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A PRAYER,

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

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

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

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Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

ORIGINAL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

(ADOPTED OCT., 1855.)

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."

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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 represented in this Synod shall be assessed for the purposes of this Synod. 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 become due, after the confirmation of this resolution.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 pre-

fixed to the Thirty-Nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide, by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 12, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

14th. 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.

15th. 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.

16th. 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* and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted; but no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, or Canons of the Synod shall be taken except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod.

17th. 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.

18th. 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 _____"

*With reference to Rule 16, the following Resolution was adopted at the Thirteenth Session:—"That such rule shall be held to mean two-thirds of the Clergy and the Laity present and voting."

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

19. 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.

20. 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.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

3. Upon the first day of each Session the certificates of the Lay Representatives shall be examined by one of the Secre-

aries and a committee of two, to be appointed for that purpose, and when found correct the names shall be recorded in the register, and the result of the investigation shall be announced to the Synod. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively, which officers shall hold their offices until their successors shall be appointed.

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports of Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5. 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.

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

RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

3rd. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15th. Whilst any question is being put from the chair the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse; and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

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

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

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

18th. 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.

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

20th. Unless called upon by any member of the Synod to do so, it shall not be the duty of the Chairman of the House to ascertain the number of Clergy or Lay Representatives present.

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

3rd. The chairman of the Committee, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

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

5th. 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.

6th. In case any lay member of a Committee is not re-elected, his successor shall take his place in the Committee.

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7th. Any Committee appointed by the Synod shall be considered a standing Committee until discharged by the usual vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

II. At each ordinary meeting of the Synod the Clerical and Lay member of the Committee whose names respectively shall stand at the head of the list shall go out of office, 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.

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

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(PASSED APRIL 29, 1863.)

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

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

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

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

An Act declaratory of the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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 existing enactment as is inconsistent with this Act, is repealed.

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

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

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 :

1. 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 any Canons or Regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefor 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

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shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the Parish called for the consideration of such a measure.

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 fifteen 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 exercises 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 a 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 Vestryman, or of any vacancy or of vacancies in either of the said offices (by death or resignation) the vacancy or vacancies may be filled at a meeting held at any time of the year, as hereafter provided, after due notice. 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 outgoing Wardens shall present their accounts, and shall transfer to the newly elected Wardens the books and all documents, monies or other property belonging to the Parish which shall be in their possession.

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 bye-laws and regulations, consistent with the laws of the Province, for the management of the temporalities of their Church and the due and orderly conducting of their affairs; provided, nevertheless, that if at any time the Parish be without a Rector the same rights and privileges shall be vested in 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 moneys 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

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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 of 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 all business connected with the Parish, as often as it may be considered necessary, either at the instance or upon the application of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, or the 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 ministrations 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.

CANON I.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It is expedient to define the mode in which the power of the Bishop shall be exercised:—We, the Bishop, Clergy and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, have agreed upon the following Rules to be observed in order to secure a fair and impartial tribunal for the trial of any Clergyman who may hereafter be charged with any offence rendering him liable to 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 application of seven male communicants of the Parish in which the accused resided, or may, if he shall think fit, of his own mere motion, issue a Commission under his hand and seal to five Presbyters of not less than seven years' standing, and the Commissioners so appointed, or any three of them, shall inquire into the truth of the charges alleged against the party accused as set forth in their Commission, notice of the time and place of such inquiry having been given to the party accused and to the party, if any, upon whose application or complaint the commission may have been issued not less than thirty days before the time appointed for the commencement of the inquiry.

And in the course of such inquiry the Commissioners shall receive all such evidence as may be tendered to them, whether for or against the party accused, and 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 further proceedings, and the party accused shall not consent to have judgment pronounced as aforesaid, then, but not otherwise, three Clerks in Holy Orders, or three Clerks and three Laymen, shall be nominated as hereafter provided to sit with the Bishop or his Commissary, specially appointed for this purpose, to hear the cause.

IV.—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 services of the Church during the investigation, or until the Bishop shall withdraw the inhibition.

V.—At each regular meeting of the Synod a Board of Discipline, consisting of 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 the Registrar of the Court hereinafter provided.

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 and accused, they shall attend personally or by agents before the Registrar, and shall alternately, the accused commencing, strike out one name from a 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.

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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 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 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 promotor 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 sentence may be announced 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.—Admonition 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 this Province.

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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 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.

CANON II.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When the See is vacant the Archbishop 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.

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.

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 favourable one; but in the case of an unfavourable 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 make a full Arts course, except in cases where an Examination is specially allowed by the Visitor.

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

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also a declaration from the majority of the Executive Committee of the Synod that they are satisfied either from personal knowledge or after enquiry 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.

CANONS OF PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

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 _____.

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,

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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.

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 as by the authority whence they proceeded, and shall be void unless they be presented within six months.

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. H. Snyder, B. A., R. D.)—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Dublin.

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

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

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

Deanery of Amherst.—(Rev. G. Townshend, 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 Tanjier.—(Rev. R. Jamieson, R. D.)—Beaver Harbour, Ship Harbour, Three Fathom Harbour, Dartmouth, Sackville.

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

When a vacancy shall occur, either by removal or death, the Senior Clergyman in such Deanery shall call the Clergy together, and at that meeting they shall elect one of their number to be

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nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

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

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

The appointment of the Rural Dean is to last so long as the Dean thus appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls; but in the absence of a Rural Dean from the Diocese for more than six months the office shall be considered vacant.

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

ADDENDA.

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 the 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.

It was Resolved, "That it is out of the power of this Synod to alter any of the 'Formularies' mentioned in Art. 13 of the Constitution and Regulation of the Synod."

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

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

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 persons admitted to holy orders by the Bishop of any Diocese in England or Ireland, who shall afterwards have been serving under the jurisdiction of any Scottish, Colonial or Foreign Bishop, should be received into any of the Home Dioceses without producing letters dimissory 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.

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19	Cumberland
20	Dartmouth
21	Digby
22	Eastern
23	Falmouth
24	Falkland
25	Georgetown

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1	Albion Mines.....	*John Rutherford, †C. F. Fraser.
2	Amherst.....	Hon. C. J. Townshend, David Chapman.
3	Annapolis.....	*John Harris, *Geo. Whitman.
4	Antigonish.....	*Charles E. Gregory, E. J. Randall.
5	Arichat.....	*John T. Jean, *Peter W. Gruchy.
6	Aylesford.....	Charles A. Williamson, H. W. B. Farnsworth.
7	Baddeck.....	No return.
8	Beaver Harbour.....	*Capt. J. Macleod, *Charles Hartling.
9	Blandford.....	No return.
10	Bridgetown.....	A. C. Johnston, *Albert Morse.
11	Bridgewater.....	*W. E. Vienot, *Joseph Whitford.
12	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	
	St. Paul's.....	*H. J. Cundall, †Charles Palmer.
13	St. Peter's.....	Thos. Green, *E. J. Hodgson.
14	Cherry Valley, P.E.I.	No return.
15	Chester.....	*Benjamin Mills, *Nathan Kedy.
16	Clements.....	C. M. Creed, J. E. Harris.
17	Cornwallis.....	*John Donaldson, Wm. Sutton.
18	Crapaud, P.E.I.....	*John Moore, D. W. Palmer.
19	Cumberland Mines.....	N. Sutherland, M. D.
20	Dartmouth.....	James G. Foster, *J. W. Allison.
21	Digby.....	†Hon. W. B. Vail, †F. C. Sumichrast.
22	Eastern Passage.....	*Jos. Wentzell, Jos. Osborne.
23	Falmouth.....	B. W. R. Taylor, M. Bowman.
24	Falkland.....	*Walter Sheppard, *John Harrigan.
25	Georgetown, P.E.I.	Lawrence W. Watson.

