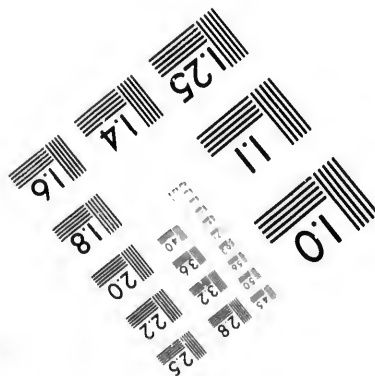
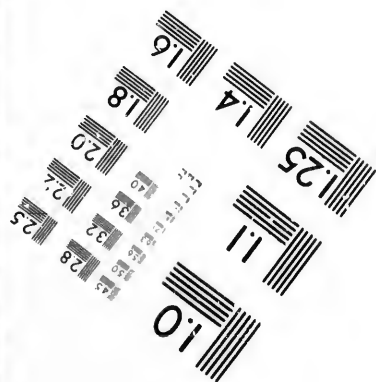
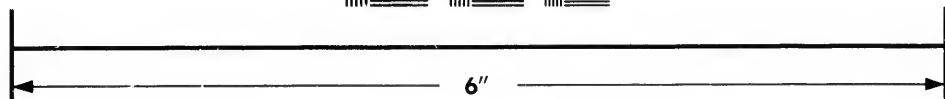
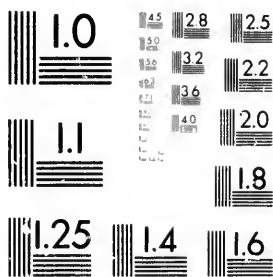


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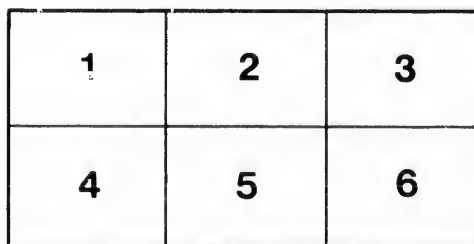
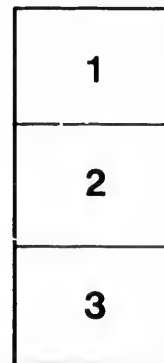
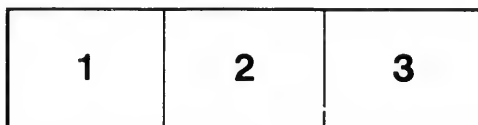
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# Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

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## Original Declaration of Principles

(ADOPTED OCTOBER, 1855.)

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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 rightly 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 OF SYNOD.

1. 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."

2. 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.

3. 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 Clause 9. Within 30 days after election the Chairman shall send the names of the Representatives to the Lay Secretary. 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."

4. 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 Church Wardens, or three members of the Vestry, to summon a meeting, giving due notice of the same, for the purpose of electing Representatives for the next Session of the Diocesan Synod.

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

6. The Representatives of the Laity must be at least twenty-one years of age, having 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 Church of England and belong to no other religious denomination."

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Each Parish or district represented in this Synod shall be assessed for the purposes of this Synod. The Finance Committee, one member of which shall be a representative of a parish or district in Prince Edwards Island shall, subject to the supervision of the Executive committee, be the assessment committee. The assessment shall be made early in each year in which a regular meeting of the Synod is to be held and communicated to the Rector or officiating Minister of each parish or district not less than four weeks before Easter. The amount assessed shall be due and shall be remitted to the Treasurer of Synod immediately after the Easter Meeting; and no Representative shall be allowed to take his seat at the ensuing Session of the Synod until the sum so assessed shall have been paid, together with any arrears that may thereafter become due.

11. The Chairman at the meeting in each Parish for the election of Representatives to the Synod shall, upon the election of such representatives, forthwith transmit to the

Lay Secretary the certificate of election and also the certificate of qualification.

The Treasurer and the Lay and Clerical Secretaries shall be a Standing Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine such certificates, and also ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessment for which they have been respectively liable, and report thereon to the Bishop on the day before the day of the meeting of the Synod. Said report to contain the names of those Representatives only whose qualifications have been completed five days before the meeting of the Synod. The Bishop shall, immediately upon the opening of the Synod, lay such report upon the table.

If any objection be made to such report on behalf of any person claiming seats in the Synod as lay representatives, the same shall be referred to a Special Committee on Credentials of seven members, of which the Standing Committee on Credentials shall be *ex officio* members, together with four lay members, whose right to a seat in the Synod is unquestioned.

No representative whose right to a seat in the Synod is questioned, shall be a member of or vote for members of the Special Committee on Credentials.

In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as herein before provided, the Synod may, for good and sufficient cause, permit any representative at any time to take his seat who produces sufficient proof of election and qualification. When the precedence of provisional Representatives is not regulated by the certificate of appointment it shall be regulated as follows:

If more than one person is named in any certificate, then in the order in which they are named.

If there is more than one certificate, then according to the Alphabetical order of the initials of the surnames.

When a provisional Representative shall have been called and taken his seat, he shall retain it during the session to the exclusion of the regular Representative; but if the Synod adjourns for over a week, the Representatives shall be entitled to take their seats after the adjournment as at the commencement of a new session.

12. 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 Lay Secretary; but no vote of the Synod shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

13. 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 consent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity.

NOTE.—At the Second Session the Synod resolved that all the members of the Synod present be required to vote on every question.

14. 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 Art. 13, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

15. 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.

16. The ordinary meetings of the Synod shall be biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archdeacon) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion. The ordinary place of meeting shall be in the City of Halifax but if an invitation be given from any town in the Diocese by residents of such town willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod, and if the accepting of such invitation be recommended by the Executive Committee the Synod shall be at liberty to accept it.

17. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution or Canons shall be introduced in writing and considered at

the meeting at which it was proposed, and if approved by a majority shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if then again approved by majorities consisting of not less than two-thirds of both Clergy and Lay Representatives present and voting and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted; but no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitutions or Canons of the Synod shall be taken except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod. Any proposition standing over for confirmation which shall not have been brought before the Synod for two consecutive regular sessions shall lapse.

18. 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.

19. 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 held 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.]

20. Every Parish or Mission in the Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and

Foreign Missions ; and 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.

21. The following regulations shall be observed in the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod :—

If more than the required number of delegates has been nominated, then the Clergy shall ballot for the Clerical Delegates and the Laity for the Lay Delegates. The required number of candidates having the highest number of votes shall then be put—the Clerical Delegates to the Laity and *vice versa* ; and each Order must accept or reject the election of the other as a whole.

The Substitutes shall be elected in the same way, after the declaration of the names of the Delegates elect.

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## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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1. 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.

2. On the first day of the Session, after this prayer, the Bishop shall lay on the table the report of the Committee on Credentials.

3. 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.

4. 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.

The appointment of the Lay Secretary shall be a permanent one and he need not be a member of the Synod.

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports of Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Consideration of motions.

6. 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.

7. Before the final adjournment of the Session the minutes of the last day shall be read and approved.

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#### RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

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



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

5. 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.

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

7. 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.

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

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

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

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

12. 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.

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

14. A resolution proposed for confirmation cannot be amended, but must be accepted or rejected as a whole.

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

15. 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.

16. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in negative.

