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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.

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## Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

### 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 Scriptures, 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 Scriptures; 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.

### CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session:

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eleventh Session:

"The Synod strongly recommend that at least one of the Representatives be a resident communicant of the Parish he represents."

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

\* "That within 30 days after election the Chairman send the names of the Delegates to the Registrar with the necessary certificate to qualify them to take their seat in the Synod."

The above passed at the Eleventh Session, stands over for confirmation at next Session of Synod.

5th. At the regular *provisional* Representation.

6th. The Representation shall be held for twenty-one years, and every parishioner may vote if he is a member, upon the terms required by the church. "I declare that I am a member of the land and Ireland nation."

7th. Each Representative shall receive a certificate that he is a member of the meeting, and shall be appointed.\*

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8th. If a vacancy occurs in the Representatives, the Minister shall be appointed, with as little delay as possible, in case there be no Minister, then any five parishioners may fill the vacancy.

9th. Each parishioner who has been placed under the care of the Rector, may send a delegate.

10th. The quorum of the Synod shall consist of a majority of the number of qualified Lay Representatives, and shall be sent to the Registrar of

\* "That no Lay Representative be appointed of which Parish or District he is a member."

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

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"land and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomi-  
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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 be appointed.\*

NOTE.—At the 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

\* "That no Lay Representatives shall take their seat in the Synod, the dues of which Parish or District are one year in arrears."

The above, passed at the Eleventh Session, stands over for confirmation a next Session of 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 effecting the interests of the Church in the 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 Synods 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 was propos-

\* "Resolved, In case it shall happen that the Bishop shall withhold his assent to any Act or Resolution of the Synod, the same may be brought up again at the next Session, and if it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds of each order present and voting, and shall be again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly, in Canada, whose decision shall be final."

The above passed at the Eleventh Session, stands over for confirmation at next Session of Synod.

ed, and if approved at the meeting of the Synod, on the Laity consisting of members and Lay delegates, and

16th. Members of the Synod, on the part of the Laity, shall be subject to the directions of the Bishop, by him to withdraw from the Synod.

17th. The Bishop shall have the following Declaration to be made at the following Conference :

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I, A. B., do declare that the rules of the Synod (by permission) by persons named to be admitted to the office of Minister or trust in the Church.*

"I, A. B., do declare that the rules and regulations which from time to time be made by the Synod and the Provincial Synod, and the consideration of being immediately after finished with all the rigour of the sentence requiring such after due examination of the aforesaid proposition saving all rights of Appeal."

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1st. The business of the Synod shall be the special prayer for the people in the form authorized by the

2nd. After this shall be read over the roll of the members of the Synod and the Lay-Secretaries of the Districts entitled to be present at the Clergy and Lay-Secretaries of the respective Secretaries

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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 must 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 sentence 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 or 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 on Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5th. All notices of motion giving by a Presbyter, or a Representative of the laity, for proceeding at a subsequent meeting, 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.

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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.

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 rise 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.

\* 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.

15th. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, 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.**

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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 re-  
quired to execute with respect to such property.

IV. The said Committee may frame Bye-laws for its own  
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V. The Executive Committee shall be also the Business  
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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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**An Act declaratory of the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.**

*(Passed the 7th day of May, A. D., 1874.)*

SECTION I.—Nothing in Chapter 77 of Acts of 1863 to interfere with property of Churches in Diocese of Nova Scotia.

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

I. Nothing in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1863, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," shall be construed to interfere with, alter or circumscribe in any way the property, whether real or personal, which may now or which may hereafter belong to the several respective Parishes, Church Corporations or Church Congregations in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, or other rights secured to such Parishes, Corporations or Congregations, or any of them, by any Act of the Legislature of this Province, or otherwise howsoever.

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**An Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.**

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

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act to incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, the clergy and laity of the Church of England in the Province of Prince Edward Island (who before the passing of such Act of Incorporation were represented in the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia) may, so long as they continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, be admitted as members of such incorporated Synod, and may enjoy and exercise the same rights and privileges therein as the clergy and laity of the Church of England in this Province.

II. So much of chapter 77 of the acts of 1863 entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," or of any other existing enactment as is inconsistent with this act is repealed.

## 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 accused, may institute proceedings.

III. If the party accused shall neglect to appear at the aforesaid, then, the Bishop, or three Clergymen nominated as hereafter, or the Commissary, shall proceed to the cause.

IV. Notice of proceedings shall be given with a copy of the charges, the name of the party standing, and the place from which the charges of error in doctrine arise. In all cases three Presbyters shall be selected to receive his selection to receive the receipt of said party shall refuse to receive the expiration of the list of names by three Presbyters aforesaid. An order made by the party in the case may be set aside if made less than twenty days before the same.

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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 name of nine Presbyters, of not less than seven years' standing, and of nine Lay members of 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 r

majority of the Clerical assessors) sentence shall then be pronounced by the Bishop.

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.

### 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.

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## RURAL DEANERIES.

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*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. Canon Maynard, A. M., R. D.)—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 Harbour, St. Mary's River, Arichat.

*Deanery of Tangier*—(Rev. R. Jamieson, 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.)

When a vacancy shall occur, either by removal\* or death, the Senior† Clergyman in such Deanery shall call the clergy together, and at that meeting they shall elect 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, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

\* At the Twelfth Session it was Resolved "That in the absence of a Rural Dean from the Diocese for more than six months the office be considered vacant.

† Seniority to be counted from date of Priest's Order.

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 request 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 this 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."

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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 persons 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 dimis-  
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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  
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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,  
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Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP.

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

The following Canons and Rule of Order of the Provincial  
Synod of Canada alluded to by the Bishop in his opening  
address are published for the information of the Clergy and  
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#### CANON II.

##### ON SUBMISSION OF CLERGY TO THE CANONS OF THE PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN SYNODS.

No Bishop within this Province shall hereafter grant his license to  
any clergyman to the cure of souls until such clergyman has first sub-  
scribed and declared his submission to the Canons of the Provincial

Synod, and of the Synod of the Diocese of such Bishop, in the following form:

I, (A. B.) do willingly subscribe to and declare that I assent to and abide by the Canons which have been, or shall be, from time to time passed by the Provincial Synod, or the Synod of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_

### CANON III.

#### ON THE POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN.

3. Upon a memorial signed by two-thirds of the Clerical and Lay Members of any Diocesan Synod, certified to be such by the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of such Diocesan Synod requesting the Metropolitan Bishop to exercise visitatorial power in such Diocese, the said Metropolitan Bishop shall have full power and authority to visit such Diocese, and the Bishop thereof, and during such visitation, to inhibit the exercise of all or of such part or parts of the ordinary jurisdiction of such Bishop, as to him the Metropolitan Bishop shall seem expedient, and during the time of such visitation to exercise by himself or his commissaries, such powers, functions, and jurisdiction in and over the said Diocese, as the Bishop thereof might have exercised, if he had not been inhibited from exercising the same.

### CANON V.

#### COURT OF APPEAL OF THE METROPOLITAN—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The House of Bishops, presided over by the Metropolitan, or President of the Upper House, or Senior Bishop in their absence, with two or more assessors to be, from time to time, nominated by the said House of Bishops, shall be the Court of Appeal from the judgment of any Diocesan Court.

#### WHEN APPEAL SHALL LIE.

An Appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal, in all cases adjudged by any Diocesan Court, on behalf of any party to the case or proceeding in the Diocesan Court.

There shall be no appeal for any error or defect in form in any proceeding in the Diocesan Court.

An Appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from the judgment or decision of the Bishop of any Diocese.

### CANON VI.

#### OF MINISTERING IN PARISHES.

1. No Clergyman shall absent himself from his charge, for more than four weeks at a time, without the written consent of a Bishop; or, in his absence, of his Commissary.