26	Glace Bay.....	É. Archbold.
27	Granville.....	No returns.
28	Guysboro.....	No returns.
29	Halfway Cove.....	Samuel Fenn, *Capt. S. Myers.
30	Halifax--St. Luke's.....	W. C. Silver, J. T. Wylde.
31	" --St. Paul's.....	Thos. A. Brown, J. Norman Ritchie.
32	" --St. George's.....	J. Johnston Hunt, David H. Whiston.
33	" --St. Mark's.....	Andrew Vizard, C. Sidney Harrington.
34	Harrietsfield.....	*John Yeadon, *John Jollimore.
35	Horton.....	Daniel Moore, Thos. Tuzo.
36	Hubbard's Cove.....	No return.
37	LaHave.....	Wilson Jordan, Peter Lynch.
38	Liverpool.....	J. G. Pyke, †Frank G. Forbes.
39	Lockeport.....	*Jonathan Holden, *George Redding.
40	Londonderry.....	*Dr. J. W. Macdonald, *George Romans.
41	Lunenburg.....	Henry S. Jost.
42	Louisburg.....	*Thos. Townsend, Selwyn H. Shreve.
43	Mahone Bay.....	James Langille.
44	Maitland.....	*Nelson Murphy, James Ettinger.
45	Manchester.....	William Gossip.
46	Milford.....	No returns.
47	Milton, P. E. I.....	*A. W. Holroyd.
48	Newport.....	*J. F. Cochran, Nelson Woolaver.
49	New Ross.....	C. F. Meister, John H. Keddy.
50	New London, P. E. I.....	Wm. Profit.
51	Parrsboro'.....	*Dr. Townshend.
52	Petite Riviere.....	J. Y. Payzant.
53	Pictou.....	†J. E. Curren.
54	Port Medway.....	*Dr. G. Bell.
55	Pugwash.....	*J. E. Warner, Robert Smith.
56	Port Hill, P. E. I.....	No returns.
57	Rawdon.....	H. A. Smith R. J. Wilson.
58	River John.....	C. B. Bullock.
59	Shelburne.....	*N. W. White, *C. K. Bruce.
60	Sackville.....	Chas. Fenerty.
61	Senforth.....	Andrew Robinson.
62	Ship Harbour.....	*Chas. Dean, Robt. J. Stevens.
63	Sherbrooke.....	No returns.
64	Stewiacke.....	John M. Andrews, James Miller.
65	St. Margaret's Bay.....	Edward Grono, W. M. Brown.
66	St. Mary's.....	No returns.
67	Summerside, P. E. I.....	No returns.
68	Sydney.....	*I. C. Hill.
69	Sydney Mines.....	No Returns.
70	Tangier.....	Edwin Gilpin, jr, Thomas Brown.
71	Truro.....	George Reading.
72	Tusket.....	James O'Dell.
73	Wallace.....	No returns.
74	Walton.....	"
75	Weymouth.....	Hon. A. G. Jones, J. D. Campbell.
76	Wilmot.....	No returns.
77	Windsor.....	J. A. Shaw, D. Prescott Allison.

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Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, July 1st, 1884.

The Seventeenth Session of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met on the day appointed by the Lord Bishop, July 1st, 1884, in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Halifax.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 a.m., the Bishop being celebrant, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin and Canons Dart and Maynard.

The Synod assembled for business at 11 a.m., when His Lordship took the Chair.

His Lordship announced that the late Clerical Secretary, Rev. J. D. H. Browne, had been obliged to leave the Diocese on account of ill health, and requested Rev. Dr. Partridge to act as temporary Secretary.

The roll of the Clergy was then called by the Clerical Secretary, when 76 Clergy were found to be present. The roll of the Laity was called by the Lay Secretary, when 45 were present.

The Lay Secretary, Mr. C. S. Harrington, and Mr. D. H. Whiston were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

The Chairman requested the Synod to nominate a successor to the Rev. J. D. H. Browne as Clerical Secretary.

The Rev. D. C. Moore moved, seconded by Rev. Prof. Wilson—

That Rev. Dr. Partridge be elected Clerical Secretary.

Carried.

The newly elected Secretary made his acknowledgments to the Synod.

The Lord Bishop then formally opened the Synod by reading his Address, as follows :—

Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity :

As I have the opportunity this year, in my Charge, of speaking of matters of general interest, I shall confine myself, as much as possible, in this opening address, to topics more particularly demanding your attention as a legislative body.

Since the last Session, in July, 1882, we have lost the two who were then the seniors of this Diocese—Dr. Moody and Dr. Owen, of whom the latter was for many years a very active member of the Synod, and we have to regret the necessary removal of two valuable Clergymen, Addington Jamieson from Maitland, and J. D. H. Browne from this city, both being compelled to seek a milder climate.

I have confirmed 2159 candidates, of whom 496 were from this city and garrison, being 874 males and 1285 females.

I have ordained fourteen Deacons and eleven Priests, and I have received three Priests from other Dioceses. Still the cry comes for help from some destitute settlements, and I look with increased anxiety upon the condition of our College. I do not think that it was ever in a more efficient state, and the tone and character of the students is highly commended by the residents of Windsor, who are sure to know if there is anything unsatisfactory amongst them. But the want of funds is very serious. At your last Session you adopted a resolution calling for an annual sermon in each Parish on behalf of the College, and I hope that some of our members have acted upon it, but I have not received information of compliance with it in any of our Parishes. The Governors elected by you have taken their seats at the Board and attended to their duties; and under the direction of the Board Mr. Ruggles has canvassed several Parishes and met with good success. We have about \$20,000 promised, and \$9,000 of the new Endowment Fund invested and bearing interest, but unhappily for us, and for all public institutions, the reduction of the current rate of interest has deprived us of much of the increase of income expected from these subscriptions. As a rule, I believe that you have generally co-operated with the agent, and I hope that in those Parishes which are as yet unvisited, he will meet with like help and countenance, and that in all places the Clergy and a few laymen will make arrangements for collecting all promised instalments as they become due and forwarding them to the

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Treasurer of the Endowment Fund. While speaking of the College, I again urge both Clergy and Laity to be always on the watch for promising youths whose minds may be led to the Ministry, and to induce such to prepare for the Collegiate Course, of which they may avail themselves at a very small cost. You have now the privilege of electing two members of the Board of Governors, and you will at this time be called upon to elect one in the place of Lieut.-Col. Stewart, whose term of office has expired, but who is eligible for re-election.

