

Apologies for Absence.—Apologies were made for several of the Clergy and Laity who were absent.

Papers laid upon the Table.—Accounts of the Diocesan Treasurer, Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees, Waiapu Maori Mission, Te Aute Trust Board, Buller Trust, Bishopric Endowment Fund, East Coast Native Pastorate, Waerenga-a-hika Native School Trust, Waiapu Church Gazette, Statistical Returns and Accounts from Parishes and Districts, Reports of the Standing Committee, Diocesan Trusts Board, Bishopric Endowment Trustees, Clerical Pension Board and Accounts, Recess Committee re payment of Stipends through Diocesan Office, and Acts of the Bishop.

Standing Committee.—On the motion of Mr. J. B. Fielder it was resolved that the Standing Committee consist of 5 Clerical and 6 Lay members.

The President stated that nominations must be in writing on forms prepared for that purpose and must be received by him not later than the adjournment on Friday evening.

Notice of motion having been given the Synod adjourned until Friday at 4 p.m.

Second Day, 25th September, 1914.

Synod resumed at 4 p.m. After prayers the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Te Aute Estate.—Mr. F. W. Williams moved:—“That the trustees of the Te Aute Trust Estate be authorised to raise a loan not exceeding £15,000 for the purpose of surveying and roading the estate and cutting it up for leasing; that this Synod recommends the General Synod to authorise the trustees to raise this loan.”

Archdeacon Williams moved, “That all the words after ‘leasing’ be struck out.” This was agreed to by the proposer of the motion and the motion as amended was adopted.

Re Ordination Question.—The Rev. E. Robertshawe moved, “That this Synod is utterly opposed to any alteration in the question put to candidates for the office of a deacon as to belief in Holy Scripture. 2. That this proposition, if carried, be forwarded by his Lordship the Bishop to the Prayer Book Revision Committee in England, and to the next session of the General Synod of the Province.”

Archdeacon Ruddock moved that the Synod proceed to the next order of the day, which on a division resulted as follows:—

	Ayes	Noes
Clergy	19	17
Laity	12	7

Amendment carried.

Re Clergy Pension.—Mr. H. A. King moved, “That it be a recommendation to the Pension Board to take into consideration the possibility of making such alterations in the granting of pensions, that any clergyman retiring at 60 may receive a pension of £100 per annum and £5 or £10 a year extra for each year he continues to work till he reaches the age of 65.”

Archdeacon Williams moved as an amendment, “That the Standing Committee be instructed to endeavour to elaborate a scheme for the purpose of strengthening the Pension Fund in order that the Clergy may be enabled to retire at the age of 60.” The original motion having been withdrawn, that proposed by Archdeacon Williams was carried.

Report of Committee re Election of Synodsmen.—Presented by Canon Mayne.

Report re Diocesan Gazette.—Presented by Archdeacon Ruddock.

Report of Recess Committee on Fire Insurance.—Presented by Archdeacon Ruddock.

The above Reports were read and laid upon the Table.

Clerical Pension Board Representative.—Mr. J. B. Fielder moved, “That the Synod proceed to the election of one member to represent this diocese on the Clerical Pension Board, vice the Ven. Archdeacon C. A. Tisdall, resigned.”

The following were nominated:—Archdeacon Williams, Canon Tuke and the Rev. J. Hobbs.

A ballot was taken, after which Canon Tuke and the Rev. J. Hobbs withdrew their names and the Ven. Archdeacon Williams was duly elected.

Resolution re Gambling.—The Rev. J. Hobbs moved, “That this Synod respectfully desires his Lordship the Bishop to form a Committee, or to take such other steps as he may deem fit, with the object of dealing with the insidious vice of gambling. Carried.

Nominations to Standing Committee.—The President announced the following nominations:—Clergy; Ven. Archdeacon Williams, Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, Rev. Canon Mayne, Rev. Canon Tuke, Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst, Rev. E. Robertshawe. Laity: Messrs J. B. Fielder, F. W. Williams, J. H. Sheath, J. A. McLean, J. P. Williamson, and Dr E. A. W. Henley. The President stated that 6 Clergy having been nominated a ballot would take place on Monday evening. The correct number of Laity having been nominated no ballot was necessary.

Notices of motion having been given the Synod adjourned.

Third Day, 28th September, 1914.

Synod resumed at 4 p.m. After prayers, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Sessional Committee on Returns and Accounts.—The Report was presented by Canon Tuke, read and laid upon the table.

Illness of Mr. J. B. Fielder.—Standing Order No 14 having been suspended, Canon Mayne moved the following resolution: “That the Synod deeply regrets to learn of the sudden illness of the respected Lay Secretary, Mr. J. B. Fielder, and trusts that he will soon be restored to his usual health, and respectfully requests the President to order a copy of this resolution to be sent to him.” Carried unanimously.