy of much wider and more general discussion than that of the Deanery of Annapolis.

After dinner some little formal business was done, and then two papers were read; one on "Prohibition," by the Rev. H. D. deBlois, M. A., Rural Dean and Grand Worthy Patriarch, and the other on "The Gottenburg System of Liquor Traffic," by the Rev. J. P. Greator, rector of Bridgetown. There was not much discussion on the former paper nor indeed on the latter either, as the afternoon was drawing to a close, but both papers were more than well received, being acknowledged by a unanimous vote of thanks to the readers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE C. C. M. G. OF ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL, HALIFAX.

FROM JUNE 1ST, 1897 TO END MAY
1898.

The Children's Church Missionary Guild of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, N. S., has just closed a most successful year. The interest has been kept up all through, with a good working membership of 50. We have been enabled, through our efforts, to send \$5. to the Bishop of Algoma, \$10. to the Lady Medical Missionary in Japan; \$10. to the Zenana work in India; \$5. to Miss Smith's work in Japan; \$5. to Bishop Blythe's Parochial Missions to the Jews; \$5. to Bishop Bompas, to the support of the Missionary going to the Klonykye; \$10. to the Domestic and Foreign Mission board, to divide as they wished; \$15. to Rev. T. W. Johnson, Newport, N. S., for his church; also articles for a sale, amounting to \$25., which we sent to the same

parish. Besides this, we have been able to help toward the Jubilee Fund of our own church, making an offering of \$37.00 in gold, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Luke's. The Sunday School we also helped, giving to it the sum of \$8.00; leaving only a small balance on hand, amounting to \$2.70. Seven prizes were given, two for regular attendance and good conduct, May Chislett and Minnie McMahon being the successful ones. Bessie Truen received the prize for bringing missionary information to the monthly meetings. The prizes for sewing were given to Jennie Nesbitt, Vivienne Gardener, and M. Chislett. Francis Smith received one for good behaviour during the practises. It is found that the giving of prizes is a great incentive to the children to be faithful to their work.

Signed,
Ina M. West,
Secretary
C. C. M. G.

KINGSTON DEANERY.

The Kingston Deanery met at Belleisle Creek. There were ten clergymen present and the interest manifested was very marked. Rev. C. P. Hammington was re-elected rural dean for deanery. Rev. A. J. Cresswell was appointed representative from deanery on board of home missions. Service was held in the church at Belleisle Creek. Rev. Scovil Neales read the prayers and addresses were delivered by Rev. W. J. Bate on "The Privileges and Duties of Lay Members in the Church." and Rev. A. W. Daniel on "Missions." During the session of the deanery the following resolution was passed, which is self-explanatory.

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Whereas our brother, Rev. Allan W. Smithers, has been asked by the bishop of the diocese to volunteer as a missionary for the county of Albert, and by cheerfully acceding to this request has severed his connection with this deanery, we desire to place on record our sincere appreciation of his devout and faithful labors and the true missionary zeal he has always shown during the eight years of his incumbency in the parish of Waterford. Whilst we thankfully call to mind the great measure of success that has crowned his arduous efforts in the past, we sincerely sympathize with the parish of Waterford in losing one whose work of faith and labor of love, whose genial and inspiring nature, whose wise and prudent counsels, whose generous and deeply sympathetic manner have won for him the love respect and esteem of his parishioners in a degree rarely shown. As for ourselves, whilst deeply regretting the departure from the deanery of one who has seldom absented himself from the meetings of the chapter and whose presence has always added to the interest and efficiency of our work, we yet thankfully rejoice that the mission of Albert is to be filled by one so qualified to build up the waste places and to strengthen the things that remain. Furthermore resolved, that the secretary of the deanery be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Smithers and to the press.

NORTH SYDNEY.

Rev. C. W. Vernon, rector-elect of this parish, arrived here in time for morning service on Sunday June 26th.

The newly elected rector of Sydney Mines, Rev. A. Gale, not hav-

ing yet arrived Mr. Vernon held a service at the Mines in the evening. Much better results are looked for under the new conditions, separate pastors over each parish.

Mrs. Abbott, widow of the late rector, Rev. C. G. Abbott has just terminated a visit of two or three weeks at Sydney Mines, her late home. Much sympathy is felt for her, and also admiration for her courage in coming under such extremely trying circumstances. The memorial altar to be placed in this church (North Sydney) is expected to be in place in a few weeks. On the occasion of its consecration, Mrs. Abbott will present to the church a new communion service (also a memorial).

The Rectory fund has lately received the handsome donation of one hundred dollars from Mr. John Vooght. Nearly eight hundred dollars is the amount now accumulated for this purpose. Another most generous gift has been given by Mr. Thomas Vooght, by which the entire debt owing for the enlargement of the Sunday School house has been cancelled amounting to \$240.

This parish will now enjoy the privilege of two services every Sunday, and probably a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion. Privileges indeed, but as reminded by the rector in his introductory sermon, they bring greater responsibilities.

The walls and seats of the church have been newly painted and varnished, and the outside also including the roof, has received a fresh coat.

Ven. Archdeacon Smith, of Sydney, has been very kind in attending to cases of sickness and death here during the vacant rectorship, there having been more than an ordinary number. Three deaths

(all communicants) occurred within a short period, Mrs. McKenzie, widow, Harry Scott and his mother, the wife of Samuel Scott.

AMHERST.

The funeral of the late Mr. R. B. Boggs, took place from Christ Church on Sunday the 12th ult. at 3 o'clock, the Office for the Burial of the dead being taken by the rector Rev. V. E. Harris, the interment being in the Church of England Cemetery. The chief mourners were Judge Morse, Dr. Morse, Hon. A. R. Dickey, and six of the deceased's grandsons. The pall-bearers were Messrs Jesse Harding, W. D. Main, Rupert F. Bent, J. Thomas Smith, C. E. Ratchford, and J. Medley Townshend. The casket was covered with flowers from the family and friends of the deceased.

An entertainment in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening the 15th. given entirely by the young ladies of Christ Church congregation, was a pleasing affair and reflected great credit on their cleverness and industry. and the amount realized, \$45, helps to swell the Parish House exchequer.

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world hung upon the Cross, lifted
up that He might draw all men
unto Him.

At mid-day Saint Paul was con-
verted and called to be an Apostle
to the Gentiles.

At mid-day Saint Peter was up-
on the house-top praying, and re-
ceived the three-fold vision of
the ingathering of Gentiles.

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The Missionary Council, at Chic-
ago, in 1893, adopted a resolution
that during the continuance of the
Council, a pause should be made
each day at twelve o'clock for brief
prayer for the coming of Christ's
Kingdom in all the world, and
recommending the custom of noon-
day prayer for missions to all
gatherings of Churchpeople, and
to the clergy and mission stations
at home and abroad.

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The Church of England Mission-
ary Conference, held in London,
May, 1894, adopted the custom of
noonday prayer upon the sugges-
tion of the American Church, and
in their report said: "The confer-
ence is now a thing of the past.
Is it too much to hope that at least
one permanent memorial of it may
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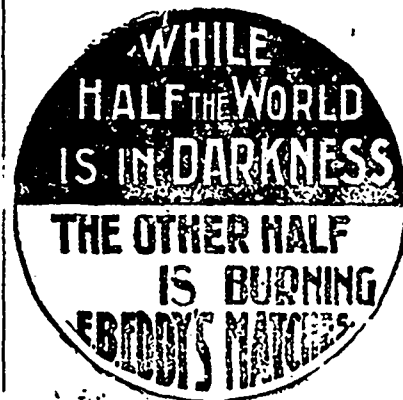
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