

further action thereon shall be by motion as in other business.

23. To facilitate the despatch of business, and insure a more effectual consideration of matters to be discussed in Synod, there shall be an executive committee to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and to consist of 12 members, one half thereof to be chosen from among the clergy, and the other half from among the lay representatives of the Synod; the election to be as in the the case of committees, and for a period extending from the adjournment of one Synod to the meeting of the next.

24. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to prepare in due form all such matters as the Bishop, or any member of the Synod, clerical or lay,—the committee concurring,—may desire to have brought before the Synod, and to issue a circular, under the directions of the Bishop, stating the nature of the business for the ensuing Synod, and the order in which such business will be discussed. The circular to be forwarded to each clergyman and parish one month before the meeting of the Synod.

Subjects recommended by the Executive Committee to be brought under the consideration of the Synod at its meeting.

Your committee would recommend that, after the consideration of motions (Election of Bishops, Standing Committee,) of which notices had been given at the last meeting of the Synod, the following subjects should be submitted to the Synod, viz:

a. Proposed by the Dean of Montreal.
1. The propriety of Petitioning the Legislature for such modification of the act for registration of Marriages, Baptisms and Funerals as will make the signature of the Clergyman to each act alone sufficient.

2. To take such measures as may be requisite for the issue of marriage licenses by the Bishop instead of the present mode of issuing them, and so put the Protestants on a similar footing with Roman Catholics in this respect.

b. Suggested by Thos. Russell Roberts, Esq. Philipsburg:

That the Vestry of every charge or parish represented in this body shall hereafter be required to furnish a suitable book or books in which shall be enregistered the names of all persons who are members of that Church in full communion, with the date of their first communion, and that this Register shall be in all cases kept by the Clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish, and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or in his absence by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

c. Recommended by the Rev. T. Burt.

The adoption of a rule to regulate the vacating of the parsonage house, lands, &c. of any mission or parish in the Diocese, on the resignation of the Incumbent thereof, so making provision for the incoming minister on his presentation.

d Recommended by the Rev. G. De Courcy O'Grady.

That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the maintenance and repairs of fences and buildings on Church properties in this Diocese, and to make rules and regulations concerning what portion of the repairs of parsonage houses, &c., shall be made by the Incumbent and what part by the parish, and to devise means for the enlargement or renewal, where necessary, of buildings on Church lands, and for the protection of globe lands.

(Signed)

G. MOFFATT,

Chairman of Executive Committee.

Montreal, 8th May, 1860.

The above report was then considered clause by clause.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1st clause carried, with the insertion of "with a sermon, inserted after the word "prayer," in lieu of "accompanied by a sermon."

2, 3, carried.

4. With the addition of the words "to be elected by ballot, if demanded and shall," after the word "shall."

5. Carried.

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1, 2, 3, 4. Carried.

5. With the insertion of the words "the clerical members to be habited in gowns and bands," after the word "uncovered."

6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Carried.

12. With the insertion of the words "a written" after the word "by."

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19. Carried.

REGARDING COMMITTEES.

20, 21, 22. Carried.

23 It was moved in amendment by the Hon. Judge McCord, that members desirous of submitting any measure for the consideration of the Synod shall send in to the clerical or lay secretary at least two months before the meeting of the Synod, a written notice of motion, to be communicated to the clergy and lay delegates and the notice of all other reports and matters to be brought forward. Lost.

Amendment moved by Mr. HUNTINGDON, seconded by Rev. G. DeCOURCY O'GRADY, that the words "to be presided over by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and," be expunged from the 23rd rule. Carried.

24th. Amendment moved by ARCHDEACON GILSON, seconded by Mr. ROBERTS, that the words "the committee concurring," and the words "under the directions of the Bishop," be omitted. Carried.

It was also resolved that the following words be inserted, "all notices of motions intended to be brought before the next Synod, shall be sent in to the clerical secretary at least six weeks before the day of meeting, and it shall be," &c.