2. No person shall be permitted to celebrate Divine Service or perform any office of the Church, permanently or occasionally, except he shall have been Episcopally and Canonically ordained, and it shall be the duty of the Incumbent, or, in his absence, of the Church-wardens, to demand proof of such ordination and of the good standing of the Clergyman before permitting him to officiate.

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This Canon shall not apply to the students of any Theological College so as to prevent them from reading the Lessons in College Chapel, or to Laymen occasionally officiating, where there is a necessity for it.

3. No Clergyman shall officiate in any Mission or Parish, either as a substitute for the Incumbent or as his assistant, for more than one month, without the written license of the Bishop or the Bishop's Commissary.

4. No Bishop of one Diocese shall perform any Episcopal Functions in another without the sanction of the Bishop thereof, save in the case provided for by the Canon relating to the powers of the Metropolitan, nor shall any Bishop perform any such functions in any vacant Diocese except by instruction from the Metropolitan; or, in case of the voidance of his Diocese, from the Senior Bishop of the Province.

## CANON VII.

## OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

When a Priest or Deacon in good standing is desirous of leaving a Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give him, on his request, the usual "Letters Testimonial," but the Clergyman receiving the same, shall continue subject to the Episcopal Jurisdiction of the Bishop till the Letters Testimonial shall have been presented according to their address, and accepted by the Bishop to whose Diocese the Clergyman wishes to be transferred; provided always that if they be not presented within three months after date, they may be considered as void by the authority whence they proceeded, and shall be void unless they be presented within six months.

## CANON X.

## OF THE OFFICIATING OF STRANGE CLERGYMEN IN A DIOCESE.

When a Bishop is aware that a Clergyman not of his Diocese is officiating or about to officiate in his Diocese, and when the said Bishop shall have good reason to believe that doubts exist regarding the Clergyman's orthodoxy, canonical ordination, or good morals, then the Bishop may inhibit him from officiating within his Diocese, by a writing addressed to him and to the clergy; and any clergyman after the receipt of the Bishop's inhibition, permitting such inhibited person to perform any clerical function in his Church, or Mission Chapel, shall be proceeded against by the Bishop for a breach of Canonical obedience.

## RULE OF ORDER—NO. 33.

No Canon shall be enacted unless the same has been transmitted by the Secretaries of the Lower House to the Members of the Provincial Synod at least one month before the meeting of the Synod, or unless the same has been left over as unfinished business, and printed in the Journal of the previous Session.

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Londonderry.....	" F. Axford.....	Henry Romans, Geo. Romans.
Louisburg.....	" .....	No Return.
Lunenburg.....	" H. L. Owen....	Stephen Fincke, *H. S. Jost.
Mahone Bay.....	" *E. H. Ball....	*B. Zwicker, H. Schnare.
Maitland.....	" *A. D. Jamieson..	*A. M. Cochran, Jas. Hennigar.

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Newport.....	" .....	*J. F. Cochran, C. D. Mumford.
New Ross.....	" *J. W. Norwood..	John Pratt, *Jas Hiltz.
Parrsboro.....	" *R. T. Brine....	C. E. Ratchford, A. S. Townshend
Petite Riviere.....	" *J. S. Smith.....	*J. Y. Payzant, Enos Teel,
Pietou.....	" *J. P. Sheraton..	*Richd. Turner, J. H. Lane.
Port Medway.....	" *A. Gray.....	*Wm. Brown, *C. Carman.
Pugwash.....	" *J. D. H. Browne	John Bragg.
Rawdon.....	" *J. P. Sargent...	Jas. Casey, *Henry A. Smith.
River John.....	" *J. L. Downing..	Hugh Hartshorne, C. B. Bullock.
Rosette.....	" *W. S. Gray....	Geo. Whitman, Chas. Spurr.
Sackville.....	" *W. E. Wilson...	*C. J. Wylde, M. B. Almon.
Seaforth.....	" *O. M. Grindon..	*Henry Pryor, James Gaetz
Shelburne.....	" *Dr. White.....	Robt. Bolman, N. W. White.
Ship Harbor.....	" *R. Jamieson...	Robert Shellnut, Henry Stevens.
Stewiacke.....	" R. Haire.....	Wm. Blake, J. R. Andrews.
St. Margaret's Bay..	" *J. O. Ruggles...	Jno. W. Brine, *Albert Hiltz.
St. Mary's.....	" .....	*B. W. Cochran, John Silver.
Sydney, C. B.....	" *Dr. Uniacke...	*E. P. Archbold, A. H. Bourinot.
Sydney Mines.....	" G. Metzler....	R. H. Brown, Yorke Barrington.
Tangier.....	" *J. A. Richey...	*G. R. Anderson, *F. W. Bullock.
Truro.....	" *J. A. Kaulbach.	*Geo. Reading, *H. B. Prince.
Turns Bay.....	" *J. Edgecombe..	Dr. Slayter, Jos. Townsend.
Tusket.....	" *J. P. Padfield..	*F. W. Archibold.
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Weymouth.....	" *P. J. Filleul...	Hon. W. B. Vail, *A. G. Jones.
Windsor.....	" *Canon Maynard.	*Jas. Poyntz, *J. E. Oram.
Windsor Forks.....	" *Canon Hensley..	*John Taylor, *Wm. Palmer, Jr.
Yarmouth.....	" J. T. Moody....	C. B. Owen, *T. C. Moody.

Rev. \*W. J. Ancient.....Trinity Church, Halifax.  
 " \*H. P. Almon, D. C. L.....Windsor.  
 " \*Alfred Brown.....St. Mark's, Halifax.  
 " J. R. Campbell.....Yarmouth.  
 " \*Dr. Cochran.....Trinity Church, Halifax.  
 " \*G. B. Dodwell.....Halifax.  
 " H. DeBlois.....Granville.  
 " \*W. Ellis.....Lunenburg.  
 " \*J. Forsythe.....Liverpool.  
 " \*F. P. Greatorex.....Wilmot.  
 " \*W. H. Groser.....St. Margaret's Bay.  
 " \*A. F. Hiltz.....Falmouth.  
 " \*E. B. Kitson.....Garrison Chaplain, Halifax.  
 " \*J. Manning.....Chester.  
 " A. C. McDonald.....Mahone Bay.  
 " \*G. E. W. Morris.....Halifax.  
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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. H. Dyer .....	Cascumpeque.
" *J. Ellis .....	St. Peter's, Charlottetown.
" D. Fitzgerald .....	St. Paul's, "
" *G. W. Hodgson .....	St. Peter's, "
" T. W. Johnston .....	Crapeaud.
" *T. B. McLean .....	Summerside.
" *W. Ross .....	Georgetown.

Those marked \* were present at the Twelfth Session.

## Diocesan

THE Diocesan Synod was appointed by the Bishop on the feast of St. Michael, 1854, at Halifax.

There were present at the Holy Communion on the 29th of September. After Divine Service the rolls were read and present sixty of the members.

On motion the Bishop appointed peritrochilus, Mr. Myers Gray, and

The Minutes were read.

The Bishop reported the business accounts of the Synod—to the late legislation of the Colonial Clergy and

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It was moved by Mr. DeWolfe, and

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## TWELFTH (SPECIAL) SESSION

OF THE

# Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia

### FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met, on the day appointed by the Lord Bishop, Tuesday, June 29, 1875,—the feast of St. Peter at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Halifax.

There were Prayers at 10 A. M., and a Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being Celebrant.

After Divine Service the Synod reassembled at 2.30 P. M.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries and there were present sixty of the Clergy and forty-two Lay-Representatives.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, Mr. R. J. Wilson was appointed permanent Lay-Secretary in place of Mr. W. Myers Gray, left the Diocese.

