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12th. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, such vote being determined by the majority of the members present and voting in each order. And no act or resolution of the Diocesan Synod shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity.

NOTE.—At the second session the Synod resolved, that all members of the Synod present be required to vote on every question.

13th. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-Nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-Nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 12, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

14th. There shall be two Secretaries, one chosen by the Clergy, the other by the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod.

15th. The ordinary meetings of the Synod shall be biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archdeacon) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion.

16th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it was proposed, and if approved by a majority shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if then again approved by majorities consisting of not less than two-thirds of both Clergy and Lay Represen-

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