

deem it necessary for the welfare of the Diocese, at such time and place as he or they, in summoning such meeting, shall direct.

12. The Bishop, or in the case of his absence or of a vacancy in the See, then such Archdeacon, Commissary, or three clergymen acting as Rural Deans as aforesaid, shall summon a special meeting of the Synod at such time and place as he or they shall in summoning such meeting direct, on a requisition in writing signed by ten of the clerical and a like number of lay members of the Synod, specifying the object of the meeting; provided that no such meeting shall be held until at least six months after the last preceding meeting.

13. Notice of all meetings of the Synod shall be given by advertisement in the *Royal Gazette* for at least one month before such meeting.

14. When the Bishop is present he shall preside at all meetings of the Synod; when the Bishop is not present, the Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Bishop's Commissary shall preside; and in case of the absence of both the Archdeacon and the Bishop's Commissary, the clergy and lay representatives present shall elect a Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting.

15. A Secretary shall be chosen at any meeting of the Synod and he shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Synod. It shall be his duty to keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, and to record them in a book provided for that purpose; to preserve all records, papers, and other documents; to certify the public acts of the Synod; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all property, books and papers relating to the concerns of the Synod which may be in his possession.

16. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution of the Synod, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority of each order, shall lie over till the next meeting of the Synod at which it may be finally adopted.

Moved by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, seconded by the Rev. George Schofield, and

Resolved, That the Declaration of Principles and the Constitution, as amended, be now adopted as the Declaration of Principles and Constitution of this Synod.*

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the "Order of Proceedings" and "Rules for the Preservation of Order" submitted by his Honor the Chief Justice, as set forth in the Appendix hereto; whereupon,

* See Appendix No. IV.

On motion of Mr. W. Wilkinson, Resolved, That the Preservation of Order be the Order of Proceedings. Mr. Wm. M. Jarvis moved that the following be the following Bishop."

CANON

Whereas it is the duty of the Episcopate in the Diocese to preserve the ancient constitution of the Synod made by the Synod of 1844, follows:—

1. The Archdeacon or his Commissary of the late Diocese, or if they are absent, more after a vacancy, any three Rural Deans, shall be summoned for the election of a Chairman, more than ninety days before the meeting of the Synod, which meeting no other business shall be transacted with.

2. The person who shall be elected by ballot, of at least two-thirds of the delegates present at the meeting, shall be deemed elected, and this election shall be the basis of the parties summoned to the Synod, by representative.

3. Any question brought before the Synod shall be submitted to the Metropolitan, who shall be elected, to the Metropolitan, whose decision shall be final.

4. The Synod may elect lay delegates to the Metropolitan of the Diocese, who shall have the power of choosing a Secretary, who shall thereupon be elected.

5. The choice of the Secretary shall be notified in writing to the Metropolitan for the time being, and the Secretary of the Synod shall be elected by the Synod.

* See Appendix No. V.