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A PRAYER,

Appointed by the House of Bishops, to be used in all Churches in the several Dioceses of this Province, on two or more Sundays previous to the Meeting of the Provincial Synod, and also during the Session.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Province, (or Diocese,) *here, (or, now about to be)* assembled in Thy name. Save us (or, them) from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice, and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe, so to direct, govern, and sanctify, us (or, them) in, our (or, their) important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through Thy blessing on our (or, their) deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. AMEN.

The same prayer (*Mutatis mutandis*) to be used previous to, and during the Sessions of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

WE, the Bishop and Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Nova Scotia, assembled together, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon 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 and scandal, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this colony may continue, as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland.

We recognize the true Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by that Church, to be the rule and standard of faith; we acknowledge the Book of Common Prayer and Sacraments, together with the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, to be the true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture; we maintain the form of Church Government by Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as Scriptural and Apostolical; and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church Government, and to transmit them to our posterity.

We uphold the ancient doctrine of our Church, that the Queen is rightfully possessed of the chief government or supremacy over all persons within her dominions, in all causes whether ecclesiastical or civil; and we desire that such supremacy may continue unimpaired.

It is our earnest wish and determination to confine our deliberations and actions to matters of discipline, to the temporalities of the Church, and to such regulations of order as may tend to her efficiency and extension.

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7th. Each Representative shall receive from his Minister a certificate that he is qualified as above, and from the chairman of the meeting at which he is elected a certificate of his election, and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

NOTE.—At its second session the Synod resolved that the words "his Minister," in the above clause, shall mean, the Minister from whom he receives the Holy Communion, or any Clergyman of the Church of England who can certify that he is a communicant.

8th. If a vacancy should occur in the number of Representatives, the Minister shall proceed to appoint a new election, with as little delay as possible after due notice; and in case there be no Minister, then the Church Wardens or three members of the vestry, or if there be no wardens or vestry, then any five parishioners may summon a meeting to fill up the vacancy.

9th. Each parish, or district within a parish that may have been placed under the charge of a clergyman other than the Rector, may send two representatives.

10th. The quorum required to constitute a session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Registrar of the Diocese; but no vote of the Synod shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

11th. 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.

12th. 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 11, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in this Diocese.

13th. 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.

14th. 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.

15th. 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 is 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 delegates, and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted.

16th. Members of the Church may be present at meetings of the Synod, on the understanding that they must be subject to the directions of the chairman; and they may be required by him to withdraw upon the application of any three members of the Synod.

17th. The Bishop is recommended by the Synod to adopt the following Declaration, suggested by the Lambeth Conference :

Declaration to be made (in addition to any declaration required by the rules of the province or Diocese as to doctrine and worship) by persons to be admitted to holy orders, and by clergymen to be admitted to the cure of souls, or to any other office or trust in the Church :—

"I, A. B., do declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made, or which may from time to time be made, by the Synod of the Diocese of _____ and the Provincial Synod of _____ or either of them, [and in consideration of being appointed _____, I hereby undertake immediately after final judgment to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sen-

tence requiring such after due examination of the aforesaid person, saving all rights of

(The part in brackets to a cure of souls, &c.)

1st. The Bishop shall read the official prayer for the day to a form authorized by the Synod.

2nd. After the reading over the roll of names of the Clergy and the Lay-Secretaries of the Districts entitled to be present at the Synod, the respective Secretaries shall

3rd. Upon the reading of the names of the Lay-representatives, the Secretaries and a list of names for the purpose, and which shall be entered in the register, shall then be made, which officers shall be appointed

NOTE.—At the first meeting of the permanent Lay Secretaries

4th. After the reading and correction of the minutes of the previous meeting.

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tence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had, by the tribunal appointed by the Synods of the aforesaid province and diocese for the trial of a clergyman; saving all rights of appeal.]

(The part in brackets to be omitted when there is no appointment to a cure of souls, or office of trust.)

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the Divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorized by the Bishop.

2nd. After this prayer the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and the Lay-Secretary shall call over the list of Parishes and Districts entitled to send Representatives, when the names of the Clergy and Laity present shall be marked by their respective Secretaries.

3rd. Upon the first day of each Session the certificates of the Lay-representatives shall be examined by one of the secretaries and a committee of two, to be appointed for that purpose, and when found correct the names shall be recorded in the register, and the result of the investigation shall be announced to the Synod. The election of new secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively, which officers shall hold their offices until their successors shall be appointed.

NOTE.—At the fifth session of the Synod it was resolved to appoint a permanent Lay Secretary, who need not be a member of the Synod.

4th. After this the order of business shall be as follows :

Reading, correcting and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports of Committees.

Giving notice of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5th. All notices of motion given by a Presbyter, or a representative of the laity, for proceeding at a subsequent meet-

ing, shall be read over at such meeting, and may be taken up by any member present at such meeting, in the same manner as if he had himself given the notice.

6th. Before the final adjournment of the session the minutes of the last day shall be read and approved.

RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1st. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.

2nd. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.

3rd. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or committees) unless seconded and reduced to writing. Every member giving notice of a motion may at the same time announce the name of the person by whom it shall be seconded.

4th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without asking and receiving permission from the Chair.*

5th. When a question is under consideration no other motion shall be received unless to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

6th. Motions to adjourn or to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

7th. When a motion has been read to the Synod by the Secretary, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the Synod.

8th. Each member shall have the right to require at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.

* The following resolution has been adopted at each of the late sessions:
 "No member of the Synod shall occupy the time of the meeting for more than ten minutes in any one address, except the mover and seconder of a motion, who shall be allowed twenty minutes."

9th. A member shall not be called down, unless previously notified.