17. A question being once determined shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same Session without the special sanction of the Bishop.

18. 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.

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

20. 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.

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#### RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

1. The names of members of Committees shall be proposed by any members 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.

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

3. 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.

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

5. 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.

6. All vacancies in Committees having charge of trust funds shall be filled by the Synod and the Synod shall have power to remove from such Committees any members for cause deemed sufficient by the Synod.

A list of nominations of members to fill such vacancies shall be prepared by a Committee of seven appointed by the Synod, and laid on the table at the first meeting or opening day of the Synod.

All other committees shall be appointed at each meeting of the Synod.

7. The Committee on Education shall report at every regular Meeting of the Synod on the general condition of the educational establishment in connection with the Church in this Diocese especially Kings College and the Collegiate School at Windsor.

8. Any Committee appointed by the Synod shall be considered a standing Committee until discharged by the usual vote.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

II. At each ordinary meeting of the Synod the Clerical and Lay member of the Committee whose names respectively

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

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

IV. The Executive Committee shall be also the Business Committee of the Synod. They shall have their report printed and circulated among the Clergy and Lay Representatives in the Diocese at least two weeks before the time appointed for meeting of Synod.

V. The Executive 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.

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## ACT OF INCORPORATION

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(PASSED APRIL 29, 1863.)

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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 Eng-

land 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.*

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(PASSED THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, A. D., 1874.)

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

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

I. Nothing in Chapter 77 of the Act 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 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 assisting enactment as is inconsistent with this Act, is repealed.

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*An Act to constitute the Bishop of Nova Scotia a Corporation sole.*

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(PASSED THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 1876.)

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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 by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

I. 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, 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.

2. Nothing within 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.

## CHURCH ACT.

(PASSED IN 1876, AND AMENDED 1879.)

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

1. 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 assent and conformity to the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England as may be enjoined in England at the time of making such subscriptions, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to or inconsistent with the 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.

2. 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 the majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the Parish called for the consideration of such a measure.

3. 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 15 nor more than thirty 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 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 signatures 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 be made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a Rector.

4. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the parishioners of every Parish, shall meet annually on Monday in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the Rector or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the parishioners, and any parish business may be transacted. The Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the Church and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective Parishes, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own Chairman. Where there are two or more churches in one Parish, the congregation of each Church other than the Parish Church may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens, who, subject to the control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of said Church or Chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with the right of the parishioners included in the said congregation or congregations, to take part in the Easter meeting for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen for the whole Parish.

5. 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 notice in writing sent to the Bishop or to his Commissary administering the Diocese, who, upon the 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 Vertryman,



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 provided, after due notice. ~~X~~ Either at the Easter meeting, or if so ordered at the Easter Meeting, at a meeting of the Vestry held not later than three weeks after the Parish meeting or adjourned Parish meeting, the out-going 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. x Dec 9

6. 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 by-laws and regulations, consistent with the laws of the Province, for the management of the temporalities of the Church and the due and orderly conducting of the affairs; provided, nevertheless, that if at any time the Parish be without a Rector the same rights and privileges shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestry until the appointment of a Rector, except so far as relates to the permanent alienation of any property. All the real and personal property belonging to any Parochial corporation, shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of that Parish in their corporate capacity, subject to any existing rights or trusts therein.

7. The outgoing Wardens of each Parish shall prepare and submit to the annual meeting of parishioners, a return of the property of the parochial corporation, whether real or personal, and of all monies that may have been invested by or on behalf of the corporation during such year, and a schedule of the securities and the rate of interest upon which such investments have been made, which return the incoming Wardens shall within three weeks forward to the Registrar of the Diocese. And 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.

8. 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 are, and who have been for not less than six months, communicants in the said Parish.

(2.) Men of full age who are, members of the Church of England, habitually attending the services thereof, within the parish for which they claim to vote, except when temporarily hindered by absence from their ordinary residence or any other unavoidable impediment, such attendance having commenced not less than three months previous to the day of meeting, being pew-holders, or otherwise contributors towards the funds for the maintenance of the ministrations of the said Church of England, in any Church or Chapel, subject to the control of the corporation of the said parish, and who are not more than six months in arrears in respect to such contributions.

Provided always that any person voting, may be required by the chairman of the meeting or any parishioner present to sign the following declaration :—“ I do declare that I am a member of the Church of England, and belong to no other religious denomination, and am qualified as required by clause 2, section 8, of the Church Act.” And also, when not voting as a communicant, to produce a receipt or certificate from the Church or Chapel Wardens, or one of them, or the Vestry Clerk, showing that he is such pew-holder or contributor, and that he is not more than six months in arrears as aforesaid.

The parishioners may, from time to time, at any regular annual parish meeting, define what contributions shall be deemed necessary to qualify a person not a pew-holder to vote at any subsequent meeting, and the mode and time of payment of such definition of qualification shall not take effect at any meeting held within six months.

9. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, and the Church Wardens and Vestry, may meet for the transaction of business as often as occasion may require at the instance of the Rector, or the Church Wardens, or on the requisition of the majority of the Vestry, made to the Rector or Church

Wardens, 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, Church Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners, may assemble for 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 Church Wardens, 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.

10. All engagements for the salary of a minister, or for the temporary performance of Divine ministration shall be made by the Church Wardens and Vestry, and any subscription towards the payment of such salary, or other engagement, may be sued for and collected by said Church Wardens.

11. 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 Church Wardens 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 Church Wardens and Vestry full and absolute sale and conveyance may be made of any glebe land or other real estate belonging to the Parish, if the same be thought for the interests thereof.

12. No person shall be elected a Church Warden or Vestryman who is not qualified to vote at a Church meeting under Clause eight.

13. The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia may grant a license to officiate as a Clergyman of the Church of England in this Province to any person who shall have been admitted to the order of Priest or Deacon by any Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, anything

in the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the 26th year of his late Majesty King George III., Cap. 84, to the contrary notwithstanding.

14. Cap. 25 of 4th Series of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

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## CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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### CANON I.

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#### REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

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##### 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 any Ecclesiastical sentence.

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 shall, upon the written application in duplicate of seven male communicants of the Parish in which the accused resided, one of whom shall be named as Secretary, 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 persons, if any, upon whose application or complaint the commission may have been issued (through their Secretary), 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 said evidence shall be taken down by them in writing.

And the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall report in writing within 30 days from the day of the date of the hearing, unless they, or any three of them, shall by a memorandum in writing extend such time, 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 upon which it is founded.

II.—And in all cases when the Commissioners or any three of them, 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, or any three of them, shall report that there is *prima facie* ground for the further proceeding, 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.—In every case where *prima facie* ground for further proceedings has been found, and in which, from the nature of the offence charged, the charge not being one of error in Doctrine only, 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 service 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 13 Presbyters of not less than ten years standing and of 13 Lay members of the Synod, shall be appointed.

VI.—The Clerical Secretary of the Synod, or if he should be absent from the Province or be the person accused, the Lay Secretary of the Synod, shall be Registrar of the Court hereinafter provided.

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VII.—If the Bishop shall determine to institute proceedings, his intention shall be made known by notice in writing to the person accused within three calendar months from the date of the Commissioners' report.

