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with kind regards
from St. Newfoundland*

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Temple, R.
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Phelps, J. F.
Darrell, J.
Godden, J.
Kirby, W.
Botwood, E.
Machin, C. J.
Taylor, R. H.
Wood, A. C.
Chamberlain,
Noel, J. M.
Shears, W. C.
Pilot, W.
Murray, F. R.
Goode, T. A.
Cragg, J. G.

The following Lay
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Rules) of the Constitution

MISSIONS.

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Bay of Islands ...
Belleoram ...

Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland.

THE Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland assembled for its Fourth Session under the Presidency of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in the Cathedral School Room, in St. John's, on Wednesday, June 18th, 1879, at 7.50 P. M., and continued its sittings until Monday, June 30.

The following Clergymen were present at the Synod :—

White, W. K. Bayley, A. E. C. Harvey, J. C. Temple, R. Cunningham, J. Colley, E. Phelps, J. F. Darrell, J. Godden, J. Kirby, W. Botwood, E. Machin, C. J. Taylor, R. H. Wood, A. C. F. Chamberlain, G. S. Noel, J. M. Shears, W. C. Pilot, W. Murray, F. R. Goode, T. A. Cragg, J. G.	Netten, T. Smith, W. R. Meek, C. Bishop, G. H. Bishop, J. Warren, A. C. Netten, W. Winsor, A. S. H. Curling, J. J. Ellingham, C. Massiah, T. P. Heygate, A. Waghorne, A. Dunfield, H. Hewitt, J. Payne, C. L. Smith, F. J. J. Baker, C. Johnson, H. C. H. How, W. Gwilym, D. V.
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The following Lay Representatives were elected for the several Missions in the Diocese, and, having subscribed the Declaration prescribed by Rule IX (now Chapter I, Section X. of the Consolidated Rules) of the Constitution, took their seats in the Synod :—

MISSIONS.	NAMES.
<i>Bay-de-Verde</i>	{ Mr. George Rowland, " T. R. Smith.
<i>Bay of Islands</i>	Mr. John H. Noonan.
<i>Belleoram</i>	Mr. J. W. Withers.

MISSIONS.	NAMES.
<i>Bell's Cove</i>	Mr. A. J. Harvey.
<i>Bonavista</i>	{ Dr. John G. Skelton, Mr. Prescott Emerson.
<i>Brigus</i>	Mr. John Bartlett.
<i>Burgeo</i>	{ Dr. Bunting, Mr. A. F. Goodridge.
<i>Burin</i>	{ Hon. J. S. Winter, Mr. Robert Carter.
<i>Carbonear</i>	{ Hon. John Winter, Judge Prowse.
<i>Cathedral, St. John's</i>	Dr. Crowdy.
<i>Catalina</i>	{ Mr. Henry Cooke, " J. C. Withers.
<i>Channel</i>	{ Mr. W. B. Grieve, " J. Outerbridge.
<i>Exploits, Burnt Island</i>	{ Mr. John Goodridge, " J. S. Hayward.
<i>Fogo</i>	{ Mr. James Rolls, " Henry LeMessurier.
<i>Greenspond</i>	Mr. G. Knowling.
<i>Harbor Grace</i>	{ Mr. Robert J. Pinsent, " Thomas P. Quinton.
<i>Harbor Grace, South</i>	{ Mr. William H. Webber, " Edwin Duder.
<i>Harbor Briton</i>	Judge Bennett.
<i>Harbor Buffett</i>	{ Dr. Stabb, Mr. Richard Harvey.
<i>Hermitage</i>	Mr. C. S. Pinsent.
<i>Herring Neck</i>	{ Mr. William Blackler, " Stanley Carter.
<i>King's Cove</i>	{ Mr. Henry J. Stabb, " John Horwood.
<i>Lamaline</i>	{ Mr. E. Rothwell, " H. E. Hayward.
<i>New Harbor</i>	{ Mr. George J. Carter, " A. O. Hayward.
<i>Petty Harbor</i>	{ Mr. T. P. Withycombe, " Jacob Bishop.
<i>Port-de-Grave</i>	Mr. William H. Warren.
<i>Portugal Cove</i>	{ Mr. Joseph Squires, " Edward Sommerton.

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<i>St. George's Bay</i>
<i>Salvage</i>
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<i>St. Thomas's (St. John's)</i>
<i>Tilt Cove</i>
<i>Topsail</i>
<i>Trinity, East</i>
<i>Trinity, West</i>
<i>Twillingate</i>
<i>Upper Island Cove</i>
The following Lay Members
to attend:—
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<i>Belleoram</i>
<i>Bell's Cove</i>
<i>Brigus</i>
<i>Cathedral, (St. John's)</i>
<i>Foxtrap</i>
<i>Greenspond</i>
<i>Harbor Briton</i>
<i>Heart's Content</i>
<i>Hermitage</i>
<i>Port-de-Grave</i>
The Rev. J. F. PHILLIPS, G. T. RENDELL Lay Sec- pointed Treasurer, and the RIDGE were appointed Au-

MISSIONS.	NAMES.
<i>Pouch Cove</i>	{ Mr. William H. Beck, " Henry Ellis.
<i>St. George's Bay</i>	Captain Robinson.
<i>Salvage</i>	{ Mr. George James Rowe, " Thomas P. Forsay.
<i>St. Mary's, (St. John's)</i>	{ Mr. John Lester, " George LeMessurier.
<i>St. Thomas's (St. John's)</i>	{ Hon. A. W. Harvey, Mr. G. T. Rendell.
<i>Tilt Cove</i>	{ Mr. H. T. B. Wood, " George A. Hutchings.
<i>Topsail</i>	{ Mr. William Swansborough, " Samuel Churchill.
<i>Trinity, East</i>	{ Mr. Thomas Clift, Hon. John H. Warren.
<i>Trinity, West</i>	{ Dr. Robert White, Mr. J. H. Watson.
<i>Twillingate</i>	{ Mr. J. W. Temple, " John A. Edens.
<i>Upper Island Cove</i>	{ Mr. John W. Hayward, " John Colton.

The following Lay Representatives were elected, but were unable to attend:—

<i>Bay of Islands</i>	Mr. J. R. Roberts.
<i>Belleoram</i>	" Joseph Crowdy.
<i>Bell's Cove</i>	" W. P. Payne.
<i>Brigus</i>	Dr. Anderson.
<i>Cathedral, (St. John's)</i>	Hon. W. V. Whiteway.
<i>Foxtrap</i>	{ Mr. George Crane, " Francis E. Furneaux.
<i>Greenspond</i>	Mr. W. R. Stirling.
<i>Harbor Briton</i>	" James Hardy.
<i>Heart's Content</i>	{ Mr. Ezra Weedon, " Joseph Hopkins.
<i>Hermitage</i>	Mr. Henry Camp.
<i>Port-de-Grave</i>	" George Andrews.

The Rev. J. F. PHELPS was appointed Clerical Secretary, and Mr. G. T. RENDELL Lay Secretary of the Synod. Mr. H. COOKE was appointed Treasurer, and the Rev. A. C. F. WOOD and Mr. JOHN GOODRIDGE were appointed Auditors.

The Official Documents relating to the Consecration and appointment of the Right Rev. LEWELLYN JONES, D. D., to the See of Newfoundland, were read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of proceedings of the Synod.

The Report of the Executive Committee, acting as a Special Committee appointed "to Revise and Consolidate the Constitution and Rules of the Synod" was presented, and a Draft of the proposed Revision and Consolidation was submitted in the form of a Bill. This Bill, with some amendments and additions, was passed by the Synod on the 30th day of June.

The Report of the Select Committee appointed by the Synod at its Third Session in 1877 "to consider the best means for the Education of the children of the Clergy," was presented. A scheme carrying out the recommendations of this Committee was adopted by the Synod, and incorporated in the Consolidated Constitution and Rules.

The Report of the Executive Committee, and the Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, were presented to the Synod, and ordered to be received.

On motion of the Rev. E. BOTWOOD, seconded by Rev. W. PILOT, *Resolved*,—That the Executive Committee be instructed to devise means for relieving the Funds of the Synod from its present burthen of ground-rent on land in rear of the Rectory, Clergy House, and Orphanage.

