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	" G. B. Dodwell.....	Collegiate School.
	" J. C. Edghill.....	Chaplain to the Forces.
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	" A. Gray.....	Liverpool.
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FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met, in accordance with the resolution of the previous meeting, at Halifax, in the cathedral church of St. Luke's, on Tuesday June 29, 1869. The members of the Synod assembled for the Divine service at eleven o'clock, A. M. The Lord Bishop of the diocese was the celebrant, assisted by the cathedral clergy.

The business of the session commenced at 2 o'clock, P. M. on the same day.

The roll of the clergy being called, there were present (beside the Bishop) 47.

The following is a list of those who were present at the session :—

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop.
The Very Rev. the Dean.
The Ven. the Archdeacon.
Rev. J. Abbott.
“ W. J. Ancient.
“ F. H. Almon.
“ J. Ambrose.
“ E. Ansell.
“ F. J. Axford.
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 " A. Jordan.
 " J. A. Kaulbach.
 " J. T. Moody.
 " T. Maynard.
 " D. C. Moore.
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 “ Hugh Williams.
 “ H. L. Yewens.
 “ F. M. Young.

Lay Representatives present at the session :—

Representing.

W. M. Brown, }	Albion Mines.
J. M. Jones, }	Amherst.
Dr. Crane	Barrington.
G. P. Black	Bridgewater.
H. Moody	Bridgetown.
Col. Wood, }	Dartmouth.
W. Shipley, }	Digby Neck.
Dr. DeWolf	St. Luke's, Halifax.
R. J. Wilson, }	Hubbard's Cove.
F. Wainwright, }	Kentville.
J. T. Wylde, }	Liverpool.
W. C. Silver, }	Lunenburg.
H. Pryor	Louisburg.
C. Johnston, }	Mahone Bay.
W. Tupper, }	Maitland.
W. H. Keating, }	Manchester.
S. P. Fairbanks, }	New Port.
H. P. Jost	New Ross.
Thos. Johnston, }	River John.
F. Parson, }	Sackville.
B. Zwicker	Petit Revierè.
A. McCochran	Shelburne.
W. Gossip	St. Margaret's Bay.
J. F. Cochran	Sydney, C. B.
F. Allison	Three Fathom Harbor.
C. Bullock	Truro.
H. Oldwright	Tusket.
W. H. Wiswell, }	Wallace.
J. Y. Payzant, }	West Dublin.
N. White	Windsor.
A. Macnab	
J. J. Sawyer	
T. Boggs	
G. Reading, }	
H. B. Pineo, }	
J. V. N. Hatfield	
Dr. Gossip	
J. Whitman	
Col. Poyntz	

Canon Gilpin was re-appointed Clerical Secretary.

The Bishop delivered an opening address, of which the following is a summary :—

He stated that, as this was a special session, assembled for a particular purpose, he would not deliver a formal address, but would make a few observations upon matters likely to engage their attention.

They had not to consider whether this diocese should form part of an Ecclesiastical Province, for that had been already decided; the question now being,—shall we unite with the existing Province or endeavour to form another? He believed that the former course must be adopted, for the House of Bishops in a smaller Province, would be very small, and the utility and influence of a Provincial Synod would be in some respects proportionate to its magnitude. He then read extracts from the report of the Committee upon Synods, of the Lambeth Conference, and referred to the late resolutions of the Bishops of Australia, and at the Cape, providing for their Provincial Synods.

The Bishop referred to the difficulties attending the late election of a Metropolitan, and thought the Diocesan Synod was decidedly wrong in attempting to compel the Bishops to send down a particular name, and thus making the right of nomination a delusion. Great care had been taken in the preparation and consideration of the scheme, which had only been finally ratified in 1868, immediately before the election, but it might be legally modified or repealed in due course, and perhaps the question might arise whether the Metropolitan See shall be fixed or moveable. The late Bishop of Quebec protested against the latter, as contrary to the meaning of the title, and to Ecclesiastical practice.

