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A PRAYER,

Appointed by the Bishop to be used in all Churches in the
Diocese of Huron before the Meeting of the Diocesan
Synod, and also during the Sessions of the Synod.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who 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 Diocese,
now (about to be) assembled in Thy name. Vouchsafe
of Thy great mercy so to direct, govern and sanctify
them in their important work, by Thy Holy Spirit,
that, through Thy blessing on their deliberations, the
Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and
obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church
maintained and handed down unimpaired to those
who shall come after us. Grant this we beseech Thee,
through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our
Saviour.—AMEN.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF
The Synod of the Diocese of Huron,

TENTH SESSION.

The Synod met in London, on Wednesday, the 19th June, 1867.

Divine Service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Sermon was preached by Rev. M. Boomer, LL.D., Incumbent of Trinity Church, Galt, and Rural Dean of the Counties of Perth and Waterloo. The Lord's Supper was afterwards administered to the Clergy and Lay Representatives.

The Synod assembled for business in the School House, at half-past 2 p.m.

The Bishop took the Chair.

After Prayer the Rolls of the Clergy and Lay Representatives were called by the respective Secretaries, when 60 Clergymen and 62 Lay Representatives answered to their names.

The Bishop appointed Rev. J. Gunne, and A. Lefroy, Esq., to be a Committee with the Secretaries to examine the certificates of the Lay Representatives.

The Bishop then read the following address to the Synod:—

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

MY REVEREND BROTHERS AND BROTHERS OF THE LAITY.—In the great and unmerited goodness of our God, we are again permitted to meet in Synod, and I trust we come together in a spirit of deep humility, under a sense of our many failings and infirmities, and of earnest prayer that our covenant God in

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Christ may be present with us by His Spirit, to influence our hearts, to control our wills, and to impart to us, in large measure, "the wisdom that is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated; full of mercy and good fruits; without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

Since the last meeting of Synod, many changes have taken place among the Clergy of the Diocese. Several have gone from us, and are now occupied in other spheres of labor; but I am thankful to say that no inroad has been made by death upon our number.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His wise Providence, to visit my house with the heaviest trial which we could be called to bear. I am deeply sensible of the kind and Christian sympathy which was extended to me, under my bereavement, by all, both Clergy and Laity, and I avail myself of this opportunity of returning you, my reverend brethren, and brethren of the Laity, my most grateful thanks, and I would ask a continued interest in your prayers, that the God of all Grace may so sanctify the trial to my soul's good, that I may, for the time which may yet be allowed me, be a more spiritual minded and devoted overseer of the portion of his vineyard committed to my care.

It is our first duty, when thus assembled, to inquire how the word of God has progressed in this Diocese since we last met in Synod, and to lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for any measure of success which he may have vouchsafed to our feeble and unworthy efforts in his service.

In the course of the past year I have visited sixty-nine congregations in the Diocese, and confirmed 1,203 candidates; opened six and consecrated eight churches and five burial grounds; ordained ten priests and seven deacons; preached 110 sermons, attended twelve meetings of the Church Society; administered the holy communion fifteen times, baptised eleven adults, most of whom were Indians, and in the discharge of these duties have travelled 3,762 miles. The total number of churches opened for divine worship in the Diocese is now 145, and there are several in various stages of progress. I regret to say that the Society for promoting Christian knowledge has not been able to resume its grants for the erection of churches, and I see by the report of the finances of the Society lately published, that no assistance can be expected from this quarter for some time to come. When the Diocese was erected there were fifty-nine churches opened for divine worship, but last year there were 135; there are now, as I have stated, 145. The number of the clergy in the Diocese is now 88.

Within the past year I have assisted at the consecration of two Bishops. In December, I was invited to be present at the consecration of Dr. Armitage, assistant Bishop of Wisconsin. I went to Detroit for that purpose, and was greatly cheered and strengthened by beholding the fervent zeal and great energy displayed by our brethren, both Clergy and Laity, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and by the kind and cordial Christian

affection exhibited towards me by them all. I was also present and assisted at the consecration of the Bishop of Niagara. It is to be hoped that the aged Bishop of Toronto, now that he has obtained that assistance in the discharge of the arduous duties of his Diocese of which he stood so much in need, may long be spared. Let all of us, my brethren, who have so long known him, and enjoyed the benefit of his wise counsel and fatherly advice, be earnest in prayer that the Giver of all spiritual grace, may gladden his declining years with the full assurance of His love and mercy in Christ Jesus, and, in his appointed time, receive him unto himself, and confer upon him that everlasting inheritance which Christ has purchased with His blood for all who believe upon his name.

You have all doubtless heard of "the meeting of the Bishops, in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland, to be holden at Lambeth, under the Presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 24th of September next, and three following days." I have received an invitation from his Grace to attend the meeting, which I will read for the information of the Synod.

Lambeth Palace, Feb. 22, 1867.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER :—

I request your presence at a meeting of the Bishops in visible communion with the united churches of England and Ireland, purposed, God willing, to be holden at Lambeth, under my presidency, on the 24th September next, and three following days.

The circumstances under which I have resolved to issue the present invitation are these:—The metropolitan and Bishops of Canada last year addressed to the two Houses of Convocation of Canterbury the expression of their desire that I should be moved to invite the Bishops of our Indian and Colonial Episcopate to meet myself and the home bishops for brotherly communion and conference. The consequence of that appeal has been that both Houses of the Convocation of my province have addressed to me their dutiful request that I would invite the attendance not only of our own home and colonial bishops, but of all who are avowedly in communion with our church. The same request was unanimously preferred to me at a numerous gathering of English, Irish and colonial archbishops and bishops recently assembled at Lambeth, at which I rejoice to record it, we had the counsel and concurrence of an eminent bishop of the Church of the United States of America, the Bishop of Illinois.

Moved by these requests and by the expressed concurrence therein of other members, both of the home and colonial Episcopate, who could not be present at the above meeting, I have now resolved, not, I humbly trust, without the guidance of God the Holy Ghost to grant the grave request, and call together the meeting thus earnestly desired. I greatly hope that you may be able to attend it, and favor us with your presence and brotherly counsel thereat.

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I propose that on our assembling, we should first solemnly seek the blessing of Almighty God on our gathering, by uniting together in the highest act of the church's worship. After this, brotherly consultations will follow. In these we may consider together many practical questions, the settlement of which would tend to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and to the maintenance of greater union in our missionary work, and to increased intercommunion among ourselves.

Such a meeting would not be competent to make declarations, or lay down definitions on points of doctrine. But united worship and common counsels would greatly tend to maintain practically the unity of the faith, whilst they would bind us in stronger bonds of peace and brotherly charity.

I shall gladly receive from you a list of any subjects you may wish to suggest to me for our consideration and discussion. Should you be unable to attend, and desire to commission any other Bishop to speak for you, I shall welcome him as your representative in our united deliberations.

But I must once more express my earnest hope that, on the solemn occasion, I may have the great advantage of your personal presence, and now I commend this proposed meeting to your fervent prayers; and humbly beseeching the blessing of Almighty God on yourself and your Diocese, I subscribe myself,

Your faithful Brother in the Lord,

C. T. CANTUAR.

From the guarded way in which the invitation is worded, it is evident that his Grace intends that all should understand that the meeting is to be regarded merely as a social gathering, and not in any wise as a body having a civil or ecclesiastical status, or possessing any authority whatever. "Such a meeting" as the Archbishop says, "would not be competent to make declarations, or lay down definitions, or points of doctrine." It will not, therefore, be a Synod of the church in any sense of the term. While such a meeting would present to the members of the church throughout the world, a deeply interesting spectacle, from which they might expect that much good would arise, and, by the action of which, they might hope that these evils, which cause such alarm in the minds of all well wishers of our church, and which even, as many think, threaten its existence as a Protestant body, would in some degree be removed; still, I fear that the meeting of an irregular and unauthorised body, cannot be productive of such an amount of good as its promoters anticipate. Of course, all shades of opinion, recognised or not recognised in the church, would be represented there, from the almost full-blown Romanism of those who boldly profess to celebrate the mass in our churches, with incense and the idolatrous worship of the consecrated elements, to the feeble, timid and dishonest efforts of incipient innovators, who are endeavoring, bit by bit, to introduce the exploded and condemned ritual of former days, and thus in time to effect the unprotestantizing of our church,

by accustoming the people to the ritualism of Rome, and thus undoing the work of the Reformation. I fear that a body so constituted will disappoint the good wishes and sanguine expectation of its promoters; still as his Grace has said in his invitation, "United worship and common counsels would greatly tend to maintain, practically, the unity of faith, whilst they would bind us in stronger bonds of peace and brotherly charity." And severed, as we now legally are, from the church of our fathers, such a meeting as that proposed, would have the effect of showing to the world that, though legal limits divide us, we are still one in spirit and in attachments to the truths taught in the creeds, articles, and formularies of the United Church of England and Ireland.