10th. All questions shall be decided by ballot.

11th. All amendments shall be taken in the order in which they are proposed.

12th. When a motion is proposed, no amendment shall be received, unless substituted for the motion, provided it deals with the same subject.

13th. All amendments shall be proposed before the question is put, and shall be decided before the question is put.

14th. Whilst a question is under consideration, members shall not be permitted to make private discourses, or to leave the Synod, until the question is decided.

15th. In voting, the first to rise, and the last to rise, shall be counted.

16th. A question shall not be drawn into a special sanction, unless it has been so referred by the Synod.

17th. No resolution shall be passed, unless the number of members present is a majority of the members, the number of whom shall be recorded.

18th. When a member is called down, he shall keep his seat, unless he has left the chair.

19th. Unless otherwise ordered, the Synod shall do so, it shall not be necessary to ascertain the result of a ballot.

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9th. A member called to order whilst speaking, shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.

10th. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair.

11th. All amendments to a motion shall be considered in the order in which they are moved.

12th. When a proposed amendment is under consideration no amendment to such amendment shall be in order ; yet a substitute for the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

13th. All amendments to any question shall be decided on before the question or motion on which they arise is proposed for decision.

14th. Whilst any question is being put from the chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse ; and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

15th. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first arise, and then those who vote in the negative.

16th. A question being once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the special sanction of the Bishop.

17th. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings ; but, when required by any one member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded.

18th. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop, or other person presiding, has left the chair.

19th. Unless called upon by any member of the Synod to do so, it shall not be the duty of the chairman of the house to ascertain the number of Clergy or Lay-Representatives present.

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

1st. The names of members of Committees shall be proposed by any member of the Synod, and if no more than the number of members of such Committee be proposed, then that shall be such Committee, but if a greater number, then a ballot shall be taken for such Committee.

2nd. The reports of Committees shall be in writing, signed by the chairman, and shall be received in course.

3rd. The chairman of the 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.

4th. All reports of Committees recommending any action or expression of opinion, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

5th. In case any lay member of a Committee is not re-elected, his successor shall take his place in the Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, by the Act of the Provincial Legislature (26 Vic. Cap. 77.) this Synod was incorporated with full powers to receive and hold real and personal estate, and to let, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, and manage the same, or any part thereof:

I. The powers thus granted shall be exercised by a Committee, consisting of the Bishop, nine Clerical, and nine Lay members of this Synod, to be called "*The Executive Committee.*"

II. At each ordinary meeting of the Synod, the Clerical and Lay member of the Committee whose names respectively shall stand at the head of the list, shall go out of office, and also the Clerical and Lay member whose attendance shall have been least frequent at the meetings of the Committee; but all such members shall be eligible for re-election. If any vacancy shall occur between the sessions of the Synod, it shall be filled up by the Clerical or Lay members, as the case may be, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Synod.

III. The Executive Committee may, at their discretion, accept on behalf of the Synod real and personal estate to be at the disposal of the Synod, or to be held in trust for any religious or charitable object, and may affix the corporate seal of the Synod to any document which they may be required to execute with respect to such property.

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

V. The Executive Committee shall be also the Business Committee of the Synod.

VI. The said Committee shall publish in any Church paper that may be established in the Diocese, at least three months before each meeting of the Synod, the business to be proposed by them.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(Passed April 29, 1863.)

WHEREAS, it is deemed just and expedient to incorporate the Diocesan Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland of this Province, for the purpose of enabling them to hold, acquire, and manage real and personal estate for religious purposes,—

Be it, therefore, enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows :

I. The Synod, consisting of the Bishop, Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," and by that name may take, receive, and hold real and personal estate; and may let, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of and manage the same or any part thereof.

II. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to abridge or affect in any way the rights or privileges of any person or persons not being members of the said Synod, nor of any corporations, nor shall extend in any manner to confer any spiritual jurisdiction or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon the said Synod or their successors.

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I. Whenever proceedings against a clergyman charged with a crime concerning which he shall issue a certificate of suspension, the Presbytery of the Province, or Commissioners, shall enquire into the conduct of the party accused, at the time and place of the offence, or the party accused, or his agent, or by petition or complaint, and within less than thirty days after the commencement of the proceedings.

And, in the case of a clergyman, he shall receive a certificate of suspension, whether for or against him.

And the said certificate shall be in the hands of the Moderator of the majority of the Presbytery, and the report shall be made to the Synod, which it is found to be just to report that

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REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, it is expedient to define the mode in which the power of the Bishop shall be exercised: We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, have agreed upon the following Rules, to be observed in order to secure a fair and impartial tribunal for the trial of any Clergyman who may hereafter be charged with any offence rendering him liable to Ecclesiastical censure.

I. Whenever the Bishop may 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 Presbyters of not less than seven 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, upon 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 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 a copy of 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 pro-

ceedings, the Bishop, 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 Clerks in Holy Orders, or three Clerks and three Laymen, shall be nominated as hereafter provided, to sit with the Bishop or his Commissary, specially appointed for this purpose, to hear the cause.

IV. Notice of the Bishop's intention to institute further proceedings shall be delivered to the person accused, together with a copy of the charge or charges to be preferred, and the names of nine Presbyters, of not less than seven years' standing, and of nine Lay members of the Diocesan Synod, from which the accused shall select, when the charge is one of error in doctrine only, three Presbyters, and in all other cases three Presbyters and three Laymen, and shall notify his selection to the Bishop within fourteen days after the receipt of said notice and list of names. But if the accused party shall refuse or neglect to make such selection, then at the expiration of twenty-one days from the day of receipt of list of names by the accused the Bishop may himself select three Presbyters, or three Presbyters and three Laymen, 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 shall notify to the said party the place and day appointed for his trial, which shall not be less than twenty-one days after he shall receive notice of the same.