On motion of the Rev. J. J. CURLING, seconded by the Rev. F. R. MURRAY, a Select Committee was appointed to consider a scheme for the Insurance of Ecclesiastical Buildings, and to report thereon to the Synod. The following form the Committee :—

Rev. J. J. CURLING, <i>Convener</i> ,	JUDG. PROWSE,
Hon. J. S. WINTER,	C. CROWDY, Esq.,
E. DUDER, Esq.,	R. J. PINSENT, Esq.
W. B. GRIEVE, Esq.,	

A Bill on Rural Deans and Rural Deaneries was referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to report thereon to the next Synod.

The following Clergymen and Lay Representatives form the Executive Committee, all the elective members having been chosen by ballot in accordance with the revised Rules :—

THE LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND,

Rev. T. M. WOOD,	Mr. R. J. PINSENT,
" J. F. PHELPS,	Hon. A. W. HARVEY,
" F. R. MURRAY,	Mr. G. T. RENDELL,
" W. PILOT,	" E. DUDER,
" A. C. F. WOOD,	" C. CROWDY,
" E. BOTWOOD,	Hon. J. S. WINTER.

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AN ACT

*To Amend and Consolidate the Constitution and Rules of the Diocesan
Synod of Newfoundland.*

[PASSED 30TH JUNE, 1879.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Constitu-
tion and Rules of the Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland:

Be it therefore enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates,
in Session assembled,—

I.—The Constitution and Rules, aforesaid, shall be amended and
consolidated (with the Fundamental Principles) as in the Report an-
nexed is provided.

II.—The former Constitution and Rules are hereby repealed.

III.—The Executive Committee shall compile and publish the
amended Constitution and Rules, including the Acts of this Session,
together with the Fundamental Principles, and in so doing may amend
any matter of form, altering no matter of substance.

The Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland,

*Incorporated the Fifth day of August, A. D. 1875, under the
Companies' Incorporation Act, A. D. 1873.*

PRINCIPLES, CONSTITUTION AND RULES

**As Revised, Consolidated, and Passed by the Synod, in
Session assembled, on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1879.**

Fundamental Principles.

I.—The Church in this Colony shall continue, as heretofore, in spiritual union and communion with the Church of England, and shall be entitled "The Church of England in Newfoundland."

II.—The Synod recognises and accepts the Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by the Church of England, as the rule and standard of Christian faith; and acknowledges the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments, together with the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion of that Church, to be a true and faithful declaration of doctrines contained in Holy Scripture; and maintains the threefold order of the Christian Ministry, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as Scriptural and Apostolical; and it is the object of the Synod, in dependance on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and that form of Church order, and to transmit them to posterity: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod, as far as the Synod may see fit, from accepting any alteration in the Book of Common Prayer and administration of the Sacraments, or of the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, or in the version of the Bible, that may from time to time be adopted by the Church of England; or authorizing any Office, Prayer or Thanksgiving, prepared by the Bishop, which the peculiar circumstances of the Diocese may, in the opinion of the Synod, render desirable.

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**REVISED AND CONSOLIDATED CONSTITUTION AND
RULES OF THE SYNOD.**

CHAPTER I.

Sessions of the Synod.

I.—Sessions of this Synod, consisting of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of this Diocese, shall be held in manner hereinafter provided, for the ordering of the affairs of the Church, the custody and management of the property, the promotion of the discipline of the members thereof, and for the inculcation and maintenance of sound doctrine and true religion throughout the Diocese, to the glory of Almighty God and the edification and increase of the Church of Christ.

II.—There shall be, as of course, one Session of the Synod within every Biennial Period, the first to be calculated from the First day of January, 1879, which Session shall be called the Biennial Session, and shall be held at St. John's at a time to be appointed by the Bishop.

III.—The Bishop, or in case of his absence his Commissary, or if there be no Commissary, or in the absence of the Commissary, any four members of the Executive Committee, shall, upon a requisition signed by nine of the Clergy, and nine Lay Delegates, summon a special Session of the Synod; the object of such Session being stated in the requisition.

IV.—Every Clergyman in the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, not being under sentence of suspension or deprivation, appointed to work in the Diocese prior to 1849, or appointed since that date and having signed the Declaration of Assent, shall have a seat and vote in the Synod. The Laity shall appear and vote by their representatives, to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

V.—Each Parish or Mission in connection with the Synod may send two Lay Representatives to the Synod.

VI.—A meeting or meetings for the election of Lay Representatives shall take place in each Parish or Mission at any time within Two Months after the First day of October, in the second year of the Biennial period aforesaid, at such place or places as the Clergyman shall appoint. This meeting shall be convened by the Clergyman, or if there be no Clergyman, or in case the Clergyman fail to convene such meeting, then the Church-wardens, or one of them, or if there be no Church-wardens, or in case of neglect or refusal on the part of the Church-warden or Church-wardens, then any three Churchmen of the Parish or Mission, qualified to vote, may within three months of the expiry of the

time aforesaid within which the Clergyman should have convened the meeting, summon such meeting to be held at such time and place as he or they shall appoint.

VII.—The meeting for the election of Lay Representatives shall be presided over by the Clergyman in charge of the Parish or Mission; and in case of his absence or refusal to preside, by a Chairman to be appointed by the meeting, at which votes may be taken by proxy, in writing, duly authenticated. The Clergyman of the Parish or Mission or one of the Church-wardens, or the Chairman of the meeting held in the place where the Clergyman usually resides, shall give to each elected Representative a certificate of his election; and shall send the names of such duly elected Representatives to the Lay-Secretary of the Synod immediately after the election; and the term of office of such Representatives shall be for the following or current Biennial period as the case may be.

VIII.—If a vacancy occur in the Representation of any Parish or Mission, a new election shall be held within two months of the occurrence of such vacancy being communicated to the Clergyman or Church-wardens; and the election shall be held and conducted, as nearly as may be, as provided in Rules VI. and VII.

IX.—Every Layman of the age of at least twenty-one years, being a member of the Church of England, and having been a contributor within a year previously of at least Two Dollars to the funds of the Synod, shall be qualified to vote at the election of Lay Representatives for the Parish or Mission to which he belongs.

X.—Every Layman of the age of at least twenty-one years, being a communicant of the Church of England, and having been a contributor within a year previously of at least Four Dollars to the funds of the Synod, shall be qualified to be elected as Lay Representative for any Parish or Mission in the Diocese.

XI.—Every person elected as a Lay Representative shall, before acting as such in the Synod, sign the following Declaration:—

“I, A. B., elected as Lay Representative for the Parish or Mission of ———, do hereby solemnly declare that I am duly qualified to act as such under the rules of the Synod.”

XII.—The neglect or failure of any Parish or Mission to return Representatives shall not prevent the Synod from proceeding to business. And any person being chosen as a Representative for two or more Parishes or Missions, shall choose for which he will serve, and immediately notify the same to the Clergyman, Church-warden or person signing his Certificate of Election for the place or places the representation of which he declines, when a new election shall be held within one month of the receipt of such notice, to be conducted as nearly as may be in the manner provided by Rules VI and VII.

XIII.—A quorum shall not be less than one-fourth of the members present, respectively, and the Business of the Synod shall be transacted notwithstanding the absence or incapacity of any members, provided there be no Commissioners present, and consent of the majority.

XIV.—The vote shall be taken separately on each question, and shall be determined by the majority, and no act or resolution shall be valid which shall be contrary to the will of the Bishop, and a majority of the members. Provided always, that in connection with any resolution, which a vote of a majority of the members of the Synod shall, in two sessions, be taken, the vote of the Bishop, shall be counted as one vote, and in connection shall have the same weight as the Archbishop of Canterbury, or the Archbishop of the Province in which the Synod is held.

XV.—At the first meeting of the Synod, elected, one by the Clergy and one by the Lay members, the minutes of all the previous sessions shall be read.

XVI.—At the same meeting, the Clergy shall receive and discharge the duties of the two Auditors who shall be appointed thereon to the Synod, and the Clergy shall receive the office of Treasurer, before the meeting of his absence or incapacity, the Clergy shall receive the office of Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Synod; and if one of the Clergy shall be elected, the Executive Commission shall be appointed.

NOTE.—The officers of the Synod and their successors are appointed by the Synod.

XVII.—Members of the Synod may be present at meetings of the Clergy and of the Lay members, at the request of any three members.

