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## A BRIEF HISTORY

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### Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia,

And of its Principal Actions, until the Year 1866.

In August, 1854, the Right Reverend Hibbert Binney, D. D., Lord Bishop of the Diocese, summoned a meeting of the Clergy, and two Lay Members from each parish, for the purpose of considering whether or not there should be held periodical Assemblies of the Church in this Diocese.

That meeting was held in Halifax, October 12th, 1854. There were present, 56 Clergymen, with the Bishop presiding, and 39 Lay-Delegates.

The Bishop proposed the following Resolution for consideration :—

“That it is expedient to hold periodical assemblies of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates in this Diocese.”

This Resolution was adopted, the Clergy and Laity voting separately ; 37 Clergymen and 28 Lay-Delegates being in favor of it, and 9 Clergymen and 10 Lay-Delegates against it. A Committee was appointed to frame a Constitution for the Assembly.

At an adjourned meeting held in Halifax, October 11th, 1855, the Committee appointed to frame a Constitution for the Assembly, presented their Report, which was finally adopted in the following form :—

## I. 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 purpose to proceed.

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

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

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

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

## II. CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF ASSEMBLY.\*

1st. Periodical meetings shall be held, composed of the Bishop,

\* The word "Assembly" has since been changed to "Synod" in consequence of the Act of Incorporation.

Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese, as hereafter provided in the Act of Incorporation of Nova Scotia.

2nd. Every Clergyman, Bishop, shall have the right of having the right of being elected as representatives.

3rd. An election of representatives at the Easter meeting held before each ordinary meeting for the election of representatives shall be at liberty to choose.

4th. The Representatives for the twelve adult male Parishioners of each Parish, he is a member, up to the meeting required by the church, "declare that I am a member of the Church of England, and Ireland, and be a member of the same."

5th. Each Representative shall receive a certificate that he is a member of the Church of England, and Ireland, and that he shall continue in office until the next meeting.

6th. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of a Representative, the minister shall provide for the delay as possible after the meeting.

\* The latter part of the Act, which has since been rescinded, and the liberty of choosing representatives.

† Two rules have since been added to the Representatives.

‡ At its second session, in the above clause, the Holy Communion, can certify that he is a member of the Church of England, and Ireland, and that he shall continue in office until the next meeting.

§ To the 6th Rule of the Act, in case there be no Minister, or if there be no Minister, the vestry, or if there be no vestry, may summon a meeting.

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Clergy, and Laity of this Diocese ; and their assembly constituted as hereafter provided, shall be called the Diocesan Assembly of Nova Scotia.

2nd. Every Clergyman in the Diocese duly licensed by the Bishop, shall have a seat in the Assembly: 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 Assembly.\* And at every meeting for the election of Representatives, the Parishioners shall be at liberty to choose their own Chairman.†

4th. The Representatives of the Laity must have been communicants for the twelve months preceding the election, and every adult male Parishioner may vote for the Parish or District of which he is a member, upon subscribing the following declaration, (if required by the chairman or any parishioner present.) "I do declare that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination."

5th. 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.‡

6th. 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.§

\* The latter part of this Regulation, from the word " Assembly," has since been rescinded, and the following added: "The Parishes shall have the liberty of choosing their Representatives from any part of the Diocese."

† Two rules have since been inserted here relative to appointment of Representatives.

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

§ To the 6th Rule the following addition has since been made: " 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."

7th.\* Each District forming a separate cure of souls may send two Lay-representatives, and the Parish of St. Paul's in the city of Halifax, may send four, so long as its present area remains undiminished.

8th. The quorum required to constitute a session of the Assembly 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 Assembly shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

9th.† 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 Assembly shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity.

10th. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-Nine Articles, as well as the three Articles of the 36th Canon, it is not competent for the Diocesan Assembly to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the 39 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 Assembly may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 9, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in this Diocese.

11th. 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 Assembly.

\* The latter part of the 7th Rule from the word "Lay-representatives" has been omitted.

† A division took place upon the 9th Article which was finally carried, Twenty eight clergymen voting for it and none against it, and of the Lay Delegates Twenty voted for it and one against it.

‡ \* This 9th Article has since become the 11th in consequence of the insertion of two additional articles relative to representatives.

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12th. Ordinary meetings shall be biennial, but the Bishop, (or in his absence the Archdeacon,) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion.

13th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing and considered at the meeting at which it is proposed, and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next meeting of the Assembly, and if then again approved of by majorities consisting of not less than two-thirds of both clergy and lay-delegates, and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted.

14th. Members of the Church may be present at meetings of the Assembly, on the understanding that they must be subject to the directions of the Chairman; and they may be required by him to withdraw upon the application of any three members of the Assembly.

### III. 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 mark the names of those in attendance, and the lay Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes; when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary and a committee of two to be appointed for that purpose; and where found satisfactory the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

3rd. 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.\*

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

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

Appointing Committees.

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\* 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.

Presenting, reading, and referring Memorials and Petitions.

