

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

1st. Periodical meetings shall be held, composed of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of this Diocese; and their assembly constituted as hereafter provided, shall be called "The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia."

2nd. Every Clergyman in the Diocese, duly licensed by the Bishop, shall have a seat in the Synod, Presbyters alone having the right of voting. The Laity shall appear by their Representatives.

3rd. An election of Representatives shall take place at the Easter meeting held in each Parish or Ecclesiastical District next before each ordinary meeting of the Synod, and on the same day in each district, which may be entitled to elect Representatives under Rule 9th. Within 30 days after election the chairman shall send the names of the Delegates to the Registrar. The Parishes shall have the liberty of choosing their Representatives from any part of the Diocese.

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session :

"That attention be directed to the difficulty which has arisen in some cases in consequence of the election of the same person by two or more parishes, and that the chairman of every meeting, at which a non-resident may be elected, should take care to communicate the election immediately to the person so elected, with a request that he will state without delay whether he can undertake to perform the duties of the office to which he has been appointed."

4th. In any Parish or Mission where, in consequence of a vacancy in the incumbency, or the absence of the Minister, no Easter meeting has been held, it shall be lawful for the late Church Wardens or three members of the late Vestry, to summon a meeting, giving due notice of the same, for the purpose of electing delegates for the next session of the Diocesan Synod.

5th. At the regular election of Synodical Representatives *provisional* Representatives may be elected.

6th. The Representatives of the Laity must be at least twenty-one years of age, having been communi-

cants for the twelve years next before the meeting of the Synod, or District of which he is a member, or the following declaration, "I am a member of the Union of the Church of England, and belong to the Parish of _____"

7th. Each Representative shall receive a certificate from the Chairman of the Synod, or, if elected, a certificate from the Minister in office until his successor is elected.

NOTE.—At the second meeting of the Synod, the Minister, in the above certificate, shall receive the Holy Communion, and land who can certify that he is a member of the Union of the Church of England, and belongs to the Parish of _____"

8th. If a vacancy occurs in the Representatives, the Chairman shall give notice of a new election, and in the meantime the Church Wardens or three members of the late Vestry, should there be no warden, may summon a meeting for the purpose of electing delegates for the next session of the Diocesan Synod.

9th. Each parish shall be placed under the care of one or more than the Rectory.

10th. Each Parish shall be assessed for the purpose of the Synod, and the assessed is amount of the representative shall be as the dues of his parish, or upwards in arrears.

11th. The quorum of the Synod shall be the whole number of the members of the Diocese, and of the laity shall have been certified as members of the Union of the Church of England, and belong to the Parish of _____"