

ARTICLE IX.

Of the Central Board.

There shall be a Central Board for the management of the general business of the Society, consisting of the President, the Vice Presidents, and the other Officers of the Society, and a Committee of not less than twelve Clergymen, and not less than twelve Laymen, who shall be chosen annually at the General Meeting of the Society, from among the Members of the Corporation.

The Board shall meet three times a year, alternately at Quebec and Montreal, on the Wednesday nearest to the 15th May, and 10th October, and on the Friday next after the Annual Meeting. In the event of its being found necessary to hold a special meeting of the Board during the winter months, such meeting shall be taken to count as one of the Meetings held alternately between the two cities. The first Meeting thereof shall be held on the 23d day of October, in the present year, at Quebec. Special Meetings may be called by the President, or, in his absence from the Diocese, by two of the Vice Presidents, and four Members of the Board: and not less than seven Members present at any meeting shall form a quorum. When a sufficient number of members to form a quorum shall not assemble on the regular day of the meeting, the members present shall not assemble on the regular day of the meeting, the members present shall have power to adjourn to another day, and so on *toties quoties*, until a quorum shall be found; and business shall and may then be proceeded in.

At all meetings of the Central Board the Chairman, in case of an equality of votes, shall have a double or casting vote.

The Central Board shall have authority to make such rules as may be necessary for the Government of its own affairs, provided that none of them be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the spirit of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE X.

Of District Associations.

In connexion and correspondence with the Central Board, there shall be formed District Associations (except in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, and the Banlieues thereof) to be composed of the Clergy, and all other Members of the Society resident within the bounds of such Districts,—a contribution of 5s. per annum, constituting membership of such District Associations. The District Associations (except as hereinbefore excepted) shall continue as heretofore settled by the Central Board of the Society, before its Incorporation, until otherwise hereafter determined by the Central Board. The senior Clergyman holding a Pastoral Charge within such bounds shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of such Association—they may have a Secretary and Treasurer, and shall meet at such places as they may themselves determine; at one of which meetings the officers shall be appointed and a report of the proceedings of the year read. The District Associations shall have authority to make rules for the government of their own affairs, provided such rules be not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society. They shall report annually to the Central Board, at least one month before the Annual General Meeting of the Society, (and at such other times as the Secretary, on behalf of the Board, shall require) a statement of their proceeding, and a detailed account of all the monies received and expended by them during the year.

It is nevertheless provided that the Chairmen of the District Associations of Quebec and Montreal heretofore existing, shall continue to be Vice Presidents of the Society during the current year until the Annual Meeting in July next.