Your attention will be called to the Canon "On Divinity Students," passed at our last Session, wherein it was enacted that every such 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." Now the cases are frequent in which such an exemption must be allowed, unless we are to close the Churches, in consequence of a deficiency of candidates for Holy Orders, and therefore, after due deliberation, the Executive Committee has determined to recommend the adoption of regulations for a Divinity Course, so that there may be a definite preparation for Holy Orders, instead of the present system, under which nothing is known of the nature of the Course pursued. The scheme will be duly submitted to you when the report is presented.

Two years ago a Conference was held at Oxford of the heads of the Theological Colleges in Great Britain, together with the Oxford and Cambridge Divinity Professors and others, when, after much discussion and consideration of information obtained from various countries, they agreed to adopt and recommend a "General scheme of Theological study for candidates for Holy Orders, both at the Universities and at Theological Colleges." This is divided into five parts—1. Suggestions for the study of Holy Scripture. 2. Outline of Theological study in the department of Dogmatic Theology. 3. Ditto Church History. 4. Ditto Church Worship. 5. Ditto Apologetics. The scheme proposed demands more than *we* can require of our students, but it is suggestive, and I hope that the scheme to be submitted to you will, if approved and adopted, conduce to closer study and greater proficiency than we can now expect under our present system.

Last year the regular Session of the Provincial Synod was held in Montreal, when the vexed question of the rights of Montreal to be the Metropolitan See was, I trust, finally settled by a resolution maintaining the right of the Provincial Synod to abrogate the former arrangement, and to change the mode of election or appointment of a Metropolitan.

I have particularly to mention a Canon then enacted, establishing a new system with respect to the support of Missions,

which requires your concurrence to give it full effect. It somewhat interferes with our system, which should therefore be so amended that there may be no clashing. The Canon is undoubtedly rather perplexing, for it professes to constitute a Missionary Society, whereas in fact it simply gives a new name to the Anglican Branch of the Church in Canada, with which the Society is declared to be co-extensive, every member of the Church, without distinction of age or sex, being a member of the Society. This nominally, but practically the Board of Management, or rather the "General Board of Missions," is the Missionary Society, subscribers, as such, not being particularly recognized. This Board is to take charge of the Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Ecclesiastical Province, the former comprising all Missions within, and the latter those without, the Dominion, these being the objects of our Board of Foreign Missions, excluding what we call the Home Missions. You are required by this Provincial Canon to constitute a corresponding Committee, or Board of Missions, to communicate with the Board of Management, and if you comply with the desire of the Board, that all contributions for these Missions should be sent through it, your B. F. M. will properly be that Committee.

But you must observe that whereas heretofore only a few of our Churches have had any regular collections on behalf of the B. F. M., we are now required to have *two* collections annually for this same work. If you accept the Canon you will have to be careful to collect always for the *B. H. M.* in the Autumn, or end of the Summer, as the General Board requires a collection on the 1st Sunday after Epiphany, and again on the Sunday after Ascension. These appointments will probably interfere much with the arrangements of some Parishes, as they certainly do in the case of my own Chapel, but we must make a sacrifice for the sake of united action. I hope that the enthusiasm, caused by the able, stirring speeches addressed to us at the well-attended Missionary meeting last night, will produce good fruit in its season.

A Committee was appointed to prepare a Canon on the employment of women in Church work, but as some time must be lost if we wait for the action of the Provincial Synod, I purpose submitting to your consideration a Canon similar to that enacted by the Diocese of Montreal last year. As I had previously ordained a Deaconess, without any knowledge of the probable action of the Montreal Synod, a Canon regulating the appointment and employment of Deaconesses should be adopted without delay, and will be recommended in the report of the Executive Committee.

I may add that the proposed reduction of the number of representatives met with more favor than at the previous Session,

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but was referred to a Committee to report next Session. From this Province 9 Clergy and 7 Laymen attended. There is at present a Clerical and a Lay vacancy to be filled—Browne and Cochrane—and two substitutes.

I have to announce, in addition to the Clergy whom I shall mention in my Charge, the death of a valuable and much-esteemed member of our Synod, in which he had for several years taken an active part, The Hon. Arthur McN. Cochrane. We have lost by removal, on account of his state of health, our Clerical Secretary, Rev. J. D. H. Browne, and you have elected into his place Rev. Dr. Partridge, whose services have been already secured by the B. H. M.

I have to report that, in consequence of the death of one and the increasing years of another of the Trustees of the Fund constituting part of the Endowment of this Diocese, it became needful to appoint new Trustees; and as the larger portion of the capital is invested in London, I have induced the S. P. G. to accept the Trusteeship. There is also a sum of £2000 invested in this country, and of this the Bishop and the Diocesan Synod were appointed joint Trustees. The Deed of Trust is in my hands, and your Executive Committee has accepted its conditions.

I think there is room for improvement in our Rural Deanery system, and I suggest that the duties of the Dean shall be extended and more clearly defined, and that there shall be a limited period of office, say three years or five.

I am informed by the Registrar and Secretary that the returns of representatives elected are most unsatisfactory.

You have prepared resolutions requiring certain sermons to be preached annually, but this legislation is treated with contempt, and it is for you to consider how you can enforce your requirements. With respect to the annual sermons to be preached for the W. & O. Fund, I have to report, with shame, that few of the Clergy comply with the regulation. In 1882 only 30 Churches sent contributions, of which five were in this city. But already I am happy to be able to acknowledge a considerable increase this year—over 43, including two from P. E. Island. There are still many others not included in this list. This extraordinary neglect of such a pressing duty is unaccountable. At all events, I confess myself utterly unable to understand how any Clergyman can neglect to make an appeal for an object that ought to be so dear to him, in which the interest of his people can easily be awakened, and upon the success whereof the comfort of those who may be left behind him must to some extent depend. We supposed that the reduction of 25 per cent. for one half year would open the eyes of the Clergy, and make them feel the necessity for effort to increase the Fund; but nothing seems

to move the defaulters. Perhaps it may be well for the future to make an annual Parochial collection, in addition to the premium, from everyone who holds a certificate, a *sine qua non*. There are now six sermons required every year, and the resolutions requiring them should either be repealed or enforced—B. H. M., W. & O., Temperance, College, 2 Missionary.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Synod to arrange for holding our Sessions in other places out of Halifax, but I do not know of any in which accommodation could readily be found for the members. I hope, for various reasons, that no change will be made in our present practice without previous careful consideration of the matter in all its bearings.

The form of letters dimissory, p. 35, is not adapted for the purpose intended. This form is only suitable in the case of a Clergyman temporarily absent on a visit to other Dioceses and countries, and I shall propose an amended form.