The Minutes of last Session were read and approved.

The Bishop delivered his opening address, alluding to the business accomplished at the late Session of the Provincial Synod—to the presence of the Clergy of P. E. Island—to late legislation in England adverse to the interests of the Colonial Clergy—and at length to the business which is to engage the attention of the House.

It was moved by Rev. W. Godfrey, seconded by Dr. J. R. DeWolfe, and *Resolved*:

“That this House welcomes with much satisfaction the presence of Representatives from Prince Edward Island.”

The resolution was acknowledged in kind terms by the Ven. Archdeacon Read.

On motion of Rev. Dr. White it was *Resolved*:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider and report on the necessity of applying to the Legislature for an act constituting the Bishop and his successors in office a corporation sole."

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. Dr. White, Rev. J. J. Ritchie—Mr. C. B. Bullock, Mr. W. Gossip, Hon. Judge Ritchie.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Robertson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Cochran, and *Resolved*:

"That the appointment of Rev. G. W. Hill by the Executive Committee to be a member, the same in place of Rev. J. B. Richardson removed from the Diocese, be confirmed by this House."

The Report of the Executive Committee already printed as follows, was taken as read:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DIOCESAN SYNOD,  
TO THE TWELFTH (SPECIAL) SESSION, 1875.

The Executive Committee report that the Prospectus of a Church Seminary for females has been submitted to them by the Committee appointed to consider and report thereon, and has been approved and will be presented to the Synod for its consideration.

The Church Act has also engaged their attention, and copies of the same as received from Church Act Committee, and amended by the Executive Committee, are submitted for the information of the members of the Synod.

In consequence of the establishment of a Court of Appeal by Canon V. of Provincial Synod, the Executive Committee recommend to the Synod the repeal of Article IX. of Regulations for the discipline of the Clergy.

With reference to resolution No. 10 by A. G. Jones, Esq., the following resolution has been adopted by the Executive Committee:

"*Whereas*, the resolution of which notice was given by Alfred Jones, Esq., appears to be based upon erroneous information, none of the Clergy of this Diocese having signed the petition to which it refers.

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"*And Whereas*, the interests of this Diocese are not directly affected by the separate actions of the Clergy of other distant Dioceses.

"*And Whereas*, the matter of the said resolution is not among the matters to which the deliberations and actions of the Synod are to be confined according to the original declaration of principles.

"*And Whereas*, all matters involving Doctrine, should be reserved exclusively for the Provincial Synod.

"*Therefore Resolved*, that the proposed resolution ought not to be submitted to the Synod for discussion."

ALFRED BROWN, *Sec'y.*

It was moved by Mr. A. G. Jones, and seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

"That that portion of the report of the Executive Committee which refers to the motion of which notice was given last Session of Synod by Mr. A. G. Jones, be not received."

The motion was put to the House and *lost*.

The Bishop announced that the Church of England Institute and Young Men's Christian Association had granted to the members of the Synod the use of their respective rooms.

The Synod adjourned till the next day.

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## SECOND DAY.

JUNE 30TH, 1875.

Matins were said at nine o'clock, and at ten A. M. the Synod proceeded to business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries and sixty-seven Clergy and fifty-three Lay Representatives were present.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

It was moved by Rev. Rural Dean Filluel, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore, and *Resolved*:

"That the Rev. G. W. Hill and Rev. John Abbott be members of the Board of Foreign Missions in the places made vacant by the removal from the Diocese of Rev. J. B. Richardson and by the death of Rev. R. Warren."

It was moved by Rev. Canon Hensley, seconded by Rev. Dr. Almon, and *Resolved*:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider and report at the present Session on the best course to be pursued with reference to our Collegiate Institutions."

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. Canon Hensley, Rev. Canon Townshend, Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Rev. G. W. Hodgson, Mr. E. Binney, Prof. Oram, Mr. C. B. Bullock.

The Report of Committee on Church Paper was presented by the Chairman, Rev. G. W. Hill.

HALIFAX, June 21, 1875.

The Committee appointed by the Synod in reference to a Church paper beg leave to report, that as soon as convenient they met and laid down a basis on which they thought a weekly paper might be conducted and published with a fair prospect of success. A circular was addressed to each of the Clergy of the Diocese of New Brunswick, as well as our own, and from most of those in our own Diocese a reply was received. A very large proportion of the replies contained the same discouraging statement,—that both the Clergyman and his parishioners had just subscribed for a period of years for a paper called "The Church Herald" published in Toronto. In consequence of this the number of persons who could pledge themselves to support the proposed paper was so small as to render it impossible for the Committee to take any further steps in the matter. Several months ago, however, the Committee, having ascertained that the "Church Herald," which prevented our starting a periodical, had failed to fulfil its pledges, were again called together, to discuss the possibility of effecting the duty arraigned them by the Synod. After due deliberation it was decided that as the Synod would so soon meet it was better to refer the whole question to it, accompanied with the strong recommendation of this Committee to publish at once a monthly record of Church proceedings as the precursor of a weekly paper. This the Committee believe could be made interesting and remunerative.

G. W. HILL, *Chairman*.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Rev. Canon Townshend, it was *Resolved*:

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"That the Committee be discharged."

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1.—That after meeting on the 14th inst. the Committee be unable to present a report at the present Session on the building.

2.—That Argyle Hall be vacated (which probably could be done) and the speakers practised there labour under great inconvenience and would not recommend it.

3.—The parochial churches in the Diocese long be vacated by the Synod and arranged for a new building may be found suitable. There is no doubt could be had for the money.

4.—The Church of St. John's, which has a free of charge, has a number of persons who want of such an amount of money as anticipated.

Rev. R. Heber B. Chaplain of H. M. I. has a seat on the floor of the Synod.

Notices of motion

By Rev. J. J. Ritchie

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HILL, *Chairman*.

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"That the Committee on King's College appointed last Session be discharged."

The Report of Committee on Hall for meetings of Synod was presented by the Chairman, Mr. W. C. Silver:

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon providing a hall or other suitable building for Synodical and other Church purposes report:—

1.—That after mature consideration of the subject they are unable to present any practicable scheme for attaining a suitable building.

2.—That Argyle Hall, central in location, and spacious in area, (which probably could be had) is not a room easily filled by unpractised speakers, consequently many of our lay delegates would there labour under grave disadvantages, which this Committee would not recommend to subject them to.

3.—The parochial school-house of this parish will probably ere long be vacated by the tenants who now occupy it, and when refitted and arranged for Sunday School and general parish purposes, may be found suitable for meeting of Synod, and without much doubt could be had for that purpose if required.

4.—The Church of St. Luke in which the Synod has so often met and which has always been placed so readily at its disposal free of charge, has been proved by experience to have met the wants of such an assemblage much better than was at first anticipated.

W. C. SILVER.

Rev. R. Heber Bullock formerly of this Diocese, now a Chaplain of H. M. Forces, being present was invited to take a seat on the floor of the House.

Notices of motion were given:—

By Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

"Resolved, that a Standing Committee be appointed as part of the organization of the Synod with reference to our educational institutions, especially to King's College, who shall place themselves in communication with the Board of Governors and the Alumni and report to each Session of the Synod."

By Mr. W. H. Wiswell,—

That the following clause be added to the rules regarding committees :

“It shall be imperative for all committees appointed at any Session of the Synod, to report at its next Session and not later, unless by consent of the Synod a longer time to do so be granted.”

By Rev. Dr. Almon :

“That at least one Representative from each Parish shall be a resident Communicant in the Parish he represents.”

By Rev. J. P. Sargent,—

“That in the event of the absence of a Rural Dean from the Diocese for more than six months the office be considered vacant.

The usual limitation of time allowed to speakers was on motion adopted.