XVIII.—At the first meeting of the Synod, the Clergy shall receive the office of Secretary, or one of the Clergy shall be elected, and no Session shall be held without the presence of the Secretary.

XIX.—Measures for the amendment of the Bye-Laws of the Synod shall be proposed by the Clergy, and shall be considered by the Synod.

XIII.—A quorum of the Synod, at its meetings, shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the Clergy and Lay Representatives, respectively, and the Bishop or his Commissary shall preside, or in case of the absence or incapacity of the Bishop or Commissary, or in case there be no Commissary, the Priest senior in Holy Orders, who may be present, and consenting, shall preside.

XIV.—The vote of each order, namely, Bishop, Clergy and Laity, shall be taken separately; and the result of such vote shall be determined by the majority of the members present and voting in each order; and no act or resolution of the Synod, except as hereinafter provided, shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, and a majority, as aforesaid, of the Clergy, and the Laity: Provided always, that so soon as the Synod shall have placed itself in connection with any Provincial Synod, an appeal on any question on which a vote of a majority of two-thirds of the Clergy and Laity of this Synod shall, in two successive sessions of the Synod, differ from the vote of the Bishop, shall lie to that Provincial Synod; and that till such connection shall have been established, the said appeal shall lie to the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Metropolitan for the time being of the Province in which this Diocese is placed.

XV.—At the first meeting of each Synod two Secretaries shall be elected, one by the Clergy, the other by the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod.

XVI.—At the same meeting the Synod shall elect a Treasurer, who shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Synod, under its authority; and two Auditors who shall annually inspect the Accounts, and report thereon to the Synod at its next Session. If a vacancy occur in the office of Treasurer, between the Sessions of the Synod, or in the event of his absence or incapacity, the Executive Committee may appoint a Treasurer, who shall hold office until the next appointment by the Synod; and if one or both of the Auditors be absent, when required, the Executive Committee may appoint another or others for that occasion.

NOTE.—The officers elected under above Rules, 15 and 16, shall remain in office until their successors are appointed.

XVII.—Members of the Church, not being members of the Synod, may be present at meetings of the Synod, subject, however, to the directions of the Chairman, who may require them to withdraw upon the request of any three members of the Synod.

XVIII.—At least three months' notice shall be given of each Session of the Synod, to the Clergy and Lay Representatives, by the Secretaries, or one of them, or other person authorised by the Bishop, and no Session shall be held during January, February, March or April.

XIX.—Measures for the alteration of the Constitution, Rules, and Bye-Laws of the Synod, and measures for other objects, shall be intro-

duced by a Bill, and on leave having been given, the Bill shall be read a first time, without debate; it shall, after notice given, be brought forward on a subsequent day, and if read a second time, it shall be committed, and then read a third time, and passed.

XX.—At any Session of the Synod, when the Bishop's Commissary or Chairman other than the Bishop shall preside, on account of the Bishop's absence from the Diocese, he shall vote with the Clergy, and the Acts of the Synod so constituted, not requiring immediate execution, shall be subject to the disallowance of the Bishop, to be communicated to the Executive Committee within six months of such Session.

XXI.—The Synod shall, from time to time, make Rules and Regulations for the purchase, sale, and exchange, or other disposition of property, and for the custody and management of property belonging to, or held in trust for the Synod, or to which it shall be entitled; and for the government of all persons holding office under, or receiving emolument from the Synod; and shall determine the conditions upon which every Bishop, Clergyman, Trustee, Lay-reader, Church-warden, School-master, or other office-bearer, or agent, whether Clerical or Lay, shall enter upon the use and occupation of any Church, Parsonage, Glebe, or other property of any description, owned by, or held on trust for the Synod, or to which it shall be entitled; and upon what condition all such persons shall receive their appointments respectively. And the Synod shall have power to determine and make regulations for determining the amount of all stipends, dues, fees, and other emoluments, payable to any person out of the property and funds of the Synod; and shall also, from time to time, make rules for the appointment of Clerical members, and the election of Lay Representatives to the Synod, their number and qualification, the period of their service, and for filling up vacancies in their number, for the meetings of the Synod, for making provision for the expenses thereof, the officers of the Synod, the mode of their appointment, the mode of investigating any complaints against any person who shall have subscribed to the Constitution and Rules of the Synod, and shall generally carry into complete operation the objects of the said Synod: Provided always that the stipends of Missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, appointed prior to the year 1849, shall not be reduced by the Synod without their consent; and provided also, that the Synod, in the event of the said Society granting it an annual sum of money in lieu of specific grants, do discharge the obligations of the Society towards its Missionaries appointed since that date.

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CHAPTER II.

Election of a Bishop.

I.—When the See is vacant, the Commissary of the late Bishop, or if there be no such Commissary, or if he be absent, unable or unwilling to act, the Priest senior in Holy Orders, then resident, and officiating under the late Bishop's license in St. John's, and consenting, shall, within one fortnight of the date of such vacancy being brought under his notice by the Executive Committee, summon the Synod to meet at St. John's, either in Biennial or Special Session, in not less than three, nor more than nine months, from the date of such summons, but not in January, February, March, or April, for the purpose of electing or providing for the election of a successor in the See. And during the vacancy of the See, no business shall be transacted by the Synod except meeting and organizing itself, calling the rolls, electing officers and members of the Executive Committee, and electing a Bishop or making provision for filling the See; provided that if the See become vacant during a Session of the Synod, the Synod so sitting may proceed as if it had been specially summoned under this Rule.

II.—No election nor provision for filling the See shall be valid unless half of all the Clergy and Lay Representatives, respectively, be present. The vote of a majority of not less than two-thirds of each order respectively present, shall be necessary therefor, the Chairman voting with the Clergy. If the required number of Clergy and Lay Representatives be not present, there shall be an adjournment to any day within one week, and so on, from time to time, until the required quorum be obtained. The Chairman, for the purposes of this Rule, shall be the Commissary of the late Bishop, or if there be no Commissary, or if he be absent, unable or unwilling to act, the Priest senior in Holy Orders then present, and consenting.

CHAPTER III.

Election of a Coadjutor Bishop.

I.—When the Bishop is incapacitated by reason of age or infirmity for the full discharge of his Episcopal functions, or when the Synod shall consider it desirable, a Coadjutor Bishop may be elected for the Diocese by the Synod, in the same manner as provided for the election of the Bishop in the case of a vacancy in the See, as nearly as can be observed; and such Coadjutor shall immediately succeed as Bishop of the Diocese on the death, resignation, or deprivation of the Incumbent of the See.

II.—The Coadjutor Bishop shall perform such Diocesan duties and exercise such Episcopal authority and functions as the Bishop shall

assign to him; and in case of the Bishop's inability to assign such duties, the Coadjutor Bishop shall, during such inability, perform all the duties, and exercise all the authority and functions which appertain to the Office of Bishop.

III.—Except in case of the Bishop's mental incapacity, the election of the person chosen to be Coadjutor Bishop, shall be subject to the Bishop's assent.

CHAPTER IV.

Order of Proceedings.

I.—The order of business shall be as follows:—

Prayer for the Divine Guidance and Blessing, according to a form authorised by the Bishop.

Calling and marking the Rolls of Members.

Reading, correcting and approving the Minutes of the previous day at the first meeting of each day.

Election of Officers.

Appointing Committees.

Presenting Reports of Committees.

Presenting, reading and referring Memorials and Petitions.

Giving notice, in writing, of Motions and of Questions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Consideration of Motions, and answering Questions.

Consideration of Motions shall be taken up at every meeting half-an-hour before the close of the meeting.

II.—Rules for the conduct of the proceedings of the Synod may be suspended on a two-thirds vote of each Order, and with the Bishop's assent.

CHAPTER V.

Preservation of Order.

I.—No member shall continue standing after the Chair is taken.

II.—Any member about to speak, shall rise and address himself to the Chair.

III.—No motion shall be considered as before the Synod, unless seconded, and reduced to writing, and it may not then be withdrawn without the consent of the Synod.

IV.—No member shall be received twice, nor more than once, at the Chair; but an exception may be made here and there.

V.—When a question is put, it shall be received unless the motion is carried by a majority of the members present. Motions for the adjournment shall be received unless the motion is carried by a majority of the members present.

VI.—Motion to adjourn shall be received without debate.