I observe that two of the Committees appointed last Session were omitted from the published list, viz.: a Committee on Sunday Schools (p. 70), and a Committee to gather information respecting organization of Parishes (p. 78), but I hope they have been working and will report.

It does not appear that any action was taken upon report (p. 77) of Committee appointed on page 69, on motion of Canon Townshend and W. C. Silver.

I regret that there are several errors in the Journal of the Sixteenth Session, owing partly to the absence of our Secretary when it was passing through the press. Thus I apprehend that none of the resolutions or Canons marked for confirmation requires it, being all of them new matter, and not affecting any existing regulations. On the other hand, I think the following not mentioned must be proposed for confirmation:—

Report of Committee on Credentials, p. 79-80.

Resolution on Assessment, p. 80.

“ moved by Dr. Crane, p. 91.

“ on Alteration of Rule 16, p. 81.

On page 87 the Executive Committee was authorized to consider any necessary corrections in Constitution and Rules of Order, and will report accordingly.

The General Meeting of the B. H. M., ordered by the 4th bye-law, will be held on Thursday morning in this place, at 10 a.m.

I presume that the Endowment Fund Committee will report to you in due course, but I have to inform you that there is little probability of the payment at any time of the full amount proposed by the scheme, because even if the capital could be made

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It is proposed to adopt the supply of Church books as one of the works of the Synod, and the Archdeacon, to whom we are much indebted for long, valuable services as Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee of the S. P. C. K., has tendered his resignation of those offices. You will be asked to appoint a Committee to take charge of this portion of Church work.

I have thus briefly referred to a few matters that will occupy your attention, deferring further observations until they come up for discussion, and we will now proceed with the ordinary business, and at 1 p.m. the Synod will be adjourned to 7.30 p.m., as I have to deliver my charge to the Clergy, in which reference will be made to some matters that would otherwise be mentioned now, and which may, perhaps, suggest resolutions to be made and discussed in the Synod.

Whatever may be the subjects of discussion, I trust that your proceedings will be marked by the good feeling, and mutual forbearance, and good order by which you have always been remarkably distinguished, and I pray that the result of your deliberations may be conducive to the greater efficiency of our Church and to the furtherance of its welfare.

After the reading of the Address, moved by Rev. F. R. Murray, and duly seconded,

That the minutes, as printed, be taken as read, and that they be approved, with such alterations as will bring them into accord with the written minutes.

The Committee on Credentials presented their Report. The names of representatives from Trinity Church, Halifax, having been presented by the Committee, objection was taken by the Lord Bishop to their admission, on the legal ground that Trinity Church did not constitute a district within a Parish under the meaning of the Church Act.

The question was discussed at some length.

The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, the Synod took recess until 7.30 this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Revs. Dr. Foote and M. H. Throop, Presbyters of the Church in the United States, and Rev. Mr. Boulden, of the Diocese of Montreal, were accorded seats on the floor of the House.

The matter of the representatives from Trinity Church being in order, the Chairman ruled that Trinity Church, Halifax, could not elect representatives to Synod, on the grounds above stated.

Moved by Mr. Chas. Palmer, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie—

Resolved, That the Lay representatives of Trinity Church, Halifax, have a right to be admitted, and that they be admitted and recognized as members of the Synod. *Lost by a large majority of both orders.*

The Report of the Committee on Credentials, as amended by the striking out of Trinity Church, Halifax, and the addition of several other Parishes whose credentials had been received, was then, on motion, adopted.

The Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Rev. J. L. Bell, moved

The appointment of a Committee to consider the Rules of W. & O. Fund, and to report before the close of the Synod. *Carried.*

Canon Dart nominated—

Rev. Dr. Nichols, Dr. Hill, J. Ambrose, Archdeacon Gilpin, with the mover, Messrs. J. T. Wylde, W. Gossip, C. B. Bullock, W. C. Silver, and C. Palmer. *Carried.*

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and read by the Clerical Secretary, indicating the business of the Session.

The following notices of motion were given :—

1. By Rev. D. C. Moore —
Respecting the Report of Committee on Appointments to Parishes.
2. By Rev. P. H. Brown—
Respecting the apportionment of Synod Assessments.
3. By Rev. P. H. Brown—
Respecting wine for the Holy Communion.
4. By Rev. S. Gibbons—
Respecting the time of Missionary Meeting.
5. By Rev. J. Lowry—
Respecting the disposing of Churches no longer used.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then taken up.

The first motion was that of Rev. J. D. H. Browne, passed for confirmation at last Session :—

That the ordinary place of meeting shall be the City of Halifax, but it shall be in the power of the Synod, at any regular meeting, to appoint a place other than Halifax for its next Session.

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After some discussion, on being put to the House, it was *lost*.

The motion of the Lord Bishop with reference to Synod Assessment was next in order.

Resolved, That a representative of P. E. Island be added to the Finance Sub-Committee, which is hereby authorized to act as the Assessment Committee of the Synod.

That Mr. H. J. Cundall be appointed as such representative.

That the assessment 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 not less than four weeks before Easter.

That the amount assessed shall be due and should be remitted to the Treasurer of the Synod immediately after the Easter meeting, and that 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 become due after the confirmation of this resolution.

On being put it was *carried*.

The Bishop appointed 5 p. m. as the hour for filling the vacancies in the Representatives to Provincial Synod.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hill, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2.30 p. m.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd July.

The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at 2.30 p. m., the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers. The Roll of Clergy and Laity was called by the Clerical and Lay Secretaries. Present—Clergy, —; Laity, 45.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Bullock was invited to take a seat on the floor of the House.

The memorial of Mr. E. J. Hodgson was read by the Clerical Secretary as follows, on the burial of the unbaptized :—

MEMORIAL.

TO THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA IN ECCLESIASTICAL SESSION CONVENED.

The memorial of Edward J. Hodgson, a lay delegate from St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That in this Diocese the custom exists, for which ecclesiastical sanction is claimed, of burying unbaptized persons in churchyards which have been solemnly dedicated and set apart for the burial of the Faithful Departed ; and that such unbaptized persons have been interred with such prayers and holy services as individual clergymen in their sole discretion have seen fit to use.

That such custom tends to uphold the opinion, unfortunately now so prevalent, that Holy Baptism is a matter of indifference, and that the unbaptized, equally with the baptized, are members of Christ's Church, and equally with them inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

That your memorialist has hitherto believed and still desires to cleave to the belief, that the Church of England is an integral portion of the Catholic Church, but that that belief cannot consist with the knowledge that such burials are permitted, and the right to continue them upheld.

That your memorialist in his sore distress most earnestly prays that the Synod may take such steps as to render impossible the further continuance of so grave a scandal, and permit no variance regarding the burials of the unbaptized from the laws and usages of the Catholic Church.

And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

EDWARD J. HODGSON.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., 29th June, 1884.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Johnson, seconded by Rev. F. R. Murray—

That the Memorial be referred to a Committee to report before the close of the Session.