Presenting reports of Committees.

Giving notice of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Consideration of motions.

5th. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

6th. All notices of motion given 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.

#### IV. 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 Assembly, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.

3rd. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Assembly (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or committees) unless seconded and reduced to writing.

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 Assembly by the Secretary, it cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Assembly.

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.

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

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

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

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

15th. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first 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 Assembly is about to rise every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop, or other person presiding, has left the Chair.

#### V. RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

1st. The proposer of any Committee shall submit a list of persons to be appointed, subject to amendment by the Assembly.

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 Assembly the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Assembly.

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

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

THE FIRST SESSION of the Diocesan Assembly was held in Halifax, Oct. 15, 1856.

"It was resolved, that in consequence of the difference in the laws affecting the Church in Prince Edward Island and this Province, it is not expedient to include clergy and lay representatives from that Island in this Assembly."

Regulations for the trial of offending Clerks were adopted for consideration at the next Session.

An address was presented to the Bishop, signed by 43 of the clergy, expressing their approval of the measures he had taken for the good government of the Church in the Diocese and their determination to support him in the course he had adopted.

A similar address was presented by the lay-Representatives.

THE SECOND SESSION was held in Halifax, October 21st, 1858.

The resolution relative to Prince Edward Island, adopted at the last Session was not confirmed.

The proposed Regulations for the discipline of the Clergy were reconsidered and adopted in the following form:—

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, by the Royal Letters Patent of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, (dated Feb. 27, 21 Reg. 1858,) full power and authority is granted to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and his successors, "by himself or themselves, or by the Archdeacon or Archdeacons, "or the Vicar General, or other officer or officers by him or them "to be nominated and appointed, to visit all Rectors, Curates, "Ministers, and Chaplains, and all Priests and Deacons in Holy "Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland within the

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“ said Diocese of Nova Scotia, as also to call before him or them, or his or their officer or officers, at such competent days, hours, and places, when and so often as to him or them shall seem meet and convenient, the aforesaid Rectors, Curates, Ministers, Chaplains, Priests and Deacons, or any of them, and to enquire as well concerning their morals as their behaviour in their said offices and stations respectively, subject nevertheless to such rights of review and appeal as are in the first Letters Patent given and reserved.”

And, whereas, it is expedient to define the mode in which such power shall be exercised: We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the said Diocese, 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

\* In the Session of 1866 it was resolved to omit from the above Regulations all reference to the Bishop's Letters Patent.

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 judgment without further proceedings.

III. If the Commissioners shall report that there is *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, and the party accused shall not consent to have judgment pronounced as aforesaid, then, but not otherwise, three Clerks in Holy Orders, or three Clerks and three Laymen, shall be nominated as hereafter provided, to sit with the Bishop or his Commissary, specially appointed for this purpose, to hear the cause.

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

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VI. If the party accused shall not appear on the day appointed for the trial, after having received the notice thereof, the cause may nevertheless be heard and determined, as if he were present, unless there shall appear to be sufficient cause for deferring proceedings to a future day.

VII. Advocates shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Clergymen resident in the Diocese, or Laymen who declare themselves to be members of the Church of England, and do belong to no other Communion.

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

With reference to the appointment of Lay-Delegates, it was resolved—

“That those clauses of the Constitution, relative to the qualification of Lay-Delegates, should be interpreted as giving to each Parish the liberty of choosing its Delegates from any part of the Diocese.”

Also, that the latter part of the third clause of the Constitution, (relative to the appointment of Lay-Delegates,) from the word “Assembly,” be left out.

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THE THIRD SESSION was held in Halifax, October, 11th 1860.

In accordance with notice of motion, an alteration was made in the 4th and 5th clauses of the Regulations for

discipline of the clergy, to the effect that clergymen only should be judges in case of a charge of error in doctrine.

A rule for the election of a Bishop (in case of a vacancy) was adopted.\*

It was Resolved that 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-Delegates: otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

THE FOURTH SESSION was held in Halifax, 30th October, 1862.

The third clause of the Constitution was amended—

“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 Assembly.”

Also the 6th clause—

“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.”

A communication was read from the Provincial Synod of

\* When the See is vacant, the Dean, or in case of his absence or incapacity, 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 Dean, or the said Archdeacon, or, in the absence of both, the Senior Presbyter shall preside; and it shall be the duty of such Dean, or Archdeacon, or Presbyter, to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop-elect to the proper authorities in England. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

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Canada, inviting this Synod to unite with them under their Metropolitan. It was not thought expedient at that time to enter into such an organization. The thanks of the meeting were rendered to the Canadian Synod for their invitation.

The Bishop was requested to recommend the general adoption of the Offertory as a substitute for the subscription lists for the support of the Clergy.

The Business Committee was instructed—

“To apply to the Legislature for an Act to remove any doubts that may exist as to the power of the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, to regulate the affairs of their Church in matters relating to discipline, and necessary to order and good government.”