While I thus express my opinion, I feel it to be our duty to be earnest in prayer that God may direct the hearts of those who shall assemble on the occasion, and may so over-rule their deliberations and proceedings that all may redound to His glory and the good of His Church.

I have for some time experienced great difficulty in supplying the vacancies which occur amongst the clergy. You will see from the printed paper which has been placed in your hands, that there are now twelve vacant missions in the Diocese. Very few clergymen, or persons desirous to study for the Ministry, come from home, and Huron College, does not supply the necessary number, even to fill up vacancies, and there are none left for the extension of the ministrations of the church in those parts of the Diocese where missions have not heretofore been established. Were a sufficient number of scholarships endowed in Huron College, we could obtain from amongst our own members many pious young men, who would be desirous to enter the ministry, but who are prevented from doing so by the want of means sufficient to bear the expense of three years' residence in Huron College. I would commend this subject to the consideration of all the members of our church. If individuals whom God has blessed with means would endow scholarships, or if missions in congregations would unite and raise sufficient funds for this purpose, they would confer a benefit on the church for all time to come, and they would promote its permanency and stability—more than by any other means which they could adopt.

I have learned that the funds of the Church Society show a small increase on the income of the last year. This is so far gratifying. Still, when we call to mind the large number of church members in the Diocese, we are constrained to confess that the funds fall far short of what they ought to be. I feel assured that if the clergy gave themselves to this work heartily, and if the Church Wardens, delegates to synod, and the members of the Church Society, throughout the country, zealously assisted them, the funds of the society could easily be doubled in the coming year; and as the demand for laborers increase from year to year, the means of the society to meet the demand would, under the divine blessing, increase also.

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I have frequently called the attention of the Synod to the fact that the heavy claims which are made upon the funds of the Societies at home, will ere long, render it impossible for them to continue their grants to us. Already, as I have stated, the Society for promoting Christian knowledge has been under the necessity of suspending the assistance which they liberally afforded us for the erection of churches, and it is quite uncertain when they may be able to resume it. I see also, from the report of the Society for the propagation of the gospel in foreign parts, that a sum of £17,000, in addition to what had been collected in the past year, is necessary, otherwise the venerable society to which we are so much indebted will be necessitated to withdraw their support from several missions which they have heretofore maintained.

Here, then, is a loud call upon us for strenuous exertion. Being thus forewarned for the coming necessity, it is our duty to anticipate its arrival, and to make preparation for the support of those missionaries who are now upon the list of the society, and are partly maintained by it. In the charge which I delivered to the clergy at my triennial visitation last year, I called their attention to the fearful spread in the church at home of what has been termed "ritualism," and I ventured to express the opinion that it would increase. My prediction has been more than realized, for we find the promoters of this Romish movement now boasting that they have possession of 2,000 churches, and that their evil leaven is working extensively amongst all classes, and we have had most painful evidence of the tendency of the movement by the secession of a large number of persons of the upper classes from our communion, and by their union with the Church of Rome. My reverend brethren, and brethren of the laity, it is the duty of all the members of our church stedfastly to maintain and defend those Protestant practices which, in the good providence of our God, have been handed down to us from the Reformation, and to resist with all our power any return, even in the smallest particular to those unscriptural doctrines and superstitious practices against which our forefathers contended, even to the death. Many things, which in themselves appear trifling and unimportant, assume quite a different aspect when they are viewed as parts of a system, and when they are introduced for the purpose of habituating the minds of the people to regard with favor the ceremonials of that apostate church, from the bondage of which, in God's good providence, we have been emancipated.

What can cause more pain and grief to the lover of God's truth than to behold his country, which has been so signally blessed of God, apparently hastening by parliamentary enactments, and by the proceedings of many of its clergy and laity, to rush into the arms of the woman arrayed in purple and scarlet color, "and to drink of the golden cup which she has in her hand, full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." Let us, my brethren, be found constant at the throne of grace, that God, in His great mercy, will avert this evil, and that He may dispose our rulers and the people to "hold fast the

form of sound words," which has been productive of so much happiness and blessings to us as a nation.

I desire to call the attention of the clergy to a letter which I lately received from the government, complaining that many of the clergy of this Diocese had not furnished to the proper officers copies of the marriage registry, as required by law. I trust that this has been an oversight on the part of those clergy who have neglected to do so, for it is our duty to comply with the law, whatever opinion we may have concerning its requirements. I hope, therefore, that I shall not again have complaints on this head made to me from any quarter.

I am here reminded of the great want of punctuality upon the part of the clergy in forwarding to the Secretary of the Church Society the amount of the quarterly collections, and the annual contributions of the parochial associations. Much difficulty and delay in conducting the business of the Society has been thus occasioned; and I would urge upon the clergy the necessity of making the collections at the time appointed, and of forwarding them to the Secretary with as little delay as possible.

And now, my brethren, I would make a few remarks upon the position which, as Synod of this Diocese, we occupy, and upon the heavy responsibility which devolves upon us in the discharge of the solemn duties to which we are called. By the decision of the highest authorities at home, the churches in the colonies have been pronounced to be altogether separated from, and independent of, the United Church of England and Ireland. While we supposed ourselves a part and parcel of that church, our responsibility was not so great. We gladly and thankfully pursued the course which we believed that church had laid down for us, leaving it to our ecclesiastical superiors at home to originate and carry out any changes which might be regarded as necessary to the well being of the church. But now, by the Synod law, large powers are conferred upon Diocesan Synods, but more especially upon the Provincial Synod, and we are bound to approach the consideration of every question which may be brought before us with the utmost gravity and sobriety, and with earnest prayer to God for His guidance and direction. The large powers now to be exercised by us, add much to our responsibility, and call for renewed watchfulness and prayerfulness on our part. There is one duty which you will be called upon to discharge which now assumes an importance which it did not before possess, that is, the election of clerical and lay delegates to the Provincial Synod. As that body is now invested with the power of changing laws and ordinances it behoves the members of the Diocesan Synods to be most careful in the selection of those who are to represent them in that body. It has been thought heretofore, and I believe generally acted upon, both by the clergy and laity, that, in the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod, each ballot ticket should contain twelve names. This is not the case. It is true twelve of each order are to be chosen, but every clergyman and lay delegate is expected only to vote for those members of the Synod in whom he

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has the fullest confidence. No one should give his vote for any man whose opinions he did not know and thoroughly approve. If a gentleman does not know twelve sufficiently well to vote for them, let him vote for ten, eight, six, two, or even one, but let him not make himself a partaker of other men's sins, by voting for any man whose views upon all important points, especially those which are now troubling the church, he is not ready entirely to endorse. I have been informed that it has been the practice, heretofore, for a few persons to hold a meeting, and to make out lists to be ballotted for as delegates to the Provincial Synod, and to carry their lists around and present them to the members of the Synod, both lay and clerical. I am sure that everyone that reflects a moment upon the practice must see that it is wrong, and calculated to bring the system adopted in the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod into contempt. Were I a member of the Synod, and such a list was offered to me, I should regard it as an insult, and that the person offering it intended to insinuate that I had not sufficient understanding or sufficient honesty to prepare a list for myself. Let each member of the Synod make it a matter of earnest prayer to God that he may be guided aright in the selection he makes. Let each, then, prepare his own ticket, putting only the names of those upon it whom he conscientiously believes in every way, by sound judgment, and by a firm faith in the great doctrines of our Protestant church fitted to discharge the important duties which will devolve on the members of the Provincial Synod.

Several of the subjects which will come before you, my reverend brethren and brethren, are of the utmost importance, more particularly those which propose changes in our constitution, and in the principles upon which we, as a Diocese, have heretofore acted. I will not anticipate the discussion of these questions; let us all approach them with a full consciousness of our need of Divine guidance, and with earnest prayer that our God, who has hitherto so graciously watched over and blessed us will now be present by His spirit to enlighten us and guide us in our deliberations, so that our meeting together may be for the better and not for the worse, and that the zeal of each of us for God's glory, and the salvation of souls may be increased.