VII.—Motions, resolutions, and amendments, shall be taken up by any member.

VIII.—Each member shall be allowed a period of the debate of five minutes.

IX.—A member shall not be permitted to speak more than once.

X.—All questions shall be put by the Chair.

XI.—An amendment shall be received unless the motion is carried by a majority of the members present.

XII.—When a motion is received, the member who proposed it shall be received to speak for the whole of the Synod. No amendment shall be received unless the original motion and the substitute have been received.

XIII.—Whilst a member is speaking, no other member shall be received to speak, and no member shall be permitted to interrupt.

XIV.—In voting, the affirmative shall first be taken. Provided always that the affirmative shall be taken by three Clergymen.

XV.—A question shall not be discussed in the same Order more than once.

XVI.—No motion shall be received at the request of a member unless a majority of the votes shall be recorded.

IV.—No member shall speak on the same question more than twice, nor more than fifteen minutes at one time, without permission of the Chair; but an address from the Chair shall be in order at any time.

V.—When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received unless to adjourn, or to postpone, commit or amend it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

VI.—Motion to adjourn or to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

VII.—Motions, of which notice has been given by a member, may be taken up by any other member as if he had himself given the notice.

VIII.—Each member shall have the right to require, once, at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.

IX.—A member, called to order while speaking, shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.

X.—All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair.

XI.—An amendment shall be disposed of before the original question or motion is put to the Synod.

XII.—When an amendment is under consideration, no new amendment shall be received until the former has been disposed of; but a substitute for the whole matter may be moved with the permission of the Synod. No amendment to an amendment, nor an amendment to such substitute, shall be in order. If the substitute be negatived, then the original motion and the amendment to it shall be before the Synod as if the substitute had never existed.

XIII.—Whilst any question is being put from the Chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and be silent; all members present shall be required to vote on every question, and when a motion is put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

XIV.—In voting, if a division be called for, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative: Provided always that such voting shall be by ballot on the requisition of three Clergymen or of three Lay Delegates.

XV.—A question once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the sanction of the Synod.

XVI.—No protest or dissent shall be entered on the Minutes; but at the request of a member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded, with the names, if required.

XVII.—When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Chair is vacated.

XVIII.—The Minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Synod shall be read and confirmed before the Synod be prorogued.

CHAPTER VI.

Committees.

I.—When the Synod resolves itself into a Committee of the whole, the Chairman of the Synod, or such other person as he may name, shall be Chairman of such Committee; and when the Synod resumes, the report of such Committee shall be made to the Chairman of the Synod by one of the Secretaries.

II.—The proposer of a Select Committee shall submit a list of persons to be appointed, subject to amendment by the Synod.

III.—The report of a Select Committee shall be in writing, signed by the Committee or a majority thereof, and shall be received in course; and if it recommend anything for the action of the Synod, it shall be accompanied by a resolution.

IV.—The Chairman of a Select Committee, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

CHAPTER VII.

Executive Committee.

I.—There shall be a Standing Executive Committee of the Synod, to consist of the Bishop, and six Clerical and six Lay Members, of whom five members shall be a quorum. The Bishop shall preside; or in his absence from the meeting, the Coadjutor Bishop, or if there be none, or if he be absent, the Bishop's Commissary, or if there be no Commissary, or in his absence or during the vacancy of the See, the member of the Executive Committee, senior in Priest's Orders, then present, and consenting, shall preside. This rule is subject to the proviso, that if there be a Coadjutor Bishop resident in St. John's at the time of the election of the Executive Committee, he shall be one of the six Clerical members, and if there be a Bishop's Commissary, so resident, he shall be one of the said six Clerical members.

II.—At each meeting the Committee shall, subject to the Rule, be elected by the Synod; and the election of their successors by the Committee shall be subject to the confirmation of the Lay Representatives of the Synod, it shall be the duty of the Members of the Committee to be subject to the

III.—The Synod shall hold, sell, exchange, or dispose of personal property, the objects thereof, and the 40th year of the present more effectual transfer of the Diocesan Synod of the Synod, and use

IV.—For the purpose of filling the vacancy of the

V.—The said Synod shall be dissolved, but such By-laws shall remain in force.

VI.—The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place of meeting as shall be done thereat, and the minutes shall be forwarded to the Synod. The business of the Synod shall be of all other business.

VII.—During the absence of the Bishop, the Committee shall administer the See, and the Committee senior in Orders, or, if there be none, the member of the Committee consenting, shall, with the approval of the Synod, appoint to vacant offices, and the provisions of this Rule be called in question.

Provided that the late Bishop shall be the Bishop of the See shall be filled, and the consent of the Synod shall be required; and for the purpose of the relative numbers of the Executive Committee, the members shall be until the See shall be vacant.

VIII.—Meetings shall be held at any time, either ()

II.—At each Biennial Session of the Synod the Executive Committee shall, subject to the exceptions provided for by the foregoing Rule, be elected by ballot, and shall continue to hold office until the election of their successors. The Clerical members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Clergy, and the Lay Members by the Lay Representatives. If any vacancy occur between the sessions of the Synod, it shall be provisionally filled up by the Clerical or Lay Members of the Committee, as the case may be, such appointment being subject to the approval of the Synod at its next meeting.

III.—The Synod, by its Standing Executive Committee, may accept and hold, sell, exchange, let, manage, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, for the religious, charitable, educational, and other objects thereof, and subject to the provisions of an Act passed in the 40th year of the present Reign, Cap. 17th, entitled "An Act for the more effectual transfer of certain Church of England Properties to the Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland;" and the Executive Committee may, by its Chairman, execute any Deeds and other Documents on behalf of the Synod, and use its Corporate Seal.

IV.—For the purposes of the foregoing Rule the Standing Executive Committee shall, when the Synod is not in session, and during the vacancy of the See, have all the powers of the Synod.

V.—The said Committee may frame Bye-Laws for its own guidance, but such Bye-Laws shall be subject to revision by the Synod.

VI.—The Executive Committee shall issue a Circular stating the time and place of holding the session of the Synod, the business to be done thereat, and the order in which it shall be discussed, the Circular to be forwarded to each member one month before the meeting of the Synod. The business mentioned in the Circular shall have precedence of all other business.

VII.—During the vacancy of the See, the Executive Committee shall administer the Temporal Affairs of the Diocese; the member of the Committee senior in Priest's Orders, present in St. John's, and consenting, shall, with the approval of the said Committee, provisionally appoint to vacant Missions and Cures of Souls, and for the purposes of this Rule be called the Administrator of the Diocese;

Provided that during a vacancy of the See, the Commissary of the late Bishop shall continue a member of the Executive Committee until the See shall be filled and the Bishop shall have signed the declaration of assent; and for the purpose of preserving, for the time being, the relative numbers of Clergy and Laity, the Clerical Members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Clerical Member who shall act until the See shall be filled, and declaration signed as aforesaid.

VIII.—Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened at any time, either (1) by the Bishop, his Commissary or the Administra-

tor, or (2) by any Four Members of the Committee; provided due notice of such Meeting, with its objects, be given at least one day previously, to all the other Members of the Committee in St. John's.

IX.—The Executive Committee shall submit a report of their proceedings for the previous two years, at each Biennial Session; and shall also, annually, publish the state of the Funds of the Synod, and the investments and securities of the same, which accounts and statements, examined, approved and signed by the Auditors as correct, shall be submitted to the Synod.

X.—For the efficient management of the business of the Executive Committee and the proper keeping of all the Accounts, under or connected with the Synod, the Committee shall have power, from time to time, to appoint, and at their pleasure to remove, a competent Accountant, who shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee, at a salary not exceeding Six Hundred Dollars per annum.

CHAPTER VIII.

Declaration of Assent.

No Bishop, Clergyman, Trustee, Lay-Reader, School-master, or other person, shall be admitted to any Church, Parsonage, Glebe, Land, School-house, or Office, under the Synod, or receive any profit or emolument from any property held under the same, until he shall have signed a special declaration to the following effect:—

"I, A. B., do declare that I consent to be bound by the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations, which are now in force, and which from time to time may be made, by the Diocesan Synod of Newfoundland; and in consideration of any appointment now or hereafter to be held by me from the Synod, I hereby undertake immediately to resign and vacate any such appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments, lands and tenements appertaining thereto, in case final judgment requiring such resignation shall at any time be passed upon me, after due examination by the tribunal appointed, or to be appointed, by the Synod, for the determination of such matters."