It was Resolved—

“That it is desirable to have deposited amongst the Records of this Assembly an abstract of all titles of all Real Estate owned by the Church throughout the Diocese, and, for the purpose of attaining this object, that the Business Committee do communicate with the Ministers and Wardens in their respective Parishes, and request them to co-operate in its accomplishment, with the view to obtain the fullest information, and that such aid may be afforded in removing all doubts and controversies respecting the property of the Church.”

In accordance with notice of motion, it was resolved—

“That it be lawful at the regular election of Synodical Delegates for Two Provisional Delegates to be elected.”

THE FIFTH SESSION met in Halifax, July 6th, 1864.

The Bishop having informed the Synod of the effort made, without success, to obtain an Act from the Legislature of the Province for the Synod, it was unanimously Resolved—

“That the hearty thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Bishop for his efforts to obtain the Bill, and that the steps he took therein be approved.”

The Bishop informed the Synod that an Act had passed the Legislature incorporating the Synod.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(Passed April 22, 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 privilege 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.

An Executive Committee of nine Clerical and nine Lay members was appointed, with authority to exercise the power granted in the Act of Incorporation.

It was Resolved—

"That the Church Wardens of each Parish make a Return to each Session of the Synod, in accordance with a form to be prepared by the Business Committee."

The Business Committee—

"Was authorized to make (at discretion) an application to the Legislature for an Act to remove disabilities from Clergymen of the Church in the United States."

It was Resolved—

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The Business Committee was instructed to consider the propriety of a revision of the Hymn Book in use in the Diocese, or the adoption of another, especially that of the S.P.C.K.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States in the trials and troubles caused by the war.

It was Resolved—

"That the Bishop be requested to divide the Diocese into Rural  
"Deaneries, and to take such measures as may be necessary for the  
"appointment of Rural Deans."

An address was unanimously adopted to the Archbishop of Canterbury, thanking him for the Pastoral he had lately put forth—reprobating the conduct of the Bishop of Natal—lamenting the apparent inability of the Church to purge herself from unsound teaching—and expressing a conviction of the absolute necessity for the revival throughout the Church of Synodical action.

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#### THE SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

### DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA

Was opened on Wednesday, July 4th, 1866, with prayers by the Lord Bishop.

The Roll of the Clergy was called by the Registrar, when 57 answered to their names.

The Roll of Delegates was called by the Lay Secretary, W. M. Gray, Esq., and 31 answered.

The following is a list of those present on the first day, to whom a few more were added subsequently.

The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop.	" H. Almon.
Very Rev. the Dean.	" E. Ansel.
Venerable the Archdeacon.	" T. Blackman.
Rev. Canon Hensley, B. D.	" J. Breading.
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" " Gilpin, D. D.	" J. Edghill.
" J. Abbott,	" J. Forsythe.
" J. Ambrose.	" W. Godfrey.
" R. Avery.	" O. M. Grindon.
" C. Bowman.	" R. Haire.
" W. H. Bullock.	" R. Jamieson.
" H. DeBlois,	" A. D. Jamieson.
" P. Filleul.	" W. B. King.
" H. Genever.	" T. Maynard.
" W. S. Gray.	" D. C. Moore.
" H. Hamilton.	" E. B. Nichols.
" J. J. Hill.	" R. Payne.
" W. H. Jamieson.	" J. Randall.
" J. A. Kaulbach.	" J. O. Ruggles.
" W. Meek.	" C. J. Shreve.
" J. T. Moody.	" W. H. Snyder
" G. E. W. Morris.	" H. Stamer.
" H. L. Owen.	" G. Townshend.
" F. Pryor.	" R. J. Uniacke, D. D.
" Theo. Richey.	" H. Wainwright.
" J. P. Sargent.	" T. H. White, D. D.
" J. J. Smith.	" L. M. Wilkins.
" H. M. Spike.	" A. C. F. Wood.
" J. Storrs.	

The following Lay-representatives were present :

Colonel Myers.	James Cochran
J. M. Jones.	A. R. Smith.
Henry Pryor.	J. Bower, jr.
William Tupper.	James Reading.
Thomas Boggs.	W. Taylor, senr.
S. P. Fairbanks.	P. H. Brown.
William Gossip.	B. W. Salter.
James Redman.	W. C. Silver.

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B. Zwicker.	J. J. Sawyer.	
J. T. Wylde.	E. B. Harrington.	
Thomas Brown.	C. B. Bowman, } Second	
Charles Bullock.	J. Brown, } Day.	

The Bishop in his opening Address stated that his remarks would be few, as he had spoken fully in his Charge to the Clergy on the previous day upon some of the subjects to which he desired to call their attention.

The Synod movement had advanced to a point at which there was little room for further progress, there being but a small part of the Province unrepresented. Annapolis had at length elected representatives, the clergy of Clements and Parrsboro' were present, so that the only Parishes of which neither clergy nor laity took part in the Synod, were St. Paul's, St. George's and Wilmot. How the clergy and laity of those Parishes could justify this separation from their Brethren, he was unable to perceive. All the objections originally alleged had been deprived of their force by the occurrences of the period since the institution of the Synod, by the words and deeds of Her Majesty's Ministers, and the decisions of the highest Court of Law. We were no longer recognized in law as part of the Church of England, and required some organization to frame or to adopt laws instead of those which had been declared not to be binding upon us.

