

The Rev. J. Hinchliffe was elected a member of the Executive Committee in place of the Rev. R. M. Webb-Peploe, who has left the Diocese.

The meeting then adjourned to meet on July 2nd, the Bishop closing with the Benediction.

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### **THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.**

In the February number of the Magazine we reported that the Executive Committee had considered the question of the meeting of Synod this year, and had decided that a meeting was not necessary; unless some unforeseen contingency should arise. This contingency has arisen, and the Synod is summoned to meet in Calgary on Wednesday, the 30th. day of July, and following days.

The Synod is the governing body of the Church in this Diocese. It is an incorporated body, under an Ordinance of the North West Territories; and is composed of the Bishop, the Clergy licensed by him, and representatives of the laity, called Lay Delegates. The Lay Delegates are elected by male Communicants of each Parish, at a meeting of Communicants summoned for the purpose; and the number elected depends on the number of communicants (male and female) on the roll of the Parish. Any congregation having over 6 Communicants on the roll may send one Delegate; if the number exceeds 40 it may send two; and three if the number exceeds 100. To become valid every act or resolution of the Synod must receive the assent of the Bishop and a majority of the votes of the members present; in the case of two members desiring it the vote must be taken of the Clergy and Lay Delegates separately, when a majority of the votes of each order is required.

It will be seen from the above that the Laity have a very large share in the temporal government of the Church, and we