The Report of Committee on Church Seminary for Females was presented by the Chairman, Rev. A. Gray :

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A DIOCESAN SEMINARY FOR FEMALES.

After several meetings, the Committee appointed by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, to consider and report upon the establishment of a Seminary for Females, having given the subject full and careful attention, beg to lay before the Executive Committee of the Synod the following scheme :—

#### CONSTITUTION.

*Art. 1.*—That this Institution shall be called “Victoria College.”

*Art. 2.*—That the object of this College shall be to provide for the daughters of members of the Church of England, especially but not exclusively, an education of a high order on a religious basis and on moderate terms.

*Art. 3.*—That this Institution shall be established by a Joint Stock Company with a capital of forty thousand dollars, (\$40,000), divided into two thousand shares of twenty dollars each.

*Art. 4.*—The Capital instalments, the first subscription, the remainder, and at intervals

*Art. 5.*—An Annual place in Halifax in which the Synod shall hold its General Meeting the first week in June the resolution of the share

*Art. 6.*—At each a duly called, one share and every additional

*Art. 7.*—The entire the Committee appointed Directors—the names appear on the Minutes Dr. Nichols, Rev. C. E. Binney, Esq., W. retire annually, that the first on the list, be filled up so as to such election to take Shareholders, when retirement, resignation

*Art. 8.*—The office surer and Secretary, the Chairman always

*Art. 9.*—The Board Teachers and such other efficient working of the

*Art. 10.*—A privilege their daughters to the the sum charged to other as the funds of the College to one-half the regular

*Art. 11.*—The site of City of Halifax, or in

*Art. 12.*—No alterations except authorized by meeting, notice thereof meeting.

*Art. 4.*—The Capital sum of \$40,000 shall be payable in four equal instalments, the first within the period of six months from the date of subscription, the remainder within the period of two years from said date, and at intervals of six months.

*Art. 5.*—An Annual General Meeting of Shareholders shall take place in Halifax in the first week of July, except when the Synod holds its General Meeting, when it shall take place during the week in which the Synod so meets, whether such meeting be before or after the first week in July. But the time of meeting may be altered by resolution of the shareholders.

*Art. 6.*—At each annual, and at all general meetings which may be duly called, one share shall represent one vote, five shares two votes, and every additional five shares one vote additional.

*Art. 7.*—The entire management of this Institution shall be vested in the Committee appointed by the Synod, who shall be a Board of Directors—the names to be recorded in the order in which they now appear on the Minutes of the Synod, as follows: Rev. A. Gray, Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rev. Canon Hensley, Rev. G. W. Hill, W. C. Silver, Esq., E. Binney, Esq., W. H. Wiswell, Esq. One person on the said list to retire annually, that is to say, a Clergyman and a layman alternately, the first on the list, but to be eligible for re-election; the vacancy to be filled up so as to keep the proportion the same as at present, and such election to take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, when all vacancies in the Board, whether by ordinary retirement, resignation, death or otherwise, shall be filled.

*Art. 8.*—The officers of this Company shall be a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, the Chairman always to be elected from their own number.

*Art. 9.*—The Board of Directors shall select and appoint the Staff of Teachers and such other officers as they may deem necessary for the efficient working of the College.

*Art. 10.*—A privilege shall be accorded to the Clergy of sending their daughters to the College at the reduced rate of three-quarters the sum charged to others, and the Committee recommend that as soon as the funds of the College will admit, that the rate be further reduced to one-half the regular charge.

*Art. 11.*—The site of the College shall be within the limits of the City of Halifax, or in the neighbourhood thereof.

*Art. 12.*—No alteration or change in this constitution shall be made except authorized by two-thirds vote of the shareholders at an annual meeting, notice thereof having been given at the previous annual meeting.

*Art. 13.*—Special meetings of the shareholders may be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and shall be called, upon a requisition signed by twenty shareholders stating the object of such meeting; and public notice of thirty days shall be given of all special meetings, and at such meetings no business shall be transacted except that specified in the notice, and the said meetings shall be held in Halifax.

*Art. 14.*—Twenty shareholders representing not less than one hundred shares shall be requisite for a quorum at any general or special meeting.

*Art. 15.*—That none shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors except members of the Church of England.

*Art. 16.*—That the Bishop of the Diocese shall be Visitor of the College.

It shall be the office of the Visitor to prevent any infringement of the fundamental rules or Constitution of the College, and to inform himself of the rules laid down by the Board of Directors for its government, and to visit it from time to time for the purpose of seeing that such rules be strictly observed; and should he discover any neglect or violation thereof, he shall communicate the same in writing to the Board that they may take action thereon; or should he think that any improvement may be made in the management of the institution he shall in like manner suggest it to the Board for their consideration

(Signed) ANDREW GRAY,  
Chairman.

It was moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. C. Croucher, and *Resolved*:

“That Mr. Lynch's motion relative to the appointment of the Ven. the Archdeacon be the first business for this afternoon.”

It was moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, and seconded by Mr. W. H. Wiswell:

“That the Church Act as in the hands of the House be adopted.”

The following amendment moved by Rev. Canon Townsend, and seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose, was put and *lost*:

“That those clauses only be adopted which refer to Church property and are necessary to continue Parochial corporations.”

All the clauses of the Church Act were adopted as reported by the Committee with the exception of clauses VIII and

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IX, which were reserved for consideration at the afternoon Session.

It was moved by Mr. P. Lynch, and seconded by Mr. A. G. Jones :

"That the Synod regards with deep regret the appointment of the Reverend Edwin Gilpin a member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, as the Archdeacon of this Diocese, and hereby expresses its disapproval thereof."

It was moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, and seconded by Mr. H. Jost :

"That the matter be laid on the table."

This was put to the House and *lost*.

The question having arisen as to the power of the House to discuss matters of doctrine it was, after some debate, ruled by the Chairman that the House had not the power.

It was moved by Ven. the Archdeacon of P. E. Island, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, and *Resolved* :

"That it is not competent for this Synod to discuss Mr. Lynch's motion on its merits."

Clause VIII. of the Church Act was amended by the addition after the words "claim to vote" of the following "for at least three months being pew holders or otherwise," contributors, &c.

Clause IX. was on motion of Mr. J. G. Foster, seconded by Rev. J. Bell, amended by the addition of the following after the word "require" :—"At the instance of the Rector or Church Wardens or on the requisition of the majority of the Vestry made to the Rector or Church Wardens."

On motion of Mr. J. G. Foster it was *Resolved* :

"That the words "and affix it to the doors of all the other Churches belonging to the Parish" be struck out of Clause IX."

A motion made by Rev. J. Bell, and seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore :—“ That the Rector when present shall be Chairman of the Vestry ” be inserted in Clause IX, was put and *lost*.

On motion of Col. Poyntz Clause IX. was further amended by the addition of the following after the word “ aforesaid : ” “ provided that such notice shall be placed in his hands in writing at least twenty-four hours before the time of giving notice.”

It was moved by Rev. Rural Dean Filleul, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson, and *Resolved* :

“ That the Church Act as amended be now adopted.”

## CHURCH ACT.

### CHAPTER “ OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.”

#### *Licensed or instituted Clergymen only to officiate.*

I.—No person shall officiate as a minister of the Church of England within the Province of Nova Scotia, but such as shall be duly licensed, or instituted to the cure of souls, by the Bishop of the Diocese, having previously subscribed to such declarations of assents and conformity to the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England, as may be enjoined in England at the time of making such subscription, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any Canons or regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefore being duly signified in writing and delivered to the applicant, within three months from the date of application for such license or letters of institution.

