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CHURCH MEETINGS.

THE Annual Meeting of the Associate Alumni was held at Windsor on the 27th, and the Eucœnia was celebrated on the 28th ulto. In this number we give an account of their proceedings.

The past week has been occupied with the meeting of the Clergy and Synod at Halifax. On Monday was held the annual meeting of the D. C. S. The most important business brought forward was the deficit in the Block Sum of the S. P. G., and the necessity for completing the Church Endowment Fund, without which either the Block Sum must be given up, or the salaries of the clergy paid from that source reduced in proportion to the deficiency. Neither of which alternatives would be either profitable or creditable to the diocese.

On Tuesday the Synod met at St. Luke's Cathedral for morning service and celebration of the Holy Communion. The services were performed by the Cathedral Clergy. The sermon was taken by the Very Rev. the Dean. We hope in a future number to be allowed to publish it, for the benefit of those who had not an opportunity of being present. On each evening of the week there was service at the Cathedral Church, and lectures were given by the elder clergy on subjects connected with the work of the ministry. These services were well attended and decidedly successful. The exertions of St. Luke's choir added much to the warmth and beauty of praise. Shey

In the afternoon the Bishop delivered his charge. There were about sixty-two of the clergy present, and the church was well filled with laity. As his Lordship has kindly consented to publish the charge, we need say nothing further than that it seems to have met the general approbation of the clergy, who speak of it as the best charge they have ever heard the Bishop deliver. His Lordship spoke with kindness and consideration, yet with that boldness and decision which we might perhaps hear from an English Bishop, were he set free from the trammels of the State.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were occupied by the meeting of the Synod. The result of their deliberations will be found in the present number of the *Church Chronicle*. We would only call attention to the division of the Diocese into Deaneries and the provision for the appointment of Rural Deans, and to the proposed alterations in the Canons.

Perhaps the most important feature of the meeting was the position recognized and assumed by the Synod as a body quite independent of external control (except the laws of the province), and clothed with full powers to make

rules and regulations for the Church in Nova Scotia; and that, while desiring to be still closely united to the Mother Church in doctrine and communion, we need not follow her steps in matters of discipline which may not be suitable to our position.

At this session of the Synod there were present a larger number of clergy than ever before, and about the same number of lay representatives as attended the last meeting.

We need scarcely say that all the discussions were conducted with that spirit of harmony and Christian love which usually attends our Church meetings.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

KING'S COLLEGE, N. S., MIDSUMMER, 1866.

The Academical Year has terminated with the customary observances. In the B. A. examination

(1) Nickerson obtained four satisfecits in Classics, Mathematics, Theology and Modern Languages.

(2) Smith three satisfecits, Classics, Theology and Modern Languages.

(3) Borden came out first in Mathematics with a satisfecit in Chemistry and Modern Languages.

(4) Chipman was satisfactory in Chemistry and Modern Languages.

The two latter gentlemen had done well in subjects of Natural Science

(5) Symonds.

(6) Cox.

(7) Davis.

(8) Brown, whose Degree Essay was particularly commended.

A professional certificate in Chemistry was given to J. S. DeWolf.

Dr. Almon's Welsford Testimonial was adjudged to W. Bowman, to whom also was assigned the prize certificate in Inorganic Chemistry.

The proxime accessit to J. Poyntz.

Dr. Duncan's prize in Geology, of ten pounds, was to G. King, and a very good *prox. acc.* to H. Weldon.

The Akins Historical prize to Mr. Longworth for Colchester.

The founder has proposed the County of Cumberland for next year.

The prize certificate in Modern Languages was adjudged to Wheelwright.

The *Encenia* was celebrated on 28th June with the usual formalities.

The Annual Sermon before the University was preached by Rev. Dr. Uniacke. Rector of Sydney, Cape Breton.

The commemorative celebration of founders and benefactors was statutorily observed.

A discourse on the ancient classics was delivered by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, M. A.

Rev. Dr. Uniacke performed a degree exercise: "Progress the destiny of man."

Mr. W. H. Tilley, B. A., read his declamation on the writings of Bishop Butler, applying the argument of "the Analogy" to modern scepticism.

The Rev. the President announced the honors of the University.

The President of the Alumni, Dr. Curren, called up and presented the successful candidates for the Alumni prizes, who received their certificates from the chair.

The following degrees were conferred—

B.D. and D.D.—BY ACCUMULATION.

Rev. R. J. Uniacke, M. A.

Rev. T. H. White, M. A.

M.A.

Two admissions had been made during the week.

B.A.

J. P. Chandler and J. F. Black, (*prog. land.*)

Joshua Chandler, C. W. Payzant,

Rev. R. Haire, J. C. Cox.

Her Majesty's Representative was greeted with the national anthem, which was sung with loud acclaim, it being Coronation Day. His Excellency addressed the University in a very gracious speech, giving much important advice to the junior members, and concluded by announcing his intention to offer annually during his life, three prizes of fifteen pounds each, to be paid by the President at the Eneceenia into the hands of the successful candidate.