Objections had been urged against the declaration of submission, adopted at the last session, and the Synod had been charged with acting illegally. The charge, however, was based upon a misapprehension of facts. The last clause of the Act of Incorporation had been supposed to restrict the action of the Synod, but in truth it neither gave nor took away, any power or authority. It left the Synod *as it was*, without any interference, merely declaring that it did not

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Then again the Synod did not assume the right to legislate on this matter. It acted strictly in accordance with the instructions issued by the Duke of Newcastle, in his despatch of 1864, wherein the right of the Bishop to require such a declaration was affirmed on the authority of the Law Officers of the Crown. He (the Bishop) being influenced by the opinion of the Lambeth Conference, had pledged himself to be guided by the advice of the Synod, and had promised if they recommended him to do so, to require subscriptions wherever it was lawful for him to require it. Accordingly, after the decisive vote at the last session, he had felt that he was no longer at liberty to exercise his own discretion, with respect to this condition of admission to the ministry in this Diocese. He would only say that the objections to the declaration were beyond his comprehension, when uttered by persons who admitted the propriety of Synodical action, although they were to be expected from its opponents. Every member of any association must be bound by its rules, by those made after his admission, no less than by those existing when he became a member. Would any one pretend, for example, that a Wesleyan minister is not bound to submit to the rules and regulations which may from time to time be made, as much as to those which have been made by his Conference? One might as reasonably maintain that a settler in this province ought not to be bound by the laws enacted after his arrival. Moreover it must be remembered that the declaration is signed by a man who is himself to take part in framing the rules which he accepts, who therefore merely binds himself to submit to the decision of a majority of an assembly, of which he may be an active influential member.

The second part of the resolution appeared to be virtually included in the first; and it is now well understood, that the Courts of Law will give effect to the decisions of a voluntary tribunal, "as they give effect to the decisions of arbitrators;" but it is advantageous for all parties to have the conditions to

which they are subject, clearly defined. He freely admitted the justice of the complaint, that we had no Court of Appeal, but this defect would be remedied by union with the Provincial Synod, and if there was any defect in the Diocesan Tribunal it could be amended. The object of the undertaking to resign, was to prevent the needless expense and delay which might be occasioned by an obstinate man, although in the end he would have to submit to the sentence of the tribunal, under his obligation as a member of the Synod.

If we are to have voluntary Synods, the expediency of a compact between the members could hardly be denied. The convictions of the utility of assemblies, in which the laity may have a voice, has gradually extended, even in England, and he had read with much satisfaction the observations of the Archbishop of York, upon this subject, at a Conference of Clergy and Laity lately held at Sheffield. The Synod of this Diocese has now been working for fourteen years, and was a corporation with perpetual succession; and he presumed that no one could really believe, that it would cease to exist and to act, or that any member of the Church of England could practically be unaffected by it.

The Bishop referred to the judgment of the Privy Council in the St. Alban's case, but did not enlarge upon it, as there had never been any question in the Court about the two points actually decided, and an endeavour to act strictly in accordance with the principles enunciated would lead to absurdities. He however, held that we were bound by the judgments of that Court, although he objected to its composition, and therefore, when it enforced the duty of strict compliance with the rubric before the prayer for the Church Militant, he had formally and officially required the clergy, under the obligation of the oath of canonical obedience, to bring their practice into conformity with the law, thus interpreted by the highest authority.

His Lordship then said a few words upon the subject of education and the rejection of our petition by the Legislature. With respect to separate schools, he believed that his sentiments were well known, that he would much prefer them, but that they could not be maintained in a thinly settled country, and that we must for the present be content with securing

a good secular and religious education. He would have secured exclusive rights, and if any body could inculcate its doctrines upon the members of the Church.

In conclusion, he assembled in the morning, and the session was unbecomingly marked by the presence of the members of the Synod, and that evening the sentiments of the members of many, since the matter was discussed, were beneficial.

The resolution of the Synod that the minutes should be printed.

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The report of the Synod was presented to the committee.

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a good secular education for all children, leaving their moral and religious training to their parents and to the clergy. He would however resist, to the utmost, every attempt to secure exclusive privileges for any portion of the community; and if any body of Christians were to be empowered to inculcate its own peculiar tenets at the public expense, the members of the Church of England must combine and insist upon the extension to themselves of the same privilege.

In conclusion, he reminded the Synod that, as they were assembled in a consecrated building, the tokens of approbation or the contrary common in other places, would here be unbecoming, and expressed his hope that their Session would be marked by forbearance and kindness, on the part of all, and that every speaker would be patiently heard, even if sentiments should be expressed in opposition to the opinions of many, since full and free discussion of every important matter was much to be desired, and would be generally beneficial.

The records of the previous session were approved, after that the minutes of the last day had been read.

The rule adopted at the last session for limiting the time of speaking was extended to this session.

The following notices of motion were given :—

- No. 1.—Rev. H. Spike.....Rural Deaneries.
- No. 2.—Rev. F. Almon.....Amendment in Declaration.
- No. 3.—B. Zwicker.....Temperance Societies.
- No. 4.—Rev. D. C. Moore.....Bishop for Natal.
- No. 5.—Rev. J. Abbott.....Separate Schools.
- No. 6.—Rev. H. Yewens.....Foreign Missions.
- No. 7.—Col. Poyntz.....Church Funds.