Since the last Session, the late Secretary of the Colonial Church Society, Dr. Thomas, had established a Synod in his small Diocese of Goulburn, and a Synod had been held in Colombo, to which, however, the Home Government would probably object, as they would also to any such meetings in

India, where it would be objectionable to present to the people any representative Assemblies.

A Bill removing disability from American clergymen coming to this Province had been introduced by the Executive Committee and passed by the Legislature.

The Committee, after careful consideration, had selected the Hymn Book published by the S. P. C. K., as best adapted to the wants of the Diocese, although some of the members would have preferred "Hymns Ancient and Modern." One great advantage of the Book selected was that it can be had bound up with the Prayer Book, in various sizes, at a very low cost.

His Lordship announced that he had received answers to the addresses of the Synod, from the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop Hopkins, the presiding Bishop of the Church in the United States.

He read the form of excommunication of Dr. Colenso by the Metropolitan of South Africa, and explained that he had not ordered it to be published in the Churches because he had not received an official copy.

He had delayed the appointment of Rural Deans on account of the difficulty of making a satisfactory division of the Province, but with the assistance of the Executive Committee, a scheme had now been prepared which would be submitted for the approval of the Synod.

He hoped the Synod would not separate without definite action in the matter of a Church paper. He was surprised that the clergy did not take more interest in maintaining such an organ. It must, however, be understood that so long as any such organ was in existence, official notices would be published in it, and he should expect the clergy to attend to such notices without receiving separate communication. The

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Church Chronicle had been founded by Canon Hensley and Mr. Hodgson, to whom the Church was much indebted for this endeavor to supply a want, but the pecuniary and editorial responsibilities had now been assumed by the devoted Secretary of the Synod, who was always ready to take part in any good work, and who must not be allowed to be a loser by his generosity in undertaking this responsibility.

The Rev. Canon Gilpin was appointed Clerical Secretary.

## RECORDS.

The Records of the last Session were read and approved.

## ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

Moved by the Very Rev. the Dean, seconded by Rev. C. J. Shreve,—

“That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.”—*Carried.*

## CHURCH INSTITUTION.

Moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. C. J. Shreve,—

“That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Church Institution on the basis of a benefit society.”—*Carried.*

## CHURCH PAPER.

Moved by the Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by the Rev. H. Almon,—

“That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of a Church Paper for the Diocese.”—*Carried.*

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read, recommending the following:

Business standing over from last Session.

1st. To consider what amendments may be required in the present

Church Act, more particularly in order to adapt it to those Parishes in which there are neither pew-rents nor assessments.

2nd. Whereas the 29th Canon of the Church of England relative to Sponsors at Baptism, and Canons 36, 37 and 38, relative to the subscriptions and declarations to be made by Candidates for Holy Orders, and by applicants for the Bishop's license to officiate, have been altered by the convocations of both Provinces in England, and the act of uniformity has been amended by Parliament, the Executive Committee recommend the Synod to consider how far we may be affected by these alterations, and whether it is desirable to accept them if we are not already bound by them.

3rd. To consider the best means to be adopted for increasing the supply of Candidates for the Ministry

4th. The most advantageous method of employing lay agency in the Church.

By order of Executive Committee.

Also recommending certain alterations in the Rules for "Order of Proceeding."

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.

The Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Governor submitted the following draft, which was unanimously adopted for presentation, and it was resolved that the Synod in a body wait upon his Excellency to present the same.

*To His Excellency Sir WM. FENWICK WILLIAMS of Kars, Bart., K. C. B., &c. &c., Lieut. Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Nova Scotia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Bishop and Clergy and representatives of the Laity of the Church of England in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled, desire to approach your Excellency with heartfelt expressions of loyalty to the Queen, and with our most sincere and respectful congratulations upon the honour which Her Gracious Majesty has been pleased to confer upon you in appointing you to the government of this your native Province; and we felicitate ourselves upon the favor shown to the Province by Her Majesty in thus placing over it and us, one who has

gained such noble triumphs in the land that gave him birth.

Your Excellency already shewn that your wisdom and influence, every day of your Excellency for the good of the interest in the University of our body), but your interest in the education in King's College, has given us much satisfaction through the distinguished graduates.

We pray that the wisdom of your Excellency in common with the members of the Synod, may so promote the administration shall be for the promotion of the Church, and the good of the Province.

The Bishop brought forward a report of Rural Deans, and regulations for the better management of the same.

Moved by the Bishop for the information that the Synod should have a copy of his report.

To which reply was made—

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It was directed that the Synod should reply to the address of the Governor, and also the reply of the Synod to the Church in the U



gained such noble trophies, the glory of which must be reflected on the land that gave him birth.