CHAPTER IX.

Appointment of Clergymen.

I.—Except in the cases hereinafter provided, the Bishop, or in the event of his absence from the Diocese, or his inability to act, the Bishop Coadjutor, or, if there be none, the Bishop's Commissary, shall present and appoint Clergymen to Churches and vacant Cures of Souls. Clergy-

men, unless appointed by the Bishop, shall be liable to a canonical offence of

II.—In case of any vacancy arising in any Church, Parish or District, the Clergymen, either by agreement, or by guarantee, or by guarantee per annum, such Standing Executive Committee may, by resolution, make any nomination, or may, if the contrary be proved,

III.—In case of any vacancy in the Bishop or other person, the point from the nomination of another or others, to any subsequent vacancy, the reasons of the vacancy given. While the authority may finish within twelve months, the authority may

IV.—For the case of permanent vacancy (being Communion) previously to a meeting of the Synod a guarantee, "Clergyman, and their representatives, unless in the case of some other members, founders, or by the times confined

V.—Meetings, shall be held, or their representatives, the parties to be provided; and in the resolutions as the such Committee give effect to the have occurred, such vacancy

men, unless appointed for temporary duty, shall be removable for ecclesiastical offence only, and after due conviction of the same.

II.—In case of creation of a new Cure, or of vacancy hereafter arising in any Cure of Souls, Congregations of the Church, Mission, Parish or District, as the case may be, which shall, prior to any nomination, have made sufficient provision for the maintenance of their Clergymen, either by permanent investment in real or personal property, or by guarantee to the extent of at least eight hundred dollars per annum, such investment or guarantee having been approved by the Standing Executive Committee of the Synod, or by the Synod on appeal, may nominate to the Bishop or other authority one or more Clergymen, of whom one shall (in the absence of any Canonical reason to the contrary) be by him appointed to, and inducted into such Cure.

III.—In the case provided for by the foregoing Section, if the Bishop or other authority should decline, for Canonical causes, to appoint from the nominated Clergymen, the Congregation may nominate another or others, and so on, or may, in the first instance, or in regard to any subsequent nomination, appeal to the Synod, upon which appeal the reasons of the Bishop or other authority, for such refusal, shall be given. While the appointment is in abeyance, the Bishop or other authority may fill the vacancy temporarily. If no nomination be made within twelve months, or if one made be waived, the Bishop or other authority may nominate and appoint.

IV.—For the purposes of this Act, "Congregation" shall, in the case of permanent investments, mean such members of a Congregation (being Communicants of the Church of England) as shall, for two years previously to a nomination being required, have subscribed to the funds of the Synod a sum of at least four dollars per annum. In case of guarantee, "Congregation" shall mean the parties to the guarantee, and their representatives, being Communicants of the Church of England, *unless* in the formation of the permanent investment or guarantee some other mode of voting shall have been established by the founders, or by the parties to the guarantee. Such voting being at all times confined to Communicants of the Church of England.

V.—Meetings of Congregations, in accordance with foregoing provisions, shall be held, in case of permanent investment, as the founders or their representatives shall have provided; in case of guarantee, as the parties to the guarantee or their representatives shall have provided; and in the absence of such provisions, according to such regulations as the said Executive Committee shall have established, or as, for the particular case (where there shall be no applicable regulations), such Committee shall direct; and they shall take the necessary steps to give effect to their directions within two months after the vacancy shall have occurred, in the Peninsula of Avalon, and within six months after such vacancy shall have occurred in other parts of the Diocese.

CHAPTER X.

Financial Affairs.

I.—All lands, monies, and other property granted and collected, and that shall hereafter be granted and collected for Church purposes generally, in this Diocese, except as is hereafter provided, shall vest in and be placed under the control of the Synod, to be disposed of and managed under and pursuant to such Rules and Regulations as the Synod shall, from time to time, appoint; provided always, that if any land, money, or other property, shall be given or granted to, and accepted by the Synod for a special purpose, to be designated in writing at the time of such gift or grant, such land, money, or other property, shall be held and appropriated by the Synod, for, and pursuant to, such purpose.

II.—The Executive Committee of the Synod shall have the charge of, and shall manage all the Financial affairs of the Synod, under and subject to the following Rules, or such others as the Synod may, from time to time, enact.

III.—Before the appointment of any Clergyman to any Church, Mission, or Cure of Souls, except in those cases where the nomination shall vest in the Congregation, the Executive Committee shall define the terms and conditions on which such Clergyman shall be so appointed.

IV.—The Treasurer of the Synod shall deposit all monies received by him on behalf of the Synod, immediately after receipt thereof, in Bank, to the credit of the Synod, delivering to the Secretary at the end of each day on which any deposit shall be made, the Bank Book with credit entered; and shall furnish to the Executive Committee the Treasurer's accounts, when required.

V.—No money shall be drawn or paid on account of the Synod, except by cheque on the said Bank, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Secretary of the Executive Committee.

OBJECTS.

VI.—The Executive Committee shall receive, manage, and expend the revenues of the Synod for the following objects, viz:—(1) The endowment or maintenance of the Bishopric of Newfoundland, and maintenance of the Clergy and Licensed Lay Readers; (2) Aiding the endowment, erection, enlargement, purchase or repairs of Churches, Parsonages, or School Rooms, and in the purchase of land for Glebe, or other Church purposes; (3) Providing for sale, in St. John's and the Outports, a supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, other Religious Books and Tracts, and School Books; (4) Sustaining a Fund for the endowment and support of the Theological College in St. John's; (5) Maintaining and increasing a Fund for assisting the Widows and Children of de-

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RAISING OF FUNDS.

VII.—The Executive Committee shall, once in every two years, review the circumstances of the various Missions in the Diocese, and assess the amount which, in the opinion of the Committee, may reasonably be expected from each Mission, during each year, for Church purposes. The assessment shall be communicated to the Clergyman of each Mission.

VIII.—For the purpose of raising with regularity and permanency the necessary funds for the sustentation of the Church, every Clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission shall, by himself, or with the agency of others, collect every year from every adult member, if possible, of his congregation or congregations, a contribution in money or kind for the general support of the Church in this Diocese, which amount, or such part of it as is hereafter provided, he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Synod before the 30th day of April, together with a copy of the lists of subscribers.

IX.—Clergymen in charge of Parishes or Missions shall remit, from the collections made under foregoing rule, the following amounts, viz:—

If the Clergyman receives from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel or from Endowment of the Parish or Mission, £100 stg., per annum, or upwards, he shall remit one-fourth,

If from £75 to £100 stg., per annum, one-sixth,

If from £50 to £75 stg., per annum, one-eighth.

Self-supporting Missions, including such as may receive from S. P. G., or Endowment, under £50 stg., shall remit one-twentieth of the whole.

St. John's and Harbor Graco, with which special arrangements are or may be made, shall not be included in above scale: Provided also that the Stipend of Deacons, during the first two years of their being licensed, shall be specially arranged by the Executive Committee.

GRANTS.

X.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to determine, from time to time, on the appropriation of its funds, by making grants towards the objects of the Synod.

XI.—No Clergyman or Mission declining or neglecting (except under special circumstances, to be approved by the Executive Committee) to collect for the funds of the Synod, shall be entitled to receive any grant from the same.

XII.—If a Clergyman leave his Mission before the time for sending in his annual collection, the Executive Committee shall have power to grant him such a proportion of any collection afterwards made for that year as shall appear equitable.

XIII.—No Grant shall be made towards the erection, enlargement or repair of any Church, School or Parsonage, or towards the purchase of any land in any Parish or Mission, until the said Church, School, Parsonage or Land, shall have been secured in trust to the Synod.

XIV.—No such grant shall be made until a plan with an estimate of the cost and a statement of the means of meeting it shall have been submitted to the Executive Committee.

XV.—No grant to any Church shall exceed one-third, and no grant to any School or Parsonage shall exceed one-fourth of the estimated cost, except under special circumstances approved by the Executive Committee.

XVI.—The first moiety of any grant towards the erection of any Church, School or Parsonage, shall not be payable until the building is at least boarded all round and covered in; and the second moiety shall not be payable until the building, if a Church, is finished and ready for consecration, and if a School or Parsonage, is finished and ready for occupation.