#### *Parishes established; mode of allotting, dividing and establishing future Parishes.*

II.—The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore; and when any Church shall be erected for Divine Service according to the rites of the Church of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the Parish of such Church. The Bishop may also divide and sub-divide any Parish now established or hereafter to be established; but no Parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the Parishioners, present at any public meeting of the Parish, called for the consideration of such a measure.

III.—When any Parishioners shall be summoned to meet at the doors of the Church or at which meeting a Copy of any branch of the Church of England, may be elected present. A copy of the minutes of the meeting elected shall be for the signature of the Chairman so elected, who, on behalf of the Institution, shall be no election is made by the Bishop shall be a

#### *Of the election of Churchwardens.*

IV.—The Rector or Parishioners of every Parish, on the first week, notice of the election by the or officiating Clergyman and twelve Vestrymen, the Rector, with the Churchwardens connected with the services and ordinary duties of the like powers as to the control of the Church. In the absence of the Curate or the duly licensed Curate, the Rector or his own chairman. When the congregation of the Church meet together annually, the control of the Rector of said Church or Churchwardens shall not interfere with the right of the congregation, or Congregation, to the election of Churchwardens.

#### *Provision for filling vacancies.*

V.—If in consequence of the death of the Rector or Churchwarden or Vestryman, the Rector or Churchwarden or Vestryman shall be called upon to the Bishop or to the Bishop or to the Bishop upon receipt of any s

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III.—When any Rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the Parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five Parishioners, either by notice given in the Church, or Churches if there be more than one, during the time of Divine Service ; or if there be no public service in the Parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the Church or Churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than fifteen nor more than twenty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a Clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church in full communion with the Church of England, may be elected Rector by a majority of the Parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signature of the Chairman and two other Parishioners ; and the Clergyman so elected, when he shall have obtained the Bishop's Letters of Institution, shall be inducted by the Bishop into the said Parish. If no election is made within six months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a Rector.

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V.—If in consequence of a vacancy, or for any other reason, no Easter meeting shall be held in any Parish, the Church Wardens and Vestry of the previous year shall continue in office, provided that any Warden or Vestryman may resign his office by a notice in writing sent to the Bishop or to his Commissary administering the Diocese, who upon receipt of any such resignation, shall communicate the same to

the Parochial authorities. In case of the refusal to act of any person elected to the office of Church Warden, or Vestryman, or of any vacancy or of vacancies in either of the said offices (by death or resignation) the vacancy or vacancies may be filled at a meeting held at any time of the year, as hereafter appointed, after due notice. Either at the Easter meeting, or, if so ordered by the Easter meeting, at a meeting of the Vestry held not later than three weeks after the Parish meeting or adjourned parish meeting, the outgoing Wardens shall present their accounts and shall transfer to the newly elected Wardens the books, and all documents, monies, or other property belonging to the Parish which shall be in their possession.

*To be bodies politic and corporate for the purposes specified.*

VI.—The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, shall together be a body politic and corporate, with the style of "The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of—," with power to sue and be sued, to receive grants of real and personal estate for the use of the Church and all Parish purposes, to improve the same and receive the rents thereof for the like use, and with the approval of the Bishop to sell and convey such real and personal property, and to have a common seal and to make bye-laws and regulations consistent with the laws of the Province for the management of the temporalities of their Church and the due and orderly conducting of their affairs. Provided nevertheless that if at any time the Parish be without a Rector, the same rights and privileges shall be vested in Wardens and Vestry until the appointment of a Rector, except so far as relates to the permanent alienation of any property.

*The Bishop may prosecute defaulters.*

VII.—If at any time the Bishop, has reason to believe, in consequence of information received, that the property of any Parish is not rightly administered, he may institute legal proceedings against the corporation, or any officers, of the said Parish, through whose default or neglect any loss may have been occasioned.

*Persons entitled to vote as Parishioners.*

VIII.—The following persons shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of Parishioners of any Parish of the Church of England:—

1. Men of full age who have been communicants in the said Parish for not less than six months previous to the day of meeting.
2. All men of full age, who are members of the Church of England and have habitually attended the service thereof within the Parish for which they claim to vote for at least three months, being pew holders or otherwise contributors towards the funds for the maintenance of the ministrations of the said Church within the said Parish, and who are not more than six months in arrears in respect to such contributions. Provided always, that any person before voting may be required by the chairman of the meeting, or any Parishioner present, to sign a declaration that he is qualified as aforesaid.

IX.—The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, as occasion may require, may call in the Churchwardens, or on any other day, a meeting of members of the Corporation for business; and the Rector, Church Wardens, Vestry and Vestrymen connected with the Parish, either at the instance of the Rector or of any Clergyman officiating in the Parish, provided that ten days before the effect, notice of such meeting shall be given thereat having been given on some Sunday, at least ten days before the Parish, who shall give notice of such meeting aforesaid, provided that notice shall be given in writing, at least twenty

X.—No conveyance of a Minister of the Church shall be valid for more than his own incumbency, unless the same shall be made by a Minister belonging to any Parish, and the same shall be valid for a longer term than the concurrence of the Churchwardens under their common seal for twenty-one years; but the same conveyance may be made by the Churchwardens to the Parish, if the same

XI.—No person shall be qualified to vote who is not qualified to vote.  
XII.—Cap. 49 of the Act is hereby repealed.

The Synod adjourned

*Meeting for business ; when and how called.*

IX.—The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, and the Churchwardens and Vestry, may meet for the transaction of business as often as occasion may require, at the instance of the Rector, or of the Churchwardens, or on the requisition of the majority of the Vestry made to the Rector or Churchwardens, a majority of the whole number of members of the Corporation being a quorum for the transaction of business ; and the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, Churchwardens, Vestry and Parishioners may assemble for all business connected with the Parish, as often as it may be considered necessary either at the instance or upon the application of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, or the Churchwardens, or the Parishioners, provided that ten at least of the latter sign a requisition to that effect, notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat having been given during Divine Service in the Parish Church on some Sunday, at least three days previously by the Minister of the Parish, who shall give the required notice whenever called upon as aforesaid, provided that such notice shall be placed in his hands in writing, at least twenty-four hours before the time of giving notice.

*Glebe lands ; how sold or leased.*

X.—No conveyance by lease or otherwise of any parsonage held by a Minister of the Church of England shall be valid for a longer period than his own incumbency, and no such conveyance of any property belonging to any Parish or held by any Rector in virtue of his office shall be valid for a longer period than as aforesaid, unless with the concurrence of the Churchwardens and Vestry expressed in writing under their common seal, and in no case for a longer period than twenty-one years ; but with the concurrence of the Bishop, the Rector and the Churchwardens and Vestry, full and absolute sale and conveyance may be made of any glebe lands or other real estate belonging to the Parish, if the same be thought for the interests thereof.

*Churchwardens and Vestrymen ; how qualified.*

XI.—No person shall be elected a Churchwarden or Vestryman who is not qualified to vote at a Church meeting under clause eight.

XII.—Cap. 49 of third series of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

The Synod adjourned till the next day.

## THIRD DAY.

JULY 1ST, 1875.

Matins were said at nine o'clock, and at ten A. M. the Synod resumed business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries and sixty-two of the Clergy and fifty-three Lay Representatives were present.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by Mr. W. Gossip:—

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, DIOCESE OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.

The Board of Foreign Missions met in the basement of St. Luke's, on Wednesday, June 30. In the absence of the Rev. J. R. Campbell, Secretary to the Board, the Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Gossip, was requested to act as Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Statement, by which it appeared that the sum of \$663.13, which includes principal and interest up to June 25th inst., remainder at the credit of the Board, deposited in the Halifax Bank, and bearing five per cent. interest. The amount to the credit of the Board June 18, 1874, one year since, was \$438.50, thus showing an increase of \$226.76, which is the amount contributed to the B. F. M. Fund for the past year. The expenses attendant upon this amount are shewn in the Treasurer's statement to be thirteen cents.