Your Excellency has, since you assumed the reins of Government, already shewn that you are desirous to forward and aid, by your means and influence, every good work. We would especially thank your Excellency for the generous proof which you have lately given of your interest in the University (which is the *alma mater* of a large proportion of our body), by the offer of prizes in three different departments of education in King's College, Windsor, of which we recollect with much satisfaction that you have for several years been an honoured and distinguished graduate.

We pray that the Great Head of the Church, in which your Excellency in common with ourselves, has the high privilege of being a member, may so pour upon you His Spirit of Wisdom, that when your administration shall cease, it may be found to have been pre-eminent for the promotion of the best interests of the people, the good of the Church, and the great honour and glory of God.

#### RURAL DEANS.

The Bishop brought forward the subject of the appointment of Rural Deans, and read the proposed divisions of the Diocese, and regulations for their appointment and duties.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

##### THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.

Moved by the Ven. the Archdeacon and passed by acclamation that the Bishop be requested to allow the Synod to have a copy of his last charge for publication.

To which request the Bishop gave his consent.

##### REPLIES OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND BISHOP HOPKINS.

It was directed that the reply of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the address of this Synod be recorded and published. And also the reply of Bishop Hopkins, the presiding Bishop of the Church in the U. S. of America.

To the Bishop, Clergy and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled.

My Right Reverend, Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, I accept with feelings of deep gratification the thanks you have thought fit to tender to me for the Pastoral which I deemed it right to put forth when the minds of so large a portion of the members of our Church were perplexed by the terms in the recent Judgment on "Essays and Reviews."

I have never doubted that the Church holds the Canonical Scriptures to be the Word of God, and that the punishment of the wicked is eternal—and with these convictions I should have held myself culpable, had I refrained from giving publicity to these sentiments at that critical moment. I can well understand the feeling with which you repudiate the insinuation that many of the Clergy use the Services of our Church, believing them to be absolutely untrue, and I feel confident that the great body of our brethren in the ministry will, by their teaching in conformity with the great doctrines she professes, prove their conscientious adherence to her Articles and Formularies. I humbly trust that the confidence you repose in me, as the Ecclesiastical Head of our Church, may not be misplaced, and I heartily thank you for your prayer that I may be indued with grace from on High, which is at all times needed by one who is placed in a position of such responsibility, but more especially in a day when principles the most sacred are called in question, and Truths which were held as incontrovertible are challenged as needing farther confirmation.

I remain,

Your faithful Friend and Brother in Christ,

C. T. CANTUAR.

BISHOP OF VERMONT'S REPLY TO ADDRESS FROM SYNOD.

MY DEAR LORD BISHOP,—

Your kind communication of Nov. 16, 1864, inclosing the fraternal resolutions of the Synod of Nova Scotia, so expressive of their sympathy with our branch of the Holy Catholic Church, under the melancholy pressure of civil war, was transferred to my hands, as the successor of the lamented Bishop Brownell, late presiding Bishop of

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our Church, and I laid it before the House of Bishops, at the commencement of our present convention. It was received with all the christian feeling to which it was so justly entitled, and the House of Bishops unanimously resolved that I should express their acknowledgements to you. They value highly, those kindly acts of brotherly affection, which remind us so strongly and so graciously of our common parentage, and our common privileges, in our dear Mother Church. And we all desire that our substantial unity may be felt and manifested more and more.

I write in the midst of the business of the House, and have only to add the assurance of the high regard with which I remain,

My dear Lord,

Your faithful brother in Christ,

JOHN H. HOPKINS.

*Bishop of Vermont and presiding Bishop.*

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

#### RURAL DEANERIES.

The subject of Rural Deaneries was then taken up, and after some discussion it was reserved for consideration on the following day.

#### CHURCH ACT.

Unfinished business, viz :—Amendment of the present "Church Act" was then brought forward, but no action was taken thereon.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That no clergyman from another Diocese, and no candidate for Holy Orders shall be licenced by the Bishop until such time as he shall consent to become a member of this Synod; and farther that no clergyman shall be eligible for preferment in this Diocese unless he shall be a member of this Synod."

#### GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

The Bishop drew attention to the action of the Canadian

Provincial Synod, requesting the Archbishop of Canterbury to hold a general council of the Church, and his Grace's answer to the request.

ALTERATION OF CANONS.

The subject of the alterations in the Canons by the English Houses of Convocation was then brought forward, and the question was raised whether we should adopt those alterations.

After much discussion, tending to elucidate the actual position of the Church in this Diocese, further consideration of the subject was postponed until the following day.

The Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

JULY 5TH.

After prayers by the Bishop, the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The Committee upon a Church Paper requested a longer time for presenting their report.

RURAL DEANERIES.

The subject of Rural Deaneries was then taken up.

A motion by the Rev. H. Almon, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq.,

"That the appointment of Rural Deans be postponed," was lost.

