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To this end your Sub-committee would recommend, (1) That the time for entering the Diaconate should be extended so as to admit persons of the age of twenty-one. (2) That in addition to the usual candidates, men of education and leisure, medical men and schoolmasters, and worthy men engaged in business occupations, having been recommended by the Rector and approved by the communicants of a parish, be accepted by the Bishop as candidates for the Diaconate. (3) That all such candidates for the Diaconate be required to pass an examination in the Holy Scriptures, the Liturgy Offices and Articles, and in Church History so far at least as affects the position of the Church of England with respect to Rome and the other denominations.

Your Sub-committee would recommend that no Deacon have any independent spiritual charge; that no Deacon officiate in any parish or congregation without the express consent of the Incumbent, nor in any case without the assent of the Bishop; and that when officiating he be entirely subject to the directions of the Incumbent.

In itself a permanent Order, your Sub-committee would nevertheless recommend that members of the Diaconate, other than the usual university candidates for the higher degree, may, *under exceptional circumstances*, be advanced to the Priesthood.

All which is respectfully submitted to the Executive Committee of Synod.

JOHN ABBOTT, *Chairman.*

Agreed to so far as the end of the first proposition, viz: admitting regular candidates for the University at the age of twenty-one, and retaining them in the Diaconate at least two years; also as to the undesirableness of confiding the sole charge of a parish to a Deacon.

JOHN AMBROSE.

The Executive Committee recommend the above report with the observation that, it would probably not be competent to the Bishop to act upon the suggestion in the *first* clause, inasmuch as the age of twenty-three is determined by the rubric introductory to the ordination service.

With reference to the subject of separate Schools, the Executive Committee reported that they had appointed a sub-committee "to watch the proceedings of the Legislature on that point, with the special instruction that they are to claim for ourselves equal privileges with those granted to any other religious body in the matter of Education."