

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1907.

The Synod met in St. John's schoolroom at 4 p.m. The proceedings were opened with prayer. (Members present, see table of attendance).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports laid upon the table and read.—Report of Sessional Committee on the Bishopric Endowment Fund and See House, report of the Waiapu Church Times Committee, accounts of the Church Endowment Fund, were laid upon the table.

Election of the Standing Committee.—After three ballots the following were elected:—Clergy: Ven. Archdeacon D. Ruddock, Revs. Canons Mayne, J. C. Eccles, C. L. Tuke. Laymen: Messrs C. H. Edwards, J. B. Fielder, J. H. Sheath, Thos. Tanner, F. W. Williams and J. N. Williams.

Religious Instruction.—Rev. A. F. Gardiner moved, Rev. Canon Jordan seconded—(1) that a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various means that are adopted in this diocese for the purpose of imparting religious instruction to the young. (2) that the committee consist of the Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock, Rev. Canon Tuke, Rev. C. A. Tisdall, Messrs J. H. Sheath, C. Saunders, W. Robinson and the mover.—Carried.

Bill introduced, read first time.

Ven. Archdeacon Williams moved, Rev. Canon Eccles seconded, that leave be given to introduce a bill intituled A Bill to amend Diocesan Canon II. of the election of members of the General Synod.—Carried.

Bill read a first time, and the second reading made an order of the day for Monday.

Late Rev. William Lambert, B.A.—Ven. Archdeacon Williams moved, Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock seconded, that this Synod desires to express its sympathy with the widow and family of the late Rev. William Lambert, B.A., in the loss which they have sustained by his death.—Carried, all standing.

Late Rev. Canon H. W. St. Hill.—Rev. A. F. Gardiner moved, Mr F. W. Williams seconded, that this Synod desires to place on record the long and valuable services of the late Rev. Harry Woodford St. Hill, for many years vicar of the parishes of Napier, Hastings and Havelock, and canon of this diocese.—Carried, all standing.

The Bishop's attendance at Pan Anglican Congress and Lambeth Conference.—Rev. Canon Tuke moved, Rev. Canon Eccles seconded, that the members of the Synod rejoice to hear that the Bishop of the diocese hopes to be able to proceed

to the Pan-Anglican Congress and the Lambeth Conference, and respectfully beg to assure His Lordship of their earnest prayers that he may have health and strength to take part in the deliberations, and safely return to the diocese.—Carried.

Notices of motion having been given, the Synod adjourned to 4 p.m., Monday, the 30th September, 1907. Confirmed September 30th, 1907.—W. L. Waiapu, President.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1907.

The Synod met in St. John's schoolroom at 4 p.m. The proceedings were opened with prayer. (Members present, see table of attendance).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Report and accounts laid upon the table.—Accounts of the East Coast Native Pastorate Fund. Report of the Business Committee of the Bishopric Endowment Fund, which was read.

Revision of list of lay members of Synod.—Standing Order 14 having been suspended, Mr J. Thornton moved, Rev. Canon F. Mayne seconded—(1) That a committee be appointed to revise the table showing the number of Synodsmen to be elected by each parish or district within the diocese, and to bring up a revised table for consideration by a committee of the whole Synod; (2) that the committee consist of Messrs J. W. Sheath, C. H. Edwards and the mover.—Carried.

Melanesia and New Guinea.—Rev. Canon Tuke moved, Rev. A. F. Gardiner seconded, that the members of the Synod express their heartfelt sympathy with the Bishops of Melanesia and New Guinea in their arduous labors, and earnestly pray that their efforts to win the heathen to the faith may be abundantly prospered.—Carried.

Suppression of Tohungaism.—Rev. F. W. Chatterton moved, Mr J. Thornton seconded, that this Synod views with satisfaction the recent action of the Government in the direction of the suppression of tohungaism, and is of opinion that the time is ripe for more aggressive action on the part of the Church in the Urewera district.

The Rev. F. W. Bennett proposed the following amendment, which was accepted by the mover of the resolution, that this Synod views with satisfaction the recent action of the Government in the direction of the suppression of tohungaism, and trusts that it may be possible for the church to take more aggressive action among the tribes which are specially affected by this evil.—Carried.

Second Reading of a Bill to Amend Diocesan Canon II., Election of Members of the General Synod.—Ven. Archdeacon H. W. Williams moved, and Mr J. B. Fielder seconded, that a bill intituled a statute to amend Canon II. to provide for the election of members of the General Synod, be read a second time.—Carried.

The president left the chair, and the Synod went into committee on the bill. The Synod resumed. The chairman reported the bill as amended in committee. The Synod resumed. The third reading was made an order of the day for tomorrow.

"Waiapu Church Times."—Rev. A. F. Gardiner moved, Rev. M. W. Butterfield seconded, that the hearty thanks of this Synod be accorded to the Revs. Canons Mayne and Tuke for the successful launch of the "Waiapu Church Times."—Carried.

Bishopric Endowment Fund.—Ven. Archdeacon Ruddock moved, that the Synod go into committee to consider the report of the committee appointed by Synod to increase the Bishopric Endowment and Building Fund to £25,000.—Carried.

The president left the chair, and the Synod went into committee on the report.

The chairman reported the report and the Synod resumed.

General Mission Fund.—Rev. Canon Mayne moved, Rev. A. F. Gardiner seconded, that this Synod directs all parishes and parochial districts to allocate the collections on Christmas Day of this year towards raising the £2000 necessary for the carrying on the proposed general mission in New Zealand.

The mover withdrew the motion with a view to re-introducing it in an amended form.

Incorporation of Te Aute Trust.—Mr J. B. Fielder moved, Rev. Canon Mayne seconded, that the trustees of the Te Aute trust are authorised to make application to be incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Beards' Incorporation Act, 1884.—Carried.

Notices of motion having been given, the Synod adjourned to 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 1st, 1907.

Confirmed October 1st, 1907. W. L. Waiapu, President.

FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1907.

The Synod met in St. John's Schoolroom at 4 p.m. The proceedings were opened with prayer. (Members present, see table of attendance).