The report of the committee on union with a Provincial Synod was presented by the chairman, who in the name of the committee moved, and was seconded by W. C. Silver :

“That the Executive Committee of the Synod be instructed to take the necessary steps to procure the passing of an act by the Dominion Government, permitting this Diocesan Synod, as at

present constituted, to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada, under the act already applying to that body; and also be instructed to take such further measures as may be necessary to complete the union."

By request, the Canadian act relative to Provincial and Diocesan Synods was read, also the declaration of submission and five canons of the Provincial Synod.

A proposal to print the four canons for the use of the Synod did not pass.

It was agreed that the consideration of the report of the committee on a Provincial Synod be deferred until the following day, (Wednesday.)

The following notices of motion were given:—

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| No. 8.—Rev. G. Hodgson..... | } Names to be given of
movers and seconders. |
| No. 9.—Rev. C. J. Shreve..... | |
| No. 10.—Rev. F. Almon | Inebriates. |

SECOND DAY.

After celebration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7½, and Matins at 9 A. M., the business of the Synod was resumed at 10 o'clock.

The rolls were called and the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

In accordance with notice of motion it was moved by Col. Poyntz, seconded by Rev. R. J. Uniacke and unanimously resolved:

"In the present depressed state of the funds of the Church in this Diocese, (as shown at the meeting of the D. C. S.) it is most desirable that a committee should be appointed to consider the present system of collecting its funds, with a view to frame one practical method of collection, and by the authority of the Synod to establish the same in the several Parishes, which will (it is

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The above resolution was subsequently reserved to be acted upon at the next session.

The report of the Executive Committee was read.

In accordance with notice of motion it was moved by Rev. H. L. Yewens, seconded by Rev. P. Filleul and
Resolved:

"That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee to consider and report on the best way in which the Diocese may take direct action in Foreign missionary work."

The resolution proposed by the committee on a Provincial Synod was taken up. After much consideration, the Synod, on motion of Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by W. Gossip, Esq., by a very large majority adopted the following motion:

"That it is expedient to affirm the principle of a union with the Provincial Synod of Canada."

The clause of the report instructing the Executive Committee to apply for a permissive act, was taken up.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. F. Almon, seconded by Rev. R. Haire:

"That no act be applied for until a draft thereof be first submitted to and approved of by this Synod."

The amendment was lost.

It was moved by the Dean, seconded by Col. Poyntz and agreed, that the committee on a Provincial Synod have leave to amend their report.

The committee retired to consider their amendment. Meanwhile—the amendment to the rule for the election of a Bishop, passed at the last session, was finally confirmed, viz:—To omit from the rule for the election of a Bishop, the words "*in England*"—thereby directing that the name of

the Bishop elect should be forwarded to the proper authorities, wherever they may be constituted.

On motion of H. Pryor, Esq., seconded by N. White, Esq., the following recommendation of the Executive Committee, relative to the appointment of committees, (which subject had been referred to them) was finally adopted, viz., that Rule 1st should stand thus :—

“The names of the members of committee may be proposed by any member of Synod, and if no more than the number of members of such committee be named, then that be such committee; but if a greater number, that then a Ballot be taken for such committee.”

The following addition was made to the rules relative to the Rural Deaneries :

“That when a vacancy shall occur either by removal or death, the same course be adopted to fill up such vacancy as was followed at the first selection, and that the Bishop attach new districts to what existing Deanery he shall choose.”

The committee on a Provincial Synod presented the following amended report :—

“The committee appointed by the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, at its seventh session, to open communications with the diocese of British North America relative to union under a Provincial Synod, and to propose a scheme for such union, to be laid before the Synod, report—

“That they have communicated with the several Dioceses of Canada as represented in their Provincial Synod, assembled at Montreal in September last—they have ascertained that every readiness and desire exist in that body to admit and welcome the Church in the Maritime Provinces into union. That there does not appear to be anything in the constitution of the Synod of Nova Scotia which would obstruct such union,—that since the Legislature of Canada had passed a special act with reference to the Provincial Synods, it will be necessary for that act to be so far amended as to permit the admission of other Dioceses now in the

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“The Committee would also state that communications have been held with the Bishops of Newfoundland and Fredericton. The former of whom alleges the physical difficulties in the way of forming a Diocesan Synod in that Island, and their consequent inability to aid in the solution of any question regarding the union of the other maritime Dioceses in a Provincial Synod. That the Bishop of Fredericton states that he cannot say what may be the decision of the lately formed Synod of that Diocese on this subject, but that while he himself would much prefer a Maritime Province, yet, from the want of a sufficient number of organized Diocesan Synods to form such a Province, and of a sufficient number of Bishops to constitute an upper House, he thought no alternative was left but union with the Provincial Synod of the Dominion.

