

12. A Clerical and Lay Secretary shall be chosen annually by the Synod from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the next annual meeting of the Synod. Their duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the Synod, to preserve its journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of their successors all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Synod, which may be in their possession; and in case of a vacancy in the See, to summon the Synod for the election of a Bishop.

13. The expenses incurred by the Synod shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Church Society, out of a special fund to be raised by the Church Society for that purpose; all accounts to be laid before the Synod, and when passed, to be signed by the President and Secretaries.

14. No act or resolution shall become law without the concurrence of the Bishop, and a majority of the clergy and laity present, provided, that, ordinarily, the votes of the whole Synod shall be taken collectively, but that at the desire of the Bishop, or at the request of five clergymen, or of five laymen, the votes of each of the above-named orders shall be taken separately.

15. In case of a vacancy in the See, it shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the Synod, within ten days from their knowledge of such vacancy, to give notice thereof to every Clergyman and Lay Representative; and at the same time to summon a meeting of such Clergymen and Lay Representatives, to be held at London, within six weeks, for the election of a Bishop, and to give at least one month's notice thereof. At such meeting for the election of a Bishop, the Senior Dignitary present shall take the chair, and shall vote whether there be an equality of votes or not. The Clergy and Lay Representatives shall vote separately by ballot, and a majority of the votes of each order present shall determine the choice. Provided, always, that it shall be competent for such meeting to postpone the election to such further period as to them shall seem expedient.

16. Every proposition for an alteration in the Constitution or rules of the Synod must be sent to the Executive Committee, to be forwarded to the members of the Synod, and no alteration shall take place unless agreed to by majorities of two-thirds of the clergy and laity respectively.

17. Each congregation, through their clergymen and wardens, shall make an annual statistical report to the Bishop, according to a form to be supplied by the Secretary, under the Bishop's direction; which report shall be forwarded to the Bishop within one month after Easter.