At a time and place to be fixed by the Registrar of the Court, fifteen days notice of which shall be given in writing to the complainants through their secretary, and accused, they shall attend personally or by agents before the Registrar, and shall alternately, the accused commencing, strike out one name from the list of the members of the Board of Discipline, to be provided by the Registrar for that purpose, until the number be reduced, when the charge is one of error in Doctrine, to three Presbyters, and in all other cases to three Presbyters and three Laymen, who shall be the assessors for the trial of the accused.

In case either of the parties shall refuse or neglect to attend at the time and place appointed, or to strike off the names as above provided, or if the complainants cannot agree among themselves upon the name or names to be struck off by them, the Registrar shall act on behalf of the party so refusing or neglecting or not agreeing, and strike off the requisite number of names.

If the Commission has been issued by the Bishop on his own motion, the Registrar shall alternately with the accused or his agents strike off the names as above provided.

If both complainants and accused refuse or neglect to attend at the time and place appointed for striking off the names, the Bishop shall select three Presbyters and three Laymen, as may be required, from the Board of Discipline, as assessors for the trial of the accused.

In case the assessors are selected by the parties or by one of the parties and the Registrar as above provided, the Registrar shall at once forward their names to the Bishop, and he shall also notify him in case neither party shall attend before him at the time and place appointed.

After the assessors have been selected or appointed, the Bishop shall fix the time and place for the trial, and the Registrar shall give the complainants (through their Secretary) and accused twenty-one days' notice thereof in writing.

VIII.—At the trial there shall be at 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 be pronounced by the Bishop.

IX.—If the Bishop himself be promoter of the suit, then the Court shall consist of Assessors appointed as before directed, and of some Bishop of the Province whom the Metropolitan shall be requested to appoint for that purpose. Should the Bishop of Nova Scotia be Metropolitan, then the request shall be made to the Senior Bishop. In case of no appointment by the Metropolitan or Senior Bishop, as the case may be, the Senior Clerical member of the Board of Discipline shall act as Bishop's Commissary in the suit.

X.—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.

XI.—Advocates shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are Clergymen of the Church of England or Laymen, who declare themselves to be members of the said Church, and to belong to no other communion.

XII.—In case at any time when the services of the Board of Discipline are required there should be vacancies therein in consequence of death, absence or other cause, or if the person accused shall be a member of the Board, the Executive Committee shall at once fill up all such vacancies, so that in all cases there may be 13 Presbyters and 13 Lay members available for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

XIII.—The following sentences may be pronounced and punishments imposed upon offending Clergymen: Admonition, suspension from the exercise of his office, deprivation

or removal from his office in the Church, otherwise called deposition, and degradation from the ministry.

XIV.—Admonitions shall be in private. When the penalty of suspension is inflicted, the sentence shall specify on what terms or at what time the suspension shall cease. During his suspension the Clergyman shall not exercise the function of his ministry in his own congregation or elsewhere, on pain of deprivation and deposition; and during such suspension the Bishop may appoint another Clergyman to supply the place of the suspended Clergyman, and may apply a part or the whole of the emoluments or income of the Parish Mission or Cure to the payment of such substitute. When the sentence of suspension is pronounced, the Bishop shall cause such notice of it to be given to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese as he shall think sufficient.

XV.—When the sentence of deprivation or removal from his office is pronounced, the connection between the minister so deprived or removed and his Parish or congregation shall be *ipso facto* severed, and all offices, rents, issues, profits and emoluments which he may hold by virtue of such office or ministry from which he has been deprived or removed shall wholly cease and determine.

XVI. Whenever a minister is so deposed or degraded from the holy ministry, the Bishop who pronounces the sentence shall, without delay, cause such sentence to be publicly read to the several congregations of the Diocese by the respective ministers thereof, and shall also give notice to all the Bishops of the Province.

XVII.—All proceedings under these regulations must be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence; but when proceedings are brought in respect to an offence for which a judgment or conviction has been obtained from a civil or a criminal tribunal, the suit under this Canon may be commenced at any time within six months after such judgment or conviction.

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

XIX.—If the Bishop shall be of the opinion that the charge alleged in the memorial is frivolous and vexatious,



or that the matters alleged show no cause or offence for which the party is amenable under this Canon, he shall state his decision in writing, with his reasons therefor, and endorse the same upon or attach it to one copy of said memorial and file the same on record with the Secretary of the Synod, and shall also cause the other copy of the said memorial, with a copy of his decision endorsed thereon, to be returned to the complainant.

XX.—No Clergyman inhibited under the fourth clause shall be deprived during continuance of such inhibitions of any of the emoluments of his office.

XXI.—The complaining party shall deposit \$100 with the Registrar of the Court to meet expenses to abide the result of the trial.

XXII.—The Synod shall meet the expenses if the Bishop finds it necessary to institute proceedings.

XXIII.—Every notice or citation under this Canon shall be served upon the person or persons to whom it shall be addressed, either personally or by leaving a copy thereof at his usual or last known place of residence.

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## CANON II.

### 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, or 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.

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\*Seniority to be counted from Date of Priest's Orders.

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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### CANON III.

#### OF DIVINITY STUDENTS.

1. No person shall be admitted as a Divinity Student until he shall have presented to the Bishop a medical certificate as to his health, also testimonials of good moral character and of general fitness, signed by the Rector or Clergyman of the Parish in which he resides, and by three communicants of said Parish, approved by the Rector or Clergyman in charge.

2. No Candidate shall be allowed to remain on the list of Divinity Students or to continue to receive a Divinity Scholarship unless the report to be made to the Bishop annually by the President of the College and the Professor of Divinity on his Progress in his studies, and his general deportment be a favorable one; but in the case of an unfavorable report being made, an appeal shall be allowed to the Visitor of the College.

3. Every Divinity Student shall be expected to pass a Matriculation Examination, and to take a full Arts Course, except in cases where an exemption is specially allowed by the Visitor.

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### CANON IV.

#### OF ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES INTO THE MINISTRY.

1. In addition to the testimonial hitherto required for Holy Orders, Candidates for the Diaconate shall produce to the Bishop testimonials of their acquirements and moral character from the Head of the College where they received their education, and also a declaration from a majority of the Executive Committee of the Synod, that they are satisfied either from personal knowledge or after inquiry made as to their moral character.

2. If a majority of the Executive Committee do not report favourably of any candidate, he shall have the right to appear before the Executive Committee and state his own case; and if after such hearing a majority of the Committee then present report favourably, the Candidate may forthwith be recommended for admission to Holy Orders; for the purposes of such hearing seven shall be a quorum of the Executive Committee.

3. The *Si Quis* shall be read on three successive Sundays in the Church of the Parish where the Candidate resides, and if the Bishop sees fit, in some other Church, and shall be posted in a conspicuous place in such Church or Churches.

4. At each meeting of the Synod, the Bishop shall lay upon the table the names of all persons ordained by him since the last preceding session of the Synod; and the names of those persons who have signed the testimonials of each candidate ordained Deacon shall also be stated.

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## CANON V.

### OF DEACONESSES.

1. Women of devout character and approved fitness may be set apart by the Bishop of this Diocese according to such form as he shall approve.

2. The duties proper to a Deaconess are declared to be the care of the sick and poor, the education of the young, the religious instruction (under the control of the incumbent of the Parish or Mission) of the neglected, the rescue of the fallen, and duties of a kindred nature.