The Committee on the certificates of Lay Representatives made the following Report:—

The Committee appointed to examine the certificates of the Lay Representatives, beg to report that they have examined the Certificates of the Lay Representatives, and find 60 correct, and 2 incorrect, being one each from Simcoe, and St. Georges', London Township. They would also again call the attention of the Chairmen of Meetings to the necessity of the certificates being strictly according to the form laid down in the Constitution,

otherwise they jeopardize the seat in Synod of their respective Representatives.

J. WALKER MARSH, Cl. Sec.

S. PRICE, Lay Sec.

JOHN GUNNE.

A. LEFROY.

ELECTION OF SECRETARIES.

Moved by DEAN HELLMUTH, seconded by Rev. J. GUNNE, and
I. RESOLVED,—That the Rev. J. Walker Marsh be appointed Clerical Secretary for the current year. Carried.

Moved by A. LEFROY, Esq., seconded by J. BEARD, Esq., and
II. RESOLVED,—That S. Price, Esq., be appointed Lay Secretary for the current year. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST SYNOD.

Moved by COL. WILSON, seconded by DEAN HELLMUTH, and
III. RESOLVED,—That the minutes having been printed and for some time in the hands of the members of the Synod, the same be approved without reading them. Carried.

ADMISSION TO SEATS IN SYNOD.

Moved by REV. DR. CAULFIELD, seconded by REV. W. BOOMER, and

IV. RESOLVED,—That Rev. Messrs. Ardagh and Hebden, of the Diocese of Toronto, be admitted to seats in the Synod for this Session. Carried.

SUSPEND RULES OF ORDER.

Moved by REV. DR. TOWNLEY, seconded by REV. DR. BETTRIDGE, and

V. RESOLVED,—That the Rules of order be suspended in order to enable Dr. Townley to bring forward motions, four or five of which he has given notice. Lost.

Moved by J. BEARD, Esq., seconded by W. GREY, Esq., and

VI. RESOLVED,—That the Rules of Order be suspended for the purpose of introducing motion No. 3 entered on the printed circular. Carried.

SALE OF RECTORY LANDS.

Moved by JOHN BEARD, Esq., seconded by WM. GREY, Esq., and
VII. RESOLVED,—That a committee be appointed to report during the present Session as to the manner in which the Synod should give its assent to the Sale of Rectorial Lands in accordance with the requirements of an act passed during the last Session of Parliament.

The committee to consist of the mover and seconder, A. Lefroy, Colonel Wilson, Rev. F. D. Fauquier, and Rev. J. R. Salter. Carried.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons beg to lay the following Canons before the Synod, and to recommend that they be provisionally adopted for one year, to be then brought up and reconsidered before their further or final adoption; and the Committee beg leave to sit again.

CHAS. C. BROUGH, CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room, London, May 2, 1867.

I.—ELECTION OF BISHOP.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be elected in the manner laid down in the constitution of the Synod.

II.—CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

The Bishop elect shall receive from the Chairman and Secretaries of Synod a certificate of his election by the Clergy and Lay Representatives, in accordance with the rule of the Diocese.

III.—DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

1.—There shall be a Diocesan Council, consisting of the Dean, and the Archdeacon or Archdeacons, and of five Clergymen of not less than ten years' standing, and five Laymen, elected by the Synod by ballot, whose duties shall be to act as a council of advice to the Bishop. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice; and they may meet of their own accord, and agreeably to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

2.—They shall pass such rules as they may deem necessary for their own guidance.

IV.—COADJUTOR BISHOP.

When the Bishop of the Diocese is unable, by reason of age or other permanent cause of infirmity, to discharge his Episcopal duties, one Coadjutor Bishop may be elected by and for the Diocese. The Coadjutor Bishop shall in all cases succeed the Bishop in case of surviving him. The Coadjutor Bishop shall perform such Episcopal duties, and exercise such Episcopal authority in the Diocese, as the Bishop shall assign 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 which appertain to the office of Bishop. If any difference shall arise between the Bishop and his Coadjutor respectively regarding the same, the matter shall be decided by the house of Bishops of the Province.

V.—CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

1.—Candidates for the Holy Orders of Deacon or Priest shall be required to take a Degree in Arts in some University, and attend to the Theological

Course in some College in connection with the Church, or, with the approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council, have attended the Theological course in some Church College, but these requisites may be dispensed with on the approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council.

2.—No person shall be admitted into the Holy Order of Deacon until he shall have been examined by one or more Presbyters appointed for that purpose by the Bishop. At his examination he shall satisfy the examiners that he is sufficiently acquainted with the New Testament in the original Greek; he must also compose a short treatise in Latin on some article of faith, and a discourse in English on any text of Scripture which the examiners shall prescribe; and he must answer such questions in Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Formularies and the Canons of the Church, as the said examiners shall think proper to put to him.

3.—Before a candidate's admission to examination, the Bishop must be satisfied of his good life and conversation, by letters testimonial, in the usual form, and by an attestation that the form usually called "Si Quis" has been publicly read in the congregation of which he is a member.

4.—No one shall be promoted to the Order of Priest until he shall have passed a second and still more full and complete examination; but no one shall be admitted to Deacon's Orders who is over forty years of age.

VI.—LAY READERS.

Lay Readers may be appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of any Clergyman who may require assistance in his mission, or who, from illness, may be unable to perform all his duties; and in case of a vacant or new mission, on the recommendation of the Church Wardens of such mission, and approval of the Rural Dean.

VII.—ADMISSION OF STRANGERS TO OFFICIATE.

1.—No person shall be permitted to officiate in sacred things, permanently or occasionally, in any congregation of this Church, except he shall have been Episcopally and Canonically ordained, and shall also conform to the doctrine and discipline of the Church in the Diocese.

2.—No person shall officiate in this Diocese for another Clergyman, unless he shall have previously satisfied the said Clergyman, or, in case of his absence, the Bishop of the Diocese, that he has been duly ordained, and that his principles and conduct are consistent with the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

3.—No Clergyman shall officiate in any congregation in this Diocese for more than one month, without a written license under the hand of the Bishop of the Diocese, and no Clergyman who has availed himself of this implied permission shall be allowed to officiate again in the same Church, within a period of three months, unless he obtain the license of the Bishop, provided

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that Clergymen holding the Bishop's license for temporary duty shall not be considered members of the Diocesan Synod.

4.—Every Clergyman who officiates in any Congregation in the Diocese shall be required to inscribe in a book, which shall be kept in the vestry for that purpose, his name, his present preferment, if any, the title of the Bishop by whom he was ordained, and the day when he so officiated in the Church.

VIII.—CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS WHO HAVE BEEN MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

1.—All persons seeking admission into the Ministry are to be regarded as candidates for Holy Orders.

2.—When a person who, not having Episcopal ordination, has been acknowledged as a Minister or licentiate among any denomination of Christians, shall desire to be ordained in this Diocese, he shall give notice thereof to the Bishop, which notice shall be accompanied with a written certificate from at least two presbyters of the Church stating that, from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he has belonged, has not arisen from any circumstances unfavorable to his religious faith and moral character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the Ministry in this Diocese, and they may also add what they know, or believe on good authority, of the circumstances leading to said desire.

3.—If the Bishop shall think proper to proceed, the party applying to be received as a candidate shall produce the same testimonials of literary qualifications as are required of all other candidates; and also a testimonial from at least six members of the denomination from which he came, or six members of the Church, or six persons in part of the denomination from which he came, and in part members of the Church, satisfactory to the Bishop, that the applicant has for three years last past lived piously, soberly and honestly; and also a testimonial from at least two presbyters of the Church, that they believe him to be pious, sober and honest, and sincerely attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church.

4.—Candidates admitted as above may, at the expiration of a period not less than one year, be ordained, on their passing the same examination as other candidates for Deacon's orders; and in the examination special regard shall be had to those points in which the denomination whence they came differs from the Church, with a view of testing their information and soundness in the same; and also to the ascertaining that they are adequately acquainted with the Liturgy and offices of this Church, provided that in their case the testimonials shall be required to cover only the time since their admission as candidates for orders, and provided also, that the provisions of the Canon concerning candidates for orders, as far as the same relates to the age of the person to whom the dispensation may be granted, and the mode and restric-

tions in and under which the same may be granted, shall apply to the persons mentioned in this Canon.

