

duty to issue a notice to each of the Clergy of the Diocese informing them of the time and place of the assembling of the Synod, and requesting them to notify the lay Representatives in their respective Parishes or Cures, and cause a notice of the Meeting to be published in the *Royal Gazette* when prescribed; 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.

11. A Treasurer, who shall be a member of the Synod, shall be chosen at any meeting, and he shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Synod. It shall be his duty to receive all payments to the Contingent Fund and other moneys belonging to or collected under authority of the Synod, and to disburse the same as the Synod shall direct; to keep careful accounts of the same and present such accounts to the Synod at each annual meeting; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, or such other person or persons as the Synod may direct, all property, books and papers relating to its concerns which may be in his possession.

12. The Contingent Fund of the Synod shall consist of such annual contribution from each Parish or Cure as the Synod may from time to time direct, and of all other moneys and property belonging to the Synod, and not received or held for any special object or trust.

13. (1) At the annual meeting of the Synod, there shall be elected by ballot four clerical and four lay members of the Synod, who, together with the Bishop Coadjutor and Archdeacon, if any, shall be the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

(2) The Standing Committee shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop of the Diocese or the Bishop Coadjutor may from time to time direct and appoint, and shall aid and advise with the Bishop in the administration of the temporal affairs of the Diocese.

(3) During a vacancy in the See, the Standing Committee shall have full power and authority to manage and administer the temporalities of the Diocese, and to take charge and control of the property and estate vested in trust in the Bishop of Fredericton and his successors.

(4) The Bishop Coadjutor or the Archdeacon, or if there shall be neither Bishop Coadjutor nor Archdeacon, then the clergyman having the largest number of votes at the election of the Committee shall, in the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, be the chairman, and in case of a vacancy of the See, such chairman, or any three members of the Standing Committee, shall be authorized to call the Committee together.