It was moved by the Hon G. MOFFATT, seconded by Rev. C. WETHERALL, and resolved, that the report as amended be adopted.

The following report was presented by the Hon Judge McCord, Chairman of the Finance Committee:

"The Finance Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of the better sustentation of the Church, the increase of existing endowments, the dilapidation of Church property, and the best means of providing for the expenses of the Diocesan Synod, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That the minimum salary of the Clergy should be \$800.

2. That not less than one half of the above amount shall be raised by the parishioners.

3. That the contributions of the parishioners shall be collected by the Churchwardens of such parish.

4. Such contributions to be for no shorter period than three years.

5. These contributions to be paid over by the Churchwardens to the Clergyman, who shall report the same to the Church Society or Synod.

6. That a Sustentation Fund be raised—1st, by an annual sermon, to be preached in each Parish and Mission, by the direction of the Lord Bishop; 2ndly, by voluntary contributions; and, in addition, each Mission is earnestly recommended to create a local endowment fund.

7. That the Synod do apply to the Legislature to repeal any Statute or Statutes which now prevent the payment of fees for marriage licenses to the Bishop of the Diocese; and that the right to receive the same be reinvested in the Bishop, and the proceeds thereof to form a portion of the Sustentation Fund.

8. That the expenses of the Synod, such as printing, &c., be defrayed by the ordinary collection made in each parish or mission on the Sunday preceding the meeting of Synod.

9. That all repairs and dilapidations of Church property shall be defrayed by each parish individually.

J. S. McCORD,

June 19, 1860.

Chairman F. C.

It was resolved on the motion of the Rev. J. Scott, that the report be received, printed, and circulated.

The following report was read by the Venerable Archdeacon Gilson, Chairman of the Committee on the Organization of Parishes.

The Committee appointed at the first meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal "to inquire into the subject of the better Organization of Parishes and Missions and the forming new Ecclesiastical districts, due regard being had to all the legal claims of existing Incumbents, beg permission to report, that they have directed their attention to the two subjects marked out for their consideration in the instructions which they received from the Synod.

The first of those objects is the better organization of existing Parishes and Missions.

In respect to this the Committee suggest:

I. That in order to distinguish between Parishes and Missions, it be enacted by the Synod, that no Ecclesiastical division be considered a parish unless it include within its limits a Church and Parsonage, and provide within itself at least one-half of the stipend of the clergyman who is its Incumbent; and further, that no such parish be considered a Rectory until the whole of the stipend of the Incumbent is raised within its limits. Provided always that it be understood that this resolution is not to be regarded as affecting parishes erected by Letters Patent from the Crown.

II. That in order to secure the better organization of Parishes and Missions now existing in the Diocese, it is in the opinion of the Committee desirable that the Diocese should be divided into Rural Deaneries, and that for this object the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to take steps for the formation of such Deaneries.

III That it be directed by the Synod that the Clergymen and Churchwardens resident within each rural deanery do, within six months of the adjournment of the Diocesan Synod, or as soon after as practicable, hold a conference or conferences for the purpose of arranging and defining by mutual agreement the boundaries of their respective Parishes or Cures, and report the same to the Lord Bishop for his consideration, and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes or Cures aforesaid. And that the Bishop cause a report of the same to be laid before the Synod at the next ensuing meeting.

IV. That in cases where the boundaries cannot be arranged by such mutual agreement, then the Bishop be requested to issue a commission to two Clergymen and two Laymen, none of whom shall be locally connected with such Parishes or Cures, directing and authorising them to investigate the merits of the case and decide thereon, and to report their decision to the Lord Bishop for his consideration; and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared shall be the boundaries of the Parishes or Cures aforesaid.

The second object to which the Committee have directed their attention is the making provision for the division of existing parishes and for the creation of new missions.

In respect to this, the Committee beg to propose the adoption of the following regulations to