“With these facts and opinions before them the Committee have adopted the following Resolution: ‘That while several members of this committee would have preferred to unite in a Maritime Province, if practicable, yet the committee have concluded to recommend the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia under present circumstances to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada.’

“The Committee therefore, in accordance with the rules of order, propose the following—that the Executive Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to procure the passing of an act of the Dominion Government permitting the Diocesan Synod, as at present constituted, to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada under the act already applying to that Body,—and also be instructed to take such further measures as may be necessary to complete the union, and to secure the corporate rights of parishes and the right of presentation to the same as enacted by the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia, (and known as the church of England act.) It being understood that the operation of this act is to extend to those only who have given, or shall hereafter give, adherence to this Synod.”

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Dr. Blackman, that the latter clause referring to those not yet united with the Synod be omitted.

The amendment was lost.

The original resolution was then adopted by the Synod.

It was agreed that the motion of Mr. Almon relative to the "Declaration" should be in order on the next day.

THIRD DAY.

The business of the Synod was as usual resumed at 10 o'clock.

The rolls were called and the minutes of the preceding day read.

By special request of Mr. Nichols, his name was added to the majority in favor of the resolution as amended by the committee on Provincial Synod.

With the above amendment, the minutes were approved.

The following notices of motion were given :

No. 13.—Rev. D. C. Moore...Rural Deaneries.

No. 14.—Rev. E. Nichols.....Appeal to Canterbury.

No. 15.—Rev. H. L. Yewens..Amendment to 12th Rule of Order.

Mr. Yewens moved for leave to reconsider the resolution, adopted on the previous day, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, relative to the appointment of committees. Leave having been granted—

It was moved by Rev. H. L. Yewens, seconded by Rev. J. Forsythe, that the rules regarding committees, be amended as follows :

"All special committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered. Those elected by the Synod shall be by ballot, after nomination by any member or members. In case any lay member of a committee shall cease to be a member of the Synod, his place in the committee shall be filled up by the chair."

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In accordance with notice, it was moved by Rev. F. Almon, seconded by Rev. W. S. Gray :

“That the Declaration of Submission be amended by adding the words ‘in all things lawful and honest’ after the words ‘either of them,’ and by omitting the words within the brackets.”

(A resolution, adopted by the Parish of Yarmouth on the subject of the “Declaration” was read.)

It was moved in amendment by Rev. G. Hodgson, seconded by Dr. Crane, and *Resolved* :—

“That the form of Declaration remain unchanged.”

Col. Poyntz stated that he wished his motion relative to collection of church funds, to be reserved for action at the next session, which was agreed to.

The following notice of motion for the next session, was given by Mr. Silver, seconded by the Dean :—

“That the Executive Committee be instructed to open communications with the Diocesan Church Society, with a view of bringing about a practical union of the two bodies.”

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Axford, seconded by Rev. F. Almon, it was *Resolved* :—

“That deploring the evils of intemperance, and the injury to society arising from the traffic in intoxicating liquors as now carried on, the Synod appoint a committee to report to this Synod at its next session, the best method of lessening these evils.”

It was agreed that the committee on the subject should be appointed on the next day.

FOURTH DAY.

The business was resumed as usual at 10 o'clock.

The rolls were called and the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

It was resolved that seven be the number forming the committee relative to temperance.

The following were appointed: The Very Rev. the Dean, Revs. W. H. Snyder, G. Hodgson, F. Almon, J. Ancient, Messrs. B. Zwicker, and W. M. Brown.

Notice of motion for the next session was given by Rev. J. Storrs, to insert the words "after final judgment" next to the word "immediately" in the Declaration of submission to the Synod; and also that the words "*allowed by the said Synod*" be omitted after the word "appeal."

In accordance with notice, it was moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. P. Filleul, and unanimously *Resolved*:—

"That this Synod express their thankfulness to Almighty God for the consecration of a Bishop for those who continue faithful in the diocese of Natal, and that the Bishop of this diocese be requested to communicate this resolution to the Bishop appointed."

In accordance with notice, it was moved by Rev. J. Abbott, seconded by Rev. W. H. Snyder, and *Resolved*:—

"That instructions be given to the Executive Committee to watch the action of the Legislature on the subject of separate schools, and to claim for ourselves equal privileges with those granted to any other religious body with reference to education."

