

*Of a Clergyman absenting himself from the Diocese.*

11. When a Clergyman has been absent from the Diocese during twelve months, without reasons satisfactory to the Bishop thereof, he shall be required by the Bishop to declare in writing the cause or causes of his absence; and if he refuse to give his reasons, or if these be deemed insufficient by the Bishop, the Bishop may suspend him from the ministry; which suspension shall continue, until he give in writing sufficient reasons for his absence, or until he shall renew his residence in the Diocese.

12. (48.) No Curate or Minister shall be permitted to serve in any place without examination and admission of the Bishop; *nor shall any coming from another diocese be admitted to serve without testimony in writing of the Bishop of the Diocese* whence they come, of their honesty, ability, and conformity to the *doctrine and discipline* of the Church.

13. (49.) No person whatever, not examined and approved by the Bishop of the diocese, or not already licensed for a Preacher, shall take upon him to expound any scripture or matter of doctrine; but shall only study to read plainly and aptly the Homilies set forth by lawful authority, *or such other sermons as may be approved by the Bishop or Curate.*

14. (50.) *No Minister shall suffer any person to preach in his Church or Church-yard, whom he does not believe on sufficient ground to be in Holy Orders in the United Church of England and Ireland, or some Church in communion with the same, and not under ecclesiastical censure; and any Churchwarden, having doubts thereof, may require any stranger to exhibit his license.*

15. (52.) That the Bishop may understand (if occasion so require) what sermons are made in every church of his Diocese, and who presume to preach without License, the Churchwardens shall see that the names of all preachers which come to their Church from any other place be noted in a book, which they shall have ready for that purpose;