

NOW THEREFORE your petitioners do humbly pray:

THAT your Honourable House will be pleased to pass such a measure as shall seeme;

1st. The closing of all places for the sale of intoxicating liquors from midnight until six o'clock in the morning on all week days, and during the whole of Sundays;

2nd. That the maximum number of licenses to be issued be fixed, so as to be fewer than at present in proportion to the population.

3rd. That efficient machinery be provided for enforcing such regulations as may be enacted.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, December 19th, 1887. Amongst other correspondence there were read: A letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury, containing a list of the subjects to be discussed at the meeting of the Pan-Anglican Synod. A despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies acknowledging receipt of the Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty the Queen, from the Synod of the Diocese, and a correspondence between the Bishop and Hon. J. W. Trutch, on the subject of the Endowment Fund. After considerable discussion, the following important resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, a sum of money has been raised and collected for the purpose of establishing a fund, to be called the Diocesan Clergy Endowment Fund:

AND WHEREAS the Society for promoting Christian knowledge has agreed to contribute £250 as soon as £1,000 shall be raised.

AND, WHEREAS, it is desirable to increase the sum now collected to the sum of £1,000, and that the control and management of the said Fund, and of all other Funds raised for the general purposes of the Diocese should be vested in a Lay Committee, and that no charge should be imposed on the said Fund, unless with the assent of such Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, until a Formal Trust Deed shall be prepared, Hon. J. W. Trutch and Messrs. W. C. Ward, Innes, Musgrave and M. W. T. Drake shall be appointed Interim Trustees of all monies raised or to be raised for the purposes of the Diocesan Clergy Endowment Fund.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Income to be derived from all monies collected for this Fund shall be accumulated until the sum of £1,000 is made up, and after that time, that the Income shall be appropriated towards the Stipends of one or more Clergymen of this Diocese at the discretion, and under the recommendation, of the Trustees.

The next meeting of the Synod was fixed to take place on the 18th of April, 1888.

COMING EVENTS.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.—Clergy and others are reminded that Sunday, the 19th February, being the first Sunday in