3. No woman shall be set apart for the work of a Deaconess under 30 years of age, unless for special reasons to be approved by the Bishop, and in no case under 25. Every candidate must produce testimonials (a) that she is a communicant, (b) that she is qualified in the judgment of the persons testifying for at least one of the branches of duty named, to be signed by a Presbyter, and two male and three female members of the Church. The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that she has sufficient preparation for the work.

4. A Deaconess may at any time after three month's notice resign her office into the hands of the Bishop from whom she received it, and for good cause the Bishop may withdraw her authority ; but no Deaconess having so resigned her commission shall be capable of being reappointed.

5. A Deaconess may be transferred from this Diocese to another at the request of the Bishop to whose jurisdiction she is transferred.

6. No Deaconess shall be sent to any Mission or Parish without the written consent of the incumbent of the Parish or Mission.

7. In case of two or more Deaconesses living together in one community, the constitution, rules and government thereof must be submitted to the Bishop for his approval, and no manual of devotion shall be used without his sanction.

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#### CANON VI.

TO PROVIDE STATISTICAL INFORMATION, AND TO SECURE AN ACCURATE VIEW OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Whereas, a full and accurate view of the State of the Church in the Diocese from time to time is not only highly useful and expedient, but also absolutely necessary for the well-being and growth of the Church, therefore be it enacted :

1. That every clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall furnish Statistical Returns, according to Schedules prepared by the Secretary and the Executive Committee and approved by the Bishop.

2. That every clergyman not regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and holding the Bishop's License, shall also make similar returns by filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may cover any occasional Services he may have performed.

3. That every Licensed Lay-Reader shall also furnish to the Incumbent or in the case of a vacant Parish or of a

District separated from a Parish to the Rural Dean, similar returns for the Parish or District to which he is licensed, filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may apply to his office.

4. That every Rural Dean shall furnish statements concerning his chapter according to Schedule prepared by the Bishop.

5. That blank forms shall be issued by the Bishop through the Clerical Secretary of the Synod to all persons from whom the aforesaid reports are required.

6. That all such returns shall be duly filled up to the thirty-first day of December, and be sent in each year on or before the last day of February to the Rural Dean, who shall tabulate all such reports according to Schedules prepared by the Secretary, and send them together with his decanal report to the Bishop or his commissary, who shall lay all such returns before the Executive Committee.

7. That the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall tabulate all such reports, and submit the same duly signed by the Bishop or his Commissary, on the first day of every Session of the Synod, and that these Statistical returns shall be printed and published with each B. H. M. Report.

8. That no grant shall henceforth be payable to any clergyman from Diocesan Funds in default of rendering said returns so long as any such default shall continue.

9. The Reports required by this Canon to be received as far as possible in place of other returns at present made by the Clergy.

At the Seventh Session it was resolved that the alteration of the 36th Canon adopted by the Church of England be accepted and adopted by this Synod, which Canon is substantially as follows: (*See Canon XIV. of Provincial Synod of Canada of the oaths and subscription of the Clergy.*)

Every person about to be ordained Priest or Deacon shall, before ordination, in the presence of the Bishop by whom he is to be ordained, and every person about to be licensed to any Curacy, or to be instituted to any benefice, shall, before obtaining such license or being so instituted,

make and subscribe the following declarations and take the following oaths :

1. The "Declaration of Assent" so called :

"I, (A.B.) do solemnly make the following declaration :

I assent to the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion and to the Book of Common Prayer, and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons ; I believe the doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God, and in Public Prayers and administration of the Sacraments I will use the Form in the said Book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority."

2. The Oath of Allegiance :

"I, (A. B.,) do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God."

The Oath of Canonical Obedience.

"I, (A. B.,) do swear that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of ..... and his successors in all legal and honest commands. So help me God....."

Before institution to any Benefice, the persons to be instituted shall also subscribe the following "Declaration against Simony."

"I, (A. B.,) solemnly declare that I have not made by myself or by any other person any payment, contract, or promise of any kind whatsoever which, to the best of my knowledge or belief, is simoniacal touching or concerning the obtaining the preferment of (.....), nor will I at any time hereafter perform or satisfy in whole or in part any such kind of payment, contract or promise made by any other without my knowledge or consent."

## CANONS OF PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

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The following Canons and Rule of Order of the Provincial Synod of Canada are published for the information of Clergy and Laity.

### CANON. II.

ON SUBMISSION OF CLERGY TO THE CANONS OF THE PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN SYNOD.

No Bishop within this Province shall hereafter grant his license to any Clergyman to the cure of souls until such Clergyman has first subscribed 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———

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### 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.

No person shall perform the office of Lay Reader except he shall hold the Bishop's License.

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.

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#### 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.

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#### CANON X.

##### OF 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 Synod, or unless the same has been left over as unfinished business, and printed in the Journal of the previous Session.

## RURAL DEANERIES.

*Deanery of Lunenburg.*—(Rev. W. E. Gelling, R.D.)—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Dublin, LaHave.

*Deanery of Shelburne.*—(Rev. T. W. Johnston, R.D.)—Port Medway, Liverpool, Shelburne, Barrington, Tusket, Yarmouth, Lockeport.

*Deanery of Annapolis.*—(Rev. H. D. DeBlois, M. A., R.D.)—Weymouth, Digby, Clements, Annapolis, Granville, Bridgetown, Wilmot.

*Deanery of Avon.*—(Rev. F. J. H. Axford, R. D.)—Kentville, Cornwallis, Windsor, Falmouth, Newport, Rawdon, Aylesford.

*Deanery of Amherst.*—(Rev. V. E. Harris, M.A., R.D.)—Maitland, Truro, Stewiacke, Londonderry, Parrsboro, Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Wallace, Albion Mines.

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

*Deanery of Tangier.*—(Rev. W. Ellis, R. D.)—Beaver Harbour, Ship Harbour, Three Fathom Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville, Tangier, Falkland.

*Deanery of Sydney.*—(Rev. R. D. Bambrick, M.A., R.D.)—Cape Breton (with the exception of Arichat.)

*Deanery of Halifax.*—(Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., U.D.)—The city of Halifax.

1. Rural Deans shall be elected for a period of five years, the out going Rural Dean to be eligible for re-election ; but in the absence of the Rural Dean for more than six months, or upon his removal from the Deanery, the office shall be considered vacant.

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

3. It shall be the duty of the Rural Dean to examine from time to time, all buildings belonging to the Church, and to Report to the Bishop in answer to questions furnished by him, such questions being sent through the Executive Committee, and to discharge such other duties as he may be requested by the Missionary in charge of each Cure to perform.

4. The election of the Rural Deans shall ordinarily take place at the regular meeting of the chapter preceding the termination of the five years for which the Rural Dean has been appointed ; but when a vacancy occurs either by the removal from a Deanery of a Rural Dean, by death or otherwise, or from any other extraordinary cause, 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 the chapter shall fail to elect within six months after a vacancy shall have occurred the Bishop may make an appointment. Seniority shall be counted from the date of priest's orders.

5. The Bishop shall be authorized to transfer a Parish from one Deanery to another at the request or with the concurrence of the two chapters affected by such transfer, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

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#### ADDENDA.