5.—Every candidate for the Ministry from any other denomination may be allowed by the Bishop the period of time during which he has been a student of Theology, or a candidate in such other denomination, provided the time so allowed does not exceed two years.

6.—When any person, not a resident in this Province, who has been acknowledged as an ordained Minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this Diocese, the Bishop shall require of him, in addition to the above qualifications, satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in this Province previous to his application.

IX.—OF THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

SECTION I.—Every Priest or Deacon duly licensed by the Bishop, or holding any charge under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese, shall be amenable for offences committed by him to the Bishop, in the manner and according to the provisions set forth in this Canon of discipline.

SECTION II.—There shall be a standing committee of discipline appointed each year at the annual meeting of the Synod, consisting of the Dean and Archdeacons, ex-officio, and of nine clergymen of at least ten years' standing in Priest's Orders, who shall be elected by the clergy, and from this committee the Board of Triers shall be taken.

SECTION III.—Of offences for which the clergy may be tried. Every clergyman shall be liable to trial for any crime or gross immorality, or for any scandalous or disorderly conduct, for teaching or maintaining heretical doctrines contrary to the doctrines of the Liturgy, and Articles of the Church of England, such teaching or maintaining being by way of writing, or printing, or preaching, or public teaching, or circulating books containing unsound doctrines; for irregularities in reading the Holy Scriptures, or varying the service from the prescribed form; for irregularity or indecorum in the performance of the divine offices, for officiating for other denominations, or admitting Ministers of other denominations to officiate in the Church or Parish under his sanction; for contumacy or disrespectful conduct towards the Bishop; for the introduction of innovations and novelties in the performance of divine worship; for schism or separating himself from the communion of the Church; for discontinuing the exercise of the Ministry without lawful cause; for exercising any lay profession or occupation inconsistent with his sacred calling; for living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Communion, or for violation of the constitution or Canons of the Church in Canada, or of this Diocese. Provided always, that no proceedings shall be instituted under this Canon unless the same be commenced within six months of the time when the offence complained of was brought to the knowledge of the person or persons making the complaint; provided that no such

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complaint shall be entertained under this Canon after three years from the term of the alleged commission of the offence. Nevertheless, when proceedings are taken under this Canon, in respect of any matter which has been the subject of inquiry and adjudication in a court of justice, the proceedings under this Canon may be commenced against a clergyman in respect of the same matter, or any matter arising out of the same or connected therewith, within three months of the period when the knowledge thereof shall have reached the Bishop, or the person or persons complaining to him.

SECTION IV.—1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by six communicants of the Church, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Synod, or as hereinafter mentioned. 2. Provided always, whenever the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three members of the Committee of Discipline to examine the case, a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there is, in their opinion, sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the clergyman accordingly. The Bishop shall then nominate five of the Board of Triers, not being parties to the presentment, one of whom shall be the Dean or Archdeacon, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within fourteen days after such service, have a right, if he so desires, to object to any three of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and upon his objecting to one or more, then the Bishop shall name one or more of the Board of Triers as may be required, and those so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (but always within this Diocese,) as they shall think necessary. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served at least fourteen days before such meeting on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment. 4. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the allegations contained in the presentment, the Bishop shall proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them. 5. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day. 6. When the Board proceeds to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses respectively; and they, or any of them, may administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the

facts charged in the presentment. If, on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced. 7. Upon the application of either party to the Board of Triers, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to them that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, they may appoint a commission to take the testimony of any such witness; and both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the examination shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be in the words of the witness as far as possible, and in the first person, and certified by the commissioner and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such commission may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid. 8. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty, of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced; and their decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board. 9. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused, and any three or more of the clergy, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in the church, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Triers shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned. 10. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the facts shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper. 11. The defendant may have the privilege of appearing by counsel; in case of the exercise of such privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall have also the like privilege.

SECTION V.—If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Triers, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend, being not less than three, shall constitute the Board, and proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions. They shall appoint a secretary, who may be one of their own number, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings had before the Board.

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SECTION VII.—If, on the day fixed for the trial, the accused shall appear, he shall be called upon to plead guilty or not guilty; and if he shall refuse or neglect to plead, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed.

SECTION VIII.—The proceedings upon a trial shall be open to the members of the Church, unless in the unanimous opinion of the Board the circumstances of the case require that the trial should be private.

SECTION IX.—Every clergyman, whose case shall have been disposed of and decided adversely to him, and who shall think himself aggrieved by such decision, or who shall make it appear that new evidence, having an important bearing on the case, has been discovered since the trial, of the existence of which he may not have been aware at the time of the trial, may, within three months after the judgment and decision of the Triers shall have been approved by the Bishop, petition the Bishop for a new trial, or a rehearing of the case, either upon objections to be taken to the decision upon the facts, or because the judgment is not sustained by the laws and Canons of the Church of the Diocese, or for other cause or causes; or he may apply by petition to the Bishop for an arrest of sentence or judgment, upon causes to be shown; and the Bishop shall, upon receiving such petition, refer the same and the whole subject, together with the evidence and the report made by the Board of Triers, to the whole Board of Triers; and the final decision of the case shall be, in so far as this Diocese is concerned, then determined upon.

SECTION X.—In the event that a rehearing or new trial be granted, the case shall be transmitted to a Board of Triers, who shall proceed to hold a new trial, according to the rules hereinbefore set forth, within one month of the notice of such new trial being given to them by the Bishop; but in no case shall more than one new trial be granted.

SECTION XI.—The following sentences may be pronounced, and punishments imposed upon offending clergymen, viz:—Admonition; suspension from the exercise of his office; withdrawal of license; deprivation or removal from his office in the church, otherwise called deposition or degradation.

SECTION XII.—For the offences set forth in the first column hereafter written the sentence set forth opposite to the same in the second column shall be passed by the Bishop or his commissary, and none other, upon every clergyman found guilty thereof,

FIRST COLUMN.

UPON TRIAL AND CONVICTION.

- 1.—For crime or gross immorality.
- 2.—Scandalous or disorderly conduct : for teaching or maintaining unsound doctrines.
- 3.—For irregularities in the performance of divine offices, or for the introduction of innovations or novelties in the performance of divine worship.
- 4.—For schism, or separating himself from the communion of the Church.
- 5.—For contumacy ; for disrespectful and disobedient conduct towards the Bishop.
- 6.—For discontinuing the exercise of the Ministry without sufficient cause or the leave of the Bishop.
- 7.—For exercising any lay profession or occupation inconsistent with the performance of the duties of his sacred calling, excepting in cases which are provided for by the Canons of the Diocese, with regard to disabled clergymen.
- 8.—For living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Communion, or for violation of the constitution or canons of the Church in Canada, or of this Diocese.
- 9.—Habitually and advisedly maintaining or affirming doctrine contrary or repugnant to the word of God, as set forth in the Formularies and Articles of religion in the Book of Common Prayer.

SECOND COLUMN.

- 1.—Suspension ; withdrawal of license, or deposition.
- 2.—Admonition ; suspension ab officio for not more than one year, nor less than three months ; withdrawal of license or deposition.
- 3.—Same as No. 2.
- 4.—Suspension for one year ; withdrawal of license or deposition.
- 5.—Suspension ab officio for not more than one year, nor less than three months.
- 6.—Admonition ; suspension or withdrawal of license.
- 7.—Same as No. 6.
- 8.—Admonition ; suspension ab officio for not more than one year, nor less than three months ; withdrawal of license or deposition.
- 9.—Admonition ; inhibition from the performance of clerical functions ; withdrawal of license or deposition.

SECTION XIII.—When the penalty of suspension is inflicted, the sentence shall specify on what terms, or at what time, the suspension shall cease

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During his suspension, the clergyman shall not exercise the functions of his Ministry in his own congregation or elsewhere, on pain of deprivation or deposition, and during such suspension the Bishop may appoint another clergyman to supply the place of the suspended clergyman, and may apply a part of the emoluments or income of the parish mission or cure to the payment of such substitute.

SECTION XIV.—When the sentence of deposition is pronounced, the connection between the Minister so deposed and his parish or congregation shall be *IPSO FACTO* severed, and all offices, rents, issues, profits and emoluments which he may have held by virtue of such office or ministry from which he has been removed, shall wholly cease and determine.

SECTION XV.—Whenever a clergyman is so deposed or degraded from the holy Ministry, the Bishop who pronounces the sentence shall, without delay, cause such sentence to be publicly read in the several congregations of the Diocese by the respective Ministers thereof, and shall also give notice to all the Bishops of this Province.

