

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30th April, 1875.

At the last meeting of Synod the following resolutions were referred to your Committee, with power to act upon them if approved by the Committee:—

“That two Clerical and two Lay members of the Synod be appointed on motion to take the votes of the members of the Synod.

“That a ballot box or boxes shall be provided to receive the votes. That upon each member of the Synod depositing his vote, a mark shall be placed opposite his name on the roll of the order to which he belongs, and that upon the requisition of any three members of the Synod, the number of votes deposited shall be compared with the number of those who have voted upon the occasion. The scrutineers shall hand over the votes to the Secretaries of the Synod, whose duty it shall be to preserve them until the election shall be completed, and then destroy them at the end of the session.

“That in order to secure greater order and despatch in receiving and scrutinizing the ballots required by the Constitution of Synod, a Committee be appointed to frame, under the approval of the Executive Committee, instructions for the guidance of Scrutineers, and also such ruled and printed forms as they may deem expedient,—the Committee to consist of the Honorary Secretaries and Rev Septimus Jones, M.A.

“That in future meetings of the Synod of this Diocese, or so long as any members of the Executive Committee are elected by ballot, the ballot for election of said members, and also that for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, be taken at the same time.

“That the Executive Committee be requested to insert in the Annual Order of Proceedings of Synod such rules and regulations for the better observance of quiet and general order as they shall deem expedient.”

Your Committee having given the above resolutions their careful consideration have adopted the following regulations, and beg leave to recommend them for adoption by the Synod, viz:—

1. “That the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod, and of the elective members of the Executive Committee, shall take place at one time; that such time shall be at one o'clock in the afternoon of the second day; that the Synod shall adjourn on that day from 1 to 3, during which adjournment the election shall take place; and that the ballot shall close at 3 o'clock.

“That the Bishop be requested to announce his nominations to the Executive Committee immediately after the announcement of the Court on Contested Seats.

2. “That there shall be two Assessors. One Clerical, (one of the Archdeacons), the other a Layman, to be elected by the Synod immediately after the election of the Secretary-Treasurer. Their duty shall be to see that the rules of order are preserved, and that order is kept during the Session.

3. “That all the seats be numbered. That each member select a number, and occupy that seat during the session, and not address the Synod, except from that seat.”

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. J. GRASETT, *Chairman.*

SYNOD OFFICE, June 22nd, 1875.