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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.

The Clergyman of each Parish is required to keep a register of the number of adherents of the Church of England in their several Parishes, specifying their names and number of (Church families,) Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, &c., &c., in a book with printed headings, according to a form to be prepared by the Executive Committee, said Book to be kept among the permanent records of the Parish.

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted :

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

That every Clergyman removing from one Colonial or Missionary Diocese or District into another Diocese ought to carry with him letters testimonial from the Colonial or Missionary Bishop whose Diocese or District he is leaving.

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

Also, the following form of letters Commendatory :

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

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

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

Witness our hand,

A., BISHOP,  
B., SECRETARY.

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

## REGULAR COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

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EXECUTIVE.  
 CREDENTIALS.  
 FINANCE,  
 INVESTMENTS.  
 CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.  
 BOARD HOME MISSIONS.  
 WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CLERGY.  
 ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES.  
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 QUEBEC SCHEME.  
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 SUNDAY SCHOOLS.  
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 S. P. C. K. DEPOSITORY.  
 PARISH PROPERTY.  
 VACANCIES IN COMMITTEES.  
 PRINTING REPORT.

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The following Committees are in charge of Trust Funds, viz. :

CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.  
 WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CLERGY.  
 ENDOWMENT OF PARISHES.  
 SUPERANNUATION OF CLERGY.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP  
PASSED AT THE SPECIAL SYNOD IN 1887.

1. The Synod having been duly organized the nominations and election of a Bishop shall be conducted as follows:

2. The nomination of candidates shall be an open nomination without any expression of opinion.

3. When the nominations cease, the Synod shall adjourn for not less than half an hour, and on again assembling new nominations may be made until the nominations shall be closed by the chairman. The nominations being closed, a ballot shall be taken, each member of the Synod writing upon his ballot the name of the Candidate for whom he votes.

4. The ballots shall be collected by the Clerical and Lay Secretaries, each assisted by a Clergyman, one Lay Representative to be appointed by the chairman, who shall examine separately the respective clerical and lay votes, and shall report thereon through the Secretary by reading aloud the names, and numbers of votes clerical and lay for each.

5. Should no election result upon the first ballot, further nominations if offered shall be received, and upon the chairman declaring the nominations again closed a new ballot shall be taken upon all the nominations.

6. Should no election result from this ballot, nominations if offered shall be again received, and upon the chairman declaring the nominations again closed a ballot shall be taken upon any new nominations together with all names on the previous ballot which shall have received not less than ten votes; it being understood that any name previously or thereby to be omitted for want of the prescribed number of votes shall be eligible for re-nomination.

7. Ballots shall continue to be taken as above provided until an election is made.

8. Whenever the ballot results in an election the chairman shall ask that such election be made unanimous by a standing vote of the whole Synod.

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BOARD OF  
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BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

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1st. At all the meetings of the Board or its Committees, before entering upon business, the "appointed prayers" shall be said.

2nd. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be chairman of the Board, and the Very Rev. the Dean and the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia shall be, *ex-officio* Vice-Chairman. There shall be also a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary and a Treasurer.

3rd. The Board shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer of the Board, who shall fill the same offices in the Committees; of all Clergymen licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, together with twenty laymen to be chosen by the Diocesan Synod. At each ordinary meeting of the Synod one-half of the whole number of lay members of the Board shall go out of office, but they or any of them shall be eligible for re-election; the new members, having been proposed, seconded and elected by ballot shall be placed at the bottom of the list. No one shall be elected a member of the Board who is not an annual contributor to its funds of at least one dollar.

4th. The Board shall meet monthly during the year, with the exception of August and September, seven being a quorum for the transaction of business; and a general meeting thereof shall be held annually in July, or at the time of meeting of the Synod, to which matters may be referred from the ordinary meetings of the Board, and such appeals addressed as have hitherto been allowed to the general meeting of members of the D. C. S. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman, or, in his absence, by a Vice-Chairman.



5th. The members of the Church in every part of the Province are invited to co-operate with the Board, by forming Local Committees under the direction of their respective clergymen, either in each mission or Parish or in more than one Mission or Parish united, as shall be deemed most convenient, and in strict accordance with the designs and Rules of the Board.

6th. The following objects shall more particularly engage the attention of the Board as soon as its means may enable it to afford such attention :

- 1.—Provision for Clergymen.
- 2.—Missionary visits to neglected and destitute places, under the direction of the Bishop.
- 3.—Assistance to the Endowment of Parishes.
- 4.—Assistance to the erection and enlargement of Churches and Chapels belonging to the Church of England in peculiar or extreme cases.
- 5.—Supplies of Books and Tracts published by the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, and such other Books and Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Church of England, as having been first carefully examined and approved by a Committee of Revision to be appointed by the Board, shall then have received the approval of the Board ; and lastly, the written approbation of the Bishop.
- 6.—Assistance to the erection of Parsonage Houses.
- 7.—Assistance to deserving young men desirous of being qualified for the Ministry of the Church, but requiring aid in pursuing their studies at the Collegiate Establishment at Windsor.
- 8.—Aid to Sunday and other Schools in which due attention is paid to instruction in the principles of the Church of England.
- 9.—Encouragement to the instruction and training of respectable Teachers for Sunday and Daily Schools.
- 10.—Upholding by all possible and proper means, the Collegiate Establishment of Windsor.
- 11.—It shall also be one of the objects of the Board to provide for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen and for Superannuated and incapacitated Clergymen ; but no part of the funds shall be appropriated to these objects, except such as shall be specifically given and paid therefor.

To these objects, generally, the contributions will be applied ; while those who desire it may have their individual contribution scrupulously confined to any one or more of these objects.

7th. The accounts of the Board shall be closed on the 31st December in each year, and it shall be audited in one month from the time by auditors to be appointed by the Board.

8th. None of the above By-Laws shall be altered, except at any Ordinary Meeting of the Synod ; and a full year's notice of a proposal to change any of them must be given previous to the meeting at which the proposed alteration is to be effected.



## Prayers

APPOINTED TO BE USED "AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD,  
AND OF COMMITTEES," BEFORE THEY COMMENCE BUSINESS.

Prevent us, O Lord in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our work, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.  
*Amen.*

*(Board of Home Missions only.)*

O, God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favor our Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria; and so to rule her heart that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing our missionary work. Comfort with Thy Grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the Ministry of Thy servants, the clergy; and the endeavours of all who are engaged in promoting the knowledge of true religion. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy Glory and the good of Thy Church, though JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

*(Board of Home Missions only.)*

O, LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT, ever one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

*(Board of Foreign Missions only.)*

Almighty God, Who, by Thy SON JESUS CHRIST, didst give commandment to the Holy Apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church a ready will to obey Thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to

make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the Heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O Heavenly FATHER, LORD of the harvest, have respect we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy Grace for the Work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power, and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. *Amen.*

*(Beard of Foreign Missions only.)*

O merciful GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that THOU hast made, nor wouldst the death of a sinner but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt of Thy Word, and so fetch them home, blessed LORD, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, JESUS CHRIST our LORD, who liveth and reigneth with THEE and the HOLY SPIRIT one GOD, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men; more particularly for the providential support by which our work has been thus far sustained; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Thy Blessed Son, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, which Thou hast given us in the same our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST: to whom, with THEE and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our FATHER which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name: THY kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for THINE is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

## Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

"It shall also be one of the objects of the Board of Home Missions to provide for the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen, but no part of the funds shall be appropriated to this object except such as shall be specifically given and paid into the Synod therefor."