SECTION XVI.—All the proceedings of the Triers, when approved by the Bishop, as well as the sentence in each case, shall be recorded and kept on record.

SECTION XVII.—Every notice, citation and requisition to be given or made under the provisions of this Canon, shall be served upon the person or persons to whom the same respectively relates, either personally or by leaving a copy of the same at his usual or last known place of residence.

X.—ON REPAIRS AND DILAPIDATIONS.

Whereas, it is the duty of every parish or mission to provide a residence for the clergyman. It is expedient to define in certain respects the position of Ministers occupying parsonages or rectories within the Diocese, and the duties of congregations in relation to the same; and also to appoint some means of supervision over such buildings. Be it therefore declared,—

SECTION I.—That, when the rectory or parsonage and outhouses are put in possession of a clergyman in a state of good repair, it shall be the duty of the clergyman to keep the same in good repair and condition, ordinary wear and tear, accidents by fire or tempest excepted; and if the clergyman shall suffer said buildings to go out of repair, it shall be the duty of the Rural Dean to request him to remedy the same; and in case he shall decline or neglect to do so, the Rural Dean shall notify the Archdeacon of such neglect on the part of the clergyman, and if, on representation made to him by the Archdeacon and Rural Dean, the clergyman shall still neglect to make the necessary repairs, then the Archdeacon and Rural Dean shall report the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with an estimate by a competent mechanic, of the cost of such necessary repairs.

SECTION II.—It shall be the duty of the Churchwardens to insure and keep insured the house and buildings on the premises held by the incumbent, and should any expensive improvements or repairs become necessary, from the lapse of time, such as new roofings, external or internal paintings, new fencing to protect the premises, the expense of these and all similar improvements and repairs shall be borne by the parish, and in no case shall the clergyman be accountable for any damage or delapidation that may occur through the negligence or unwillingness of the vestry to carry out such necessary improvements or repairs; but it shall be the duty of the clergyman, under such circumstances, to report at once to the Rural Dean the condition of the premises and the unwillingness of the vestry to improve and protect the same; and if, on further inquiry, the Rural Dean find that the vestry refuse to take action in the matter, then he shall report the same to the Archdeacon; and if, upon their representation, the vestry still refuse or neglect to make the necessary repairs, then it shall be their duty to report the same to the Synod.

SECTION III.—The Rural Deans shall make an annual report to the Synod on the state of repair of all churches, parsonages, &c., within their respective Deaneries.

SECTION IV.—That in cases where the Rural Dean himself is an interested party in any church or parsonage, then the Archdeacon shall act in the premises; and in case of the Archdeacon being an interested party, then the Rural Dean shall act.

XI.—ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DIGNITARIES AND OTHER OFFICERS.

There shall be in the Diocese the following Dignitaries and other Officers:—One Dean of the Cathedral, together with such Canons as may be necessary to form the Chapter; one or more Archdeacons, and such number of Rural Deans as may be required: and the appointment of these Officers or Dignitaries shall be vested in the Bishop of the Diocese.

XII.—FOR SETTLING BOUNDARIES OF MISSIONS AND PARISHES, AND THE SUB-DIVISION AND UNION OF THE SAME.

That in each Rural Deanery of the Diocese there shall be appointed by the Bishop a Committee for the purpose of making a proper division, and defining the boundaries of each parish and mission therein; that each Rural Dean shall be ex-officio chairman of the Committee in his Deanery, and after the passing of this Canon the Committee in each Rural Deanery shall be convened by the Rural Dean thereof, to settle all the questions for which they are appointed, and report the same to the Bishop before the Session of the Synod of A. D. 1868. And each Rural Dean shall every year thereafter report any changes which shall be made in such bounds by the said Committee; and the decisions of the several Committees in the powers hereby conferred upon them shall be final upon the approval of the Bishop; and the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared by the

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XIII. — OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MINISTERS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS.

In cases of difficulties existing between a Minister and his congregation, owing to which the continuance of the connection between pastor and people may become injurious to the church :—1st. The Bishop shall, upon the request of the Minister, or not less than seven regular communicants of the congregation, appoint a commission, consisting of five members of the Committee of Discipline, to investigate and report upon the said matters of difficulty; and the Bishop shall decide whether, in his judgment, the report of the commissioners shall be acted upon. 2nd. In case the said commissioners may not recommend a severance of the relation of pastor and people, but that some other course should be pursued by either the Minister or the congregation, then, on the Bishop approving of the same, if such Minister or congregation neglect or refuse to comply with such recommendation, the Bishop may proceed, according to the Canons of the Diocese, to suspend the Minister from the exercise of any ministerial duties within the Diocese, as for contumacy, unless he retract such refusal: and in the case of a congregation refusing to comply with such recommendation, it shall be prohibited from being represented in the Synod of the Diocese; and the Bishop shall withhold from such congregation all episcopal visits and the rite of confirmation, until they retract such refusal and submit to the terms of the recommendation; and any Minister so suspended shall not be permitted, during his suspension, to exercise any Ministerial functions or duties.

XIV.—ON PAROCHIAL REGISTERS AND STATISTICAL RETURNS.

In order to gain a full and accurate view of the state of the Diocese, it is hereby ordered that every licensed clergyman, in addition to the required register of marriages, shall also carefully keep a distinct register of baptisms, confirmations and funerals, of services and sermons, the average attendance of his congregations and of communicants, the number and average attendance of Sunday School scholars and teachers, and the total of all monies paid in the parish or mission for parochial, diocesan or general religious purposes; and that such licensed clergyman shall forward, within one month after each Easter Vestry, to the secretary of the Synod, a statistical return containing the above mentioned information; and that such reports shall be entered into a Diocesan Register in tabular form by the secretary, and that he shall lay before the Annual Synod a report embodying the information forwarded to him by the clergy of the Diocese, which shall be printed if the Synod so orders it.

XV.—ON APPOINTMENTS TO VACANT PARISHES OR MISSIONS.

In case of a vacancy in the charge of any parish or mission, the filling up of the same shall vest in the hands of the Bishop, (who, when necessary, shall make such arrangements as may be in accordance with the Mission Fund By-law of the Church Society), but if any clergyman or candidate for orders shall in any way seek to gain the appointment by soliciting the aid or influence of any parishioner in any movement of an irregular nature, that such conduct, if proven to the Diocesan Council, shall be deemed sufficient to prevent such clergyman or candidate for orders from being appointed by the Bishop to the vacant charge.

XVI.—CANON OF CERTIFICATE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

In the event of any member of the Church leaving a parish or mission, it shall be the duty of the clergyman to give him or her a certificate of Church Membership.

VEN. C. C. BROUGH gave notice that he would move the adoption of the above report.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

REV. H. CAULFEILD gave notice that he would move the following resolution:—

That it is highly desirable that there should be a form for the regular Induction of clergymen into their Parishes, and that his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to prepare such a form.

The following Paper was arranged by the Executive Committee and sent to the members of Synod according to the rule of the Synod:—

1.—By REV. E. SOFTLEY,

To amend No. 4 of "Rules for the Preservation of Order," as follows:—(A.) That no member be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, save the mover of a resolution or amendment. (B.) If two or more gentlemen rise to speak on a motion the second gentleman rising or so ruled by the Chair, shall be the next speaker on the floor of the Synod. (C.) That the mover of a resolution or amendment shall have the privilege of speaking a second time, after every member of the Synod who desires to speak has spoken on such motion or amendment. This shall close the debate.

2.—By JOHN BEARD, Esq.,

That this Synod, viewing with great concern and regret the rapid progress of Ritualism amongst many of the members of the Church of England in the mother country, and convinced that any attempt to introduce unlawful, or to revive obsolete or unusual practices, even if they have, as it is claimed they have, the sanction of law, cannot but have a prejudicial effect, desires to

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3.—By JOHN BEARD, Esq.,

As to the Synod's consent to the sale of the Rectory lands.