V. At the trial there shall be at the least two of the Clerical and one of the Lay assessors, or in questions of doctrine the three Clergy present, with the Bishop or his Commissary; and the course of proceedings shall be in all respects, as far as possible, 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 his Commissary and a majority of the assessors (or in questions of doctrine of a

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VI. If the party accused shall not appear on the day appointed for the trial, after having received the notice thereof, 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 Clergymen resident in the Diocese, or Laymen who declare themselves to be members of the Church of England and to belong to no other Communion.

VIII. All proceedings under these regulations must be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence.

IX. Until further order be taken, all appeals from the judgment of this Synod shall be to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When the See is vacant, the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, the senior Presbyter of the Diocese, being a member of the Synod, shall, within a fortnight after the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See; at which meeting the said Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, and in the absence of both, the senior Presbyter present shall preside; and it shall be the duty of such Archdeacon or Presbyter to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop elect, to the proper authorities. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to vote are present, and two-thirds of all the Lay-Representatives, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

RURAL DEANERIES.

Deanery of Lunenburg—(Rev. H. L. Owen, R. D.)—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Dublin.

Deanery of Shelburne—(Rev. T. H. White, D.D., R.D.)—Port Medway, Liverpool, Shelburne, Barrington, Tusket, Yarmouth.

Deanery of Annapolis—(Rev. P. Filleul, R. D.)—Weymouth, Digby, Clements, Annapolis, Granville, Bridgetown, Wilmot.

Deanery of Avon—(Rev. J. Storrs, R. D.)—Aylesford, Kentville, Cornwallis, Windsor, Falmouth, Newport, Rawdon.

Deanery of Amherst—(Rev. G. Townshend, A.M., R. D.)—Maitland, Truro, Stewiacke, Londonderry, Parrsborough, Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Albion Mines.

Deanery of St. George—(Rev. H. Hamilton, R. D.)—Antigonishe, Guysborough, Manchester, Melford, Country Harbor, St. Mary's River, Arichat.

Deanery of Tangier—(Rev. R. Jameson, R. D.)—Beaver Harbor, Ship Harbor, Three Fathom Harbor, Dartmouth, Sackville.

Deanery of Sydney—(Rev. R. Uniacke, D.D., R. D.)—Cape Breton, (with the exception of Arichat.)

The Senior* Clergyman in each of the Deaneries shall call the clergy together before the end of September, and at that meeting they shall determine by what name the Deanery shall be called, and shall select one of their number to be nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment.†

* Seniority to be counted from date of Priests' Orders.

† When a vacancy shall occur either by removal or death, the same course shall be adopted to fill up such vacancy as was followed at the first selection, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he shall choose.

It shall be the duty of the Clergy to promote mutual edification.

The powers of the Clergy in making enquiries to be directed to the sending a report of the duties as he may perform of each Cure to the Bishop.

The appointment of the Dean thus made shall be a Cure of Souls.

No Parish or Deanery to another Deanery to another Chapters interested.

The Synod shall divide the Diocesan Districts into the Synod.

The Church shall be requested to make a report of each Session of the Synod.

It was Resolved that no alteration be made in any of the Canons of the Synod relating to the stitution and Regulation of the Synod.

Also, (at the request of the Synod) the Canon, adopted by this Synod, relating to the election of the Bishop, adopted by this Synod, be amended.

That the 2^d Canon of the Synod of Canterbury be amended.

Resolved.—That the Synod demand that the Bishop be as fully represented as possible.

That the Bishop be instructed to meet the wants of the Synod.

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portions as in the Synod, and that the same be equitable; the same shall be that named for the Synod.

It shall be the office of the Rural Dean to hold meetings of the Clergy of his Deanery, at least once in six months, for mutual edification.

The powers of the Rural Deans were defined to be—making enquiries in each Parish according to a list of questions to be drawn up by the Executive Committee; and sending a report of the same to the Bishop; and such other duties as he may be requested by the Missionary in charge of each Cure to perform.

The appointment of the Rural Dean is to last so long as the Dean thus appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls.

No Parish or district shall be transferred from one Rural Deanery to another without the written consent of the two Chapters interested.

ADDENDA.

The Synod have requested the several Parishes and Districts in the Diocese to contribute to the current expenses of the Synod.

The Church Wardens of each Parish or District are requested to make a return (according to a prepared form) to each Session of the Synod.

It was *Resolved*,—"That it is out of the power of this Synod to alter any of the 'Formularies' mentioned in Art. 12 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Synod."

Also, (at the 7th Session), "That the alteration of the 36th Canon, adopted by the Church of England, be accepted and adopted by this Synod."

"That the 29th Canon lately passed by the Convocation of Canterbury be not adopted by this Synod."

Resolved,—"That the increasing responsibilities devolved upon this Synod demand that every section of this Diocese should be as fully represented as possible, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare an estimate of the amount required to meet the wants of its next Session, including unavoidable expenses of members non-resident in this city, and that the same be requested from the several parishes or congregations in such proportions as in their (i. e. Ex: Com:) judgment will be fair and equitable; the amount to be paid in not later than one day after that named for opening the Session."

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted :

That, as a general rule, in conformity with Church order, all missionaries and chaplains residing or engaged in the exercise of ministerial duty within the diocese or district of a Colonial or Missionary Bishop should be licensed by, and be subject to the authority of, the said Bishop.

That every clergyman removing from one colonial or missionary diocese or district into another diocese ought to carry with him letters testimonial from the Colonial or Missionary Bishop whose diocese or district he is leaving.