1. Mining and the science of Mineralogy as it bears practically on these operations.
2. Mechanics and Civil Engineering as they bear on all matters relating to railroads, motive power for them and all other modern aids to the human hand.
3. Languages of Modern Europe, German, but more especially French, as the almost universal medium of communication in Europe.

His Excellency also strongly advised the revival of the University Volunteers, and was pleased to say he would be happy to approve of a name for the new corps. After returning to Government House he addressed a letter to the President expressive of his warm interest in the University, and kindly repeating what he had orally announced in convocation.

The Right Reverend the Visitor, on behalf of the Governors, thanked His Excellency for the magnificent premiums he had proposed, and added a few words of encouragement on our cheering prospects, particularly noticing the matriculations and the intended immediate appointment of a highly recommended Professor of Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy as a successor to Dr. Everett.

The thanks of the University were unanimously accorded to the Examining Board:

Rev. CANON GILPIN, D.D., Mathematics and Natl. Philosophy.

Dr. CURREN, Modern Languages.

Dr. COWIE, Chemistry and Physics.

Dr. HONEYMAN, D.C.L., Geology.

Rev. T. MAYNARD, M.A., Divinity.

Rev. J. RANDALL, M.A., Classics and Logic.

The attendance of graduates was unusually large, especially of the clergy. Three of the newly elected governors took their seats on the dais, and joined in the proceedings.

The semi-annual examination of the Collegiate School was very successful. The boys have been diligent and industrious, and have shewn it by their marked improvement under the firm and careful guidance of the Rev. Dr. Blackmann, the Head-master, who is ably assisted. The first school exhibition was gained by Shreve, the second was given to Harding. The order of the other recent matricu-

lations is Dickey (who received the Head-mastor's prize for proficiency particularly in Algebra), Boyd, Wade, Mutch, Maynard, Daniel.

The subjects for the Alumni Scholarship next term are Sophocles, Philoctetes, Virgil 3rd Georgic, Thucydides, 50 chap., 1 book Cicero de Amicitia.

The subjects for the Cogswell Scholarship Examination 1866 :

In the Greek Testament—The Gospel of St. John. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Epistles of St. John.

Old Testament—This History of the Kings of Judah during the period that Isaiah prophesied—the state of the kingdom politically and religiously, and the bearing of Isaiah's teaching on that state.

The 39 Articles, particularly Articles IX., XIX., XXVII, XXVIII., XXXI.

In the course of his commemorative address the President mentioned that Charles Holden, B.A., of this University (*prog. laud.*, 1863), went up on the 2nd May for his professional examination in Edinburgh, in Anatomy, Physiology and Surgery. There were 96 students examined at the same time. Of these only two passed with honors, of whom Holden was first, having obtained honorary distinction in all three subjects.

Michaelmas Term will commence on the first Monday in September.

GEORGE McCRAWLEY,
President.

ALUMNI.

The annual meeting of the Associate Alumni of King's College, Windsor, took place in the College Hall at 11 A.M., on Wednesday, June 28th. The most important business transacted was the election of five governors to fill vacancies in the Board. The following were elected: B. Curren, Esq., D.C.L., Rev. Canon Gilpin, D.D., C. B. Bowman, Esq., Hugh Hartshorne, Esq., D.C.L., and Rev. Canon Gray, D.D., of St. John, N. B. Charles Twining, Esq., was elected Vice-President of the Association. The usual vote in aid of the Professorship of Modern Languages was made, and a resolution was passed in favor of giving such assistance as the funds of the Association would permit to the extent of \$200 towards the salary of the Professor of Mathematics. The meeting heard with much satisfaction that the debt incurred on behalf of the New Hall and Library had been got rid of, and that the funds of the Association were in a favorable condition.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod met in Halifax, on Wednesday, July 4th, at 10 A. M. After the usual prayers, the Bishop opened the meeting with an address, stating the business to be brought forward, and the progress already made by the Synod. He announced that Annapolis had, at the instance of the Laity, appointed representatives to the present session of the Synod, and had thereby united itself with the acknowledged representative of the Church in this Province. He informed the Synod that the bill removing disability from American clergy had passed the Legislature, and that now the clergy of that Church could be admitted into the Diocese; also that the Hymn-book of the S. P. O. K. had been adopted as the Hymn-book of the Diocese. His Lordship read the answers of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the

Bishop of Vermont, as presiding Bishops of the American Church, to the address of this Synod.

The formal excommunication of Bishop Colonso by the Metropolitan of South Africa was then read.

The Bishop urged the necessity for the Synod taking measures to establish a Church paper. The Rev. Canon Galpin was reappointed Clerical Secretary. The records of the last session were read and approved. The roll of the clergy was called, and there were 57 present. The certificates of the Lay Representatives were duly examined. It appeared that 103 had been elected of whom 30 were present.

A committee was appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Church Institution on the basis of a Benefit Society.