4.—By REV. DR. TOWNLEY,

1.—That Article XV. of the constitution of this Synod shall be struck out, and the following substituted in its place :—“In case of a vacancy in the See, or the determination on the part of Synod to appoint a Coadjutor Bishop, it shall be the duty of the Secretaries of Synod to give notice thereof to the Metropolitan, or, in his absence or incapacity, to the senior Bishop of the House of Bishops; who thereupon shall cause the House of Bishops to assemble in the City of London, C.W., within one month, and shall cause the Secretaries (or the Bishop in the case of a Coadjutor) of the Diocese, to summon the Synod thereof, to meet at the same time and place. The Bishops, or a majority thereof, shall, at such meeting of the House of Bishops, nominate a clergyman to be Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, and shall cause his name to be submitted to the Synod; and he shall be the Bishop of the said Diocese, unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of each order. But if so rejected, then the Bishops shall nominate another person, and, if necessary, this shall be done seven times; but if all shall be so rejected, then the Diocese shall have the right to elect any fit person it chooses by a two-thirds majority of each order, such election, nevertheless to be subject to the approval of the majority of the House of Bishops. The deliberations of such Synod shall be presided over during such election by the Metropolitan, or, in his absence, by the senior Bishop of the Province, though without any vote on their part in such Synod.” This Canon shall be submitted to the next meeting of the House of Bishops, requesting their concurrence in the same.

By REV. DR. TOWNLEY,

II.—On the inviolability of the Prayer Book.

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III.—On the duty of Archdeacons and Rural Deans to enforce the observance of the Rubrics.

By REV. DR. TOWNLEY,

IV.—That the Dean and Archdeacon or Archdeacons shall be ex-officio members of the Provincial Synod, and that nine other clergy shall be elected by the clergy, as now provided; but not more than three Dignitaries shall at any time represent this Diocese, ex-officio, in the Provincial Synod.

By REV. DR. TOWNLEY,

V.—No clergyman shall be elected to the Provincial Synod who has not been seven years in Priest's Orders.

5.—By REV. J. SMYTHE,

That the Canon for the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod be amended as follows:—1 That the election take place first in the order of business on the morning of the second day of the meeting of Synod, next preceding the triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod. That the delegates elected, as hereinafter provided for, shall hold office for three years; but if a special meeting of the Provincial Synod shall be held during that time, and vacancies shall have occurred in the number of delegates, the Bishop shall nominate members of Synod to fill such vacancies.

6.—By S. PRICE, Esq.,

To amend Article III. of the Constitution to read as follows:—"The Lay Representatives shall be communicants of at least one year's standing, who shall be elected annually, during Easter week, by each duly organised congregation, from among the members thereof, at a meeting legally convened; and for such purpose it shall be the duty of the wardens of each congregation to provide a book in which each member of the congregation, of the full age of twenty-one years, shall subscribe his name on or before the first day of January in each year, to a declaration that he is a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and does not belong to any other religious denomination. Provided that, to entitle any person to vote at such election, he moreover must have paid or contributed to the funds of the Church, at least \$ during the previous year, and that it shall be the duty of the clergyman to give public notice during service on some Sunday in the month of November in each year, that the said book shall be left in a certain place in the parish or mission for the purpose of receiving the names of such persons as desire to subscribe to the said declaration."

7.—By DEAN HELLMUTH,

To substitute the words "once in three years," for the word "annually," in Article IX. of the Constitution.

8.—By ARCHDEACON BROUGH,

I hereby give notice that I shall move the adoption of an address to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland, expressive of our sympathy with their Lordships and the Church at large, under the troubles which have been occasioned by the introduction in so many instances of ritualistic practices and teachings derogatory to the integrity and Protestant character of the established Church of England; and I shall further move the adoption of the following Canon on uniformity in the clerical vestments to be worn by ministers of the United

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Church of England and Ireland in the performance of divine worship :—
 "That every Minister saying the public prayers or ministering the sacraments or other rites of the Church, shall wear a decent and comely surplice with sleeves, and a pair of linen or muslin bands, and if any question arise touching the matter, decency or comeliness thereof, the same shall be decided by the discretion of the ordinary. Furthermore, such Ministers as are graduates shall wear upon their surplices, at such times, such hoods as by the orders of their Universities are agreeable to their degrees, which no Minister shall wear, being no graduate, under pain of suspension. Notwithstanding it shall be lawful for such Ministers as are not graduates to wear upon their surplices, instead of hoods, some decent tippet of black, so it be not silk. Any Minister who shall in any church, during such saying of the public prayers, or ministering the sacraments or other rites of the church, wear any other clerical vestments or ornaments than those hereinbefore mentioned, or otherwise knowingly and willingly violate this Canon, shall be subject to the penalty set forth in the Canon of Discipline for Irregularities. On occasions when the Holy Sacrament shall be administered, the table shall have upon it a fair white linen cloth, and the vessels prescribed in the rubric, and no other, either symbolic or for ornamentation shall be placed upon it."

SUSPENSION OF RULES OF ORDER.

Moved by F. S. MACGACHEN, ESQ., seconded by COLONEL FITZGERALD, and

VIII. RESOLVED,—That the Rules of Order be suspended to enable Archdeacon Brough to bring Canon XI in the Report of the Committee on Canons before the Synod. Carried.

Moved by Ven. Archdeacon BROUGH, seconded by F. W. THOMAS, Esq., and

IX. RESOLVED,—That the following Canon be adopted :—

XI.—ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DIGNITARIES AND OTHER OFFICERS.

There shall be in the Diocese the following Dignitaries and other officers :—
 One Dean of the Cathedral, together with such Canons as may be deemed necessary by the Bishop to form the Chapter ; one or more Archdeacons, and such number of Rural Deans as may be required ; and the appointment of these Officers and Dignitaries shall be vested in the Bishop of the Diocese, and the appointments already made are hereby confirmed Carried.

It was agreed to allow Rev. Dr. Townley's Notices 4 and 5 on the printed paper to be brought up, as the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod takes place first in order on the second day of each Annual Synod. No. 4, by Dr. Townley, was withdrawn after discussion.

No. 5. Moved by Rev. DR. TOWNLEY, seconded by Rev. J. GUNNE,

X. RESOLVED, — That no Clergyman shall be elected to the Provincial Synod, who has not been four years in Orders. Lest.

The Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock, p.m., until half-past 7 o'clock.

The Synod resumed at half-past 7 o'clock.

The Bishop in the Chair.

SUSPENSION OF RULES OF ORDER.

Moved by Rev. E. SOFTLEY, seconded by W. GREY, Esq., and

XI. RESOLVED,—That the rules of order be suspended to enable notice No. 1 on the printed paper to be brought forward. Carried.

Moved by Rev. E. SOFTLEY, seconded by T. W. WALSH, Esq., and

XII. RESOLVED,—That the following be substituted for the present No. 4th of "rules for the preservation of order."

(A.) That no member be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except by permission of the Chair, save the mover of a resolution or amendment. (B.) If two or more gentlemen rise to speak on a motion, the second gentleman rising, or so ruled by the chair, shall be the next speaker on the floor of the Synod. (C.) That the mover of a resolution or amendment shall have the privilege of speaking a second time, after every member of the Synod who desires to speak has spoken on such motion or amendment. This shall close the debate. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- 1.—Rev. J. Gunne,—On printing Minutes of the Synod. Postponed until to-morrow.
- 2.—Rev. Dr. Townley,—On Sympathy with the Diocese of Natal, was withdrawn.
- 3.—Ven. C. C. Brough,—On Memorial of Sons of Temperance.—Withdrawn.
4. Ven. C. C. Brough,—On procuring a residence for the Bishop. Withdrawn.
- 5.—Dean Hellmuth,—On Church Temporalities Act. Withdrawn.
- 6.—P. Roe, Esq.,—On system for Parochial Visitation. Not brought forward, as Mr. Roe was not a member of the present Synod.
7. F. S. McGachen, Esq.,—On Election of Delegates to Provincial Synod. Allowed to lie over.
- 8.—Rev. Dr. Boomer,—Adoption of Report of Committee on Assessment. Postponed until to-morrow.
- 9.—Rev. J. Smythe,—For appointment of Committee on Sunday Schools. Withdrawn, as the subject has been taken up by the Church Society.
- 10.—Rev. E. Softley,—On the state of the country. Withdrawn.

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Moved by DEAN HELLMUTH, seconded by REV. CANON BETTRIDGE, and

XIII. RESOLVED,—That the Lord Bishop be requested to accept the invitation of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to attend the meeting of Bishops at Lambeth, in September next. Carried.

