

IX.—SUBDIVISIONS OF DIOCESES.

The Provincial Synod may subdivide any of the existing dioceses when it shall appear necessary, provided that the Bishop of the diocese consents. The Bishop shall choose which portion of the divided diocese he shall retain, and the appointment of a Bishop for the other portion shall rest with the Archbishop of Canterbury, unless there are within the limits of the said portion at least twelve Clergymen who are supported either by endowment or by their congregations, in which case a Synod shall be called together consisting of the clergy of the said portion and delegates elected by the parishes within its bounds according to the rules of the diocese before its subdivision, and the said Synod shall elect a Bishop in such manner as the constitution of the undivided diocese may direct. The Bishop of the undivided diocese shall call together and preside over the said meeting of Synod.

X.—ASSISTANT BISHOPS.

In the event of application being made by any of the Bishops for the appointment of an assistant Bishop on the ground of age or infirmity having rendered him incapable of fully performing the duties of his office, the Provincial Synod shall decide upon the application, and in the event of its being granted the assistant shall be appointed by the same rule and under the same conditions as those laid down for the appointment of Diocesan Bishops, and on the vacancy of the See the assistant Bishop shall have the right of succession as Diocesan Bishop, provided that in the case of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, so long as it continues to be the Metropolitan See, the assistant Bishop, if allowed as aforesaid by the Provincial Synod, shall be elected by the House of Bishops of this Province, and shall have no right of succession on the vacancy of the See. Every assistant Bishop shall have a seat in the House of Bishops, but he shall only be entitled to a vote in the absence of the Bishop of the diocese.

XI.—FUNCTIONS OF THE METROPOLITAN.

The Functions of the Metropolitan of the Church of this Province are :—

1st.—To convoke and preside over the meetings of the Provincial Synod.

2nd.—To convoke and preside over the House of Bishops when it meets as a Court for the trial of a cause or for hearing an appeal.

In the absence of the Metropolitan the senior Bishop present shall preside over the meetings of the Provincial Synod and House of Bishops.