

CHURCH SYNOD.

Voted Down Proposition for Biennial Sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. BEEK, I. S. O.—PARISH REPORTS.

The Synod resumed proceedings Tuesday afternoon, and the discussion on Sunday School literature was continued. Mr. Scovill stated that as some of the books purchased from the S. P. C. K. were not satisfactory, the committee be authorized to purchase elsewhere.

Bishop Kingdon spoke highly of the S. P. C. K.

The amendment was carried and the other sections of the report adopted as a whole.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hooper, the report of the Sunday Schools was next adopted.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery moved the adoption of an alteration in the canon regarding the Secretary, to read, "That in the event of a vacancy in the office when the Synod is not in session, the executive may appoint a man to fill the vacancy, the same law to apply in the case of a treasurer and members of the executive."

Against Biennial Sessions.

The question of making the sessions of the Synod bi-annual, which was deferred from last session was taken up on motion of Rev. Mr. Montgomery but the motion was lost after a short discussion in which the Dean, His Honor Judge Hanington and others took part.

A motion to amend the canon relating to statistical form so as to make it agree with the form used by the general synod was adopted.

A motion to amend the canon relating to the reports of the standing committee was discussed by the mover Mr. Knowlton, the seconder Judge Hanington, and Revs. Messrs. Cowie, Montgomery and others.

Invite to Archbishop.

The resolution recommending that an invitation be extended to the Archbishop of Canterbury, of which notice had been given in the morning was introduced by Mr. W. M. Jarvis who spoke at some length in favor of inviting His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit this diocese, and in the course of his speech gave an interesting historical sketch of the early history of the Anglican church at St. John. Mr. Jarvis also stated that the Cathedral of the diocese of Fredericton was the first Anglican cathedral in North America, and in concluding Mr. Jarvis said he hoped the Archbishop would come, and knew he would receive a warm welcome.

Rev. Mr. deSoyres of St. John seconded the motion and referred in eloquent terms to the Archbishop's career as a churchman and a man, and of the relation of the Canadian church with the mother church. He hoped the invitation would be extended to His Grace to be present.

Rev. Mr. Schofield, who was a student in England and was ordained by the Archbishop, asked that the invitation be extended to Mrs. Davidson as well. The resolution was carried unanimously.

Parish Reports.

Parish reports were next read as follows:—

Aberdeen—Rev. Mr. Simonson—contains two churches, one at Glasville and one at Beauport. The church at Glasville was a new one erected at a cost of \$2700 and seating over 150 persons.

Andover—Rev. Mr. Bedell—reported parish improved financially and otherwise. An increase is also reported in congregation.

Bathurst—Rev. J. H. Hooper, reported the financial affairs in a satisfactory condition, acknowledged the many kindnesses received from friends.

Campbellton—Rev. R. J. Coleman, reported much good spiritual work in the parish including the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Girls' Guilds. In this parish notes many attend church as should. The parish was in need of a parish hall and also the need of a resident clergyman at Dawsonville.

Canterbury—Rev. Mr. Flewelling stated the work had been faithfully carried on and he was cheered by the way the people responded. The services were held regularly and everything was going along first-rate.

Cnatham—Rev. Canon Forsythe reported that the services were well attended and evidence was given of an increase in the members who attended Communion and the contributions and other offerings had increased during the year, and the amounts given to foreign missions and other sources were generous.

The year has been comparatively free from death and sickness.

Gagetown—Rev. Mr. Spencer reported a slight increase in the communion services and that many were ready to be confirmed. The Sunday School and Women's Aid association were doing good work.

Bay de Vin—Rev. W. J. Wilkinson gave an encouraging report of the parish and stated that during the year there was not one death in his parish. Improvements have been made on the rectory during the year.

Kingsclear—Rev. Mr. Montgomery said there was nothing special to report though everything was going along smoothly. Work on church buildings was being done through the generosity of Mr. C. H. Giles. Mr. Montgomery referred to the removal of Mr. P. C. Powys, who had been a strength to the parish. Mr. Montgomery stated that the people of Ludlow and Blissville had showed him every kindness and he was sorry to sever his connection with them.

Moncton—Rev. Mr. Hooper reported a satisfactory state of affairs in that parish during the year.

Newcastle and Nelson—Rev. Mr. Cuthbert stated there was a slight increase in devotional work, and that the church had undergone repairs. He recommended better church service arrangements for Derby.

Norton—The pastor gave a very satisfactory report of the parish.

Petersville—Rev. R. W. Colston reported that both spiritually and in point of improvements on church property, the parish affairs were progressing favorably. An unusual number of deaths had occurred during the past year, numbering 10.

St. Luke's, St. John—Rev. R. P. McKim stated that the various church organizations were well formed and were doing good work. The seats in the church had all been made free.

Sackville—Rev. C. F. Wiggins reported that church improvements had been carried out during the year and that the services were carried on as usual.

