

ferred to them for their consideration certain other matters as set forth below, report as follows :

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

We recommend that his Grace be requested to convey to the Most Rev. the Metropolitan Bishops of the various provinces constituted within her Majesty's dominions abroad, the expression of the earnest desire of the Archbishop and Bishops of the province of Canterbury, that they and the clergy and laity under their charge would seek by all lawful means to maintain throughout our Church, as through the blessing of God it extends its borders, the most complete unity in doctrine and discipline ; and to suggest to them the following general rules as essential to the maintenance of the same :—

1. That, saving such matters as are plainly indifferent, and therefore liable to be changed from time to time according to local expediency, no alterations affecting doctrine or discipline be finally adopted by any diocesan Synod until the same shall have been confirmed by the Synod of the local province ; nor be finally confirmed by the Synod of the local province until the judgment of the Church at home shall have been expressed thereon. Provided that it be understood that nothing is hereby meant in prejudice of the right of diocesan or provincial Synods to frame their own bye-laws for the local adaption and enforcement of the discipline now in operation, under other conditions, in this country ; and for the accommodation of the authorized services of the Church at home to such special circumstances as may arise in the Church at distant parts.

2. That where any Missionary Bishop is sent forth to minister in places external to the Queen's dominions, if the intended sphere of such Bishop's labors be contiguous to any existing colonial province, or most directly accessible from it, such Missionary Bishop shall take the oath of canonical obedience to the Metropolitan of that neighbouring province; who shall also, if the Mission be maintained by that province, be the consecrating Metropolitan, unless with his consent, and for more convenience it be ordered otherwise. That such Missionary Bishop shall take his seat in the Synod of the province that sent him forth, and that whilst, for the avoidance of difficulties which might arise from his episcopal *status* not being known to or recognised by the Crown, it is not expedient that such Bishop should vote on questions affecting the Church within the Queen's dominions, he shall be entitled to a free and equal vote on all questions which may concern the Church beyond the same, and that he be bound in his missionary diocese by the decisions and constitutions therein determined. And that in all other cases, unless it be ordered otherwise between the Archbishop and the local Metropolitan, the Missionary Bishop shall be consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to whom he shall pay direct canonical obedience.

II. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

We recommend the adoption, by the various branches of the Colonial Church of a Declaration of principles ; and we approve of the form of de-