Moved in amendment by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. Manning—

That it lie on the table until further information shall have been obtained from the memorialist. *Carried.*

The Rev. F. J. H. Axford presented and read the Report of the Temperance Committee.

Dr. Leo Davidson, of Diocese of Montreal being present, was invited to a seat on the floor of the Synod.

The Rev. Canon Dart presented and read the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the regulations of the W. & O. Fund.

The Report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. W. C. Silver. The Report of the Church of England Fund Committee was read by the Clerical Secretary.

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The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Clerical Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Partridge, Chairman, read the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Rev. Dr. Partridge, Chairman, read the Report of the Committee on Better Organization in Parishes.

The following notices of motion were given—

6. By Rev. F. J. H. Axford—

For adoption of Temperance Report.

7. By Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald—

For shortening services.

8. By Rev. S. Gibbons—

On change of clergy every 3 years, in missions supported by B. H. M.

The next business in order was the clauses of Executive Committee's Report on Credentials, which were taken up clause by clause. They were all passed, and the Report was unanimously carried as a whole.

The following notices of motion were given by special permission—

9. By Rev. H. DeBlois—

That Representatives may be elected by Missions separate from Parish Churches.

10. By Rev. Dr. Nichols—

With respect to annual collection for Widows and Orphans.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion passed for confirmation at last Session, to alter clause 16 of the Constitution by leaving out the words "regulations, rules of order," in two places where they occur, was then discussed and unanimously confirmed.

The Resolution of Dr. Crane also passed for confirmation, respecting the printing and distribution of Synod Journals, was discussed, put and lost.

The deferred motion of Rev. J. D. H. Browne was moved by Rev. Prof. Wilson and seconded by Rev. F. R. Murray:

That on one evening of the Session, to be named by the Chairman, the Synod do constitute itself a committee of the whole on the state of the Church,

to discuss the present condition and wants of the Parishes and to deliberate on the best means for promoting the material and spiritual interests of the Church throughout the Diocese.

The hour of 5 having arrived, at which time the Chairman had announced that the vacancies in the representation to Provincial Synod would be filled up, the Rev. Dr. Bowman was proposed in place of Rev. J. D. H. Browne, by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, and was unanimously elected by show of hands. Mr. A. Vizard was proposed in place of the late Mr. A. M. Cochran, and was unanimously elected by show of hands.

Nominations were made of Revs. V. E. Harris, R. D. Bambrick, S. Gibbons, and P. H. Brown, to fill three other vacancies, and the Synod proceeded to ballot.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. Canon Dart:

That a Committee of seven be appointed on Prof. Wilson's resolution relative to state of the Church, and to report as soon as possible on some means of attaining its object.

This was carried, and the following named the Committee: Revs. Canon Dart, F. R. Murray, J. J. Ritchie, Dr. Nichols, Messrs. W. C. Silver, C. Palmer and J. Y. Payzant.

The Rev. V. E. Harris, seconded by Rev. P. J. Filleul, moved:

That in every Church in the Diocese an address be given annually upon the position and claims of King's College, and that at the same time contributions be solicited for the maintenance of a Professor of Divinity.

After much discussion, by permission of Synod the motion was withdrawn.

The Bishop announced that at 8 o'clock this evening he would call on the Secretary to read the list of Parishes which had contributed to Home and Foreign Missions, in accordance with article 19 of the Constitution.

The Synod took recess till 7.30.

EVENING SESSION.

On motion Rev. Dr. Bowman and Rev. J. L. Bell were appointed scrutineers of the ballots for substitutes to Provincial Synod.

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The hour of 8 having arrived the Clerical Secretary read the list of Parishes which had contributed to the support of Home and Foreign Missions* during the past year.

The Report of the Executive Committee was again taken up as the business next in order.

The motion of Rev. J. Padfield, respecting the annual instead of biennial meetings of Synod, in the absence of the mover was dropped.

The motion of Mr. E. J. Hodgson, to make all representatives to Synod communicants of the Parishes which they represent, in the absence of the mover was dropped.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. F. R. Murray :

That Order of Proceedings, Article 2, be altered, so that the roll shall be called only at the opening of the Session.

The tellers appointed to examine the ballot for Substitutes to Provincial Synod reported that Revs. V. E. Harris, R. D. Bambrick and S. Gibbons had received the majority of votes. The Chairman declared them duly elected.

The Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion was put and carried. (This motion is passed for confirmation.)

Rev. G. W. Hodgson then moved his resolution, seconded by Mr. C. F. Fraser, relative to places of meeting of the Synod other than Halifax, which after considerable debate was adopted in the following form :

That the ordinary place of meeting of the Synod shall be the city of Halifax, but that 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.

Carried.

The Rev. W. Ellis moved as follows, seconded by Rev. C. W. McCully :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of any Parish property in this Diocese when requested to do so by any person or persons legally interested in such property, in order to prevent misappropriation, loss, or waste of the land.

A long discussion ensued, in which strong opinions were elicited as to the harm the Church has sustained and was continually sustaining by the carelessness of lawful guardians of her property. The resolution was carried.

*This list will be found in the Seventh Annual Report of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

The course for students in Divinity was next taken up. The Chairman read a scheme which has been prepared by Rev. President Dart, and which has been accepted by the Governors of King's College. This question was made the first business for to-morrow.

On motion the Synod adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, at 2.30 p. m.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, July 3, 1884.

The Synod met at 2.30 p. m. The Lord Bishop in the chair. Prayers were said by the Chairman. The roll of the clergy and lay representatives was called by the Secretaries, when 50 clergy and 37 laymen were found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. W. Ellis moved—

That the following members do constitute his Committee on Parish Property: Revs. W. Ellis, Dr. Partridge, J. Ambrose, W. J. Ancient, Messrs. J. J. Hunt, Captain Tuzo, J. T. Wyld. *Carried.*

Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved—

The re-appointment of Clerical members of the Board of Discipline, with the name of Rev. W. J. Ancient in place of Rev. Rural Dean Owen, deceased. *Carried.*

Mr. R. J. Wilson moved—

The re-appointment of Lay members of the same Board, with the name of Mr. W. C. Silver substituted for that of Hon. Judge Savary, not now a member of Synod. *Carried.*

The following notices of motion were then given :

11. By Mr. Thos. Brown—
Respecting duration of Synod.
12. By Rev. Prof. Wilson—
Respecting proper collects for educational institutions.
13. By Rev. F. J. H. Axford—
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14. By Rev. D. C. Moore—
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17. By Mr. W. C. Silver—

Respecting efficiency of Rural Deaneries.

18. By Rev. F. R. Murray—

Respecting that part of Bishop's Charge on S. P. C. K.

19. By Rev. D. C. Moore—

Respecting part of Bishop's Charge on duties of Rural Deans.

20. By Rev. J. Ambrose—

Respecting form of bequest.

The next business in order was Clause 3 of the Canon on Divinity Students.