It will be seen that there has been no expenditure by the Board on account of Missionary operations since Nov. 28, 1871, when the sum of £43.10 sterling, was remitted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in behalf of their Missions in the Island of Madagascar.

The gross amount received by the Treasurer during the five years existence of the Board is \$872.88, the average of which is \$174.71. In view of this comparatively small average, the Board would urge upon the Diocese an increased exertion to augment the funds at their disposal. It does not appear that the means recommended by which the sustentation of the fund might be secured, in circular signed by the first Secretary of the Board, have been fully carried out. This yearly average will scarcely

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In closing their report the Board would advert to the very appropriate and able circular drawn up by the Rev. J. R. Campbell, their Secretary during the past year, and distributed amongst the Churchmen of Nova Scotia, the object of which was "to stir up a more general interest in the Foreign Mission work of the Diocese." The Board believe that it would serve the cause of Missions were the circular to be appended to the published proceedings of this Special Session, and respectfully make it a request to the Synod to consider the propriety of that favour being granted in furtherance of the cause.

Signed in behalf of and by sanction of the Board,

WILLIAM GOSSIP,

*Secretary pro tem.*

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hill, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson, it was *Resolved*,

"That the Church Act Committee be discharged."

The Report of the Committee on Collegiate Institutions was presented by the chairman, Rev. Canon Hensley—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REPORT TO THIS SYNOD  
ON THE BEST COURSE TO BE ADOPTED WITH REFERENCE TO  
OUR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTIONS:

Your Committee having given to the important subject referred to them, as much attention as the limited time at their disposal would allow, have the honour to report to the Synod the following recommendations as calculated partially to benefit the College:

1.—In order that the Synod may be brought into connection with the educational institutions of the Church, we recommend that a Standing Committee of the Synod be appointed to further the interests of King's College.

2.—Having in view the very great importance of re-establishing the Collegiate School, we suggest that the Standing Committee be instructed to confer with the Board of Governors of King's College at their next meeting, on the subject of re-opening the school.

3.—With reference to the College we feel that an effort should be made to secure the attendance of a larger number of students. We believe that if our people were generally informed of the advantages offered by the College the number attending would soon be increased. For the purpose of securing the giving such information we would make the two following suggestions :

(a.) That the Clergy and Lay Delegates be respectfully requested immediately upon their return to their parishes, to set before their people the advantages of the College, and its claims upon their support.

(b.) That the Bishop be requested to appoint four or five Clergymen in different parts of the Diocese, to visit during the Summer the Parishes in their neighbourhood, and (with the consent of the Rectors of the Parishes) to address meetings on the subject of the College and its claims. A collection at each of such meetings would probably be sufficient to pay the expenses of these proposed delegations.

J. M. HENSLEY,  
Chairman.

Notices of motion were given—

By Mr. W. C. Silver :

"That every Parish or Mission in this Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions, and that not later than on the second day of each Session of this Synod at such hour as the Bishop or Chairman shall see fit, the Secretary shall read out the names of all Parishes and Missions, with the amount (if any) paid by them into the respective Treasurer's hands."

By Rev. Canon Townshend :

"In the event of the Bill or Church Act now proposed by this Synod for presentation to the Legislature, meeting with the same fate as former applications of a similar kind, I give notice of motion to abandon all further attempts to obtain a distinct Church Act, and that in future any movement in the matter of Church legislation, be confined to endeavours to obtain the repeal of the existing Church Act."

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The Report of the Church Paper Committee was next con- sidered. (*Vide page 32.*)

It was moved by Mr. A. M. Cochran, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson—

"That the Committee on the Church Paper be discharged."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. G. Foster, seconded by Mr. W. H. Wiswell, and *Resolved*—

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Committee to carry out the object for which they were appointed."

The members of the Church Paper Committee having all resigned, it was moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and seconded by Rev. G. W. Hill—

"That a new Committee be appointed to publish a Church Paper."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. G. Foster, second- ed by Rev. C. Croucher, and *Resolved*—

"That the appointment of a Committee be deferred to next Session."

Notice of motion was given by Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

"That in future the Synod meet in the afternoon and evening, and not in the morning."

On motion of Rev. A. Gray, seconded by Mr. W. H. Wis- well, it was *Resolved*—

"That the Report of the Committee on a Church Seminary for Females be adopted, and steps taken to have it carried out." (*Vide page 34.*)

It was moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Mr. W. Gossip, and *Resolved*—

"That the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions be adopted, and the request therein contained complied with." (*Vide page 42.*)

The motion, of which notice was given on the second day of the Session by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, relative to a Standing Committee on Education, was moved by him, seconded by Rev. Canon Hensley and adopted. (*Vide page 33.*)

The Report of the Committee on Collegiate Institutions was also adopted.

In compliance with the above named Report and Resolution, the following gentlemen were appointed a Standing Committee on Education:

Rev. J. J. Ritchie,	Hon. Judge Ritchie,
" G. W. Hill,	Mr. H. Pryor, D. C. L.
" Canon Townshend,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
" Canon Maynard,	Mr. C. B. Bullock,
" J. A. Kaulbach,	Mr. J. G. Foster,
" Dr. Robertson,	Mr. H. Y. Payzant,
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Motions of which notice was given last Session of Synod were next considered:—

No. 1.—Moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, and seconded by Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

"That the time of the meeting of the Synod be changed from July to October," was put and *lost*.

No. 2.—For confirmation, as follows, was briefly debated and made the first business for to-morrow morning:

"In case it shall happen that the Bishop shall withhold his assent to any act or resolution of the Synod the same may be brought up again at the next Session, and if it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds of each order present and voting, and shall be again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly in Canada, whose decision shall be final." (In addition to Regulation II, page 6.)

The Synod adjourned to the next day.

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"Whereas, The Bishop of Nova Scotia, by his Letters of Incorporation Sole by Royal Warrant, and conveyed real estate to the present Bishop of Nova Scotia, shall be a Corporation, the name of the Lord Bishop, all real estate conveyed whether in trust or otherwise, subject to all existing laws, and that nothing in this act shall confer any spiritual jurisdiction on the said Episcopal corporation."

It was moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and Resolved

"That the Church of Nova Scotia be intrusted to the Executive of the Parliament, and that it be not merely verbal alterations."

The Report of the Synod was presented by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and Resolved to be printed and reprinted at the expense of the Synod:

## FOURTH DAY.

JULY 2, 1875.

Matins were said at nine o'clock, and at ten A. M. the Synod resumed business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries, and fifty-nine Clergy and thirty-six Lay Representatives were present.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill, to be submitted to the Legislature, constituting the Bishop and his successors in office a Corporation Sole, reported by Rev. Dr. White, and on motion it was *Adopted*:

"Whereas, The Bishop of Nova Scotia has been constituted a Corporation Sole by Royal letters Patent, and has in that capacity received, held and conveyed real estate. Be it declared and enacted that the present Bishop of Nova Scotia is, and he and his successors in office duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, shall be a Corporation Sole with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia as heretofore used, and all real estate conveyed to, or vested in the Bishop of Nova Scotia, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in the said corporation sole, subject to all existing trusts.

"Nothing in this act contained shall extend in any manner to confer any spiritual jurisdiction or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon the said Episcopal corporation hereby continued or created."

THOS. H. WHITE,  
*Chairman.*

It was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and *Resolved*,—

"That the Church Bill and the Bill for incorporating the Bishop be intrusted to the Executive Committee to obtain their passage through Parliament, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to allow none but merely verbal alterations."

The Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline was presented by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin. It was ordered to be printed and reserved for consideration at the next Session of the Synod:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE.