Moved by the Rev. C. J. Shreve, seconded by the Rev. W. M. Godfrey,

"That the office of Rural Dean be but honorary."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. E. B. Nichols, seconded by the Rev. W. H. Snyder,

"That the first clause of the proposed Rules, stating the duties of a Rural Dean, be adopted."—*Carried.*

The second clause of the Rev. D. C. More

"That the clergy of the times of meeting."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. H. DeB

"That it shall be the duty of the clergy in his mutual edification."

The third clause was moved by Canon

"That the powers of the curies in each parish of the diocese be drawn up by the Bishop of the same to the Bishop requested by the missions

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"That the tenure of the benefices be regulated by the Bishop of the diocese"

In amendment by the Rev. W. C. Silver, Esq.

"That the appointment of Rural Deans be postponed"

"Dean so appointed shall be a layman"—*Carried.*

The whole proposition was therefore

1.—St. Margaret's Bay, Weymouth, Dorset.

2.—Bridgewater, Newbury, Berkshire.

3.—Weymouth, Digby, Wiltshire.

4.—Aylosford, Kentville, Nova Scotia.

The second clause as proposed was then read. Moved by the Rev. D. C. More, seconded by the Rev. O. M. Grindon,

“That the clergy of each Deanery be empowered to decide the times of meeting.”

Moved in amendment by the Rev. Dr. Uniacke, seconded by the Rev. H. DeBlois,

“That it shall be the office of each Rural Dean to hold meetings of the clergy in his Deanery, once at least in each half year, for mutual edification.”—*Carried.*

The third clause was then read.

Moved by Canon Hensley, seconded by the Rev. J. J. Hill,

“That the powers of the Rural Deans be limited to making enquiries in each parish of his Deanery according to a list of questions to be drawn up by the Executive Committee, and to sending a report of the same to the Bishop, and to such other duties as he may be requested by the missionary in charge of each cure to perform.”—*Carried.*

As the fourth clause it was moved by the Rev. J. Ambrose,

“That the tenure of office be for four years.”

In amendment by the Rev. J. J. Hill, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq.

“That the appointment of the Rural Dean continue so long as the Dean so appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls.”—*Carried.*

The whole proposition relative to Deaneries and Rural Deans was therefore adopted in the following form.

#### DEANERIES.

- 1.—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg.
- 2.—Bridgewater, New Dublin, Port Medway, Liverpool, Shelburne, Barrington, Tusket, Yarmouth.
- 3.—Weymouth, Digby, Clements, Annapolis, Granville, Bridgetown, Wilmot.
- 4.—Aylesford, Kentville, Cornwallis, Windsor, Falmouth, Newport, Rawdon.

- 5.—Maitland, Truro, Stewiacke, Londonderry, Parrsborough, Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Albion Mines.
- 6.—Antigonishe, Guysborough, Manchester, Melford, Country Harbour, St. Mary's River, Arichat.
- 7.—Beaver Harbour, Ship Harbour, Three Fathom Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville.
- 8.—Cape Breton, (with the exception of Arichat.)

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

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.

COUNT OUT.

Moved by J. R. DeWolf, Esq., M.D., seconded by Colonel Myers.

“That 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.”—*Carried.*

CHURCH PAPER.

The Committee upon a Church Paper presented their Report with the following resolutions:

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"That while a weekly paper is the most desirable, a monthly periodical as herein suggested, shall be adopted until such weekly paper can be maintained."

Moved by the Rev. J. C. Woods, seconded by the Rev. P. Filleul,

"That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to set on foot a Church Paper."

Moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Gray, as a substitute for the whole,

"That the Report be re-committed to the Committee in order that they may obtain further information."

REPLY OF THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

The Synod, in a body, waited upon His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, and presented the address, to which his Excellency gave the following reply :

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, 5th July, 1866.

MY LORD BISHOP AND GENTLEMEN,—

I thank you heartily for this address, expressing as it does your loyal devotion towards our Gracious Queen, as well as friendly and encouraging sentiments to me.

I accepted this Government with pride and pleasure, the nomination to which by Her Majesty has called forth your congratulations; and I have reason to hope that my efforts to serve my native Province will be crowned by permanent benefits; and I tender you my sincere thanks for the prayer you put up to Heaven for this happy result.

In my endeavor to support, by material means and personal influence, those good works to which you allude, I can only admit that I have done my duty, in the station to which I have been called; and I will endeavor to continue those efforts even unto the end.

My object is a double one, namely; that while favoring every useful institution, and especially assisting the Church of which I am a humble member, I am appealing to all men to aid in works which benefit and enlighten our countrymen of all grades and conditions.

I again thank you for giving me this opportunity of meeting you here to-day, which enables me to assure the Lord Bishop and this

deputation, of my high personal esteem, to which I beg to add a devout hope and fervent prayer that the efforts of your Synod now assembled may be blessed by a kind Providence.

W. F. WILLIAMS.

ALTERATION OF CANONS.

The subject of the Alteration of Canons was then taken up.