1st. In accordance with the above, the Board of Home Missions will open a special account for this object, to be called the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. This fund shall be formed and consist of all subscriptions, donations, legacies and other contributions given and paid to the Synod for this special object, and of all premiums received under these Rules, and of all benefits arising therefrom; and this fund shall be held and applied to and for this particular object, and none other.

2nd. A Standing Committee of seven members shall be appointed, in whom, together with the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions (who shall be paid as Secretary of this Committee,) shall be vested the whole management of this matter, subject to an appeal to the general Society

3rd. The Diocesan Synod undertakes to pay out of this Widows' and Orphans' Fund the pensions which become due under the following Rules.

4th. Every Clergyman of the Church of England within the Diocese wishing to avail himself of the benefits of this Fund, shall within one year from taking Orders, or from his admission into the Diocese, apply to the Secretary for a Certificate of Pension, and shall pay the annual sum or premium therefor as hereafter mentioned.

5th. Any applicant after such period or time shall only be permitted to receive such Certificate at the option of the Committee, and upon such terms as they shall direct.

6th. The following shall be the rate of the yearly sum or premium payable by every Clergyman applying for a certificate, according to his age at the date of his first application.

<i>Age.</i>	<i>Prem.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Prem.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	<i>Prem.</i>
23	\$7 20	36	\$10 27	49	\$15 33
24	7 38	37	10 57	50	16 17
25	7 62	38	10 92	51	16 90
26	7 82	39	11 25	52	17 68
27	8 05	40	11 60	53	18 48
28	8 27	41	11 95	54	19 37
29	8 50	42	12 30	55	20 30
30	8 72	43	12 67	56	21 30
31	8 93	44	13 08	57	22 40
32	9 17	45	13 48	58	23 55
33	9 42	46	13 92	59	24 72
34	9 68	47	14 42	60	25 85
35	9 80	48	14 92		

7th. Every Clergyman upon the Fund is required to make at least one collection annually in its behalf.

8th. If any clergyman marry the second time he shall pay the annual sum or premium for the age he may be when he marries the second time.

9th. Upon payment of the first sum or premium the applicant shall receive a Certificate, as hereafter mentioned, and the same sum shall be paid by him, up to the time of his death, on the first day of January in each year.

10th. If any person fail to pay the amount of his premium within 40 days after the payment becomes due, all claim to the pension under his Certificate shall be forfeited, and the same shall thereupon become null and void: but if he desires to have his claim to the pension renewed it shall be in the power of this Committee to re-admit him on such terms as they see fit.

11th. Removal of the clergyman from this Diocese, except in the case of any clergyman who shall become a missionary of the Board of Foreign Missions of this Diocese, or who undertakes work in Algoma while a missionary Diocese, forfeits all claim to the pension. Seventy-five per

cent. of the amount of premiums paid by the holder of the Certificate himself shall be returned to him upon the surrender of his Certificate.

12th. If any clergyman shall go beyond the limits of Europe, or of North America 35° North latitude, without the leave of the Committee, he shall forfeit all claim to the pension.

13th. The widow of every clergyman who shall have paid the annual sum or premium (subject to the above exceptions) shall receive a pension of \$100 per annum during widowhood.

14th. If at any time it is the opinion of the Committee that the state of the funds will safely warrant their so doing, that they have power to increase the amount of the pensions.

15th. If the widow die or marry again, the child or children of her deceased husband shall receive the pension. But no part of the pension shall be received by those children who have arrived at the age of sixteen years, if males, or eighteen years, if females: while those who are still under those respective ages will receive the full amount of the pension.

16th. If the wife die before the husband, his child or children shall at his death receive the pension under the above limitation as to ages.

17th. The pension shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year, and shall commence on the first of these days which shall happen after the decease of such person holding a Certificate, and terminate on the first of those days which shall happen after the death of the widow or child, or the happening of any other event by which, under these Rules, such pension is to cease.

18th. The Clergy of Prince Edward Island shall be entitled to participate in the benefit of this fund on equal terms with the Clergy of this Province.

19th. The Certificate to be granted shall be in the following form, under the seal of the Synod and the signature

of the Secretary; and on the back thereof or annexed thereto shall be printed the above rules.

20th. None of the above Rules or Regulations shall be altered except at a regular meeting of the Synod, after a full year's notice of the proposed change.

☞ The Widows' and Orphans' Committee do not consider the Fund responsible for the payment of a larger pension than the \$100 named in the Certificate.

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## Superannuation Fund.

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### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

"It shall be one of the objects of the Board of Home Missions to provide for superannuated or incapacitated Clergymen; but no part of the funds shall be appropriated to this object except such as shall be specifically given and paid into the Synod therefor."

1st. In accordance with the above, the Board of Home Missions, will open a special account for this object, to be called "The Superannuation Fund." This fund shall be formed and consist of all subscriptions, legacies, premiums and other contributions given and paid to the Synod for this special object, and of all benefits arising therefrom; and this Fund shall be held and applied to and for this object, and none other.

2nd. A Committee of four Laymen and two Clergymen shall be appointed in whom, together with the Bishop of the Diocese as Chairman, shall be vested the whole management of this Fund, and of whom one Clergyman and two Laymen shall retire at each regular session of the Synod, but they shall be eligible for re-election, the members who are to retire for the first time being those whose attendance shall have been least regular, and subsequently those whose names shall be first on the list.

3rd. The Diocesan Synod undertakes to pay from the



proceeds of this fund the pensions which may become due under the following Rules :

4th. Every clergyman to participate in the benefits of this Fund, and being incapacitated by age or otherwise, shall make application to the Committee, who, on finding the claim to be in accordance with the rules governing this Fund, shall grant him a sum in proportion to the time he has served in the Diocese, and which shall be regulated by the following scale :—

If he have served less than 7 consecutive years,	\$100 00	per annum.
“ “ more “ 7 and less than 10 years	150 00	“
“ “ “ “ 10 “ 15	200 00	“
“ “ “ “ 15 “ 20	250 00	“
“ “ “ “ 20 “ 25	300 00	“
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Provided that no pension shall be granted to any incumbent untill after the payment of his first half yearly premium.

NOTE.—Every application except in case of old age must be accompanied by a certificate of a regular medical practitioner as to the incapacity of the applicant.

5th. Every clergyman entitled to participate in the benefits of this Fund on attaining the age of 70 years, may retire from active duty, and on so doing shall receive the amount of pension to which he is entitled in accordance with the foregoing scale ; provided that he shall have served for a period of not less than 15 consecutive years in the Diocese.

6th. Every clergyman of the Church of England in full orders within this Diocese shall within one year after taking such orders, or from his admission into the Diocese, apply to the Secretary for a Certificate of Pension, and shall pay the annual sum or premium as herein provided. Any applicant after such period of time shall only be permitted to receive such certificate on paying up all back premiums. Any clergyman who may be expelled from the Ministry, shall thereby be excluded from all participation in this Fund.