Also a committee upon the establishment of a Church paper.

The Report of the Executive Committee of the Synod was read, recommending business to be considered.

On motion of the Venerable the Archdeacon, the Bishop was by acclamation requested to allow the Synod to have a copy of his recent Charge for publication.

To which his Lordship consented.

The subject of the division of the Diocese into Deaneries, and the appointment of Rural Deans, was brought forward. After much discussion it was reserved for consideration the next day.

It was directed that the reply of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to the address of this Synod, be recorded, and published.

The proposed amendment in the present Church Act, was brought forward, but no action was taken upon it.

The Bishop drew attention to the action of the Canadian Church in requesting the Archbishop of Canterbury to convoke a general Synod of the Church, and he read His Grace's reply thereto, expressing a hope that such a meeting of the Church might be accomplished.

Some discussion then followed relative to the alterations lately made by the convocations in England in the canons, and the question was considered whether or not we should adopt the alterations.

The debate was adjourned to the following day.

Second Day.

There were 59 Clergymen present, and 32 Lay representatives.

The Synod took up the subject of Rural Deaneries, and it was finally disposed of in the following form :

DEANERIES.

- 1.—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg.
- 2.—Bridgewater, New Dublin, Port Medway, Liverpool, Shelburne, Barrington, Tuskent, Yarmouth.
- 3.—Weymouth, Digby, Clements, Annapolis, Granville, Bridgetown, Wilmot.
- 4.—Aylesford, Kentville, Corawallis, Windsor, Falmouth, Newport, Rawdon.
- 5.—Maitland, Truro, Stewincke, Londonderry, Parrsborough, Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Albion Mines.
- 6.—Antigonishe, Guysborough, Manchester, Melford, Country Harbour, St. Mary's River, Arichat.

7.—Beaver Harbour, Ship Harbour, Three Fathom Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville.

8.—Cape Breton, (with the exception of Arichat.)

The Senior Clergyman in each of the Deaneries shall call the clergy together before the end of September, and at that meeting they shall determine by what name the Deanery shall be called, and shall select one of their number to be nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment. It shall be the office of the Rural Dean to hold meetings of the Clergy of his Deanery, at least once in six months, for mutual edification.

The powers of the Rural Deans were defined to be—making enquiries in each Parish according to a list of questions to be drawn up by the Executive Committee; and sending a report of the same to the Bishop; and such other duties as he may be requested by the Missionary in charge of each Cure to perform. The appointment of the Rural Dean is to last so long as the Dean thus appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls.

The Synod, in a body, waited upon His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, and presented the following address:—

*To His Excellency Sir WM. FENWICK WILLIAMS of Kars, Bart., K.C.B., &c. &c. &c.,
Lieut. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Nova Scotia.*

May it please your Excellency,—

We, the Bishop and Clergy and representatives of the Laity of the Church of England in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled, desire to approach your Excellency with heartfelt expressions of loyalty to the Queen, and with our most sincere and respectful congratulations upon the honour which Her Gracious Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you in appointing you to the government of this your native Province; and we felicitate ourselves upon the favor shown to the Province by Her Majesty in thus placing over it and us, one who has gained such noble trophies, the glory of which must be reflected on the land that gave him birth.

Your Excellency has, since you assumed the reigns of Government, already shewn that you are desirous to forward and aid, by your means and influence, every good work. We would especially thank your Excellency for the generous proof which you have lately given of your interest in the University (which is the *alma mater* of a large proportion of our body,) by the offer of prizes in three different departments of education in King's College, Windsor, of which we recollect with much satisfaction that you have for several years been an honoured and distinguished graduate.

We pray that the Great Head of the Church, in which your Excellency, in common with ourselves, has the high privilege of being a member, may so pour upon you His Spirit of Wisdom, that when your administration shall cease, it may be found to have been pre-eminent for the promotion of the best interests of the people, the good of the Church, and the great honour and glory of God.

To which His Excellency gave the following reply:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, 5th July, 1866.

My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen,—

I thank you heartily for this address, expressing as it does your loyal devotion towards our Gracious Queen, as well as friendly and encouraging sentiments to me.

I accepted this Government with pride and pleasure, the nomination to which by Her Majesty has called forth your congratulations; and I have reason to hope that my efforts to serve my native Province will be crowned by permanent benefits; and I tender you my sincere thanks for the prayer you put up to Heaven for this happy result.

In my endeavor to support, by material means and personal influence, those good works to which you allude, I can only admit that I have done my duty in the station to which I have been called; and I will endeavor to continue those efforts even unto the end.

My object is a double one, namely; that while favoring every useful institution, and especially assisting the Church of which I am a humble member, I am appealing to all men to aid in works which benefit and enlighten our countrymen of all grades and conditions.

I again thank you for giving me this opportunity of meeting you here to-day, which enables me to assure the Lord Bishop and this deputation of my high personal esteem, to which I beg to add a devout hope and fervent prayer that the efforts of your Synod now assembled may be blessed by a kind Providence.