That no person admitted to holy orders by the Bishop of any diocese in England or Ireland, who shall afterwards have been serving under the jurisdiction of any Scottish, Colonial, or foreign Bishop, should be received into any of the home dioceses, without producing letters dimissory or commendatory from the Scottish, Colonial, or foreign Bishop in whose diocese he has been serving.

Also, the following form of letters Dimissory :

To the Right Reverend the Bishop, and Reverend the Clergy, and to the faithful in Christ of the Diocese of A.

We, B, by Divine permission Bishop of C, send greeting in the Lord.

We commend to your brotherly kindness by these our letters, D E, Priest [or Deacon] of our own diocese, beseeching you to receive him in the Lord, as a brother, sound in the faith, of a well-ordered and religious life, and worthy of all Christian fellowship, and to render him any assistance of which he may stand in need; and so we bid you farewell in Christ our Lord.

Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP.

B, SECRETARY.

It was *Resolved*,—"That no letters Dimissory shall be refused without the causes thereof being signified in writing, and delivered to the applicant."

During the Eighth Session the following resolution was adopted :

"That the Executive Committee of the Synod be instructed to take the necessary steps to procure the passing of an act by the Dominion Government, permitting this Diocesan Synod, as at present constituted, to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada, under the act already applying to that body; and also be instructed to take such further measures as may be necessary to complete the union."

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* Those marked * were absent from the session.

Diocesan

THE Diocesan with a summons to the Cathedral Church. The members of the Diocese were present at nine o'clock and assisted by the

Immediately after the reading of the names of the Secretaries, and forty-three representatives of the Diocese, the names of the representatives were recorded.

The Bishop's address follows:—

" He could not but be deeply affected by the consequences to the Diocese of the war, and would only refer to the resignation, no one could be more fully recognized with Canada, that will be fully recognized both civil and ecclesiastical. Nova Scotia, four Endowments belong to the present Bishop, and those who shall be before the dissenting Bishop, in whose

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NINTH SESSION

OF THE

Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met, in accordance with a summons from the Lord Bishop, at Halifax, in the Cathedral Church of "St. Luke" on Tuesday July 5th, 1870. The members of the Synod assembled for the Divine Service at nine o'clock A. M. The Lord Bishop was Celebrant, assisted by the Cathedral Clergy.

Immediately after the celebration, the rolls were called by the Secretaries. There were present fifty-four Clergymen and forty-three Lay Representatives. The certificates of the Representatives were examined according to order, and their names recorded.

The Bishop delivered his opening address, concluding as follows:—

"He could not refrain from expressing his fear that the parishes still keeping aloof from the Synod, were not aware of the evil consequences to which they were exposing themselves, but he would only refer to one in particular. In case of his death or resignation, no one can doubt, more especially since our union with Canada, that the Bishop, who may be elected by the Synod, will be fully recognised by the Government and the authorities, both civil and ecclesiastical, as his lawful successor in the See of Nova Scotia, founded by Letters Patent, and that all Churches and Endowments belonging to Congregations under the jurisdiction of the present Bishop, will, in case of any question, be adjudged to those who shall bear the same relation to his successor. Wherefore the dissentient Congregations will either have to submit to a Bishop, in whose election they will have had no voice, or they will

have to repeat the sad proceedings of former days and abandoning their old Churches, separate themselves also from the Church of England. They might perhaps imagine that, because the Law exempts them from its operation, they will therefore be free, but if they reflect at all, they will perceive that, laws and ordinances notwithstanding, they will not be able to escape the dilemma here described. He would have a successor recognized as such, and they must either apply to him for licences or quit their Churches. In any case there would be much confusion and discord, and although the evil would not come until after his time, he was much grieved when he thought of it, and would be thankful if these anticipated differences could be averted and all might be induced to work together in peace and harmony, bearing one another's burdens."

Canon Gilpin was appointed Clerical Secretary.

The records of the last Session were confirmed.

A report was read from the Executive Committee. They stated that, in accordance with the wish of the Synod, they had procured from the Dominion Legislature an Act permitting this Diocese to unite in Provincial Synod with the Dioceses of Canada.

They submitted to the Synod the following suggestions of a sub-committee on the Diaconate :

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE EXTENSION OF THE
DIACONATE.

The Sub-committee would begin their report with certain words of the Church of England.

"Almighty God has appointed divers orders in His Church," and again it is evident unto all men diligently reading the Holy Scripture and ancient authors, that from the Apostle's time there have been these orders of ministers in Christ's Church, Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

Of these orders one, that of Deacons, has practically fallen into abeyance, and the Church suffers in consequence, especially in our large and scattered parishes, from a want of duly authorized ministers.

It would seem therefore, to be the plain duty of the governing body of any branch of the Church, such as the Synod of Nova Scotia has become, to resuscitate the permanent Order of the Diaconate.

To this end you the time for entering admit persons of the usual candida and schoolmaster tions, having been the communicant dates for the Diaconate be required, the Liturgy far at least as aff respect to Rome

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To this end your Sub-committee would recommend, (1) That the time for entering the Diaconate should be extended so as to admit persons of the age of twenty-one. (2) That in addition to the usual candidates, men of education and leisure, medical men and schoolmasters, and worthy men engaged in business occupations, having been recommended by the Rector and approved by the communicants of a parish, be accepted by the Bishop as candidates for the Diaconate. (3) That all such candidates for the Diaconate be required to pass an examination in the Holy Scriptures, the Liturgy Offices and Articles, and in Church History so far at least as affects the position of the Church of England with respect to Rome and the other denominations.