7th. Every clergyman on being ordained or admitted into this Diocese, shall pay to the Treasurer of this Fund semi-annually as premium, a sum according to his age at the time of such ordination or admission, as follows :—

If under 30 years of age.....	\$3 00	each half year.
If over 30 and under 35 years.....	3 50	"
" 35       " 40       " .....	4 00	"
" 40       " 45       " .....	4 50	"
" 45       " 50       " .....	5 50	"
" 50 .....	6 50	"

8th. Every clergyman entitled to participate in the benefits of this Fund shall take an annual collection in its behalf.

9th. Any clergyman leaving this Diocese shall surrender his certificate and receive one half of the amount of the premiums paid by him.

10th. The pension shall be for life unless circumstances should arise, either from the falling off of the Fund or otherwise, which may make a revision necessary.

11th. If the pensioner resides out of this Diocese, sufficient proof of his identity shall accompany each draft for his pension.

12th. The pension and premium shall be paid half yearly in advance, viz. :—on the 1st of January and 1st of July in each year, and the pension shall commence on the first of those days that shall happen after it is granted, and terminate on the first of those days after the death of the pensioner, or by the happening of any other event by which such pension is to cease.

13th. If any incapacitated clergyman should be so far relieved from his disability as to be able to resume the discharge of his full clerical duty, the pension shall be suspended during his relief from disability.

14th. The above rules shall not be so construed as to prohibit any beneficiary from doing such light clerical duty as may be sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

15th. The Clergy of Prince Edward Island now and hereafter in active service shall be accorded the same privileges as the Clergy of Nova Scotia in relation to the Superannuation Fund.

16th. None of the above rules or regulations shall be altered except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod, after a full year's notice of the proposed change.

## Endowment Rules.

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The following Rules for the guidance of the Endowments Committee were adopted May 17, 1850 :—

1st. The investment of Endowments may be made in lands, houses, stock in banks or other companies, money invested in mortgages or other securities, to be approved of by the Endowment Committee, and to be conveyed and held for the benefit of the Incumbent or resident Missionary for the time being of any Parish or Mission for which they are designed, the said Incumbent or resident Missionary to receive the yearly proceeds only of the interest or rents arising from such Endowment.

2nd. The conveyance of trust of such Endowment may be made either to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel or to the Church Corporation of the Parish or to the Diocesan Synod.

3rd. When real property is purchased and conveyed for Endowment it shall be free from any debt or incumbrance.

4th. The annual proceeds arising from such Endowment shall be withheld from any Incumbent or resident Missionary of any Parish or Mission who may be suspended by the Bishop of the Diocese from performing public services in the churches in his Parish or Mission during the continuance of such suspension.

5th. The Endowment Committee shall hold any sum contributed toward the endowment of any Parish or Mission in trust for such Parish or Mission, and obtain such a rate of interest for the money as may be practicable, consistent with safety, until an opportunity shall arise for or investing it for the permanent endowment of such Parish or Mission ; and if, in the judgment of the Endowment Committee, such opportunity or proposition for endowment shall come within the true intent and scope of the foregoing regulations, they shall authorize the said sums to be paid to the Parish or Mission so applying for it.

6th. If any difficulty shall arise as to whether any opportunity or proposition for endowment be agreeable to the foregoing rules, or if any other point relative thereto should be disputed or doubted, the question should be referred to the General Committee of the Board, at their meeting then ensuing.

7th. All applications from any Parish or Mission to the Endowment Committee for aid shall be signed by the Rector and Church Wardens of such Parish, or by the resident Missionary, accompanied by a resolution of the Local Committee of the Board of Home Missions in its favour in such Missions; and shall state the nature, situation, value and annual profits of the investment desired to be made, the names of those in whose behalf it is to be made, the office where it should be registered, the sums that are contributed for its purchase, and all other particulars which may enable the Endowment Committee to form a correct judgment; all such applications to be made to the Secretary of Board of Home Missions, who is *ex officio*, Secretary of the Endowment Committee.

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The Endowment Committee, in a Report May 11th, 1863, made the following recommendation which was adopted:—

“That while no restriction is made as to the sum which a Parish may withdraw from its ‘*Reserved Fourths*’ and invest as heretofore, yet that \$1000 be the minimum to which they should amount before they can be placed in trust with the Board, and the interest be payable to the Incumbent.”

## Quebec Scheme.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. In order to encourage the established Parishes and Missions to become gradually self-supporting, all grants made by or through the Board of Home Missions in aid of Parishes and Missions (not including stipends secured through the elder Clergy on the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel grant during life) shall from henceforth be made conditional on the contribution by the Parish or Mission itself of a stated sum towards the General Purposes of the Board.

II. All grants made by the Board of Home Missions shall be made yearly subject to these rules, and be distributed under direction of the Board.

III. On the approval by the Board of Home Missions of the grants recommended by the Quebec Scheme Committee for the year, the same shall forthwith pass into operation subject to the following regulations :

(1.) Th. Board of Home Missions (acting in conjunction with the Lord Bishop) shall forthwith, after such approval, communicate with the Wardens or other Lay Members of the Church in each Parish or Mission, requiring them to enter into engagement (A) with the Society, to contribute the sum required of the Parish or Mission for the year.

(2.) Should such engagement not be entered into to the satisfaction of the Board within three months from such notice then next, they shall communicate with the Missionary, requiring him to give to each of his congregations notice (B) of withdrawal of all payments to him as a Missionary receiving stipend through this Board at the end of current quarter, unless the engagement be meantime completed.

(3.) Should such engagement not be entered into to the satisfaction of the Board before the time specified, all payments to the Missionary's salary through the Board shall be withdrawn, and no stipend shall thereafter be payable in respect thereof. Provided that should the Missionary see fit to resign his cure, he shall, if stationed for the remainder of the year by the Lord Bishop in any vacant Mission which may be willing to comply with the terms required of the defaulting Mission, be entitled

in respect of the services to be rendered in such new Mission, to such stipend as may be agreed upon between such Missionary and the Board. Provided, also, that any such Missionary, if not so appointed to any new Mission, may nevertheless be permitted by the Board, on special application, to draw on 1st April for a sum in their discretion; but not exceeding his previous quarter's stipend from the Board.

(4). Where such engagement is entered into, the Board shall forthwith notify the Missionary, who shall thereupon (unless the terms of engagement shall not be fulfilled as hereinafter provided) be entitled to draw upon the Treasurer for the full amount of his quarterly salary, including therein the sum required for the quarter from the Parish or Mission itself.

(5). The amount required from the Mission shall be paid by equal quarterly instalments at least one month before the last day of each quarter, the same to be remitted direct to the Treasurer. Provided that if necessary, on application to the Board the Parish or Mission may have one month's grace to complete the payment. One third of the amount payable from the people may at the option of the Clergyman be paid in kind or produce.

(6). Should the money not be received by the Treasurer by the last day of the second month of the quarter before it be payable to the Missionary, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer at once to send to the Missionary and to each of the persons who shall have signed the engagement, the notice (C), and should such money not have been received by the last day of the quarter, the grant of the Board shall thenceforth cease, and it shall be the Treasurer's duty at once and in like manner to send the notice (D). If, however, the arrears be subsequently paid the grant shall be thereupon *ipso facto* renewed, unless the Board order to the contrary, in which case the Board shall notify the Parish or Mission and state the reason for such order.