W. F. WILLIAMS.

With reference to the alterations lately made in the Canons by the Church in England, the Synod resolved that it is out of the power of this Synod to alter any of the formularies in Article 12 of its Constitution and Regulations.

Notice of motion was given for the next session.—“That the alteration of the 36th Canon adopted by the Church of England is approved by this Synod, and that it remain over for acceptance or rejection at the next meeting of Synod.”*

It was resolved that the 29th Canon lately passed by the Convocation of Canterbury “be not adopted by this Synod.”

The Bishop gave notice that in future he would not administer any oath at the time of ordination of Priests or Deacons. Also that he was about to issue the Forms of Prayer, (now out of print,) for the Governor and the Legislature, with some slight alterations, and also a form to be used on behalf of the Synod.

The hearty thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Very Rev. the Deau for his able and appropriate Sermon before the Synod on Tuesday last, and also for the evening services at the Cathedral Church.

Third Day.

The Committee on a Church Paper reported. After much discussion, it was concluded that the Executive Committee take immediate steps to set on foot a church paper of popular style.

A vote of thanks was passed to those who had first established the *Church Chronicle*, and to those who had conducted it up to the present time.

The Secretary submitted a table of statistics relative to the temporalities of the Parishes and Missions, drawn up from the returns made by the Church-Wardens.

The following alterations were adopted:

Regulations for the discipline of the Clergy.

* 36th.—The “three Articles” are repealed and the following declaration substituted for them:

“I, A. B., do solemnly make the following declaration: I assent to the 39 Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer, and to the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons; I believe the doctrine of the United Church of England and Ireland, as therein set forth, to be agreeable to the Word of God: and in Public Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, I will use the form in the said Book prescribed and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.”

In "Preamble" and in Rule 5 to omit such parts as refer to the Bishop's Letters Patent.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When the See is vacant, the Dean, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, the Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, being a member of the Synod, shall within a fortnight after the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See; at which meeting the said Dean, or the said Archdeacon, or, in the absence of both, the Senior Presbyter shall preside; and it shall be the duty of such Dean, or Archdeacon, or Presbyter, to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop's elect, to the proper authorities in England. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

The following alterations in the order of proceedings were adopted, and stand over for final decision at the next session:

In 2nd Rule—To omit all except the first two lines, and after the word "Bishop" to add—"and the Lay Secretary shall call over the list of Parishes and Districts entitled to such Representatives, when the names of the Clergy and Lay-Representatives present shall be marked by their respective Secretaries.

In Rule 3rd—Upon the first day of each Session the certificates of the Lay Representatives shall be examined by one of the Secretaries, and a Committee of two to be appointed for that purpose, and when found correct, the names shall be recorded in the Register, and the result of the investigation shall be announced to the Synod: The election of new Secretaries shall then be, &c. (as at present.)

Also a rule to provide, that before the final adjournment of each Session of the Synod, the minutes of the last day shall be read and approved.

The Secretary having read a list of parishes which had contributed towards the expenses of the Synod, it was

Resolved, that the increasing responsibilities devolved upon this Synod demand that every section this Diocese should be as fully represented as possible, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare an estimate of the amount required to meet the wants of its next Session, including unavoidable expenses of members non-resident in this City, and that the same be requested from the several parishes or congregations in such proportions as in their (i. e. Ex : Com :) judgments will be fair and equitable; the amount to be paid in not later than one day after that named for opening the Session.

The following Report was submitted and adopted:—

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of giving the approval of the Synod to the establishment of a Church Institution—(the members of which shall be of two descriptions, viz: those who receive pecuniary advantage, and those who do not) desire to report—

That they approve and commend to the approval of the Synod, the general principles which the mover has explained.

They have, however, requested their Chairman to obtain further information from England on one point in the Financial arrangement proposed.

The Committee desire to point out that, even when the scheme is matured, it must always be optional with the Clergy to form or not to form branches in their various parishes.

Your Committee, however, would ask the Synod, to request each member of the House of Presbyters to communicate with their Chairman of the Committee before

the 1st of September if they have any idea of forming a branch of the Institution, and in that communication to state how many males above 14 years of age would probably become members of that department, which is to receive pecuniary benefit.

That a Committee be now appointed with power to sit during the recess—who shall, as soon as the names of 200 members (likely to join the "Benefit" part of the Institution) shall be obtained, be at liberty to frame a general Constitution and rules for the proposed Institution—which shall be presented to the next Synod for approval before the actual working of the Institution.

In accordance with the above a Committee was appointed, of which the Rev. D. C. Moore, of New Ross, is chairman.

The Bishop drew special attention to the recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to a supply of Candidates for the Ministry. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "It is incumbent on all members of the Church to endeavour to increase the number of Students preparing for Holy orders."

A motion relative to the employment of Lay agency in the Church or the appointment of permanent Deacons was deferred for consideration at the next Session.

