

be unable to attend, or shall refuse to preside at any such meeting, the persons qualified to vote and present at the same may appoint a Chairman and proceed to the election.

(9) Public notice of every such meeting, whether ordinary or special, shall be given at the next previous Sunday service, and also by a notice written or printed, affixed to the door of each Church or Chapel-of-Ease in the Parish, or of the Cathedral, at least ten days before the day of such meeting, specifying the time and place for the same.

(10) All male persons of the age of twenty-one years, being either pew-holders or stated attendants at the public worship of the Church of England in some Church or Chapel-of-Ease, or some other place licensed for public worship in connection therewith by the Bishop of the Diocese within the Parish for which the election is held, for six months next preceding the election, and having been regular contributors to the funds of the Church in the said Parish, and in the case of the Cathedral having been stated attendants at public worship therein for the like period, and regular contributors to the funds of the same, shall be entitled to vote for lay Representatives and Substitutes; provided that before any person shall be permitted to vote, he shall, if required by the Chairman or any person present entitled to vote at such meeting, make and subscribe the following declaration: "I, A. B., do declare that I am a member of the Church of England, and belong to no other religious denomination, and that I am duly qualified to vote, as provided by the Constitution of the Synod."

(11) It shall be the duty of the Chairman at every meeting held for the election of lay Representatives, immediately thereafter to forward to the Secretary of the Synod the certificate of such election (A. B.), and the Secretary shall examine and preserve such certificates, and report to the Synod when it assembles the names of the lay Representatives and Substitutes who shall appear to be duly elected, together with the said certificates.

(12) The lay Representative and Representatives for any Parish and their Substitutes shall not be entitled to sit in or take part in any meeting of the Synod until the annual payment required from such Parish to the Contingent Fund of the Synod shall have been made, and such payment shall have been certified by the Treasurer, or by the Bishop or other person presiding at such meeting.

3. The quorum required for the transaction of any business in the Synod shall consist of not less than one fourth of the whole number of qualified Clergymen of the Diocese, and of not less than one fourth of the number of lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Secretary of the Synod; but any lesser number shall have power to adjourn from time to time until a quorum can be obtained.