(7). In case of the Parishes or Missions where the Missionary's stipend is secured for life on the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel grant, the Board shall call on the Wardens to enter into the prescribed engagement only in case of the demise of the present Missionary; and those Missionaries shall continue to draw their stipends as heretofore accustomed, unless any shall voluntarily come within the general system adopted for other Parishes or Missions.

(8). It shall be optional to the Board to permit any Parish or Mission to make a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly payment at any period in advance, and these regulations, *mutatis mutandis*, shall thereupon apply generally to any such Parish or Mission.

(9). The Board of Home Missions, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop, shall appoint deputations of Clergymen and Laymen

for each Deanery, which each deputation shall visit, for the purpose of holding Missionary meetings in the several Parishes or Missions, and taking up collections thereat, not interfering, however, with the usual collections and annual canvass of the Parish or Mission on behalf of the Board; and further, of making inquiries as to the power of the Parish or Mission to contribute towards the Clergyman's support; such deputations reporting to the Board.

(10). The Board of Home Missions, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop, may further appoint special deputations to enquire into the causes of any deficiency of contribution or other pecuniary difficulties in any Parish or Mission; and shall have power to call for any returns they may think proper from any of the Parishes receiving aid from or through the Board.

(11). These regulations shall come into force only as each parish becomes vacant, or at the request of a parish.

A.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Home Missions of the diocese of Nova Scotia and the members of the Church in the Parish (or Mission) of.....

The undersigned, on behalf the Congregation of the above Parish (or Mission), do hereby undertake to have a sum, at the rate of \$..... per annum, collected and paid quarterly to the Treasurer of the said Society, from the 1st day of ....., 189 , so long as the ministrations at present offered to the said congregation shall be continued.

We also certify that the amount given by the Parish (or Mission) is a bona fide contribution, and that no part of the sum is derived from rent of glebes or interest of investments, the property of the Mission.

The present agreement to continue till revised by the Board.

Dated at.....the {  
.....day of.....18.. }

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N. B.—The pecuniary and moral obligation in connection with the above agreement is to be understood as resting upon the Parish (or Mission) as a whole, and not upon the signatories personally.

MEMO.—A condition of the grant is that Parsonage Houses are kept insured for at least one half their value.

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B.

Notice is hereby given that this congregation, having failed to enter into the engagement required by the Board of Home Missions to contribute the sum of \$.....quarterly, towards the General Purposes Fund, the stipend cannot be drawn after the .....next; and unless the engagement be meantime completed, payment of the Missionary's stipend will cease.

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C.

.....N. S.....189....

DEAR SIR,—I have to inform you that the amount required from the Mission of.....for the present quarter has not been received; and to remind you that unless the same be remitted, or proper receipts for produce sent in, on or before the last day of the quarter, the grant made the Board of Home Mission will cease from date.

You will please communicate this notice to the Mission.

I am, yours respectfully,

.....Treasurer.

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D.

.....N. S.....189....

DEAR SIR,—I have to inform you that the amount required from the Mission of.....for the past quarter has not been received; and that, consequently, the grant made by the Board ceases with the payment due this date.

No renewal of the grant can be made until all arrears are paid.

You will please communicate this notice to the Mission.

I am, yours respectfully,

.....Treasurer..



FORM OF DRAFT.

SIR : .....189.....

Pay to.....or order, the sum of.....being the amount of salary due to me as Missionary at.....for the quarter ending the..... day of.....189., in accordance with the schedule adopted by the Board of Home Missions.

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To the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of Nova Scotia.

Churches.

Every application for aid in the erection of a church must contain the following information :—

- 1.—The precise situation, especially with reference to the nearest Church and to the amount of population within five miles of the Church.
2.—The title of the ground on which the building is to be erected.
3.—The size of the building, the numbers it can accommodate, and probable amount of the congregation that will usually attend it.
4.—The proposed cost of the building, the progress it has made towards completion, and the amount of contributions on the spot in money or labor.
5.—The frequency and regularity of the proposed services in the Church.
6.—That all the sittings are to be free and unappropriated.
It is the wish of the Board of Home Missions that no

Clergymen should when building a Church, rely upon aid from the Board, without first ascertaining whether it is in the power of the Board to grant any assistance.

All grants to Churches are made on the following terms, namely : That the first moiety be called for within one year, and the second within two years, from the date of the grant. The first moiety may be obtained when the exterior is finished, and the second when the interior is finished. Grants to Parsonages are made on similar conditions.

The Endowment Committee receive and hold any money given in trust for Church purposes, and pay over the annual interest arising from the same when invested towards the furtherance of the special object for which it was given.

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#### GENERAL REGULATIONS.

All donations of ten Pounds and upwards are funded and the interest only applied to the general purposes of the Board.

The Board will not make its usual grant toward the payment of any Assistant Missionary appointed to a separate cure unless the people there consent to pay *toward the Endowment Fund of their Parish or Mission* all the proceeds of whatever glebe lands may be in that Parish.

All subscription lists received before the 31st December in each year will appear in the next forthcoming Report, while those received after that date shall be omitted.

If the reservation and special donations are not mentioned at the time when the contributions are sent in from the Local Committees the whole amount will be considered as devoted to the general interests of the Board.

☞ The attention of the Local Committee is particularly requested to the above regulations.

All applications for aid from this Board are proposed at one meeting of the Board and considered at the next.

No person shall be qualified to vote at any general meeting of the Board, nor be elected a member, who has not been a subscriber for three months preceding the day of meeting.

At the General meeting in 1869, the following resolution was adopted :

The Church property in any Parish which is actually occupied by the Incumbent of the said Parish shall be valued by competent valuers upon his taking charge, and be considered at the same value for salary during his Incumbency ; and the valuers shall be appointed as follows, viz : one by the Parish, one by the Board of Home Missions, and another by those two.

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**AN ACT to vest in the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia the Funds held by the D. C. S.**

*Whereas*, At a meeting of the D. C. S. held in the month of July, 1876, it was resolved, &c., &c.

*And whereas*, At the General Session of Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, held in the same month, the said resolution was adopted by the Synod :

*And whereas*, It is considered expedient, in order to carry such resolution into effect, that an Act be passed to vest in the said Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia all and other property held in trust by or for the said D. C. S.

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

1. All property, real and personal, held by or in trust for the D. C. S. or other funds respectively connected therewith, are hereby declared to have become vested in the Diocesan Synod of N. S. in trust, to be held and managed for the several purposes for which they have heretofore been held and managed by the D. C. S. as fully and effectually as the same were previously vested in or held in trust for said D. C. S.


2. The said Synod shall be bound to fulfil all engagements made by the said Society previous to such transfer, and to observe all the conditions under which the several funds may have been held in trust by the said Society.

3. In all cases where moneys of D. C. S. have been loaned on mortgage in this Province for the benefit of any trust funds in connection with said Society and in all like cases it shall and may be lawful, in case of the payments of the amounts due on such mortgages, for the said Synod to discharge such mortgages, by writing under their seal, and thereby the mortgagees, their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall be fully discharged from all further liability on account of such mortgages.

4. The receipt of the Treasurer of the Synod shall be a sufficient discharge to the Treasurer of the said Society for all monies and securities transferred by him.

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