Salisbury—Rev. Mr. Armstrong stated that affairs here were satisfactory. Rev. Mr. Robinson visited the parish during the year and gave interesting instructions on mission work in Japan. Improvements in building.

Burton—Rev. Horace E. Dibblee reported most encouragingly of this parish. After speaking of the improvements to the Oromocto church, Mr. Dibblee spoke of the improvements to the rectory. At St. Paul's church, largely through the generosity of Miss Foye of Burton, the parish were enabled to erect a new fence.

At the Church of St. John, Rosagornish, extensive repairs are now going on. This church is twelve miles distant from the rectory and forms the centre of a church population of upwards of fifty people who are zealously working for its restoration. The financial showing for the year affords grounds for much encouragement. Last year, said Mr. Dibblee, we were able to report an advance of \$80 over the preceding year. This year the statement shows an advance of upwards of two thousand dollars. The Women's Aid Association shows the following statement.

Wardens' account.....	\$148 11
Diocesan Mission Act.....	41 00

Total.....\$876 19

Mr. Dibblee also paid a warm tribute to the devotion of the people of the missions entrusted to his care. His encouraging report was loudly applauded. The reverend gentleman also referred to the new churches dedicated at Gladstone and Blissville and told of the excellent work done by the parishoners of these localities.

Shediac—The report of this parish was read by the secretary and showed a commendable activity, spiritually and temporally on the part of the people.

The session adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

At the evening service of the synod which resumed work at 8 o'clock the reports of parishes was again taken up.

Cambridge—The outlook in this parish is better today than for three; the advancement in Sunday school work is most noticeable.

Cathedral—The principal event of the year was the jubilee which was held in August. The financial condition is excellent and the spiritual work of the year well sustained.

Drummond—An encouraging report was also presented from this parish.

Fredericton—Rev. Dr. Roberts referred to his illness and expressed thanks to his clerical friends, Messrs Partridge, Street, Dibblee, Cowie and Murray for their assistance during his illness. He referred to the little chapel of St. Margaret, at the Mills, and the good work done by the congregation at that place.

Prince William—Rev. C. H. Fullerton spoke of the excellent work both spiritual and financial, performed both in the church and Sunday School. He expected to have a class ready for confirmation in

autumn. Mr. Fullerton spoke of the kindness received from his parishoners.

Parish of Richmond—Report shows a satisfactory year in this parish and adjoining missions.

Rothsay—Rev. A. W. Daniel read report of the church work during the year and also reported the good work of the auxiliary. The church had done so well in this parish that it would no longer need the missionary grant of \$100 which has been given to it. The boys school has continued to flourish and the school buildings have been improved.

His Lordship introduced Rev. I. N. Hannah, the new president of Kings College, who spoke a few words to the assembly.

His Honor Judge Hanington, seconded by Mr. Fairweather, moved that the new president address the Synod to-morrow at eleven. Carried.

Stanley—Rev. A. B. Murray read an interesting report of the affairs of Stanley and of the events connected therewith.

St. Andrew's—Rev. R. J. Langford spoke encouragingly of his parish work. The financial statement showed excellent management. A handsome tablet had been erected to the late Rev. Canon Ketchum. The church population has decreased during the year.

St. David—Rev. J. W. Millidge spoke of the visit of the Bishop and also of Rev. J. Cooper Robinson. The visit of Mr. Robinson inspired the people to take an interest in missionary work. Considerable repairs had been made in the churches and no debt remains, as the motto is "Pay as you go."

St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. John and St. Mark's of St. John City, all sent encouraging reports through their pastors.

Parish of St. Martin's—The regular services have been duly held, and the different church works show signs of increasing prosperity. The people are sympathetic and teachable.

St. Mary's—Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie spoke of the work of his predecessors, of the good condition of the church, both spiritually and temporally, and of the improvements. Mr. Cowie also referred to the Durham Bridge church and of the Sunday schools at St. Mary's, Gibson, Marysville and Durham Bridge.

St. Stephen—Rev. Canon Newnham said the congregation was affected to some extent by the removal of families from the place. The offerings showed an increase over last year and the church was free from debt.

Upham—Rev. W. J. Bait. Report was read by the secretary in the absence of the pastor, and showed a good year's work.

Victoria, St. John Co., showed an increase in the number attending communion and Brotherhood of St. Andrew did good work.

Waterford showed a decrease in the membership of the church caused by the removal of a number of the people.

Wilmot, Wicklow and Peel had 71 candidates confirmed last year. At Centreville electric light was installed at a cost of \$70.

Woodstock—Ven. Archdeacon Neales read a report. He told of good work done by Rev. Mr. Baskin and thanked his brother clergymen and Mr. Arthur Raymond for able assistance. He spoke of the late Major Ketchum and

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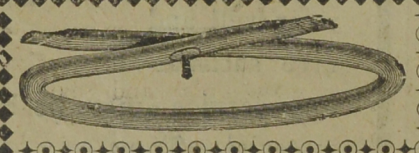
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