Moved by the Rev. T. H. White, D.D., seconded by the Rev. C. Bowman,

“That the canon passed by the upper and lower Houses of convocation, instead of the 36th canon of 1603, be adopted by this Synod.”

Moved in amendment, by the Rev. Canon Hensley, seconded by the Rev. J. J. Hill,

“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.”—*Carried.*

Notice of motion was given by the Rev. H. L. Owen, seconded by the Rev. Canon Hensley,

“That the alteration of the 36th Canon adopted by the Church of England is approved by this Synod, and that it remain over for acceptance or rejection at the next meeting of Synod.”

Moved by the Rev. C. Bowman, seconded by H. Pryor, Esq.

“That the 29th Canon lately passed by the Convocation of Canterbury be not adopted by this Synod.”—*Carried.*

The Bishop gave notice that in future he would not administer any oath at the time of ordination of Priests or Deacons. That in place of the oath of allegiance and supremacy, the new oath of 1858 would be used previous to ordination. In other respects subscription and declaration would be as heretofore. Also that he was about to issue the Forms of Prayer, (now out of print,) for the Governor and the Legislature, with

some slight alterations of the Synod.

SERMON

Moved by the Ven. W. B. King,

“That the warm thanks of the Synod be given to the Rev. the Dean for his sermon on Tuesday.”—*Carried.*

The Chairman of the Synod stated that they were unwilling to be begged to resign.

The Rev. J. Ambrose, Mr. DeWolf of Bristol, presented a Paper, under certain conditions.

Moved by W. C. Esq., M.D.,

“That the Synod be requested to guarantee 200 subscribers.”

The Chairman stated that the Synod was not a quorum and that the meeting was not put.

It was suggested that the Synod be seconded by B. Z.

“That the proposition be adopted.”

It was suggested that the Synod be requested to take a vote for the whole of the Synod.

“That the Executive Committee be requested to foot a Church Paper for each parish, and to call upon parish officers for each Parish.”



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## SERMON BEFORE THE SYNOD.

Moved by the Ven. the Archdeacon, seconded by the Rev. W. B. King,

"That the warm thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Very Rev. the Dean for his sermon before the Synod on the previous Tuesday."—*Carried.*

## CHURCH PAPER.

The Chairman of the Committee on a Church Paper reported that they were unable to obtain a quorum, and therefore begged to resign.

The Rev. J. Ambrose brought forward a proposition from Mr. DeWolf of Bridgetown, offering to undertake a Church Paper, under certain conditions, on his own responsibility.

Moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by J. R. DeWolf, Esq., M.D.,

"That the Synod adopt the "Church Chronicle" as its organ and "guarantee 200 subscribers."

The Chairman being called on to count the House, there was not a quorum of Laity present, and the question could not be put.

It was suggested as an amendment by the Rev. C. Bowman, seconded by B. Zwicker, Esq.,

"That the proposal of Mr. DeWolf of Bridgetown be accepted."

It was suggested by the Rev. A. C. F. Woods as a substitute for the whole matter,

"That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to set on foot a Church Paper, of popular style, and that they be authorized to call upon parishes if necessary for a subsidy to the extent of \$4 for each Parish."

Mr. Woods' motion passed the House of Clergy and there-  
fore remained for consideration the next day.

The Synod adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

JULY 6TH.

After prayers by the Bishop. The minutes of the preced-  
ing day were read and approved.

Reports of Committees were then called for.  
Unfinished business was then taken up.

PREFERMENT IN THE DIOCESE.

Moved by the Rev. W. H. Snyder, seconded by B. Zwicker,  
Esq.

"That no clergyman in this Diocese shall be eligible for any pre-  
ferment in the Diocese to which the appointment is under the control  
of the Synod, unless he be a member of the Synod."

Moved in amendment by the Dean, seconded by the Rev.  
G. Townshend.

"Provided that these restrictions shall not apply to Clergyman now  
in possession of cures, or holding offices in the Diocese, nor to  
students at King's College, now avowedly preparing for Holy  
Orders."

Moved by the Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by the Rev. P.  
Filleul, as a substitute for the whole matter,

"That the Resolution be laid on the table."—*Carried.*

CHURCH PAPER.

With reference to a Church Paper, it was moved by the  
Rev. A. C. F. Woods, seconded by the Rev. P. Filleul,

"That the Executive Committee take immediate steps to set on  
foot a Church Paper of popular style."

Moved by the Rev. A. C. F. Woods, seconded by the Rev.  
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“That the Parishes be called upon to contribute \$4 each towards the support of the Church Paper.”—*Lost.*

Moved by W. C. Silver, seconded by the Dean :

“That the Synod guarantee 200 subscribers, and recommend to the Executive Committee the adoption of the ‘Church Chronicle.’”  
—*Lost.*

A vote of thanks was passed to those who had first established the “Church Chronicle” and to those who had conducted it up to the present time.

EXPENSES.

The Secretary submitted a memorandum of the amounts contributed by the Parishes toward the expenses of Synod, and the amount already expended.