Moved by F. W. THOMAS, Esq., seconded by DEAN HELLMUTH, and

XIV. RESOLVED,—That the Church Society be requested to advance the sum of \$500 to defray the expenses of his Lordship the Bishop at the meeting of Bishops to be held in Lambeth in September next, and that the said sum be refunded to the Church Society by an assessment on the various parishes throughout the Diocese; the rate of assessment to be determined by a committee consisting of Revs. J. W. Marsh and J. Smythe; Messrs. S. Price, F. W. Thomas and J. Beard, and that the money be repaid to the Church Society by the first day of November next. Carried.

The Bishop stated that he would announce to the Synod before the final adjournment, whether he would accept of the invitation to be present at the meeting of Bishops next September.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Moved by J. BEARD, Esq., seconded by A. LEFROY, Esq., and

XV. RESOLVED,—That this Synod, viewing with great concern and regret the rapid progress of Ritualism amongst many of the members of the Church of England in the mother country, and convinced that any attempt to introduce unlawful, or to revive obsolete or unusual practices, even if they have, as it is claimed they have, the sanction of law, cannot but have a prejudicial effect, desires to express its determination to use all its powers, either by strengthening the hands of the Bishop, or in any other way practicable, to oppose any attempt at innovations of this character in the Diocese, and to maintain in all its simplicity the mode of conducting public worship which has been adopted for many generations.

The Synod adjourned at 10 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY, JUNE 20th, 1867.

After Divine Service in the Cathedral, the Synod met in St. Paul's School House at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Bishop in the chair.

After prayer, the rolls of Clergy and Lay Representatives were called, when 48 Clergymen and 55 Lay Representatives answered to their names.

The Secretaries' notes of the business of the previous day were read over and declared correct.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Bishop appointed the following as the Executive Committee:—
Dean Hellmuth, D.D.; Archdeacon Brough, A.M.; Canon Bettridge, B.D.; Rev. St. G. Caulfeild, LL.D.; Rev. J. Walker Marsh, M.A.; Rev. J. Smythe, M.A.; G. F. Ryland, Esq.; S. Price, Esq.; M. Jackson, Esq.; J. Beard, Esq.; F. W. Thomas, Esq.; W. Grey, Esq.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

RECTORY LANDS COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to consider the mode in which the assent of the Synod, should be given to the sale of the Rectory Lands, beg to recommend that the following Canon be adopted.

CANON FOR THE ASSENT TO THE SALE OF THE RECTORY LANDS.

Whereas, by the provisions of the Act of Parliament in that behalf, the assent of the Synod of this Diocese is required to the sale by the Church Society of any of the Rectory Lands that come within the said Act.

Be it enacted,—That the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of this Diocese, shall and do hereby assent to any sale or sales of any of the said Rectory Lands, that may be made by the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron; after such sale has been agreed to in writing by the incumbent for the time being of such Rectory, and approved of by the committee of the Synod of this Diocese, hereinafter named.

That a Standing Committee of this Synod to consist of two Clerical and one Lay Delegate shall be annually appointed by the Synod to act on behalf of the Synod, in giving or refusing assent to any sales of the said Rectory Lands by the said Church Society.

That the said Committee shall keep a record of all their Transactions, and shall report them annually to the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

[Signed,]

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FRED. D. FAUQUIER,

Chairman.

SYNOD ROOM,
London, 20th June, 1867.

Rev. F. D. Fauquier gave notice that he would move the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the sale of the Rectory Lands.

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NOTICE OF MOTION.

Rev. H. Caulfeild gave notice that he would move—

That the Bishop be requested to appoint a day of Thanksgiving during the current year, to be observed in all the Parishes in the Diocese.

The election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, being the first in order, on the second day, was now taken up.

The Bishop appointed Archdeacon Sandys, Canon Elwood, A. Lefroy, and J. Beard, Esqrs., to act with the Secretaries as Scrutineers.

The Committee on the certificates of Lay Representatives verbally reported having examined seven additional certificates and found them correct.

The election of Delegates then proceeded, according to the Canon regulating the same.

After the ballot was finished the discussion on Mr. Beard's resolution was resumed.

An amendment was moved by REV. DR. TOWNLEY, seconded by REV. DR. CAULFEILD.

XVI. RESOLVED,—That in view of the probability of the subject of clerical vestments and the simplicity of public worship being taken up by the Church in England, and the Council of Bishops to be held at Lambeth, and the probable action of the next Provincial Synod thereupon, it is inexpedient for this Synod to take action upon the subject; further than to declare its adhesion to the plain and simple rendering of the Rubrics of the prayer-book, to the utter exclusion of the novelties introduced and practiced by those called Ritualists, as well as to express our disapprobation and condemnation of those who neglect the ordinary formularies, and practically deny the principles of our Apostolic and Scriptural Church.

And that this resolution be transmitted to the Secretaries of the Provincial Synod.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. H. CAULFEILD, seconded by Rev. J. CARMICHAEL.

XVII. RESOLVED,—That the following words be added to Mr. Beard's resolution.

“And that this Synod concurs in the Memorial to the Provincial Synod adopted by the Synod of Toronto during its recent session, as follows:—

The memorial of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Huron, in Synod assembled, humbly sheweth:—“That your memorialists, deeply grieved by the innovations in ritual that are prevailing in some of the Churches in the

mother country, and justly alarmed lest these innovations should spread to the Church in this Province, have had under their consideration during the present session, the best and most effectual manner of dealing with this growing evil; and, doubtful of their own power, as a Diocesan Synod, effectually to check the introduction of these extreme practices, they have resolved to invoke the aid of the Provincial Synod to assist them in preserving the pure and simple service and worship in our Churches that have had the sanction of the Church for three hundred years; and with that view they pray that the Provincial Synod should adopt such measures as will guard against those innovations which have been condemned by the Convocations of Canterbury and York, namely, the wearing of the chasuble, alb, cope, tunicle, altar lights, incense, the use of wafer bread, the elevation of the elements after consecration, and the encouragement of non-communicants to remain during the celebration of the Holy Communion. Carried.

The Synod adjourned at 1 o'clock p.m.

The Synod resumed at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Bishop in the Chair.

Reports of the Scrutineers of the Ballot for Delegates to Provincial Synod.

REPORT OF CLERICAL BALLOT.

The Scrutineers of the Clerical Ballot for Delegates to the Provincial Synod report the following clergymen as having received the votes opposite their names:—

DELEGATES.

Dean Hellmuth.....	62
Archdeacon Brough.....	61
Archdeacon Sandys.....	56
Rev. Dr. Boomer.....	55
Rev. J. W. Marsh.....	55
Canon Elwood.....	53
Canon Bettridge.....	43
Rev. Dr. Caulfeild.....	37
Rev. J. Carmichael.....	36
Rev. H. Caulfeild.....	34
“ J. Smythe.....	27
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The Report was put by the Chair and confirmed and adopted by the Synod.

REPORT OF LAY BALLOT.

The Committee appointed to examine the votes for Lay Representatives to the general Assembly, beg to report the following gentlemen as having received the highest number of votes:—

DELEGATES.

J. Beard.....53
 Col. Wilson.....52
 A. Lefroy.....50
 Samuel Price.....48
 T. W. Walsh.....44
 Col. Fitzgerald.....40
 F. W. Thomas.....36
 G. F. Ryland.....29
 W. Grey.....26
 J. B. Strathy.....24
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 Col. Taylor.....20

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W. R. Davis.....18
 T. S. Shortt.....16
 M. Jackson.....15
 H. Crotty.....14

(Signed) SAML. PRICE, Lay Sec.
 E. L. ELWOOD.
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SYNOD ROOM, JUNE 20TH, 1867.

The Report was put to the Synod by the Chair and confirmed and adopted.

The discussion on Mr. Beard's motion and the amendments was continued.

The Synod adjourned at 6 p. m.

At 7.30 p. m. the Synod resumed.

The Bishop in the Chair.

Mr. Beard agreed to receive the amendment of Rev. H. Caulfeild, as an addition to his motion.

Rev. Dr. Caulfeild withdrew his name as seconder of the amendment of Dr. Townley, which consequently fell out.

The original resolution, with Rev. H. Caulfeild's addition, was then put and carried unanimously.

PRINTING PAST MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Moved by Rev. J. GUNNE, seconded by Rev. H. CAULFEILD,

XVIII.—Whereas, only brief extracts from the Minutes of the Synod of 1858, 1859 and 1860 were printed, be it therefore resolved, that the Secretaries of the Synod are hereby authorised to get the Minutes of the said years 1858, 1859 and 1860, respectively, printed in full, and that the same be distributed among the Members of Synod. Carried.