Your Sub-committee would recommend that no Deacon have any independent spiritual charge; that no Deacon officiate in any parish or congregation without the express consent of the Incumbent, nor in any case without the assent of the Bishop; and that when officiating he be entirely subject to the directions of the Incumbent.

In itself a permanent Order, your Sub-committee would nevertheless recommend that members of the Diaconate, other than the usual university candidates for the higher degree, may, *under exceptional circumstances*, be advanced to the Priesthood.

All which is respectfully submitted to the Executive Committee of Synod.

JOHN ABBOTT, *Chairman.*

Agreed to so far as the end of the first proposition, viz: admitting regular candidates for the University at the age of twenty-one, and retaining them in the Diaconate at least two years; also as to the undesirableness of confiding the sole charge of a parish to a Deacon.

JOHN AMBROSE.

The Executive Committee recommend the above report with the observation that, it would probably not be competent to the Bishop to act upon the suggestion in the *first* clause, inasmuch as the age of twenty-three is determined by the rubric introductory to the ordination service.

With reference to the subject of separate Schools, the Executive Committee reported that they had appointed a sub-committee "to watch the proceedings of the Legislature on that point, with the special instruction that they are to claim for ourselves equal privileges with those granted to any other religious body in the matter of Education."

They recommend that the mover of a resolution be allowed to name the seconder.

They reported that they had caused petitions to be sent both to the Dominion Legislature, and also to the Local Government, relative to an Asylum for Inebriates, similar to that sent by the Provincial Synod of Canada.

A report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Notices of motion were given, viz:

1st.—Relative to the action of the Executive Committee in petitioning the Legislature for a permissive Bill.

2nd.—Relative to Glebe Lands.

3rd.—Relative to offending members of Rural Deaneries.

4th.—The amendment of Rules for the trial of Clerks.

5th.—Amendment of Church Act.

Unfinished business was taken up.

In accordance with notice, Col. Poyntz brought forward a motion relative to collection of Church funds, which had been submitted to the eighth session, and moved:

“That a Committee be appointed to take the matter into consideration, and to report to the present session of the Synod.”

The following Committee were appointed: Col. Poyntz, Revs. J. J. Ritchie, T. H. White, J. Forsyth and J. Ambrose, Messrs. W. Shipley and W. C. Silver.

The Rev. F. H. Almon brought forward a motion relative to the action of the Executive Committee in applying for a permissive Bill.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. D. Nickerson, seconded by the Rev. P. Brown:

“As the mode in which the application to the Dominion Parliament was made, does not appear upon the face of it to be in strict accordance with the instructions given to the Executive Committee, that Committee is requested to give such explanations as may remove any misapprehension.”

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Mr. Almon was allowed to withdraw his motion, and the motion of Mr. Nickerson was adopted.

The Bishop as chairman, gave a full explanation of the course pursued by the Executive Committee.

Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. H. P. Almon, seconded by the Rev. D. C. Moore, and resolved :

"That the thanks of the Synod are due to the Lord Bishop as chairman of the Executive Committee for the very satisfactory explanation now given of their proceedings; and that thanks be given to the Committee for the attention given to the matter entrusted to them, and for the manner in which they have carried out their instructions."

It was agreed that the debate upon adopting the Act obtained by the Executive Committee be first in order of proceedings on the next day.

In accordance with notice at the last Session, it was moved by the Rev. J. Storrs, seconded by the Rev. C. Bowman, that in the "Act of Declaration," the words *after final judgment* be inserted after the word "immediately," and that the words *allowed by this Synod* be omitted.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to the next day.

SECOND DAY.

The Synod resumed business at three o'clock P. M. (the morning having been occupied with the Episcopal visitation.)

The rolls were called. There were fifty-three Clergy present and forty-four Lay Representatives.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The following report of the Committee on Temperance was read :

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that, notwithstanding the efforts which have been already made, and the many Societies which have been formed to arrest its progress, Intemperance continues to be the great and growing evil in the world around us; that notwithstanding all the painstaking of good men of all orders and degrees, the sin of drunkenness prevails and is the

bane of social life, and the irrepressible hinderer of the Truth, and the most powerful ally to the enemy of souls.

With this confession, it is to be regretted that the Committee is not yet prepared with any well defined and practical scheme upon which the Synod could be recommended to take action. The members of the Committee are so widely distributed in the Diocese, (one member being in England, another in Charlottetown) that it was found impossible to have their attendance during the recess, and now that we are in session, the zealous mover of the resolution, under which we act, is unavoidably hindered from being present. The chairman has been in communication with him and others, and yet we have not been able to arrive at any satisfactory plan, by which the cause of Temperance may be promoted, and which may be adopted as a general rule of the Church, to be promulgated by her Synod.

The members of the Committee have no desire to shun the difficulty, and the Church must look the difficulty in the face; and it is the special mission of this Synod to devise measures to discountenance and diminish all vice; and your Committee earnestly recommend that for this purpose, some definite expression be given by this Synod; and it is confidently hoped that any suggestion so made, will be respectfully heeded so far as circumstances admit, and the truth of the Church and the cause of true religion may be extended and conserved.

Your Committee recommend the consideration of the present License law, and of the evils which arise from the abuse of it. Your Committee recommend that wherever it is deemed expedient to organize Temperance Societies, they should be in direct connection with the Church, by which we shall be saved from the danger of substituting men for the Church, and thereby creating one great evil by the suppression of another; and causing the delusive supposition, that we may of our self-will or self-interest accomplish that which the Church cannot do by prayers and sacraments, and the presence of her Lord.