Moved by Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Rev. F. R. Murray—

That Clause 3 of Canon III. on Divinity Students be repealed, and that the report of the Executive Committee concerning the Divinity School in connection with King's College be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Professor Wilson, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie—

That the clause read as follows: "Every Divinity Student shall be expected to pass a Matriculation examination and to take a full Arts' Course, except in cases where the Visitor permits them to take the Elective Course in Theology."

After full discussion it was moved in amendment by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. Geo. Maynard—

It is expedient to adopt a definite Theological course for students who are taking the Arts' Course, or for those who are admitted under the exemption provided in the Canon; and it is the opinion of this Synod that such Theological Course should, in the case of those not taking an Arts' Course, include some subjects of general education, and ordinarily not occupy less than three years.

The last amendment was put to the House and lost by a non-concurrence of orders.

Professor Wilson's amendment was put and lost.

Canon Dart's original motion was then put and carried by a large majority of both orders.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Snyder, seconded by Rev. J. A. Kaulback—

Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, now in Session assembled, are due and are hereby with great sincerity rendered to His Lordship the Bishop for the exceedingly interesting,

learned, and instructive Charge delivered by him last Tuesday afternoon to the Clergy of his Diocese. Moreover, being earnestly desirous that the several subjects so ably and so exhaustively treated therein may have a permanent influence for good, co-extensive with the bounds of the said Diocese, and even beyond them, we do most respectfully, and at the same time most hopefully request his Lordship to furnish our Clerical Secretary with a copy of said Charge, in order that we may have it printed at once, and at our expense, for general distribution.

Carried by a rising vote.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion to alter Clause 16 of Constitution was next taken up, when the only alteration he now moved was section (d) as fellows, which he proposed to add to the present Clause :

Any proposition standing over for confirmation which shall not have been brought before the Synod for two consecutive regular Sessions shall lapse.

Carried.

The hour of 6 having arrived the Synod took recess till 7.30.

After recess,

The Chairman called upon the Secretary to read the Report of B. H. Missions.

REPORT B. H. M.

The Board of Home Missions, in presenting its seventh annual Report, desires to express its deep thankfulness to Almighty God for the large increase in the amount of subscriptions received during the year, the largest for many years. It has consequently been able to meet its engagements, and it hopefully anticipates that the Parishes now vacant will soon be filled and that other places asking for the services of the Church may have their wants supplied. To give the ministrations of the Church where they are needed throughout the Diocese will, however, require a further increase in the income, but this increase, it is believed, will soon be forthcoming, so that progress may be made and the growth of the Church promoted. This is a matter, the Board feels, which concerns every member of the Church, for it would indeed be a disgrace to us as Churchmen if the religious instruction of the Church's members were to be left in the hands of other Christian bodies.

The subject of increasing the incomes of the Clergy, which has long engaged the attention of the Board, demands the serious consideration of the laity. The Board has endeavored, as far as lay in its power, to improve the condition of the more poorly paid Clergy, and want of means alone has prevented greater progress being made in that direction. Unless the laity are prepared to see Parishes vacant, or an inferior class of men in the ministry, the present salaries in many cases will have to be made larger. Not less than \$900 with a house will enable a man with a family, who has to keep a horse, to live even in moderate comfort, and \$700 is the lowest on which an unmarried man, keeping a horse, can support himself.

There are Parishes, however, which the Board feels should be self-supporting, and, to repeat its remarks of last year, "the Board trusts that the Clergy will not hesitate frequently to remind their people of this, and will do all in their power to hasten so desirable a step.

The Report of the W. and O. Committee will be found appended, and also the Treasurer's statements of the several funds, which have been duly audited and found correct.

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Superannuation Fund	1929 66
Parish Endowment	1628 12
Bishop's Endowment Fund	45 64
General Purposes Fund	5638 91

The whole amount at the disposal of the Board for General Purposes during 1883 was:—

Interest	\$ 195 13
Parishes	5443 78
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Expenditure	\$5638 91
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NOTE.—The balance of \$781 67 has already been considerably reduced and will probably be entirely absorbed by a number of special grants to needy Missions.

Moved by Rev. F. J. H. Axford, seconded by Rev. J. L. Downing—

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

The Bishop suggested that the words "of the Archdeaconry of Nova Scotia" be added after the word "clergymen."

The vacancies in the Board, caused by the rule that ten members shall retire at each Session, were then filled up, when the following new members were elected:

Mr. A. Vizard, in place of Mr. Wylde; Mr. C. S. Harrington, in place of Mr. C. J. Wylde, and Dr. Cowie, in place of Dr. Pryor.

The other retiring members were re-elected.

The Clerical Secretary read the Report of the W. & O. Fund Committee:

REPORT OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee are happy in being able to report a decided improvement in the number of Parishes contributing to the Fund the past year. Forty-three (among which are two from P. E. Island) have responded this year, to thirty last year and thirty-nine the year before. While it is gratifying to note the increase, it is yet with much regret that the Committee have to call attention to the fact that quite one-third the Parishes and Missions continue to do nothing to add to the Fund, notwithstanding the Regulation of Synod which requires them to do so. Owing to this neglect your Committee were compelled to reduce the amount of the pensions for the last half of the year 1883 to \$75. They trust that the knowledge of this, and of the still greater needs of the Fund, may lead to an increased number of contributing Parishes, and consequently to a larger income the coming year.

By the death of the venerated Dr. Moody, of Yarmouth, another widow has been added to the list, and as there have been no deaths among the beneficiaries their number has now increased to fourteen.

The available funds for 1883 were \$2735.18, derived from the following sources:

Premiums of Clergy.....	485 73
Collections and Donations.....	792 27
Interest on Investments.....	1457 28
	\$2735 18

Showing an increase of \$222.16 in collections and donations, a decrease of \$60.54* in the premiums of the Clergy, and a decrease of \$372.00* in interest on investments.

The charges upon the Fund were \$2520.57.

The following securities were held for the Fund at the end of 1883 :—

Provincial Debentures.....	£800
Dominion and other Stock.....	\$ 3500 00
Mortgages and Estates.....	17881 62
Savings' Bank.....	338 38

NOTE.—An apparent decrease in the amount of investments, etc., is explained by the fact that \$1000 of stock included in last year's statement was paid this year.

By the addition of Mr Morris' name the list of clergy would have been increased to 58, but the removal of the Rev. A. D. Jamison, the withdrawal of the Rev. A. Osborne, and the death of Dr. Moody reduces the number of Clergymen holding certificates to 55, of whom 14 reside out of the Diocese.

The attention of the Clergy is directed to the following Regulations of Synod :—

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

The Clerical Secretary read in connection with the Report the Report of Special Committee on W. and O. Fund :

That in the opinion of your Committee, in view of all the circumstances, any change would be undesirable, further than that one condition of holding a certificate should be that the holder shall make a collection in aid of the Fund each year.

The W. & O. Report was then adopted with the Special Report.

The Report of the Temperance Committee was then called up for discussion by Rev. F. J. H. Axford, who moved its adoption.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report that since the last meeting of this Synod a growing interest is observable in all parts of the Diocese in the cause of Temperance.