The vacancies in the Executive Committee were filled up. Which Committee stands thus:—

The Bishop.	H. Pryor, Esq., D.C.L.
The Rev. J. C. Cochran, A.M.	J. R. Dewolfe, Esq., M.D.
" T. Maynard, A.M.	W. Gossip, Esq.
" Canon Gilpin, D.D.	G. Reading, Esq.
" J. Ambrose, A.M.	C. Bowman, Esq.
" J. J. Hill, A.M.	W. Metzler, Esq.
" O. M. Grindon, A.B.	E. H. Harrington, Esq.
" J. Forsythe.	Colonel Myers.
The Very Rev. The Dean.	W. C. Silver, Esq.
The Rev. E. E. B. Nichols, A.M.	

It was resolved, that the proceedings of the Synod be published.

The Bishop read the following table of Episcopal Statistics since the last Session.

"Since the last Synod I have ordained 12 Deacons and 8 Priests, and I have received one of each order from other Dioceses, within that period 6 have died, and 4 have removed from this Diocese.

"After the close of the Synod in 1864, I proceeded along the Eastern Shore, beginning with Dartmouth, and thence through the Island of Cape Breton, confirming 378. Last year I confirmed in Halifax, 299. I have this year confirmed in a few Parishes, 117, and I am now about to hold Confirmations in the North East portion of the Province, and in P. E. Islands."

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Reporter, the Railway Commissioner, to the friends of the Church in Halifax for kindness and hospitality,—to both the Secretaries,—and especially to his lordship the Bishop for his patient and considerate care in conducting the meeting. The Session was closed with the Doxology and the Episcopal Benediction.

REPLY OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD.

To the Bishop, Clergy and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled.

My Right Reverend, Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, I accept with feelings of deep gratification the thanks you have thought fit to tender to me for the Pastoral which I deemed it right to put forth when the minds of so large a portion of the members of our Church were perplexed by the terms of the recent Judgment on "Essays and Reviews."

I have never doubted that the Church holds the Canonical Scriptures to be the Word of God, and that the punishment of the wicked is eternal—and with these convictions I should have held myself culpable, had I refrained from giving publicity to these sentiments at that critical moment. I can well understand the feeling with which you repudiate the insinuation that many of the Clergy use the Services of our Church, believing them to be absolutely untrue, and I feel confident that the great body of our brethren in the ministry will, by their teaching in conformity with the great doctrines she professes, prove their conscientious adherence to her Articles and Formularies. I humbly trust that the confidence you repose in me, as the Ecclesiastical Head of our Church, may not be misplaced; and I heartily thank you for your prayer that I may be indued with grace from on High, which is at all times needed by one who is placed in a position of such responsibility, but more especially in a day when principles the most sacred are called in question, and Truths which were held as incontrovertible are challenged as needing farther confirmation.

I remain,

Your faithful Friend and Brother in Christ,

C. T. CANTUAR.

D. C. S. GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society was held on Monday, the 2nd July. There were many of the clergy from the country present, but the attendance would no doubt have been larger had the business of the week allowed of any other day than Monday for the D. C. S. meeting.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop opened the meeting at 2 o'clock with the appointed prayers.

His Lordship then briefly stated the present position of the Society, noting the deficit in the Block Sum of the S. P. G. for meeting the salaries of the clergy,—the omission of the W. and O. collections in many of the parishes during 1865, and suggesting that as the fund increased greater provision should be made for orphans. He also called the attention of the meeting to the "Church Endowment Fund," and the necessity for the parishes paying up all arrears in accordance with their engagements.

In place of the first five on the list of the Executive Committee who went out of office, and in consequence of the resignation of H. Hartsborne, Esq., and Major Nugent, the following were chosen as members of the Executive Committee:—W. C. Silver, Esq., Com. Gen. Graham, T. B. Akins, Esq., J. Young, Esq., S. A. White, Esq., J. T. Wylde, Esq., J. Albro, Esq.

The Rev. Canon Gilpin was appointed Secretary, and B. Gray, Esq., Assistant Secretary, vice H. Pryor, Esq., who expressed a wish to resign his office. Col. Myers was unanimously requested to continue his valuable services as Treasurer.

Notice of motion having been given at the last meeting, the 4th Bye-Law was altered to the following form—

The Dean and the Archdeacon shall be *ex officio* Vice-Presidents, whose number shall be limited to eight. There shall be also a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, and a Treasurer.

It was directed that £100 stg. be paid over for the next year to the Block Sum of the S. P. G.

Also that the Executive Committee be authorized to pay \$125 more for the current year to the same fund.

With reference to the Church Endowment Fund—A list was read of the amounts promised and the sums paid by each parish, showing a large portion still to be collected.

It was finally resolved that, “whereas the Block Sum of S. P. G. now falls £250 per annum short of the amount required to pay the clergy on the S. P. G. list, the Society earnestly request the Church Endowment Committee to adopt means for the immediate collection of the subscriptions due.” It was agreed that W. Hare, Esq., together with the Secretary and Treasurer, wait upon the Church Endowment Committee with this communication.