XVII.—No grant shall be made until after an interval of seven years from the last grant for a like purpose; and no grant towards the repair, including painting, of any Church shall exceed one-half, or of any School or Parsonage one-third of the estimated cost, except under special circumstances approved by the Executive Committee.

XVIII.—No grant towards the repair of any Church, School or Parsonage, shall be payable until the work is fully completed, and the cost ascertained and the whole amount, with the Synod's grant, provided for.

XIX.—All grants made by the Executive Committee shall lapse to the general purposes of the Synod, if the first moiety be not expended and applied for within two years from the time the grant was made.

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II.—All Clergy may secure the benefit from the time of of Unmarried Clergymen per annum; Married Pounds, cy., per a

III.—Annual day of January in for that year pay up to the 1st day allowed, but every time, shall forfeit payment of arrears day of January.

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CHAPTER XI.

Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

I.—The Fund established by the Newfoundland Church Society in the year 1858, for assisting the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Newfoundland, shall be continued as a Synod Fund, be managed by the Executive Committee, and called, as heretofore, "The Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

II.—All Clergymen in the Diocese holding the Bishop's license, may secure the benefit of this Fund by contributing, within Six months from the time of obtaining their license from the Bishop, as follows:— Unmarried Clergymen and Widowers without a child, One Pound, cy., per annum; Married Clergymen and Widowers with a child, Two Pounds, cy., per annum.

III.—Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance on the 1st day of January in each year; provided that Clergymen on entry shall for that year pay only a rateable proportion of the annual subscription up to the 1st day of January following. Thirty days' grace shall be allowed, but every Clergyman neglecting to make payment within that time, shall forfeit his claim upon the Fund, to be recovered only upon payment of arrears, with ten per cent thereon, before the following 1st day of January.

IV.—Any Clergyman neglecting to subscribe according to Rule II, or to pay his annual subscription within the time limited by Rule III, may, if the Committee see fit to admit or re-admit him, secure the benefit of the Fund by the payment of two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.) if married or a widower with a child, and one pound ten shillings (£1 10s.) if unmarried or a widower without a child, from the day on which the last annual subscription to be paid was due, or from the date of his being licensed by the Bishop, and from the date of such admission or re-admission he shall come under the operation of Rule II.

V.—Every Clergyman securing the benefit of this Fund will be required to make a yearly collection for the same in his Mission, and to forward the amount, with his own annual subscription, to the Treasurer.

VI.—The Widow of every Clergyman who shall have paid his annual subscription, and forwarded an annual collection, till his death, or till incapacitated by mental or bodily infirmity, shall be entitled to receive a yearly pension of thirty pounds (£30) currency, during widowhood.

VII.—If the Fund should at any time permit, the Committee may increase the amount of pension to any sum not exceeding £50; such

an addition, however, being subject to be withdrawn wholly or in part, should the state of the Fund not warrant its continuance.

VIII.—If the Widow die or marry again, or if the Executive Committee order it so to be paid, the pension shall be paid to Trustees for the benefit of such children of the deceased husband as may be, if boys, under sixteen, if girls, under eighteen, years of age.

IX.—The Trustees named by a deceased Clergyman, in the event of the death or marriage of his Widow, shall be recognized by the Committee in paying the pension for the benefit of the child or children; but if the Trustees so named are unwilling or unable to act, or if there be no Trustees so named, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Trustee or Trustees for the application of the pension.

X.—If the wife die before her husband, his child or children shall receive the pension, so long as there is a claimant under Rule VIII.

XI.—If the Widow of a deceased Clergyman, who contributed to the Fund, marries again, the amount of pension payable to the Trustees of his children shall not exceed Thirty Pounds, *cy.*, per annum, except in special cases, to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

XII.—The pensions shall be paid quarterly, on the 31st of July, 31st of October, 31st of January, and 30th of April, the first payment to be calculated for the interval from the husband's death to the day of payment.

XIII.—Every Hundred Pounds of available surplus shall be invested in Government or other approved securities.

XIV.—If a Clergyman having joined the Fund after the 24th June, 1863, removes from the Diocese after having served less than fourteen years, his connection with the Fund shall cease, and he shall be entitled to receive back half the amount of the annual subscriptions he has paid. If he removes after having served fourteen years and less than twenty-one years, he shall be allowed to remain in connection with the Fund by paying an annual subscription of six pounds, or nine pounds if residing within the tropics; or he may receive back half his annual subscriptions, upon which his connection with the Fund shall cease. If he removes after having served twenty-one years, he shall be allowed to remain in connection with the Fund by paying an annual subscription of five pounds, or seven pounds ten shillings if residing within the tropics; or he may receive back three-fourths of his annual subscriptions, upon which his connection with the Fund shall cease. All Clergymen in connection with the Fund previous to the 24th June, 1863, to be governed by the original Rule XIV thereof; viz:—"If a Clergyman removes, with the Bishop's consent, from the Diocese, after officiating in it not less than seven years, he shall be allowed his claim upon the Fund, on the payment of an annual subscription of Three Pounds (£3);

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XV.—Clergymen not engaged in Parochial Work, or being unable to make their yearly collection in their Mission for this Fund, as required by Rule V, through absence with the Bishop's leave, shall be required in every case to pay, in lieu thereof, a sum not less than One Pound currency, or more at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

XVI.—None of the above Rules shall be altered or repealed except at a Session of the Synod, and after a notice of not less than one year having been given to the Members of the proposed change.

CHAPTER XII.

Clerical Pension Fund.

I.—There shall be a Fund for providing Pensions for invalid and superannuated Clergymen, to be managed by the standing Executive Committee of the Synod, and called the "Clerical Pension Fund."

II.—Every licensed Clergyman of the Diocese, who shall annually, in July, pay in advance to the Treasurer a contribution of Two Pounds, cy., and who, not being an assistant Curate, shall annually make a collection in his parish or mission in aid of the fund, or in lieu of such collection pay One Pound, cy., shall secure to himself the benefit of the Fund.

III.—A Clergyman may join the Fund in any year, and at any period of the year, on payment of a contribution of Two Pounds.

IV.—Any Clergyman satisfying the Committee that he is incapable of full duty in this Diocese, and any Clergyman who shall have attained the age of 63 years, shall be entitled, on retirement from the regular exercise of his ministerial duties, to an annual dividend from the Fund in proportion to the number of his annual contributions, provided they be at least five.

V.—Every Clergyman connected with the Fund on the 3rd July, 1874, shall, on his retirement, be entitled to an annual dividend in proportion to the number of his annual contributions, together with one-half of the number of the years of his service as a Clergyman of this Diocese before the date of his connection with the Fund.

VI.—Any Clergyman neglecting to pay his contribution and to make the said collection at the proper time, may, within one year thereafter secure the benefit of the Fund for that year by paying the said contribution and the said sum of One Pound in lieu of collection, together with a fine of Sixpence, cy., for each month for which he is in arrear; and after that time, at the option of the Committee, by the

payment of all arrears of contributions and of sums in lieu of the said annual collections, with compound interest thereon, at six per cent, per annum; and if such payment of arrears shall extend back to the said 3rd July, 1874, then the Clergyman so paying shall be on the same footing, with respect to dividend on retirement, as the Clergy mentioned in Rule V.

VII.—Any Clergyman deprived of his License, or any Licensed Clergyman leaving the Diocese before he shall have become entitled to a Pension, may thereon, at the option of the Executive Committee, cease to have any claim on this Fund;

Provided, that any such Clergyman who shall have paid at least seven annual contributions, shall be entitled to receive a sum, in discharge of all claims upon the fund, according to the scale contained in the Schedule hereto annexed;

Provided, also, that any Clergyman not having forfeited his license and who shall have paid more than twenty annual contributions, shall be entitled to continue in connection with the Fund on payment of Four Pounds currency per annum.

VIII.—All collections in Churches, payments in lieu thereof, donations to the Fund, and all sums not required for Pensions under Rule IX, shall be invested in Government or other approved securities.

IX.—The interest on invested Funds, and the contributions of the Clergy, shall be annually divided, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, among the Clergy receiving Pensions, provided that no Pension exceed £100 cy., per annum.