W. C. Silver gave notice of motion for an assessment to meet the expenses of Synod.

The Bishop gave notice of motion for a change in the Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Secretary submitted a table of statistics compiled from the returns made by the Church Wardens to the questions issued by the Executive Committee. (*Vide Appendix.*)

ALTERATIONS IN RULES.

The Bishop drew attention to several alterations in the order of proceedings recommended by the Executive Committee.

The following alterations in the order of proceedings were adopted, and stand over for final decision at the next session :

*In 2nd Rule* — To omit all except the first two lines, and after the word “Bishop” to add — “and the Lay Secretary shall call over the list of Parishes and Districts entitled to such Representatives, when

the names of the Clergy and Lay-Representatives present shall be marked by their respective Secretaries.

*In Rule 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, &c., (as at present.)

Also a rule to provide, that before the final adjournment of each Session of the Synod, the minutes of the last day shall be read and approved.

#### EXPENSES OF SYNOD.

In accordance with notice of motion it was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by the Rev. E. B. Nichols :

“ 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.”—  
*Carried.*

#### CHURCH INSTITUTION.

The Committee upon a Church Institution presented the following report :

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of giving the approval of the Synod to the establishment of a Church Institution — (the members of which shall be of two descriptions, viz : those who receive pecuniary advantage, and those who do not) desire to report —

That they approve and commend to the approval of the Synod, the general principles which the mover has explained.

They have, however, requested their Chairman to obtain further

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Moved by White, D. D.,

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*Carried.*

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information from England on one point in the Financial arrangement proposed.

The Committee desire to point out that, even when the scheme is matured, it must always be optional with the Clergy to form or not to form branches in their various parishes.

Your Committee, however, would ask the Synod, to request each member of the House of Presbyters to communicate with their Chairman of the Committee before the 1st of September, if they have any idea of forming a branch of the Institution, and in that communication to state how many males above 14 years of age would probably become members of that department, which is to receive pecuniary benefit.

That a Committee be now appointed with power to sit during the recess—who shall, as soon as the names of 200 members (likely to join the "Benefit" part of the Institution) shall be obtained, be at liberty to frame a general Constitution and rules for the proposed Institution—which shall be presented to the next Synod for approval before the actual working of the Institution.

The Report was received and adopted for presentation to the next session of Synod.

In accordance with the above a Committee was appointed, with the Rev. D. C. Moore, of New Ross, as chairman.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

The Bishop drew special attention to the recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to a supply of Candidates for the Ministry.

Moved by the Dean, seconded by the Rev. T. H. White, D. D.,

"It is incumbent on all members of the Church to endeavour to increase the number of Students preparing for Holy orders."—  
*Carried.*

A motion relative to the employment of Lay agency in the Church or the appointment of permanent Deacons, was deferred for consideration at the next session.

## DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

In accordance with notice of motion the Bishop proposed the following alterations in the regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq.,

“ In ‘ Preamble ’ and in Rule 5 to omit such parts as refer to the ‘ Bishop’s Letters Patent.’ ” *Carried.*

## ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

Also, seconded by the Rev. T. H. White, D.D., that the Rule for the election of a Bishop stand thus :

“ When the See is vacant, the Dean, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, 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 Dean, or the said Archdeacon, or, in the absence of both, the Senior Presbyter shall preside ; and it shall be the duty of such Dean, or Archdeacon, or Presbyter, to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop elect, to the proper authorities in England. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.”—*Carried.*

The vacancies in the Executive Committee were filled up. Which Committee stands thus :

The Bishop.	H. Pryor, Esq., D.C.L.
The Rev. Canon Cochran, A.M.	J. R. Dewolf, Esq., M.D.
“ T. Maynard, A.M.	W. Gossip, Esq.
“ Canon Gilpin, D.D.	G. Reading, Esq.
“ J. Ambrose, A.M.	C. Bowman, Esq.
“ J. J. Hill, A.M.	W. Metzler, Esq.
“ O. M. Grindon, A.B.	E. H. Harrington, Esq.
“ J. Forsythe.	Colonel Myers.
The Very Rev. The Dean.	W. C. Silver, Esq.
The Rev. E. E. B. Nichols, A. M.	

It was resolved, that the proceedings of the Synod be published.

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“ Since the last Synod I have ordained 12 Deacons and 8 Priests, and I have received one of each order from other Dioceses, within that period 6 have died, and 4 have removed from this Diocese.

“ After the close of the Synod in 1864, I proceeded along the Eastern Shore, beginning with Dartmouth, and thence through the Island of Cape Breton, confirming 578. Last year I confirmed in Halifax, 299. I have this year confirmed in a few Parishes, 117 and I am now about to hold Confirmations in the North East portion of the Province, and in P. E. Island.”

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Reporter, the Railway Commissioner, to the friends of the Church in Halifax for kindness and hospitality,—to both the Secretaries,—and especially to his lordship the Bishop for his patient and considerate care in conducting the meeting. The Session was closed with the Doxology and the Episcopal Benediction.

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