Notice of motion was given—that the Society recommend to the W. and O. Committee that if the fund should so increase as to allow of a higher pension than \$200, then the surplus above that sum be appropriated for the benefit of orphans.

Notice of motion was given—“That the Church property in any parish which is actually occupied by the incumbent of the said parish be valued by competent valuers upon his taking charge, and be considered at the same value for purposes of salary during his incumbency; and that the valuers be appointed as follows—viz.: one by the Parish, one by the Executive Committee D. C. S., and another by these two.”

It was agreed that no change be made by the Executive Committee in printing the names of all subscribers as heretofore.

Notice of motion was given for a change in the 2nd Rule of the W. and O. Committee—viz.: to omit the word “whole,” and to add to the Rule, “subject to the supervision of the Society.”

Notice of motion was given for a change in the 5th Rule of the W. and O. Fund!

The meeting adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLERICAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY OF LUNENBURGH.

The second of these revived meetings was held at New Ross, on Tuesday, 26th June.

The Clergy present were the Rev. C. J. Shreve, Rev. H. Stamer, Rev. E. Spike, Rev. W. Bullock, Rev. W. Shannon and Rev. D. C. Moore, to whom should be added the Rev. J. O. Ruggles of Kentville, who was only able to attend at the evening service.

Mr. Shreve was the morning preacher—and his subject was “The beauty and the uses of the services of our Church.”

Mr. Stamer preached in the evening on “The Holy Scriptures.”

The time between the services, and the evening, was spent in discussing various matters of interest to the Church—some with special reference to the approaching Synod—amongst which may be particularized a proposed "Church Institution," which should partake of the double nature of "A Benefit Society," in temporal affairs, and lay association for the assistance of the clergy and for mutual improvement.

On Wednesday, after morning prayer in Church, five of the Clergy present left for Windsor, to attend the Eucania of King's College.

The congregations during the meeting and the number of the recipients of the Holy Eucharist were most gratifying, and it is the hope as it is the sincere belief of the missionary that an impetus has been given to his work—the final results of which will not be known on earth.

The Clergy are indebted to the Laity for their kindly proffered hospitalities.

THE SECRETARY. (w)

EXTRACTS FROM THE COLONIAL BISHOPS BILL.

A Bill to remove doubts as to the effect of letters patent granted to certain Colonial Bishops; and to amend the law with respect to Bishops and clergy in the colonies:—

Whereas, doubts have arisen as to the effect of letters patent granted by her Majesty and her royal predecessors, by or under which Bishops have been appointed to exercise Episcopal functions for the benefit of clergy, congregations, and persons professing the religion of the United Church of England and Ireland in divers colonies and foreign possessions of this realm, within which legal jurisdiction could not be conferred upon such Bishops by such letters patent; and it is expedient that such doubts, so far as relates to the several matters hereinafter mentioned, should be removed; and it is further expedient that the laws relating to clergy ordained by Bishops not holding sees in the United Church of England and Ireland should be amended:—Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Persons ordained by Foreign or Colonial Bishops not to hold Preferment in England or Ireland without consent of Diocesan.

3. No person admitted into the holy orders of Priest or Deacon by any Bishop not being a Bishop of a diocese in England or Ireland shall be entitled to be admitted or instituted to any benefice or other ecclesiastical preferment in England or Ireland without the consent and approbation of the Bishop of the diocese in which such benefice or other ecclesiastical preferment may be situated; and any such Bishop shall be entitled to refuse such consent and approbation without assigning reason for such refusal, any law or practice to the contrary notwithstanding; and every such person seeking to be admitted, or instituted to such benefice or other ecclesiastical preferment, or to be licensed to any curacy, shall, before being admitted, instituted, or licensed, make and subscribe before such Bishop every such declaration and subscription as he would by law have been required to make and subscribe at his ordination if he had been ordained by a Bishop of the United Church of England or Ireland: provided always, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any such person who shall hold or shall have held any benefice or ecclesiastical preferment in England or Ireland.

Episcopal Acts valid if such as might have been founded on voluntary consent.

8. All Episcopal acts which might lawfully have been done within any district or place by any Bishop lawfully chosen and consecrated by the free and voluntary consent of any clergy, congregations, and persons voluntarily accepting him as their

Bishop, without any letters patent, or royal mandate or license, shall be deemed to be and to have been valid and lawful if done by any such Bishop appointed under any letters patent, or royal mandate or licence, by which legal jurisdiction shall have not been conferred, unless it shall be otherwise declared by any law in force within such district or place for the time being.

Letters Patent may be surrendered.