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT OF CONGREGATIONS.

Moved by Rev. Dr. BOOMER, seconded by Rev. J. W. MARSH,

XIX. RESOLVED,—That the report of the committee on the Assessment of Congregations presented at the last meeting of Synod be adopted, and that the Representatives of any Congregation whose assessment has not been paid, be not permitted in future to take their seats in Synod until the appointed assessment is paid, and the committee suggest that a clause be added, to the certificate given to the Lay Representatives, stating that the assessment has been paid, also that an Assessment Committee be annually appointed whose duty it shall be to revise the assessment of Congregations, and to add to the list any new congregations with their assessment, and to report annually to the Synod. The Committee for the current year to consist of Rev. Dr. Boomer, the Secretaries, J. Beard and F. W. Thomas, Esqrs. Carried.

Moved by J. BEARD, Esq., seconded by Rev. E. GRASETT,

XX. RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Committee on the Sale of Rectory Lands be adopted.

Moved in amendment by DEAN HELLMUTH, seconded by J. BEARD, Esq.,

XXI. RESOLVED,—That this Synod, in accordance with the requirements of the Act for the sale of Rectory Lands passed at the last session of the Parliament of Canada, consents to the sale by the Church Society of the Rectory Lands within this Diocese. Carried.

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No. 1 of Rev. Dr. Townley's motions on Executive Committee paper was not seconded.

No. 2 of Rev. Dr. Townley's motions on printed paper was moved by REV. DR. TOWNLEY, and seconded by REV. J. IRWIN.

Mr. Irwin afterwards withdrew his name and Dr. Townley was permitted to substitute the following:—

Moved by Rev. DR. TOWNLEY, seconded by Rev. F. D. FAUQUIER, and

XXII. RESOLVED,—That in the opinion of this Synod no alteration of the Articles or Liturgy should take place unless agreed to by the House of Bishops and a majority of two-thirds of the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Provincial Synod; nor should any such alteration take effect until it has been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the Synod by similar majorities; provided always that no motion for the alteration of the Articles or Liturgy should be admitted into the Lower House until the assent of the House of Bishops to its introduction has been previously obtained. Carried.

No. 3 of Rev. Dr. Townley's motions on printed paper.

Moved by Rev. Dr. TOWNLEY, seconded by Rev. J. KENNEDY,

XXIII. RESOLVED,—That this Synod desires to express its conviction that it is essential to the well-being of the Church that the Rubrics should be regularly and carefully observed, and especially the more important ones, such as the proper time and place of administering Holy Baptism, and the full and solemn administration of the sacred elements to each individual, with full observance of all the Rubrics connected with the Holy Service and the other Rubrics as they occur.

The Synod adjourned at 10 o'clock, p. m.

THIRD DAY, JUNE 21st, 1867.

The Synod assembled in St. Paul's School House, after Divine Service in the Cathedral, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Bishop in the Chair.

After prayer the rolls of the Clergy and Lay Representatives were called, when 48 Clergymen and 38 Lay Representatives answered to their names.

The Secretaries' notes of the business of the previous day were read and declared correct.

The discussion on No. 3 of Dr. Townley's motions was resumed.

Moved in amendment by Rev. S. TIGHE, seconded by Rev. J. CARMICHAEL,

XXIV. RESOLVED,—That the subject of Dr. Townley's motion on the observance of the Rubrics be referred to the Canon Committee. Carried.

The Synod adjourned at 1 o'clock p. m.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the Synod resumed.

The Bishop in the Chair.

Notice No. 5 on Executive Committee paper, by Rev. J. Smythe, was laid over, to be brought up first in order at the next Synod.

Notice No. 6 on Executive paper.

Moved by S. PRICE, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. W. MARSH,

XXV. RESOLVED,—That Article III, of the Constitution be amended, to read as follows :—“The lay representatives shall be communicants of at least one year's standing, who shall be elected annually, during Easter week, by each duly organised congregation, from among the members thereof, at a meeting legally convened; and for such purpose it shall be the duty of the wardens of each congregation to provide a book in which each member of the congregation, of the full age of twenty-one years, unless he has previously registered his name, shall subscribe his name, on or before the first day of January in each year, to a declaration that he is a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and does not belong to any other religious denomination. Provided that, to entitle any person to vote at such election, he moreover must have paid or contributed to the funds of the Church, at least \$2.00, during the previous year; and that it shall be the duty of the clergyman to give public notice during service on some Sunday in the month of November in each year, that the said book shall be left in a certain place in the parish or mission for the purpose of receiving the names of such persons as desire to subscribe to the said declaration.”

Moved by Col. Wilson, seconded by W. H. Stevenson, Esq.

XXVI. RESOLVED,—That the motion of S. Price to amend Article III of the Constitution be laid over until next year. Carried.

No. 7 on printed paper, by Dean Hellmuth. Withdrawn.

No. 8 on printed paper, by Archdeacon Brough.

ADDRESS TO THE ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS.

Moved by ARCHDEACON BROUGH, seconded by DEAN HELLMUTH.

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XXVII. RESOLVED,—That the following address be adopted.

To the most Reverend and Right Reverend the Archbishops and Bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland.

We, the Bishop, Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Huron, Province of Canada, in Synod assembled, desire to approach you most Reverend and Right Reverend Fathers with the assurance of profound respect, and of our devoted attachment to our mother church. Although geographically distant, and by recent enactments placed in a new and separate position from our parent, we hope ever to maintain an unbroken spiritual connection with the Church of our Fathers, through the mercy, and under the blessing of Him, who is head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. We ever esteemed it a high honor, and, under God, our greatest security against error in doctrine and superstition in practice, that we formed a part of the United Church of England and Ireland; and however we may regret the position in which we are now placed, and the separation which has taken place between us, we must commit it with all its issues, to the grace and providence of God. We avail ourselves of this opportunity, and desire further at this period to express our deep concern and heartfelt sympathy with your Lordships, under the troubles which have for sometime disturbed the Church by the introduction, in so many instances of doctrines and ritualistic practices, at variance with the truth and simplicity of the Gospel, repugnant to the principles of the reformation, and in utter discordance with the teaching and formularies of the prayer book. It is with feelings of extreme delicacy, and not less with solicitude deep, that we introduce the subject of these painful proceedings, and we shall ever feel it our duty to be earnest in prayer to Almighty God, that He will vouchsafe to guide and direct you Most Reverend and Right Reverend Fathers, so that you may be enabled at this critical period to preserve the Church committed to your charge from errors whether in doctrine or practice, and from all that can at any time prejudicially affect her usefulness and peace. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Dr. CAULFIELD, seconded by G. F. RYLAND, Esq.

XXVIII. RESOLVED,—That the memorial just adopted be transmitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury, to be presented by him to the Council of Bishops to be held at Lambeth in September next, and that it be signed by the Bishops and Secretaries in the name of the Synod. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

Moved by Ven. C. C. BROUGH, seconded by Rev. J. SMYTHE,

XXIX. RESOLVED,—That the Report of the Committee on Canons be adopted, and that the Canons be in force, provisionally for one year, except Canon numbered III., which shall be in abeyance, and be brought up with the others for consideration next year. Carried.

FORM FOR THE INDUCTION OF CLERGYMEN.

Moved by Rev. H. CAULFEILD, seconded by Rev. S. TIGHE.

XXX. RESOLVED,—That it is highly desirable that there should be a form for the regular induction of Clergymen into their Parishes, and that his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to prepare such a form. Carried.

THANKS TO THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Moved by Col. WILSON, seconded by Rev. F. D. FAUQUIER.

XXXI. RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Synod be given to the several Railway Companies for their liberality in carrying Members at reduced fares. Carried.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

Moved by Rev. H. CAULFEILD, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon BROUGH,

XXXII. RESOLVED,—That the Bishop be requested to appoint a day of Thanksgiving during the current year, to be observed in all Parishes in the Diocese. Carried.

The Bishop announced to the Synod that he had decided to accept the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury to attend the meeting of Bishops at Lambeth, in the month of September next.

The Secretaries' notes of the business of the third day were read and approved.

The Bishop stated that he was very much pleased with the manner in which the business had been performed during the present session; and, after pronouncing the benediction, adjourned the Synod at half-past 5 o'clock.

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BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

1. Rev. J. Smythe—On election of Delegates to Provincial Synod for three years.
2. Report of the Committee on Canons.
3. S. Price—To amend Article III. of the Constitution.