The various organizations throughout the Diocese have been worked

*NOTE.—The difference between these amounts and those of the previous year is accounted for by the fact some premiums belonging to 1883 were paid in December, 1882, and included in that year's receipts, and that some interest belonging to 1881 was received and included in 1882.

For list of names, and of parishes contributing, see Seventh Annual Report of Board of Home Missions, &c.

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zealously, and your Committee have noticed from time to time the growing enthusiasm displayed in this mighty work.

The Church of England Temperance Society, in consequence of the scattered population of the rural Parishes, has done but little in organizing branches outside of the city, but at the same time many of the clergy and laity are actively engaged in working with the organizations already of long existence.

In Halifax the Parishes of St. Luke's, St. George's and St. Mark's have formed adult and juvenile branches, which are doing a good work, and the number of adherents is steadily increasing. A juvenile branch at St. Matthias' Mission House is being successfully worked.

The Coffee House at head of Market Wharf, we understand, is doing a good work, and steps are being taken towards making it the headquarters for rescue work amongst the working class of citizens.

We learn with much gratification that several juvenile branches outside of the city are being successfully worked in various parts of the Diocese, and sincerely hope the number will increase.

Your Committee further report—

First. That it is advisable for the clergy to form, where practical, parochial branches, both adult and juvenile, of the Church of England Temperance Society, and for the clergy and members of our Church to co-operate, as far as possible, with local Temperance organizations.

Second. It is advisable that a Temperance sermon be preached in each church of the Diocese, on some Sunday in Lent, yearly.

Third. That in view of the great evils of intemperance we hope to see the practice of *total abstinence* from the use of intoxicating liquors become general.

Fourth. That it is desirable that the Canada Temperance Act be adopted where it can be enforced.

FREDK. J. H. AXFORD,
Chairman.

The recommendations of the Report were considered *seriatim*. Nos. 1 2 and 3 were adopted.

Considerable discussion arose upon the fourth, and it was moved by Mr. L. W. Watson, seconded by Mr. C. S. Harrington, to substitute for No. 4 the following:

That it is desirable that any legislation which aims at the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors be upheld.

Carried.

The Report as amended was adopted.

The vacancies on the Temperance Committee were on motion filled up as follows:

Rev. J. O. Crisp, in place of Rev. J. D. H. Browne, and Messrs. J. J. Hunt, F. C. Sumichrast and C. M. Creed, in place of Messrs. Wiswell, Sanderson and Dr. Crane.

The Chairman introduced to the Synod the question of Women's work in the Church, and suggested for consideration the resolution of the Synod of Montreal on the subject, as follows:

That it is desirable in the interests of the Church in the Diocese to make provision for the official employment and recognition of the services of Christian women in the work of the Church, under the control of the Diocesan and without the obligation of a permanent or life vow or of residence in community.

His Lordship gave the Synod his views on the subject at some length and very clearly, informing them that he had already ordained one deaconess for work in the City of Halifax.

After discussion Rev. F. R. Murray moved, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore, the following resolution :

That it is desirable, in the interests of the Church in the Diocese, to make provision for the official employment and recognition of the services of Christian women in the work of the Church, under the control of the Diocesan.

Moved by Mr. J. N. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Chas. Palmer,

That Rev. Mr. Murray's resolution be amended by adding the words, "and without the obligation of a permanent or life vow, or of residence in community."

This was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Murray's resolution was then put and carried.

It being now ten o'clock, on motion of Rev. F. R. Murray, it was determined to sit for another hour.

The Bishop read a Canon which he proposed for adoption by the Synod :

PROPOSED. CANON ON DEACONESES.

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 had sufficient preparation for the work.

4. A Deaconess may at any time after three months 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.

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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.

Moved by Rev. F. R. Murray, seconded by Rev. F. J. H. Axford—

That the Canon on Deaconesses prepared by His Lordship the Bishop be adopted. *Carried.*

The Chairman read a letter from Venerable Archdeacon Gilpin, resigning the office of Secretary and Treasurer of the Local Committee of S. P. C. K.

Moved by Rev. F. R. Murray, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore—

That the Book Department of S. P. C. K. be taken up as the work of this Synod, and that a Committee for the management of the same be now appointed, to consist of seven members, with power to add to their number, and that the Bishop nominate. *Carried.*

Moved by Canon Maynard, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver—

That the best thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Ven. the Archdeacon for the care, time and patience which he has so long devoted to the interests of the S. P. C. K. in this Diocese. *Carried unanimously.*

The Report of the B. F. M. was then read by the Clerical Secretary :—

REPORT OF B. F. M.

The Board of Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report :—

The action of the Provincial Synod in establishing the Central Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions will seriously affect the Diocesan Board as at present constituted. To this the Board would call the attention of the Synod. The Board would recommend that this Board should become the Corresponding Committee of the Central Board from this Diocese, and that it be clearly understood that the B. F. M. is not to be merged into the Central Board.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's statements are herewith submitted.

The portion of the Bishop of Algoma's salary assumed by this Diocese has been paid.

Two vacancies are to be filled up in the place of Col. Poyntz, incapacitated by illness, and Rev. H. L. Owen, deceased.

It may be mentioned in addition to this that the prospects for the present year are much improved, a very large amount (over \$700) having been subscribed in answer to the Ascensiontide appeal of the Bishops.

The Report was adopted.

The vacancies in the Board were filled up by the substitution of Dr. Partridge in place of Rural Dean Owen, and of Mr. F. C. Sumichrast in place of Col. Poyntz.

Moved by Rev. F. R. Murray, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver—

That the title of the Board be altered by the addition of the words "and Corresponding Committee of the Central Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions."

The vacancies in the Superannuation Fund were filled by the election of Mr. Thomas Brown in place of Mr. S. P. Fairbanks, deceased, and of Hon. W. B. Vail in place of Mr. C. J. Wyld.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Dr. Partridge (Chairman):—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee have considered that the first and wisest thing with which to begin the work of unification and consolidation of S. S. work in the Diocese, was the establishment of a central S. S. Teachers' Association in the City of Halifax, to which the Sunday Schools of the Province might, if they pleased, be affiliated. This has been accomplished, and your Committee think they can point to it as founded on a secure basis of work and usefulness. Inaugurated early in the fall of 1882, the Association has now passed through two winters' programmes of labour. The meetings have been held bi-monthly. Many Papers have been read and discussed by experienced Teachers, which have been productive of much benefit to the members: model classes have been taught which were afterwards open to the criticism of the Teachers assembled; Anniversary Services have been held which were largely attended; and in the spring of this year an "At Home" was conducted by the Association in the Masonic Hall, which was a great success, and had a most salutary effect in producing an *esprit de corps* and feeling of brotherhood among the Sunday Schools of Halifax.