X.—Whenever any Clergyman, entitled to a Pension, shall surrender or waive his claim therefor or for any annual dividend thereof, the Pension or dividend so surrendered or waived, shall at the option of the Executive Committee be invested for the benefit of the Fund, or added to the amount to be divided under Rule IX.

XI.—The above Rules may be amended or otherwise dealt with, from time to time, by the Synod.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN RULE VII.

No. of Annual Contributions Paid.	Amount to be Paid to a Clergyman on Leaving the Diocese.	No. of Annual Contributions Paid.	Amount to be Paid to a Clergyman on Leaving the Diocese.
7	£4 4 0	14	£18 4 0
8	5 12 0	15	21 0 0
9	7 4 0	16	24 0 0
10	9 0 0	17	27 4 0
11	11 0 0	18	30 12 0
12	13 4 0	19	34 4 0
13	15 12 0	20	38 0 0
		Above 20	{ The amount of his contributions without interest.

Fund for the Ed

I.—A Fund shall be provided for the Clergy of the Diocese of the Synod, in aid thereof.

II.—When (exclusive of the Clergyman's own contributions, each of Ten Shillings) the sum of five annual collections shall exceed Twenty Shillings upwards shall be eligible to the benefit of this Fund.

III.—Every Clergyman who has contributed to the Fund shall be entitled to receive a dividend not exceeding four per cent on the sum contributed, which shall not exceed the sum of his claim shall be made in the opinion of the Executive Committee on an allowance.

IV.—No Clergyman shall be entitled to a dividend for any period of five years after the last annual contribution, or collection in lieu thereof.

V.—None of the above Rules shall be given to the

I.—The Eastern Clergy of the Diocese of the Synod, to the Boundary of the Diocese, with St. Thomas, with St.

II.—The Western Clergy, including the Western Clergy Southward toward

CHAPTER XIII.

Fund for the Education of the Children of the Clergy.

I.—A Fund shall be established for the Education of the Children of the Clergy of the Diocese, and be managed by the Executive Committee of the Synod, who shall solicit subscriptions, bequests and donations, in aid thereof.

II.—When (except as is hereinafter provided by Rule IV) any duly licensed Clergyman shall have paid to the Fund five annual contributions, each of Ten Shillings, currency, or else the respective amounts of five annual collections in his Parish or Mission amounting to at least Twenty Shillings each, his children of the age of eleven years and upwards shall be eligible, whether the said Clergyman be living or dead, to the benefit of this Fund.

III.—Every Child participating in the benefits of this Fund shall, if the Fund admit thereof, be entitled to receive them for a period not exceeding four years, and the annual allowance to such Child shall not exceed the sum of £20 cy., per annum. Provided always, that no claim shall be made upon the Fund for any such allowance until, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Fund is in a position to make an allowance.

IV.—No Clergyman shall have any claim upon the Fund after the said period of five years unless he continue to pay thereto his said annual contribution, or to make and pay over, as aforesaid, the said annual collection in lieu thereof.

V.—None of the above Rules shall be altered or repealed except at a Session of the Synod, and after a notice of not less than one year has been given to the Members of the proposed change.

CHAPTER XIV.

Ecclesiastical Boundaries.

I.—The Eastern part of the Town of St. John's, from and including the Eastern Side of King's Road and Rennie's Mill Road, extending thence to the Eastward and including Quidi Vidi, and Northward to the Boundary to be hereafter defined, shall be the Parish of St. Thomas, with St. Thomas's Church as the Parish Church.

II.—The Western part of the Town of St. John's, from and including the Western side of Flower Hill Firebreak, Westward and Southward towards the Topsail and Petty Harbor Missions, and in-

cluding the South Side of the Harbor and River-head, shall be the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, with St. Mary's Church as the Parish Church.

III.—The residue of the Town lying between the Western boundary of the Parish of St. Thomas and the Eastern boundary of the Parish of St. Mary, shall constitute the Parish of St. John the Baptist, with the Ecclesiastical Buildings, Glebe, and Benefactions hitherto belonging to or used by the united Parish of St. John's, except such of them as shall have been dealt with under the Will of the late Bishop Feild.

IV.—The Northern boundaries of the three Parishes, and the Western and Southern boundary of St. Mary's, shall be as follows:—

The Parish of St. Thomas shall be bounded on the West by King's Road and Rennie's Mill Road, to Rennie's Bridge, thence by the Old Portugal Cove Road and New Portugal Cove Road to the East end of Windsor Lake, and on the North by a line running from the East end of Windsor Lake by the half-way Bridge on the Torbay Road, North of Charles Langdon's property, to the Outer Cove Road, and on by said road to Outer Cove.

The Parish of St. Mary shall be bounded on the East and North-east by Flower Hill Firebreak, and a line in the same direction to Mundy's Pond Road, and by said Road to East end of Mundy's Pond; and on the North-west and West by a line running from East end of Mundy's Pond to the Topsail Road, at the junction of the Placentia Road at Brookfield, thence to the East junction of Old and New Bay of Bulls Road, and thence to Cape Spear, South of the Light House.

The Parish of St. John shall be bounded on the East by the Parish of St. Thomas, on the South by the Harbor of St. John's, on the West by the Parish of St. Mary, and on the North by a line running from the East end of Windsor Lake to the East end of Mundy's Pond.

V.—The Surplice Fees of each of the said Parishes shall belong to the Rector thereof.

VI.—The Cemetery by Quidi Vidi Lake shall be common to the three Parishes, and be managed by a Committee consisting of the Rector and three Lay Members of each Congregation.

VII.—Nothing herein contained shall interfere with the present status of the Members of the different Congregations in reference to the Church they may attend, and Members of Congregations shall be held to belong to the Parish the Church of which they attend, or through which they subscribe to the Funds of the Synod, but shall not be entitled for the voting purposes of the Parish or Synod to claim to belong to more than one Congregation—such one as they may elect.

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I.—The Rector is hereinafter provided for the performance of Divine Offices, and of all duties appertaining to the Parish Church, subject to the Rector in England.

II.—The fabric of the said Rector and the governing such matters.

III.—The Bishop in the Services held therein shall have the right to preach, and to give notice to the Rector.

IV.—The said Rector may invite or appoint any Clergyman to officiate in the said Church therein at any Service.

V.—The Services shall be performed in conformity to the Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer, as the Bishop may issue to the Diocese.

VI.—At any Service of the Fast, the Service of the Service of the preacher shall be on either end of the seats to the Clergyman, and his usual seat.

VII.—The Rector is nominated to the Bishop until they shall be.

VIII.—At any Service of the Diocese, Arcbdeacon upon the upper part.

IX.—The Rector shall have a Room for such notices to the Rector.

CHAPTER XV.

Relations of the Cathedral and the Parish Church of Saint John the Baptist.

I.—The Rector of the Parish of Saint John the Baptist, except as is hereinafter provided, shall be responsible for the due and orderly performance of Divine Service in the said Church, and for the execution of all duties appertaining thereto, whether as Cathedral or as Parish Church, subject to the control of the Bishop in the same manner as a Rector in England is subject to a Bishop in England.

II.—The fabrick of the said Church shall be under the control of the said Rector and the Church-wardens thereof, according to the laws governing such matters.

III.—The Bishop of the Diocese shall at all times take such part in the Services held or performed therein as he shall desire, and shall have the right to preach therein at any Service upon giving at least one day's notice to the Rector of the Parish of his intention to do so.

IV.—The said Bishop may, with the concurrence of the Rector, invite or appoint a Clergyman not belonging to the Staff of Clergy officiating in the said Cathedral or Parish Church to preach or officiate therein at any Service.

V.—The Services therein shall at all times be conducted in conformity to the Rules prescribed in the Prayer Book, and to such directions as the Bishop in his capacity of Ordinary may, from time to time, issue to the Diocese.

VI.—At any and every Visitation, Confirmation, Ordination, Meeting of Diocesan or Provincial Synod, General Thanksgiving or General Fast, the Services in the said Cathedral or Church and the appointment of preacher shall be according to the special direction of the Bishop; and on either and every of these occasions the Bishop may assign such seats to the Clergy as to him may seem fit, and the Rector may occupy his usual seat.

VII.—The Assistant Curates of the said Church shall be nominated to the Bishop by the Rector, but they shall not officiate therein until they shall have been duly licensed by the Bishop.

