

25. Any order upon the Treasurer signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Secretary of the Committee, shall be a sufficient authority for the payment of charges incident to the business of the Committee.

26. The understood objects of the Committee being to collect and provide funds for the support of the Church and its ministers, and not to distribute or appropriate such funds, it is only necessary to take care that due caution be used in investing for the benefit of the Church whatever may be gathered by the exertions of the Committee; and to this end it is proposed that no investment be made in any security, public or private, and no conveyance of land or other property taken, except in accordance with measures previously agreed upon by a resolution of the Lay Committee—and that no such resolution shall pass except when nine members of the Committee shall be present, nor at any other than a stated meeting, or at a special meeting called for that express purpose by a written notice to the members of the Committee, which shall state the object—

27. And no such resolution shall be acted upon, until it has been communicated to the Lord Bishop, and his concurrence signified.

28. All Meetings of the Society and of the Committees shall be opened and closed with the prayers used by the two Societies in England, adapted to local circumstances under the direction of the Bishop.

Prayers of the Society.

BEFORE THEY COMMENCE BUSINESS.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most precious favour: and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favour our Sovereign Lady Queen VICTORIA; and so rule her heart that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing the designs of this Society. Comfort with Thy grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the ministry of Thy servants, the Clergy; the endeavours of all who are engaged in spreading the knowledge of true religion in the dominions of our Sovereign, and the labours of those Missionaries, who are promoting the same in foreign parts. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*