

assessments were paid up to Easter, 1892, be allowed to take their seats at this Synod. — *Carried.*

A vote by orders being demanded by Mr. P. A. Vidler, the vote was taken with the following result :

Clergy, for 15	Lay, for 29
“ against . . . 3	“ against . . . 6

The resolution was declared *carried*.

Moved by the Lay Secretary, seconded by the Rev. W. H. G. Ellison,—That the delegates from Metchosin be allowed to take their seats upon a personal guarantee being given by them to pay the assessments, \$40, by the ensuing Christmas. — *Carried.*

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Chairman informed the Synod that he had received the following communication :

Extract from the minutes of New Westminister Diocesan Synod, held Nov. 16 and 17, 1892.

It was moved by the Venerable Archdeacon of Columbia, seconded by the Rev. R. Small, passed by both orders and assented to :

That the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminister beg to express their sympathy with the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia in parting from the first Bishop of the Diocese, and at the same time to offer them the assurance of their hopes and prayers that, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a fit successor may fill the place and carry on the work, the foundation of which has been so well laid by Bishop Hills.

(Signed)

GEORGE DITCHAM,
Clerical Secretary.

(Signed)

A. W. NEW WESTMINTER.

VACANCY OF THE SEE.

The Chairman laid before the Synod the correspondence that had been received from the Bishop relating to his resignation, and explained in what manner the Synod had been summoned to meet.