

the Laity, by their representatives, duly elected, have attended at the time appointed ;

Therefore Resolved, that we, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, members of the Church of England in this Province, do hereby accept the said Act of Incorporation, and agree to become incorporated thereunder.

His Honor the Chief Justice then read a draft of a Declaration of Principles, Constitution, Order of Proceedings, and Rules for the Preservation of Order in the Synod, and it was moved by his Honor the Chief Justice, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, as follows : Resolved, that the Declaration, Constitution, Order of Proceedings, and Rules for the Preservation of Order, as now read, be adopted as the Declaration, Constitution, Order of Proceedings, and Rules for the Preservation of Order, of this Synod.

To which it was moved, as an amendment, by Mr. James R. Ruel, seconded by Mr. William M. Jarvis, That the proposed Constitution be taken up section by section ; and on the question being taken on the amendment, it passed in the affirmative.

The following " Declaration of Principles," having been submitted to and considered by the Synod, was then adopted :

#### DECLARATION.

We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon all such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese, desire, in the first place, for the avoiding of all misunderstanding, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue to be, as it has been, in full communion with the Churches of England and Ireland. We recognize the Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by those Churches, to be the Word of God. We acknowledge the Book of Common Prayer, together with the Thirty-nine Articles of religion, to be a true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture. And we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and to transmit them, unimpaired, to our posterity.

The Synod then proceeded to consider the proposed Constitution, when the first article thereof being read as follows :

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the