

than three months after such vacancy, for the election of a Bishop, giving two months' notice thereof.

ARTICLE XV.

At all elections held by the Synod, the clergy and lay representatives shall vote by orders, by ballot ; and a majority of the votes of each order shall determine the choice.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any cure which may be hereafter established, being desirous of uniting with the Synod of this Diocese, shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or the Standing Committee stating the due organization of the cure, the election of churchwardens, and their means of support of a minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution of this Diocese, and the Canons of the Synod thereof ; and at the Synod next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Synod for its decision thereon. Should the Synod make a favourable decision, the cure shall then be considered as in union, and entitled to all the privileges of the same.

ARTICLE XVII.

In the event of a General Assembly or Synod being hereafter established, it shall be the duty of the Diocesan Synod, at its first meeting thereafter, to elect such number of delegates as shall be deemed necessary to represent the Diocese in such General Assembly or Synod ; provided, always, that one half, at least, of such representatives shall be laymen.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Any proposition for amending or altering this Constitution, must be introduced in writing, and leave obtained for the consideration of the same at the next meeting of the Synod ; and, if then approved by majorities of not less than two-thirds of the Clergy and Lay delegates respectively, it shall be adopted.