It is hoped that it may not be out of place to regret that it should be thought necessary to establish any such Institutions for men and women who have been sealed in their foreheads with the Cross of Christ, and who are pledged in their strife for the mastery to be temperate in all things, or respectfully to express the conviction, that if the Rev. Clergy were all to follow their Lord in his precepts of self-denial, and encourage by their preaching and example the wisdom of the Church in the observance of the rules of fasting and abstinence as well as of prayer, we should not have to deal with so many people, who only sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play:—to play the part of folly and irreligion—degradation and death.

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The order of the day was then taken up.

It was moved by the Rev. W. H. Snyder, seconded by
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“That the Act passed at the last Session of the Dominion Par-
liament entitled ‘An act to extend the operation of the act of
Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 19 & 20 Vic. Cap 121,
concerning the Synod of the Church of England in Canada to this
Province of Nova Scotia,’ be adopted by this Synod.”

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. W. S. Gray,
seconded by the Rev. H. P. Almon :

“That it is expedient to delay union with the Ecclesiastical
Province of Canada until further information be obtained as to the
manner in which we will be allowed to vote in the Provincial
Synod.”

The amendment was lost by a large majority.

The original resolution received the concurrent assent of
the Bishop and a large majority of each order.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SENATE (OR HOUSE OF COMMONS) OF
THE DOMINION OF CANADA :

The Petition of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

Humbly Sheweth:—

That the said Synod, consisting of the Bishop, Clergy and
Representatives of the Laity of the United Church of England
and Ireland, in the Province of Nova Scotia, has been incorporated
by Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in the year 1863,
for the purpose of enabling the said Synod to hold real and
personal estate for religious purposes.

That by an Act passed by the Legislature of the late Province
of Canada, the members of the said United Church were empow-
ered to meet in Synod in the several Dioceses of the said Pro-
vince; and also to meet in General Assembly by such represen-
tatives as should be determined and declared by them in their
several Dioceses.

That under the authority of the said Act, a Provincial Synod
has been constituted in Montreal, composed of representatives
from all the Dioceses of the Church of England, in the late
Province of Canada.

That your Petitioners desire to be represented in the said Provincial Synod, which has expressed its willingness to receive them, but that doubts have arisen whether the said Synod, deriving its authority from an Act of Parliament, can admit to a participation in its proceedings the representatives of Dioceses of Provinces not included in the area to which the said Act applied.

That since the Union of the Maritime Provinces with the late Province of Canada under one Government, it appears to your Petitioners, that the isolation of any Diocese of the Church of England from the other Dioceses within the Dominion is an inconvenient anomaly, and that all ought to be united under one organization, and governed by the same laws and regulations.

That your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House to be pleased to pass a permissive Bill, empowering the Provincial Synod of Montreal to admit the representatives of any Diocese in the Dominion, which may not have been hitherto represented therein, and also empowering the Synod of every such Diocese to adopt the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 19-20 Vict: Cap. 121.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

X AN ACT TO EXTEND THE OPERATION OF THE ACT 19 & 20 VIC: C. 121 TO ALL PARTS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Whereas, an Act was passed by the Legislature of the late Province of Canada in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod:" and whereas it is expedient to enable the members of the said United Church throughout the Dominion of Canada, if they shall see fit, to assimilate their laws and practice, and to manage their affairs under a uniform system.

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

The Synods of the United Church of England and Ireland now constituted, or which shall hereafter be constituted in conformity with the provisions of the said Act, in the Province of Nova Scotia, and in any other Province that now is, or hereafter shall be, included in the Dominion, may adopt the said Act, and may unite with the members of said Church in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in General Assembly, by their representatives, as fully and in the same manner to all intents and purposes as if they had been included in the Province of Canada at the time of the passing of the aforesaid Act.

Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorise any interference with the right of nomination to Parishes, secured to the Parishioners by the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia Cap. 49.

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On motion by the Venble. the Archdeacon, it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Bishop be requested to give the Synod a copy of his Charge, delivered at the recent visitation, for publication."

The Bishop assented to the request. It was agreed that the first subject to be taken up on the following Morning should be the proposed amendment to the "Act of Declaration."

The Synod adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

After an early celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past 7, and Morning prayer at 6 o'clock, the business of the Synod was resumed.

The rolls were called and the minutes of the preceding day approved.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: the amendment to the "Act of Declaration" of submission to the Synod.

Mr. Genever, having moved the adjournment on the previous day, took up the debate and moved in amendment, seconded by the Rev. F. Almon:

"That the form of declaration of submission to the Synod be amended so as to make it agree with the Declaration of Submission required by the Provincial Synod of Canada, and that in accordance with the provisions of the Dominion Act permitting this Synod to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada, the application of this Declaration shall extend to those clergymen and Parishes only who have given or shall hereafter give adherence to this Synod."

After much discussion the amendment was put and lost; a large majority of the Clergy being opposed, and the Laity being unanimously against it.

The original resolution was then adopted by a large majority of the Clergy, and unanimously by the Laity, in the following form, viz: to insert the words *after final judgment* next to the word "immediately." Also to omit the words *allowed by the said Synod* after the word "appeal."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missionary work was read and adopted:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that having in view the command of our Lord and Savior to his Church, that the Gospel should be preached to all nations, and the obvious fact that this command is as yet very far from being fully obeyed: Having in remembrance also the Divine promise that they who water others shall themselves be watered—they have found themselves unable to report in any other way, and they feel that you would rightly condemn them did they attempt to report in any other way than by recommending with all their power and earnestness that the Church in Nova Scotia endeavour, to some extent at least, to undertake her part in obeying the Blessed Master's command—that she endeavour in some way to draw down from on High the promised Blessing. Your Committee have not forgotten, either, that a duty of honesty and of gratitude lies upon this Church, that as she has most freely received, she should most freely give. At the same time your Committee have not overlooked the difficulty that so much requires to be undertaken for the edification of God's Church in our own Diocese, that a very large amount cannot be expected for the purpose of Foreign Missions until we are free from our own financial difficulties, and have become a self-supporting body. Your Committee however feel confidence that you will not allow these difficulties to tempt you into selfishness, but that you will repel the idea of refusing your aid to those living in the darkness of heathenism, as unworthy of those who have been redeemed by Him, who for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