The following notice of motion was given in connection with the subject by the Rev. J. Ambrose, for the next session:

"That the Synod petition the Local Legislature for a permissive Bill, to enable rate payers in any part of this Province to unite in establishing a separate school, the teachers of which shall be in the same position and under the same supervision as other public teachers, and providing that the support of such separate school shall be subject to the local School Tax of the section or sections in which they may reside."

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Mr. Payne, "that additional instructions be given to the committee on Temperance."

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relative to giving the names of the mover and seconder of a proposed resolution, was taken up, and it was agreed to refer the subject to the Executive Committee to report upon.

In accordance with notice, Rev. J. Abbott, in the name of the Rev. C. Shreve, moved, "That it is desirable that this Synod take such steps as may best bring about the extension of the Diaconate, and that the consideration of the most effectual mode of action be referred to the Executive Committee."

The motion was adopted by the Synod.

In accordance with notice it was moved by Rev. F. Almon, seconded by Canon Cochran, and

Resolved, "that this Synod present to the Dominion Legislature a petition, relative to an asylum for inebriates, similar to that presented by the Provincial Synod of Canada, and also to the Local Legislature, and that instructions be given to the Executive Committee to carry out the resolution."

On motion of W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by Canon Hensley it was *Resolved*:—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to enquire whether any injustice may be done to the Church of England in the matter of the Normal School, and to take such steps as may be deemed expedient with reference thereto."

The recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to the appointment of representatives was taken up.

It was moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by Mr. N. White:—

"That attention be directed to the difficulty which has arisen in some cases in consequence of the election of the same person by two or more parishes, and that the chairman of every meeting, at which a non-resident may be elected, should take care to communicate the election immediately to the person so elected, with a request that he will state without delay whether he can undertake to perform the duties of the office to which he has been appointed."

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Blackman, seconded by Rev. H. L. Yewens :—

“ If any person shall be elected a Lay Delegate for a parish in which he does not reside, immediate notice shall be given him of his appointment, and if it shall appear that he has been appointed by two parishes, he shall within fourteen days of the receipt of such notice, inform the minister of the parish which he elects not to represent, that he declines the office *quoad* that parish, and another shall be elected in his stead ; and if he neglect to do so he shall not be allowed to vote in the Synod.”

The amendment was lost and the original recommendation of the Executive Committee was adopted.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to Representation, viz :

“ Each parish, or district within a parish that may have been set off and placed under the charge of a clergyman other than the Rector, may send two Representatives.”

was, on motion of Mr. Silver, seconded by Rev. Mr. Axford, deferred for consideration at the next session.

The following notice of motion by Rev. H. L. Yewens, relative to amendment of the 12th Rule of order of proceedings, was postponed for consideration at the next session, viz.—that the 12th Rule be so amended as to stand thus :

“ When a proposed amendment is under consideration a motion to amend the same may be made ; but no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order ; yet a substitute to the whole matter may be received, provided it deal directly with the subject in hand.”

The consideration of Mr. Silver's motion, relative to the Diocesan Church Society, was postponed for the next session.

In accordance with notice it was moved by Rev. H. Spike, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore and *Resolved* :—

“ That New Dublin be transferred from the Shelburne to the Lunenburg Deanery, but that in future no parish or district shall

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The motion by the Rev. E. Nichols was taken up and it was agreed, for consideration at the next session—

"That until further order be taken all appeals from the judgments of this Synod be to the Archbishop of Canterbury."

An expression of sorrow was placed on the records of the Synod for the death of the late Rev. J. Alexander.

The following amendments in the constitution and regulations which had passed the seventh session, were finally adopted, viz:—

Rule 3rd.—After the word "Synod" to insert the words "and on the same day in each district which may be entitled to elect representatives under Rule 9th."

Rule 6th.—After the word "Laity" to insert the words "must be at least twenty-one years of age."

Rule 12th —To omit the words "as well as the three articles of the 30th canon."

In the order of proceedings—To rescind the 5th Rule.

It was resolved that the regular meeting of the Synod for business be held next year, and that the Bishop and the Executive Committee appoint the time.

The records of the present session were ordered to be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral, for the arrangements made, and for the attentions shewn to the members of the Synod.

Thanks were presented to the choir of St. Luke's, and to the Secretaries of the Synod.

The thanks of the clergy were offered to the inhabitants of Halifax for their hospitality.

On motion of Col. Poyntz, the hearty thanks of the Synod were given by acclamation to the Bishop for his efficient, patient, impartial and highly satisfactory manner of conducting the proceedings of the session.

The Synod then sung the "Gloria in excelsis," and was dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.