

ARTICLE III.

Lay Delegates.

1. The Lay Delegates shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, and of, at least, the age of twenty-one years. Two, at least, of the Delegates, where three are appointed and one where two are appointed; and one where only one is appointed, shall be on the elected roll of the Parish appointing them.

Provided that it shall be competent for the Synod to deal specially with cases where there have not been sufficient opportunities of Communion during the year.

2. The number of Lay Delegates from each Parish or Missionary District shall not be more than three. Where there is a Mission Church, served by a Curate from the Mother Church, there shall be one Lay Delegate; should, however, the registered voters of such Mission Church exceed fifty, there may be two, should they exceed one hundred, there may be three lay delegates.

3. All *male* baptised persons of the age of eighteen years or over, having been accustomed attendants at the Church or one of the Churches of the Parish, for which the election is held, for a period of not less than three months previous to the election, shall be qualified to vote for Lay Delegates, on making and subscribing the Declarations hereinafter provided. But no person shall be on the Electoral Roll of two separate churches at one and the same time.

4. The election of Lay Delegates shall be held annually at the Easter Vestry meeting; at which the Incumbent shall preside, or in his absence some person chosen by the electors present from their own number. In case of more than the requisite number of candidates being nominated, the vote shall be by ballot.

In case of vacancy occurring in the representation of any Parish by death, resignation or refusal to act, such vacancy shall be filled at a special Vestry meeting called for the pur-