Your Committee do not however recommend the formation of a missionary Society within the Church as commonly understood: such a course they would consider a needless multiplying of agencies and a weakening of the resources of the Church: they

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Having thus recommended to the Synod a means whereby Foreign Missions may be aided or undertaken, they would advise in conclusion that all matters of detail be left to the consideration of the Executive Committee which they hope to see appointed; and only suggest in conclusion, that during every session of this Synod, an evening should be set apart for receiving the report of the said Executive Committee, and for endeavouring to arouse the interest of the Church in the great cause entrusted to them.

All of which is respectfully invited.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

DAVID C. MOORE.

It was moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by the Rev. H. L. Owen:

"That a Committee be appointed under the above report, to be called the Board of Foreign Missions."

The following Committee were appointed under the above resolution:

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop; the Rev. D. C. Moore, the Very Rev. the Dean, Rev. P. Filleul, Rev. H. L. Owen, Rev. F. H. Almon; Messrs. W. C. Silver, Colonel Poyntz, G. Reading, J. R. DeWolf, M. D., and W. Gossip.

The report of the Executive Committee was taken up, and the following recommendation was adopted:

"Every member giving notice of a motion, may at the same time announce the name of the person by whom it shall be seconded."

Also the following:

"Each Parish or District within a Parish that may have been placed under the charge of a clergyman, other than the Rector, may send two Representatives."

The Rev. W. Godfrey, on the part of the Committee, read a list of suggested Representatives to the Provincial Synod. Several others being nominated, a ballot was taken for eighteen members from each House, with the understanding that the twelve highest in the number of votes be the Representatives, and the other six be substitutes.

The following was the result :

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“ J. J. Ritchie.	N. White.
“ E. B. Nichols.	E. Kaulbach.
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“ T. Maynard.	Hon. W. B. Vail.
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Rev. G. Townshend.	W. Gossip.
“ J. Ambrose.	J. T. Wood.
“ G. W. Hodgson.	B. Zwicker.
“ J. Storrs.	J. Y. Payzant.
“ Canon Hensley.	J. R. DeWolf, M. D.
“ W. Godfrey.	W. H. Moody.
“ C. Bowman.	A. M. Cochran.
“ Canon Gilpin.	C. B. Bowman.
“ P. Filluel.	G. P. Black.
“ D. C. Moore.	W. M. Brown.
“ F. H. Almon.	S. P. Fairbanks.

The Bishop introduced the subject of the new Lectionary, and read the following proposal :

“The Bishop informs the Clergy and Lay-members of the Synod that, if the new Lectionary should be made part of the law of the Church of England, it is his purpose to order it to be used in this Diocese, from the date at which it shall be ordered in England, or as soon after as Books can be procured, provided this introduction shall meet the approval of the Synod.”

It was moved by the Rev. W. M. Godfrey, seconded by the Rev. H. L. Owen, that :

“It is the opinion of this Synod that it would be better to defer the adoption of the new Lectionary.”

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Col. Poyntz presented the following report, relative to the collection of Church Funds :

The Committee on Church Funds beg leave to report that, the rapid withdrawal of all external assistance from our Church in this Diocese makes it imperative that our people should as soon as possible learn that the full support of the Gospel is as much a part of Christian duty as believing the Gospel.

If the word is preached to the poor it will be largely supported by them, and a great body of contributors will be brought in, who hitherto have either withheld, or have been kept aloof.

It is unreasonable to ask the contributions towards Church objects of those for whom no Church accommodation (which they will accept) have been provided. Your Committee are therefore, in the first place, unanimously of opinion that in order to enlist the sympathies of the great body of the Church, and to bring down the blessing of Him, who is the friend of the poor, the sitting in all our Churches should be free and unappropriated.

Next—We believe that the duty of giving should be affectionately presented to the people as a part of Religious worship, and that as in the days of the Church's greatest prosperity, of zeal and success, each and every self-denying Christian on every occasion of public Worship, especially on the Lord's day should honor the opportunity presented to him of laying his offering upon the table of the Lord, "According as the Lord hath prospered him." Whilst therefore your Committee are clearly of opinion that all contributions towards the support of God's worship should be made through the Offertory they leave to the decision of its Synod, the best method of carrying into effect the offertory as a System.

Some Parishes probably would be best satisfied with the envelope system by which a record may be kept of individual contributions, with its necessary vouchers, and also on account of the facility which it affords of guaranteeing specified sums for any special objects; others again would prefer the secret system leaving to the individual conscience the responsibility of supporting or neglecting to support the Gospel, some perhaps may choose a mixture of both systems, *Id est*, of giving by envelopes to special objects requiring punctuality of payment and guarantee, whilst for other purposes they would prefer the secret system of contributing.

As the duty of supporting and spreading the Gospel of Christ can only be effected by the love of Christ, and that faith which

Worketh by love, your Committee feel thankful for the awakened interest which is already manifesting itself in our Church, and trust that whatever system of collecting contributions may be adopted, a zealous and loving lay agency may be called into earnest and persistent action in every Parish in our Diocese.

On behalf of the Committee

JAMES POYNTZ, *Chairman.*

It was Resolved :

“That the above Report be received and recommended for the consideration and practice of the Diocese.”