9. Any Bishop exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions by or under authority of any royal letters patent may by writing under his hand and seal declare his desire to surrender such letters patent if he shall think fit so to do, and on the acceptance of such surrender by her Majesty, signified through one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, all letters patent appointing such Bishop or creating or purporting to create the diocese of such Bishop shall become and be from thenceforth null and void; but such surrender shall not operate to prevent any such Bishop from continuing after the acceptance thereof to exercise within the district constituting such diocese all such Episcopal functions and to do all such acts as he might lawfully have exercised and done respectively within such district for the benefit of such clergy, congregations, and persons as may voluntarily submit themselves thereto, if he had been lawfully chosen and consecrated Bishop by the voluntary consent of such clergy, congregations, and persons as aforesaid, unless it shall be otherwise declared by any law in force within such district for the time being.

Royal License may be given in lieu of Mandate for consecration of Bishops to exercise their functions out of the United Kingdom.

10. Notwithstanding anything contained in the act passed in the session of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of King Charles the second, intituled "An Act for the Uniformity of Publick Prayers, and Administration of Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies; and for establishing the Form of making, ordaining, and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons in the Church of England," or in any other law or statute of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for any Bishops or Bishop within the United Kingdom, if they or he shall be authorised so to do by license under her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to consecrate from time to time any Bishop for the purpose of exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions, or elsewhere beyond the limits of the United Kingdom, for the benefit of such clergy, congregations, and persons as may voluntarily submit themselves thereto, although no royal mandate in the form heretofore accustomed and required by law may have been granted for or may be produced or read at such consecration, and no such mandate or license shall be necessary for any such consecration elsewhere than within the United Kingdom.

Status, &c., of Bishop to be judged by ordinary Courts of Law.

11. All questions of law respecting the *status*, rights, powers, and duties of any Bishop exercising Episcopal functions in any of her Majesty's colonies or foreign possessions in which there shall be no ecclesiastical court established by law with jurisdiction to determine such questions in relation to any other Bishop, or to any such clergy, congregations, or persons as aforesaid, and of all such clergy, congregations, and persons in relation to any such Bishop as aforesaid, shall be tried and determined by the same courts (whether in her Majesty's colonies or foreign dominions or in Great Britain) and in the same manner in all respects as any questions of the like nature arising with respect to the *status*, rights, powers, or duties of any ministers, clergy, congregations, or persons professing any other form of religion not established by law within the same part of her Majesty's colonies or foreign dominions are or ought to be tried and determined, and act in any other manner or by any other courts or court or authority whatsoever.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

A proposal, originating in England, has been made to found a French Orthodox Church in Paris. The advantage of such an establishment at the time of the Universal Exhibition is regarded. The Liturgy would be celebrated in French.

A Florence journal asserts that an application has been made to the Pope to remove the interdiction which prevents the employment of female voices in most of the Churches in Italy.

The annual Whitsuntide gatherings of the S. P. G. was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, May 22. There was full choral service. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Dean of Emly before a large congregation.

The Duke of Argyll, refusing to sign a petition against innovations, says "that he regards the extreme jealousy of a little instrumental music in divine worship, or of the use of some written prayers instead of extempore prayers, or instead of prayers committed to memory, as a jealousy founded on a dangerous mistake as to the points of essential value in the Presbyterian system."

It is stated that the Rev. W. Cox, late of Tasmania, is suggested as a successor to Bishop Colenso in Natal. Nothing, however, will be done without an election by the clergy there.

About £52,000 has just been contributed towards church extension in Liverpool, and within a period of eighteen months the town has set apart more than £154,000 for church purposes.

The Report of the Committee on Ritual, presented to the Lower House of Convocation, contains the following remark—"that both excesses and defects in ritual service are symptoms of a deep-seated evil—namely, the want of a more effective working of the diocesan system; such as would afford better and more frequent opportunities for consultation between the Bishop and the clergy and people of his diocese."

The Bishop of London presented and supported a petition from Miss Burdett Coutts to the House of Lords to the effect that full force might be given to the letters patent of Colonial Sees. In the debate that followed, the Archbishop of Canterbury stated that two recent decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council made it clear to him that at the present moment these Churches were severed from the United Churches of England and Ireland, as far as the supremacy of the Queen was concerned:—

If the Royal Supremacy was not to bind these Churches to the Church of England what was the alternative? He firmly believed the only alternative was the voluntary connection which these Churches had formed, binding them most solemnly to the Church of England in regard to doctrine as expressed in the Articles and Formularies of the Church. He believed that was the only real security. He had a very extensive correspondence with the Colonial Churches in all parts of the world, and during the last year he had received from all parts the most firm and reiterated assurances that their most anxious object was to secure and cement that connection which had been so much disturbed by the recent decisions.

