

that they must be careful to return themselves as belonging to the "Church of England." "Certain it is that under any circumstances, we shall be found but a small minority, but we know that numbers are no test of truth. I do believe, however, that our grain of mustard seed is growing and expanding, and if we be not faithless but believing, we may yet look for great and continual increase, while we bear witness for the faith once for all declared to the saints, and strive to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and righteousness of life."

The minutes of the last meeting were then confirmed and signed by the Lord Bishop.

The following report was presented by Hon. G. Moffatt, and read by the Secretary:

The Executive Committee appointed in conformity with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Synod, "to draw up rules for governing the order of proceedings and for the preservation of order at the future meetings of the Synod, and to devise a plan for arranging all the business to be brought forward at the next meeting, and to make the necessary preparations for holding the same," beg leave to report.

That having considered the subjects referred to them, they now submit a series of rules and regulations; *firstly*, to establish the order of proceedings at meetings of the Synod; *secondly*, for the preservation of order in its deliberations, and *thirdly*, regarding committees.

With regard to the second subject of reference, the Committee have to state that on the 20th of January last, they addressed a circular to the Clergyman of each parish or mission in the Diocese, to be by him communicated to the lay delegate thereof, inviting them to transmit to the committee, on or before the first Tuesday in April, any proposals of business which they desired to have brought before the Synod at its next meeting.—up to that date only three proposals were received, and the time for receiving them, was, in consequence, extended to the 1st May, of which notice was given by circular as before. The communications addressed to the committee accompany this report, and a list of the subjects recommended to be brought under the consideration of the Synod is appended to it.

On the third and last subject in the order of reference, the committee report that they engaged the lecture room of Bonaventure Hall for the present meeting of the Synod, but in consequence of its having been subsequently let for a theatre, of which the committee was only apprised on Wednesday last, the engagement was cancelled, and arrangements made for the room in which the Synod is now assembled, at the rate of three dollars per day for the time it may be required. The sessions of the Synod to be held in day light.

The committee further report, that the rules and regulations and the list of subjects recommended to be brought under the consideration of the Synod have been printed for general convenience; and that on the 8th ult., a circular was addressed, under the directions of the Bishop, to the several clergymen of the Diocese, with copies of the papers for the use of themselves and the lay delegates. All which is respectfully submitted.

G. MOFFATT,
Chairman

Montreal, 19th June, 1860.

It was moved by the Hon G. Moffatt that the report be received

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 ser-

mon; and the collection at the offertory shall be devoted to missionary or such other purposes as the Synod may direct.

2. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorised by the Bishop.

3. After this prayer, the clerical secretary 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, missions or cures, when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by the secretary and a committee of two to be named by the chairman 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:—

- 1st Reading, correcting, and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2nd Appointing Committees.
- 3rd Presenting, reading and referring memorials and petitions.
- 4th Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and the Auditors.
- 5th Giving notice of motions.
- 6th Taking up unfinished business.
- 7th Consideration of motions.
- 8th Orders of the day.

An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. The Synod shall meet the first day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and afterwards at 10 o'clock each forenoon during its session, unless otherwise ordered by the Synod. And when it adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the chairman leaves the chair.

2. On the appearance of a quorum, fixed by the Constitution of the Synod at one-fourth of the whole number of the Clergy and Lay Representatives respectively, the chairman shall call the Synod to order; and should there not be a quorum at the appointed hour, the chairman is authorised to adjourn the meeting during pleasure.

3. Immediately after the chairman shall have taken the chair, the meeting shall be opened by prayer, according to a form authorised by the Bishop, and the minutes of the preceding meeting shall then be read, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Synod.

4. The chairman shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Synod, to be decided without debate. When called upon to explain a point of order, he shall state the rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

5. Members of the Synod shall sit uncovered. Every member before speaking shall rise from his seat and address himself to the chair. When two or more members rise at the same time the chairman shall name the member that is first to speak.

6. When the chairman is putting a question, no member shall walk out of or across the house; nor when a member is speaking shall any member hold discourse to interrupt him, except to order, nor pass between him and the chair, and every member present when a question is put shall be required to vote on the same. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

7. No member, save the mover of a motion who is entitled to reply, shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

8. A member may, of right, require the motion in discussion to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking.

9. A member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Synod if appealed to shall decide the case, but without debate. If there be an appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

10. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen, or of any of the Royal Family, nor use improper language against the proceedings of the Synod, or against particular members thereof, nor speak beside the question in debate.

11. The chairman may at any time desire the Synod to be cleared of strangers, and may suspend the debate then in progress until the Synod be so cleared.

12. No motion shall be put or debated unless the same be in writing and seconded: nor shall any motion preface by preamble be received by the chair.

13. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but such motion, as well as motions to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

14. All questions shall be put to the Synod in the order in which they are moved.

15. After a motion has been read from the chair it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Synod, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with the permission of the Synod.

16. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received by the chair unless to amend it, or postpone it to a certain day, or to lay it on the table, or for adjournment; and no more than one amendment to a proposed amendment of a motion shall be in order.

17. On a division the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be recorded in the minutes, if required by three members. And a question once determined shall not be brought up again the same session, without the unanimous consent of the Synod.

18. Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the Synod shall be presented by a member in his place, who shall be answerable to the Synod that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

19. In order to expedite the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several vestries in the Diocese, or where there is no vestry clerk, the chairman of the meeting, shall send to the lay secretary of the Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the lay delegates elected at any meeting held for that purpose, and the lay secretary of this Synod shall attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the names of said lay delegates.

REGARDING COMMITTEES.

20. All special committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered, and in such cases the election shall be by ballot. They shall appoint their own chairman, and a majority of the number named or elected shall be a quorum, competent to proceed to business.

21. The reports of committees shall be in writing, signed by the chairman, who, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion, of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

22. Reports of committees shall be received in course, unless ordered to be recommitted, but