The chairman of the Committee on a “Church Institution” requested in the name of the Committee that they might be discharged. The request was granted.

Notice of motion was given, relative to a Church Temperance Society, by the Rev. F. H. Almon.

In accordance with notice, the Rev. J. Storrs introduced a resolution, the object of which was to prevent the selling of Glebe Lands, by giving better terms to tenants, allowing them to sell, as in England, their unexhausted improvements at the expiration of their leases.

On it being explained that the Synod had no control of the Parishes as corporate bodies, the resolution was withdrawn.

The Synod adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven, and morning prayers at nine. The Synod resumed business at ten A. M.

The rolls were called and the minutes of the preceding day were amended and adopted.

Reports of Committees were called for.

Notices of motion were taken up.

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In accordance with notice, it was moved by the Rev. G. Townshend, seconded by Dr. DeWolf, and resolved :

"That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of applying to the Local Legislature for a new Church Act."

The following Committee were appointed :

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, the Very Rev. the Dean, Rev. E. B. Nichols, Rev. G. Townshend, Rev. E. Gilpin, Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Messrs. S. P. Fairbanks, J. Y. Payzant, C. Bullock, S. Gray, and the Hon. W. B. Vail.

In accordance with notice, Col. Wood took up his motion relative to Education and moved, seconded by the Rev. J. Ambrose :

"That so much of the Bishop's Charge to the Clergy as refers to Education, and the general subject of the education of the children of members of our Church, be referred to a committee of nine, five clerical and four laymen."

The motion was adopted and the following committee were appointed :

Revs. Canon Hensley, J. Ambrose, E. B. Nichols, J. Abbott, J. Storrs, Col. Wood, Messrs. J. Y. Payzant, C. Bullock and E. P. Archbold.

The Rural Dean of Lunenburg took up the subject of Ecclesiastical discipline, and moved the following resolutions which were seconded by Mr. W. Shipley, and adopted :

I. "That a committee be appointed to gather information during the recess of this Synod on the subject of Ecclesiastical discipline, to confer on this subject with the Delegates to the Provincial Synod after their return from Canada, and to report to this Synod at an early period of the next Session."

II. "That it be an instruction to the Delegates to the Provincial Synod to ascertain if any and what steps have been taken to provide for the proper exercise of Ecclesiastical discipline, and to report thereon at the next following Session of this Synod."

It was moved by the Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. J. R. Campbell, and resolved :

"That each Representative appointed to attend the Provincial Synod of Canada at its next Session, must before the 30th day of June, 1871 inform the Registrar of the Diocese whether he can or cannot attend the meeting of the Provincial Synod in September, 1871."

The Rev. J. Ambrose gave notice of motion relative to the finances of the Synod.

It was moved by Mr. J. Storrs, seconded by Rev. R. Avery :

"That inasmuch as an Appendix to the S. P. C. K. Hymn Book has been published, a committee be appointed to examine both the Hymns and Tunes belonging to the Appendix, with a view of recommending the best Hymn and Tune Book for the Diocese."

On motion of the Rev. P. Filluel, it was agreed to adjourn the debate on this subject.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up. It was moved by B. Zwicker, Esq., seconded by Canon Cochran and resolved :

"That the Report be adopted."

In accordance with notice, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. F. Almon, seconded by B. Zwicker, Esq. :

"That this Synod recommend the formation of a Temperance Society, similar to the Church of England Temperance Societies in England, and that the said Society be connected with the Synod by its executive committee being constituted a standing committee of this Synod."

The debate upon the subject was adjourned.

The following notice of motion was given by N. White, Esq. :

"That it is the opinion of this Synod, no unauthorized innovation be introduced in the form and manner of conducting the public services and ceremonies of the Church, and that there be no departure from the rubrics relating thereto."

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Mr. Storrs' motion relative to the Appendix to the S. P. C. K. Hymn Book was taken up. The Rev. J. C. Campbell, seconded by the Rev. W. Ellis, moved as a substitute for the whole matter :

"That any action of this Synod on the subject of Hymnology be deferred."

Mr. Campbell's motion was adopted.

The following Committee under Mr. Almon's resolution relative to a Temperance Society were appointed :

Revs. Canon Cochran, J. Breading, J. Ancient, F. H. Almon, W. J. Axford, J. C. Edghill, Messrs. W. C. Silver, W. M. Brown, B. Zwicker, C. E. Ratchford, and James Cochran.

On motion of J. Y. Payzant, Esq., seconded by S. Gray, Esq., it was resolved :

"That the Records of this Session be published under the direction of the Executive Committee."

The following members of the Synod were appointed to fill up the vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Synod :

Rev. J. A. Kaulback, Rev. J. Storrs, Rev. C. Bowman, Col. Poyntz, and J. R. DeWolf, Esq., M. D.

On motion of the Dean, seconded by Canon Cochran on the part of the Clergy, and by A. M. Cochran, Esq. seconded by W. H. Moody, Esq. on the part of the Laity :

"The hearty thanks of the Synod were given to the Bishop for his able, patient, impartial and satisfactory conduct in the chair."

On motion of Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Dr. White :
“ The thanks of the Clergy were offered to the people of Halifax for their kindness and hospitality.”

On motion of Colonel Poyntz, seconded by Rev. J. R. Campbell :

“ Thanks were offered to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral church and for the services provided.”

On motion of Col. Poyntz, seconded by Rev. W. Ellis :
“ Thanks were offered to the Lady Organist and the choir of St. Luke's for their services.”

Thanks were given to the officials and managers of Railways and Steamboats for accommodation afforded.

Thanks were given to the two Secretaries.

The Synod sang the “Gloria in Excelsis” and were dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.

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