VIII.—At all times if a Bishop's Commissary, Administrator of the Diocese, Archdeacon, or Canon, be present, he shall occupy a stall upon the upper tier in the Choir.

IX.—The Bishop shall have the use of the Vestry or Chapter Room for such meetings as he may desire to hold, on giving one day's notice to the Rector.

X.—In order to avoid confusion all orders and directions concerning the Church, either as Parish Church or Cathedral, shall be given to the Subordinate Officers of the Church through the Rector, or in his absence, through one of the Assistant Curates or the Church-wardens.

XI.—Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the Bishop of the Diocese from holding the office of Rector of the said Parish of Saint John the Baptist.

CHAPTER XVI.

Special Forms of Prayer.

I.—The shortened Form of Service authorized for use in the Church of England may be adopted and used by the Church of England in Newfoundland, with such modifications as the Bishop shall think convenient.

II.—Whenever the Order for Morning or Evening Prayer is said by any Clergyman or Lay Reader in any Church or Place of Worship within this Diocese during the period of six weeks before and during the Biennial or any Special Session, Prayer shall be said for the blessing of ALMIGHTY GOD upon the deliberations of the Synod, and the form of such Prayer shall be drawn up and circulated by the Bishop.

III.—A Form of Prayer for those at sea, to meet the peculiar circumstances of this Diocese, may be prepared and authorized for use in the daily Services of the Churches by the Bishop.

IV.—In every year, at such time and with such special Order for the Services as the Bishop may appoint, a Day of General Thanksgiving for all the blessings of the past year may be appointed to be observed throughout the Diocese.

V.—If it should please God to visit the earth with scarcity or with famine, pestilence or the sword, or any other public calamity, a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Humiliation, with a special order for the Services to be prepared by the Bishop, may be appointed by him.

VI.—Nothing in this Chapter contained shall be construed to prevent the Bishop from prescribing special forms of Prayer for special occasions.

I.—Whenever of his own motion Church, determine Orders, who may be siastical, or concerning he shall issue a commission not less than five years or any three of the against the party at the time and place caused, and to the Commission may be time appointed for of such enquiry, the dence as may be the accused. And the the hands of at least majority of those ground for institution panied by the evidence

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CHAPTER XVII.

Discipline of the Clergy.

I.—Whenever the Bishop, or, in his absence, his Commissary, may, of his own motion or upon the requisition of five Communicants of the Church, determine to institute proceedings against any Clerk in Holy Orders, who may be charged with any offence against the laws ecclesiastical, or concerning whom there may exist scandal or evil report, he shall issue a commission under his hand and seal, to five Priests of not less than five years' standing; and the Commissioners so appointed, or any three of them, shall enquire into the truth of the charges alleged against the party accused, as set forth in their Commission, notice of the time and place of such enquiry having been given to the party accused, and to the party, if any, on whose application or complaint the Commission may have been issued, not less than thirty days before the time appointed for the commencement of the enquiry. And in the course of such enquiry, the Commissioners shall receive and sign all such evidence as may be tendered to them, whether for or against the party accused. And the said Commissioners shall report, in writing, under the hands of at least three of them, whether, in the opinion of the majority of those present, there be or be not sufficient *prima facie* ground for instituting further proceedings, which report shall be accompanied by the evidence on which it is founded.

II.—And in all cases, when the Commissioners shall have reported that there is *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, the Bishop or Commissary, with the written consent of the party accused, may pronounce judgment without further proceedings.

III.—If the Commissioners shall report that there is *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, and the party accused shall not consent to have judgment pronounced, as aforesaid, then, but not otherwise, three Priests of not less than five years' standing, when the charge is one of error in Doctrine only, and in all other cases three Priests of not less than five years' standing and three Lay Members of the Synod, shall be nominated, as hereafter provided, to sit with the Bishop, or his Commissary, to hear the cause.

IV.—Notice of the Bishop's or Commissary's intention to institute further proceedings shall be delivered to the person accused, or left at his usual place of abode, together with a copy of the charge or charges to be preferred, and the names of proposed Assessors being, in case of error in doctrine only, the names of nine Priests, of not less than five years' standing, from which the accused shall select three, and in all other cases the names of nine Priests and nine Lay Members of the Synod, from which the accused shall select three Priests and three Laymen, and shall notify his selection to the Bishop or Commissary within fourteen days after such service. If the accused party shall re-

fuse or neglect to make such selection, then, at the expiration of twenty-one days from the day of such service, the Bishop or Commissary may himself select the Assessors, as aforesaid. And upon receipt of notice of the selection made by the party accused, or after his own selection, as the case may be, the Bishop or Commissary shall notify, in manner aforesaid, to the said party, the place and day appointed for his trial, which shall not be less than twenty-one days after such service.

V.—At the trial there shall be at the least two of the Clerical and one of the Lay Assessors, or, in question of Doctrine, two of the three Priests present, with the Bishop or Commissary, and the course of proceedings shall be in all respects, as far as practicable, in conformity with the ordinary practice of Courts of Justice. And if, after full investigation and examination, the truth of the charges shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the Bishop or Commissary, and a majority of the Assessors, or, in question of Doctrine, of the Bishop or Commissary and two of the Clerical Assessors, sentence shall then be pronounced by the Bishop or Commissary, and if the sentence be less than absolute deprivation or forfeiture of License or employment, it may be made a condition of the sentence or may be afterwards summarily directed by the Bishop that in case of contumacy or disobedience the accused be deprived of License or employment, either conditionally, temporarily, or permanently.

VI.—If the party accused shall not appear on the day appointed for the trial, after notice thereof having been served upon him, or left at his usual place of abode, the cause may nevertheless be heard and determined as if he were present, unless there shall appear to be sufficient cause for deferring proceedings to a future day.

VII.—Advocates shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Licensed Clergymen of this Diocese or Lay Communicants of the Church of England.

VIII.—The foregoing provisions are subject as follows:—The accused may, within the time aforesaid (fourteen days), require, in writing, that the names of the Assessors be chosen from a panel of nine Priests qualified as aforesaid, where the charge is one of error in Doctrine only, and in other cases, of nine Priests so qualified and of nine Lay Members.

IX.—The names shall be drawn respectively from Boxes containing the names of all Licensed Clergymen in Priest's Orders qualified, as aforesaid, resident within the Deaneries of Avalon and Conception Bay, and of the Lay Members of the Synod resident in St. John's.

X.—The accused shall be entitled to strike off three from each panel.

XI.—A Secretary of the Synod or other person deputed by the Bishop or Commissary shall then strike off three others from each panel; the remainder shall be the Assessors.

XII.—If the names of an Advocate for either side be struck off the panel.

XIII.—The accused shall name names from the Boxes.

XIV.—If the names of the accused be so reduced that a trial may be commenced.

XV.—Nothing shall prevent the Commissary from striking off any charge preferred.

XVI.—It shall be the duty of the accused to be present during a trial, and in deciding to have been tried by a majority of the Assessors, or by the means of examination, or a majority, as aforesaid, the opportunity of being heard.

XVII.—The case shall be tried under it, and the Bishop, provided the accused be present.

XVIII.—The names of the accused hereinbefore provided shall not be one of the names of the accused.

XII.—If the name of any requisitioner bringing the charge, or of an Advocate for either side, be drawn, such names shall be omitted from the panel.

XIII.—The accidental or erroneous placing in or omission of any names from the Boxes shall not invalidate the drawing.

XIV.—If the number of Assessors should, from any circumstance, be so reduced that the trial can not be carried out, the proceedings may be commenced, *de novo*, from the election of Assessors.

XV.—Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Bishop or his Commissary from suspending a Clergyman until the determination of any charge preferred under these Rules.

XVI.—It shall only be necessary that a majority of the Assessors be present during an enquiry or trial; it shall be sufficient for those deciding to have been made acquainted with the evidence properly taken by a majority of the Assessors, or obtained under a Commission or other means of examination by the authority of the Bishop or Commissary or a majority, as aforesaid, and to which the accused shall have had the opportunity of being a party.

XVII.—The Commissary, for the purpose of this Chapter or any case tried under it, may be one specially appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, provided he be a Priest of not less than five years standing.

XVIII.—The Administrator of the Diocese, when there is one as hereinbefore provided, may institute proceedings and otherwise take the place of Bishop or Commissary under this Chapter, when the question shall not be one of error in Doctrine.