The Committee submit the following report:—

With reference to the trial of a Bishop, the Committee would observe that the Provincial Synod has adopted a Canon for this purpose, and that it is out of the power of this Synod to deal with the subject. They would suggest that the above named Canon, No. 4 of the Provincial Synod, be printed with the records of this Synod.

With reference to the discipline of the Clergy, the Committee recommend that the present Regulations be amended so as to read as follows:

## 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.—In every case of 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, the Bishop of the Diocese within which the offence is alleged as reported to have been committed, shall, upon the application of seven male communicants of the Parish in which the accused resided, or may if he shall think fit, of his own mere motion, 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 inquire 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 inquiry 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 inquiry.

And, in the course of such inquiry, 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 proceedings, the Bishop, with the written consent of the party accused, may pronounce judgement without further proceedings.

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IV. In every case where *prima facie* ground for further proceedings has been found, and in which from the nature of the offence charged, it shall appear to the Bishop that great scandal is likely to arise from the Clergyman accused continuing to perform the services of the Church while such charge is under investigation, the Bishop shall cause a notice to be served on the accused at the same time with the service of the copy of the charge, or at any time pending the proceedings, inhibiting him from performing any services of the Church during the investigation, or until the Bishop shall withdraw the inhibition.

V. At each regular meeting of the Synod a Board of Discipline consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyters of not less than \_\_\_\_\_ year's standing, and of \_\_\_\_\_ Lay members of the Synod shall be appointed.

VI. The Clerical Secretary of the Synod shall be Secretary of the Court as hereafter to be formed.

VII.—Notice of the Bishop's intention to institute further proceedings shall be delivered to the person accused by the Secretary, or if he be an interested party by the lay Secretary of Synod, together with a copy of the charge or charges to be preferred.

The defendant and the complainant shall in person, or by their agent, challenge alternately from the above formed Board of Discipline until the number be reduced, when the charge is one of error in doctrine only, to three Presbyters, and in all other cases to three Presbyters and three Laymen.

But if the defendant shall refuse or neglect to challenge, then at the expiration of twenty-one days from the time appointed for the challenging, the Bishop shall himself select three Presbyters and three laymen as aforesaid from the Board of Discipline.

Upon receipt of notice of the result of the challenging made by the parties as above provided, or after his own selection, the Bishop shall notify to the said party the time and place appointed for his trial, which shall not be less than twenty-one days after he shall receive notice of the same.

VIII. 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 majority of the Clerical assessors) sentence shall then be pronounced by the Bishop.

IX. If the party accused shall not appear on the day appointed for 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.

X. 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.

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

XII. An appeal from this Court shall be to the "Court of Appeal of the Metropolitan," under Canon 5 of the Provincial Synod.

With reference to the discipline of the Laity the Committee submit the following Regulations:

OF THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LAITY.

If any member of the church in this Diocese shall offend by any wickedness of life, such person so offending shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeably to the rubric, and the Rector, Curate, or Minister so repelling any such person shall within —— days thereafter notify the Bishop thereof, with his reasons for so doing; but the Bishop need not institute any enquiry thereunder, unless the party repelled shall make a complaint in writing to the Bishop, whereupon a court of appeal shall be formed as in clause 7, for trial of clerks for offences other than doctrinal, who shall investigate and decide upon such complaint; and the said Court shall either restore the person repelled, to the Holy Communion, or confirm the act of repulsion, as shall be deemed right; the continuance of the repulsion to be subject to the conditions and provisions of the rubric. In case the Clergyman of the Parish or Mission, on application being made to him to restore the repelled person on profession of repentance, shall refuse to do so, on the ground that no sufficient evidence of such repentance has been given; or shall not set forth any ground of refusal; or shall state an insufficient ground; such repelled person may again make a complaint in writing to the Bishop, who shall deal with it in the manner hereinbefore directed.

Notices of Motion were given:—

By the Lord Bishop,—

"That this Synod is of opinion that the consent of the majority of the Bishops of the Province should be required previous to the consecration of the person elected by any Diocese to that important office."

By Mr. W. C. Silver,—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to engage the services of a suitable person to act as Secretary, or Secretary and Treasurer, to the Synod and the various schemes connected with it, such as the boards of missions, the proposed Church Paper, of which he may be Editor or sub Editor, as well as general business manager, under the Committee, who shall also visit such different parts of the Diocese as may be deemed advisable, on behalf of such Missions or Paper, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Committee, relative to Church work."

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It was moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson, and *Resolved*:—

"That the consideration of the confirmation of change in the constitution, relative to the appeal from the Bishops veto in certain cases, to the House of Bishops, be deferred to next ordinary session of Synod."

This being a special session resolutions 4 and 6, standing over for confirmation were also deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Synod.

No. 3,—Relative to a Committee to inquire into Parish grievances, was, at the request of Mr. J. G. Foster, allowed to stand over to next session.

No. 5,—Relative to a council to assist the Bishop in the selection of candidates for Holy Orders, was on motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, allowed to remain for consideration at next session.

No. 7,—As follows, was moved by Mr. W. C. Silver and seconded by Rev. Dr. Nichols:—

1. That the D. C. S. as at present constituted with such alterations as may be made by or with the approval of this Synod, or Executive Committee of D. C. S., be henceforth known as the "Board of Home Missions of the Diocese of Nova Scotia."

2. That the existing ——— of the D. C. S. as far as is consistent with its responsibility to the Synod be preserved.

3. That all vacancies henceforth must be filled by the Synod, which may elect from their own body or otherwise, when filling such vacancies.

4. The Schedule of grants to Missionaries, &c., now triennial, must be recommended by the Board, and approved by the Synod before taking effect.

5. At every regular session of Synod, the Board shall present a financial report duly audited; a schedule of proposed grant, if any, for the next year or term of years, and such other matter as may be deemed expedient in connection with their work.

6. The Board of Foreign Missions as at present, continue to be separate and distinct from the Board of Home Missions, and all contributions under that head must pass to the treasurer of that fund.

7. That the Executive Committee be instructed, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of D. C. S., and with their approval, to perfect a scheme on foregoing basis, to take effect when matured.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Canon Townshend, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient, and *Resolved*:—

“That this House approves of the union of the D. C. S. with this Synod, reserving the details of such union to the Executive Committee to arrange with the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Society.”

No. 8,—Was moved by Rev. F. J. Axford, seconded by Rev. J. P. Sheraton, and *Resolved*:—

“That the present Total Abstinence Committee be allowed to retire and that the following Temperance Committee be appointed.

Rev. F. J. Axford,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
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“ G. B. Dodwell,	Mr. R. J. Wilson,
“ G. W. Hill,	Dr. J. R. DeWolf,
“ J. Bell,	Mr. J. G. Foster,
“ E. B. Kitson,	“ W. H. Wiswell.
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No. 9,—Was moved by the Rev. Dr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, and *Resolved*:—

“That the resolution standing in the books to appoint a committee to revise the Constitution of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, be cancelled.”

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No. 10,—By Mr. A. G. Jones, was withdrawn in consequence of the decision of the Chairman, that the Synod could not discuss matters of doctrine.

That portion of the Report of the Executive Committee which recommended the repeal of Art. IX of the Regulations for the discipline of the Clergy in consequence of the establishment of a Court of Appeal by Canon V of Provincial Synod, was on motion adopted.

Mr. G. R. Anderson and Hon. Judge Ritchie were appointed members of the Executive Committee, in place of Mr. E. H. Harrington and Mr. F. Allison, not now members of the Synod.

Mr. W. H. Wiswell's motion, of which notice was given on the second day of the session, relative to committees reporting, was seconded by Mr. A. M. Cochran and *carried*. (Vide page 34.)

Rev. J. P. Sargent's motion, of which notice was given on the second day, relative to the absence of Rural Deans from the Diocese for more than six months; was on motion *carried*. (Vide page 34.)

