

12. The quorum required to constitute a Session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Lay Secretary; but no vote of the Synod shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

13. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, such vote being determined by the majority of the members present and voting in each order. And no act or resolution of the Diocesan Synod shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent consent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity.

NOTE.—At the Second Session the Synod resolved that all the members of the Synod present be required to vote on every question.

14. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide, by a majority of votes taken as specified in Art. 13, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

15. There shall be two Secretaries—one chosen by the Clergy, the other by the Laity—who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod.

16. The ordinary meetings of the Synod shall be biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archdeacon) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion. The ordinary place of meeting shall be in the City of Halifax but if an invitation be given from any town in the Diocese by residents of such town willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod, and if the accepting of such invitation be recommended by the Executive Committee the Synod shall be at liberty to accept it.

17. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution or Canons shall be introduced in writing and considered at