

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.—The Association shall be composed of Laity of the respective Parishes of St. Paul, St. George, St. Luke,—Halifax, and Christ Church, Dartmouth; and of any Parishes, Ecclesiastical or Parochial Districts that are or may be formed within their limits as at present recognized; but may admit under certain restrictions, life members and honorary members, without the limits of the Parishes thus enumerated.

ART. II.—The Association shall in nowise interfere with the system of the Church, or with her government and discipline; shall pay all due respect to ecclesiastical authority; shall entertain no questions of doctrine; shall not regard the various opinions that may exist among Churchmen; shall not connect itself with any particular party in the Church; shall not seek to know its members otherwise than as sincere Churchmen and consistent Christians,—“forbearing one another in love: endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.”

ART. III.—The following Declaration shall head the list of members, and be subscribed by each of them:—

“As a member of the Church Lay Association of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, I acknowledge by my signature that I belong to the Church of England as organized in Nova Scotia.”

ART. IV.—There shall be no discussion or controversy within the Association, or at any of its formal meetings, on the various questions of doctrine or observance that may exist among Churchmen; and any violation of this rule, when brought to the notice of the Council, shall (if so decided by the Council) subject the offender to expulsion from the Association.

ART. V.—The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Wednesday in February, at 6 p. m., at which all accounts shall be passed for settlement, other necessary business transacted, the Council elected by ballot,