Lord Ebury has again moved in the House of Lords for a Royal Commission to revise the Lessons and the Burial Office. The Archbishop opposed the motion, and spoke thus with reference to the Burial Service:—

He thought an overscrupulousness was sometimes shown, and that there were very few cases indeed in which a clergyman need scruple to employ that language. Some cases, indeed, there were, such as that of a person dying in the avowal of utter and

resolute unbelief, for if such a man after death could express an opinion he would be indignant at the Burial Service being read over him. Again, there was another case which had actually occurred, of a person living in gross and actual sin. A clergyman was fully at liberty to refuse to use the expressions in question in cases like these; but where a clergyman could not undertake to say that there was no hope whatever of a person's salvation, charity ought to induce him to employ the language of the Burial Service. Various attempts have been made to settle the difficulty, but all had failed, and the obstacles being such that he could see no prospect of a satisfactory solution, he could not accede to the proposal of his noble friend. The noble Lord had spoken of his desire for conciliation, but he was certain that more persons would be alienated than would be conciliated by the changes he proposed. The Protestant Episcopal Church in America had made some slight alterations in the Liturgy—"Hear, hear," from Lord Ebury—but he could quote the opinion of one of the Bishops of that Church that though larger concessions had been made than the early Nonconformists demanded, the effect had not answered the reasonable hopes that were entertained, and he had heard from another source that it was the stability and fixedness of the formularies of that Church which led so many members of Dissenting bodies to join it.

The motion was rejected by 66 to 20.

The Bishop of Edinburgh, acting for the Bishop of London, during the past week held confirmations at Bonn, Weisbaden, Heidelberg, and Frankfort, in each of which places a considerable number of young persons were confirmed. At Frankfort there was a choral service and a crowded congregation, many Germans being present. In the course of his tour the Bishop will consecrate the English churches recently built at Stuttgart and Wildbad.

The Bishop of Moray and Ross is holding Confirmations in Russia. On the 23rd ult. he arrived at St. Petersburg, and on the following Sunday, the 27th (Whit Sunday by the Russian Calendar), he confirmed upwards of fifty candidates, in presence of a crowded congregation. After the service the Holy Communion was administered, the attendance being, if anything, larger than at Easter. On the Tuesday he was entertained by the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg.

The S. P. C. K. is about to issue a periodical in weekly and monthly parts, also in volumes, at the end of the year, chiefly of secular character, illustrated; especial regard being had to the working classes. The first issue will be in January, 1867.

UNITED STATES.—The Diocese of Kentucky has lately, after some debate, agreed upon appointing an assistant Bishop for that Diocese, and have elected the Rev. G. D. Cummins, D. D., of Chicago.

The Rev. W. E. Armitage has been unanimously elected Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, and that Diocese has, by consent of the Bishop and the Convention, been divided.

The clergy of Trinity Church, New York, have by a letter from the Rev. Dr. Dix to the Board of Health stated that they are ready at any time, day or night, and will be during the season, to respond to any calls for spiritual ministrations among victims seized with cholera.

The *Church Journal* of the 3rd gives an account of the annual meeting of the General Theological Seminary. The presiding Bishop (Vermont) was in the chair. The Treasurer's Report showed that for the first time the income was in excess of the expenditure. The number of the graduating class was 24, of whom 7 were in Deacons orders.

CANADA —In the Diocesan Synod of Montreal, which met in June last, a motion passed to merge the Church Society into the Synod, as the general governing

body of the Church in the Diocese. The saving of expense in working the Society was one reason brought forward for the amalgamation.

The meeting of the Synod of Toronto, summoned for June 13, has been postponed on account of the public disturbances.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—*Fredericton*.—On Trinity Sunday the Bishop admitted E. A. W. Harrington, of the University of New Brunswick, and C. R. Matthew, of King's College, Windsor, to the office of Deacon.

The *Head Quarters* gives an account of the *Encœnia* at the College, Fredericton, on the 3rd inst. The oration was delivered by Professor d'Avray. The Alumni Gold Medal was presented by the Rev. W. Scovil to Lee R. Harrison. Dr. Jack presented a prize for Natural Science to G. R. Parkin. Honorary certificates were given to several in each class. The degree of B. A. was taken by Messrs. Harrison, McMonagle, Goodspeed, McCurdy, Tippet, Cadwallander, Preston. A. M. by Messrs. W. Smith and C. H. Paisley. Honorary degrees were conferred on His Honor the Speaker and the Hon. Attorney-General Fisher. The Alumni Oration was delivered by the Hon. C. Fisher.

NOTICES.

D. C. S.

At the monthly meeting in June, \$200 was granted to Ship Harbor toward the support of an assistant missionary on condition of \$300 being raised by the people for the same object. It was agreed that the grant should be reconsidered and reduced after one year.

Notice of motion was given for a grant toward a parsonage at Melford. Also for renewal of grant to the missionary at Weymouth.

The Executive Committee will not have a regular meeting until the 19th of October.

EPISCOPAL.

The Lord Bishop purposes holding Confirmations at Walton and Corkmagum on Sunday next, 15th inst., and at Pictou and the Albion Mines on the 29th inst. He will hold a Visitation for the first time in Prince Edward Island, on Wednesday, August 1st, and will afterwards hold Confirmations throughout the Island, beginning with Charlottetown, which will occupy five or six weeks.

CHURCH CHRONICLE.—Several of our subscribers having paid only for the half year, the paper will not be sent to them after the present number unless the subscription be renewed.

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