

"but when such act or resolution," &c., in the end of the clause, as it now appears in the Constitution as adopted, be inserted. This addition was agreed upon unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Denroche moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lett.

That the latter part of clause 14, commencing with the word "excepting," be expunged and a new clause, to be numbered 16, be adopted and read thus: "Whenever a meeting of Clergy and Lay Representatives shall be held for the election of a Bishop, the nomination shall proceed from two-thirds of the Clergy, and shall be confirmed by two-thirds of the Laity, reckoned by parishes represented therein."

H. C. Baker, Esq., moved in amendment, seconded by the Rev. J. Shortt,

That after the word "Bishop," the rest of the clause shall be omitted, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "A majority of two-thirds of the Clergy, and of two-thirds of the Lay Representatives voting by parishes, shall be required to concur in an election."

A division being called for, the amendment was put, and 38 voted for it. Rev. Mr. Denroche's motion being put, it was declared to be carried by a majority of one.

Thereupon it was moved by H. C. Baker, Esq., seconded by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, and carried unanimously.

"That this rule shall stand over until the next meeting of the Synod."

The Constitution was then unanimously approved.

Dr. Bovell, seconded by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, moved.

That this Synod having incurred expenses, it is necessary they be defrayed, therefore an assessment of £5 on city churches, £3 on town churches, £1 on rural congregations, be levied, to be devoted solely to the expenses of the Synod. Carried.

Moved by Rev. F. Fauquier, seconded by Dr. Bovell, and carried unanimously,

That George W. Allan, Esq., be requested to act in the capacity of Treasurer of the Synod.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, seconded by Rev. St. George Caulfield, moved for an adjournment which was carried.

At half-past 3 the Synod again met.

The Secretary was called upon to read the articles on the order of proceedings, proposed by the Committee. They were carried seriatim with but trifling alterations.

The rules for the preservation of order were then read seriatim, and with a few verbal alterations adopted.

The articles for the formation and regulation of Committees were then read and concurred in *nem. con.*

The Lord Bishop then announced the following to be the Constitution of the Synod, and the rules for its government.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese; of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls, or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, and not under ecclesiastical censure; and of Lay-representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay-representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of 21 years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter Meetings, held by each minister, having a separate cure of souls, and all lay-men within the cure of 21 years of age or upwards, who shall have declared themselves in writing to be "members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.

3. The minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election; and in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or a chairman elected by a majority of those present.

4. The number of representatives to be elected within any cure shall be one or more, not exceeding three in number.

5. Each representative shall receive from the minister or chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have been members of the Synod, but have become supernumerated in consequence of age or *infirmity*, may continue to attend the meetings of the Synod, and vote therein.

8. The Bishop shall appoint the time and place of meeting, and adjourn, prorogue or dissolve the Synod, as may appear most for the welfare of the Diocese.

9. When the Bishop is not present, he shall appoint his deputy, being a dignitary or senior clergyman of the Diocese, to preside in his place; and upon a vacancy in the See, the senior Archdeacon, or the senior Rural Dean, shall summon a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives, and preside.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of both clergy and lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two Secretaries, one from the clergy the other from the laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall attest the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority; and two Auditors, who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The expenses of the Synod shall be provided for by assessment upon the different parishes, by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

14. No act or resolution of the Synod shall be valid without the concurrence of the Bishop, and of the majority both of the clergy and of the laity present and voting at the meeting; but when such act or resolution shall be objected to by either of the three estates, a vote shall be taken thereon by separate chambers, and if difference still subsists when such vote is so taken, then the subject under consideration shall stand over for further consideration to the ensuing Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitution, regulations, rules of order or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if again approved by majorities, consisting of two-thirds of both clergy and laity, it shall be adopted.

II.—ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. The first meeting of the Synod in each Session shall be preceded by public Morning Prayer and the Holy Communion, accompanied by a sermon, and the collection at the offertory shall be devoted to missionary or other purposes, at the direction of the Synod. Public morning and evening prayer shall likewise be held on every day of the Synod.

2. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the divine guidance

and blessing, according to a form authorized by the Bishop.

3. After this prayer, the clerical Secretary last elected shall call over the roll of the clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance; and the lay Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes, when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary and a committee of two to be appointed for that purpose, and, where found satisfactory, the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the clergy and laity respectively, and a Treasurer and two Auditors shall be appointed; all of which officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be appointed.

5. After this on the first day, and on all other days after prayers, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1.) Reading, correcting, and approving the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- (2.) Appointing Committees.
- (3.) Presenting, reading, and referring Memorials and Petitions.
- (4.) Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and Auditors.
- (5.) Giving notice of motions.
- (6.) Taking up unfinished business.
- (7.) Consideration of motions.
6. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

III.—RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.

2. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.

3. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or committees) unless seconded, and (when required) reduced to writing. To prevent surprise, no motion except in course, shall be considered till the succeeding day of meeting.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without asking and receiving permission from the Chair.

5. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

6. Motions to adjourn or to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

7. When a motion has been read to the Synod by the Secretary, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the Chair.

8. Each member shall have the right to require at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.

9. A member called to order whilst speaking shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.

10. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair.

11. All amendments to a motion shall be considered in the order in which they are moved.

12. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made, but no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order, yet a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

13. All amendments to any question or amendment shall be decided or before the question or motion on which they arise is proposed for decision.