

APPENDIX G.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTION

OF THE

DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON,

As amended and approved by a unanimous vote of both Orders at the Session of the Synod in July, A. D. 1885, and finally adopted A. D. 1886.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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 Church of England. We hold the Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by that Church, 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.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop Coadjutor, if any, the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese, duly licensed by the Bishop, and resident in the same; and of lay Representatives, or their Substitutes, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. (1) The lay Representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, and of the age of twenty-one years, and residents in the parish for which they are elected, or stated attendants at some Church or Chapel-of-Ease within the same.

(2) Each Parish shall be entitled to elect one Representative; but when the number of pew-holders or stated attendants in a Parish, or Cure, entitled to vote, shall exceed forty, such Parish or Cure shall be entitled to elect two Representatives; and in such case, the Chairman of the meeting at which they were elected shall certify that such Parish or Cure is entitled to elect two Representatives.