Notices of motion were given:—

By Rev. J. Ambrose,—

"That the Rural Deans be required to keep a Register of the number of adherents of the Church of England in their Rural Deaneries, specifying as to those who have been admitted to Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion; Statistics on these points to be supplied them by the Rector or Officiating Minister of the Parishes or Missions,"

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson,—

"That no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, Regulations, Rules of Order or Canons of the Synod shall be taken, except at a regular meeting of the Synod."

By Mr. Thomas Brown,—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare a form of statistics of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, &c., to be incor-

porated in book form with printed headings, to be supplied to each Parish and kept among its permanent Records."

By Rev. Rural Dean Filleul,—

"That a statement of the finances of the Synod, Dr. & Cr. be published in the Journal each Session of the Synod."

It was moved by Col. Poyntz and seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson,—

"That the thanks of the House be given to his Lordship the Bishop for his able, patient, and impartial conduct in the Chair."

The motion was put to the House by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of both orders.

The Bishop addressed the House, reviewing its proceedings and acknowledging the vote of thanks passed him.

On motion it was *Resolved*,—

"That the thanks of the House be given to the "Morning Chronicle" and "Herald" Newspapers for the full and correct report of the Synod's proceedings published in their columns."

The thanks of the House were unanimously given to the Church people of Halifax and Dartmouth for hospitality to the Clergy; to the Church of England Institute and Young Men's Christian Association, for courtesies extended; to the Rector of St. Luke's for the use of the Church, and the arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of the Synod; to Rail Road and Steam Boat Companies, who had allowed members to travel at reduced rates: to the Lady Organist and Choir of St. Luke's for music provided; and to the two Secretaries of Synod.

The members of the House united in singing the Doxology and the assembly dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.

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## APPENDIX.

The following motions, &c. are reserved for consideration at the next session :—

No. 1. Passed, but standing over for confirmation,

“That in case it shall happen that the Bishop shall withhold his assent to any act or resolution of the Synod, the same may be brought up again at the next Session ; and if it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds of each order present and voting, and shall again be dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly in Canada, whose decision shall be final.”

No. 2. By MR. J. G. FOSTER,—

“That a standing Committee be appointed to enquire under certain circumstances into Parish Grievances.”

No. 3. Passed, but stands over to next Session for confirmation,

“That within thirty days after election, the Chairman sends the names of the Delegates to the Registrar, with the necessary certificate, to qualify them to take their seat in the Synod.”

No. 4. By the late DEAN BULLOCK,—

“In order to assist the Bishop in the selection of candidates for Holy Orders, and generally in the admission of Clergymen into the Diocese, a council of — being members of the Synod, be appointed to consider the qualification of the applicants, and to advise the Bishop thereon.”

No. 5. Passed, but stands over to next Session for confirmation,

“That no Lay Representatives shall take their seat in the Synod the dues of whose Parish or District are one year in arrears.”

No. 6. Passed, but stands over to next Session for confirmation,

“That the following clause be added to the rules regarding Committees: ‘It shall be imperative for all Committees appoint-

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No. 7. By REV. DR. ALMON,—

"That at least one representative of each Parish shall be a resident communicant in the Parish he represents.

No. 8. By Mr. W. C. SILVER,—

"That every Parish or Mission in this Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions, and that not later than on the second day of each Session of this Synod, at such hour as the Bishop or chairman shall see fit the Secretary shall read out the names of all Parishes and Missions, with the amount (if any) paid by them into the respective Treasurer's hands."

No. 9. By REV. CANON TOWNSHEND,—

"In the event of the Bill or Church Act now proposed by this Synod for presentation to the Legislature meeting with the same fate as former applications of a similar kind, I give notice of motion to abandon all further attempts to obtain a distinct Church Act, and that in future any movement in the matter of Church legislation be confined to endeavours to obtain the repeal of the existing Church Act."

No. 10. By REV. G. W. HODGSON,—

"That in future the Synod meet in the afternoon and evening and not in the morning."

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No. 14. By Rev. G. W. HODGSON,—

"That no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, regulations, rules of order or canons of the Synod shall be taken, except at a regular meeting of the Synod."

No. 15. By Mr. THOMAS BROWN,—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare a form of statistics of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, &c., to be incorporated in book form with printed headings, to be supplied to each Parish and kept among its permanent records."

No. 16. By REV. RURAL DEAN FILLEUL,—

"That a statement of the finances of the Synod, Dr. and Cr. be published in the Journal, each Session of the Synod."

Also—the report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline.

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APPEAL TO THE CHURCHMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA  
FROM THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*Brethren* :—

At a meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions, held in Halifax during the last Session of Synod, the Board requested the Chairman for the time being, and the Secretary, to earnestly draw the attention of the Church's Members to our unworthy position,—as a Church, on the question of Foreign Missions.

In the discharge of the duty it may be safely assumed, that, whilst the members of the Church of England in this Province, can yield to none in moral worth, personal piety, and substantial liberality to *home* objects; we must plead guilty to being far behind in the discharge of our Christian duty towards the *Heathen* who, as yet, know not God.

We have reason to believe that the fact is not generally admitted; or, still worse, if admitted, it remains unheeded; and that, by a Christian people, who are in other respects ever ready to give and glad to distribute.

We would provoke you to jealousy, Brethren. Other bodies of Christians by whom we are surrounded, in some cases smaller in number, less wealthy, and unlike us, receiving no help from other sources, have long sent men into the mission field; we most firmly believe, to their great comfort and prosperity.

We in the meanwhile have *practically* forgotten that God has given us the blessings of the Gospel to be *diffused* as well as *enjoyed*, and therefore, it cannot be a small matter, whether we selfishly keep those blessings to ourselves; or, whilst gratefully using them, we are forward to send the same unspeakable gift, to those who are scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

We gladly acknowledge that the *Province* has prospered, that the Church as a whole, has been strengthened, and, that individual members of the Church have grown rich. But in the face of the fact that no missionary has been sent forth, nor mission work accomplished, which will encourage us to increased interest and earnestness—however liberal and conscientious *Individuals* may be—as a *Church* we have failed to go forth, and tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King.

Brethren, if there be any promise of reward for liberality towards God; or withdrawal of Divine favour on account of failure to do

our duty to others—and the Scriptures plainly say there is ; we may begin to ask, with some fear for the answer, whether under such circumstances, we can reasonably expect much longer, a continuance, to say nothing of increase, of Divine blessing.

Seeing then, as a Church, we owe a duty, which we have not discharged ; seeing that others less favoured, have in this respect outrun us in well doing ; seeing that our individual responsibility is not to be evaded ; and, seeing that the surest way to secure our continued prosperity, in things both temporal and spiritual, is, as we have freely received, so freely to give, and by this means prove our love :—The Board of Foreign Missions, earnestly solicits every member of the Church, to give yearly, as God has prospered him, a distinct offering for the conversion of the heathen.

You are earnestly invited to entrust the Board with all your offerings given for this purpose, through the offertory or otherwise as cheerful givers full of faith and constant in prayer for a blessing ; which, if you will do, we shall soon wipe away our reproach : for having sent our messengers into the field, our missionary meetings will be a reality ; our hearts will be cheered by seeing the work of Conversion prospering by our means, in other lands ; and we shall provoke God to send down a blessing upon our home work, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

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#### BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

##### *To the Executive Committee.*

“To obtain the passage through Parliament of the Church Bill and the Bill for incorporating the Bishop.”

##### *To the Committee on Education.*

“To place themselves in communication with the Board of Governors and Alumni of Kings College and report to the Synod.”

##### *To the Committee on Church Seminary for Females.*

“To take steps to have the report presented by them carried into effect.”

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