The Association has been affiliated with the Church of England Sunday School Institute of London, and is entitled to its publications at members' prices.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the work is now in a position to be extended throughout the Diocese. They would recommend

1. That the Sunday Schools be invited by circular to affiliate with this Society by payment of a small fee by which they would obtain the benefit of C. E. Sunday School Institute Publications and Library Books at members' prices.

2. That the Sunday Schools be also requested to undertake the distribution for Home Mission purposes of Boxes. In many Parishes there must be a large number of Army Chests; and in cases where there are none, the Committee would undertake to provide them. In the neighboring Diocese of Fredericton, a large sum is annually raised by this means. Many Clergy of this Diocese have expressed in their reports the opinion that a thorough working of the children's boxes would result in a decided increase to B. H. M. Funds.

3. The Examination of S. S. Teachers in connection with the S. S. Institute can be undertaken if any Teacher of affiliated schools desire it. Your Committee respectfully ask to be allowed to report progress, and to continue their labours.

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F. PARTRIDGE, *Chairman*.

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The Report of the Committee on Organization in Parishes was read by Rev. Dr. Partridge (Chairman) :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BETTER ORGANIZATION OF PARISHES.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to gather information with reference to Organization for Church work in our Parishes, which should be at the service of any Clergy desiring the same, beg leave to Report—

That this duty has been diligently performed, the Chairman of this Committee having now at his disposal a quantity of literature which has been collected during the last two years from every available quarter. Their chief effort has been to secure such information from those whose experience entitles them to respect, as would enable them to advise and assist in the formation of Parochial Societies which may bind together the laity in systematic labour for the Church and advancement of habits of personal religion. In this they have been successful, and have compiled Services on card for the opening of such meetings, and a devotional Litany for use at Prayer Meetings, which have been found of considerable service in many Parishes.

In the autumn of 1882, a Clerical Conference for Maritime Provinces was held in St. John, at which the subject of Parish Organization was brought into prominent notice, a Paper having been read by the Chairman of your Committee on the subject. One result of the full discussion which followed that Paper, was, that Clergymen applied for information and for such other help as your Committee could afford. Many of the brethren have applied to the Chairman for counsel and assistance in the formation of Parochial Guilds, and in some instances, such as at Sackville in this Diocese, he has gone and formed the Guild. In every case, the most encouraging effects have followed the establishment of such Parochial aids; in many instances, the laity being thus induced, not only to give systematically, but to perform various kinds of Church work which had hitherto devolved on the clergyman. Several Parishes in the Diocese of Fredericton have been supplied with the necessary rules and Services, and the City of Winnipeg in the far West has also benefitted by the labours of your Committee.

Your Committee cannot forbear to add the unsolicited testimony of a few labourers in a country Parish, which is precisely the quarter in which it has generally been thought that Guilds and kindred Societies could do but little, if any, good. The lay reader of Hammond's Plains, in the Parish of Sackville, thus writes :—

"I cannot close my report without testifying to the great usefulness of the Guild which has been formed. I believe that the future of our Church here will be richly blessed by its labours. It is indeed a noble Society for strengthening the hands of those who minister in a parish; and when one's hands are apt to fall through sheer weariness, the remembrance of having a band of workers like the members of a Guild keeps them up."

Your Committee respectfully ask to be allowed to report progress, and to continue their labours. They feel that the preparatory work has now been done, and that the experience and material accumulated will render good service to the Church if only it can be made available.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, D. D., *Chairman.*

The Report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Report on Appointments to Parishes was called up for discussion.

Moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. Canon Maynard, that the Executive Committee be instructed to apply to Parliament for an alteration in the Church Act, passed 1876, and amended 1879, so that Clause 3 may read,

"When any Rectory shall be vacant, the two Church Wardens of the vacant Parish, with the two delegates from the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, shall proceed to appoint a Rector. But if no appointment is thus made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop alone shall appoint a Rector."

After some debate the resolution was, by permission of the Synod, deferred to the next Session.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to to-morrow, Friday, at 2.30 p.m.

FOURTH DAY.

Synod met at 2.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The roll of Clergy and Lay Representatives was called by the Secretaries, when 37 Clergy and 24 Laity were found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and approved.

The Lord Bishop appointed the following a Committee on the S. P. C. K. Depository :

Rev. Dr. Partridge, F. R. Murray, H. J. Winterbourne, and J. L. Bell, Messrs. W. C. Silver, J. J. Hunt, and C. S. Harrington.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee appointed on Mr. Hodgson's motion on the Committee of the Whole :

REPORT.

The Committee on Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion beg to report that in their opinion it would conduce to the welfare of the Church, if the Executive Committee could so arrange business as to enable the Synod to resolve itself on one of the evenings in the Synod week into a Conference. They are further of opinion that the subjects to be discussed and the names of readers of papers should be approved by the Executive Committee, and published three months before the meeting of the Synod. Also, that the readers and speakers should be limited as to time.

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21. By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—
That he will move the adoption, next Session, of the Resolution on Divinity Students rejected yesterday.
22. By Mr. R. J. Wilson—
Notices of Assessment to be sent to Church Wardens as well as Clergy.
23. By Rev. F. R. Murray—
Respecting Parochial Statistics.
24. By Rev. W. C. Wilson—
Respecting Superannuation Fund.

The Lord Bishop handed in, in accordance with the Canon, a list of persons ordained since the last Session of Synod :

List of persons Ordained Priests since last Session of Synod, in accordance with Canon IV., S. 3.

Peters, George J. D.	Arnold, Wm. John
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Sampson, Wm. H.	Morris, Wm. S. H.
King, Wm. B.	Lockyer, Wm. James.
Draper, Thomas Fraser.	Harper Henry.
Spencer, James.	Sherman, Fred. Francis.

July 4th, 1884.

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Names of persons Ordained Deacons since last Session of Synod, with names of subscribers to Testimonials.

Spencer, James.	} Rev. G. Pope, Lisbon; Rev. Dr. Hill, Halifax.
Morris, Wm.	
Martell, G. R.	} Reverends Canon Dart, Canon Maynard, Prof. Wilson.
Lockyer, W.	
Harper, H.	} The above with the addition of Rev. J. L. Bell, Archdn. Gilpin, Rev. G. W. Hodgson, Rev. J. D. H. Browne.
Sherman, Fred.	
Raven, Newcome Regd.	} Revs. Canon Dart, Canon Maynard, and G. W. Hodgson.
Mackenzie, Chas. E.	
Wilson, Wm. Chas.	} Revs. Canon Dart, Maynard and H. How and J. O. Ruggles.
Harris, Edward A.	
Hind, Kenneth C.	} H. NOVA SCOTIA.
Harley, Henry.	
Wade, Moore, C.	

July 4, 1884.

The Executive Committee's Report was again taken up, and several verbal alterations in the Journal recommended by the Executive Committee were agreed to. The Secretaries were authorized to alter the wording of the Constitution so as to bring it into harmony with the law as it now stands.

The Lay Secretary called the attention of the Executive Committee to the advisability of having an authorized list of the Parishes.

The Report of the Church Endowment Fund Committee was then read, together with the Treasurer's statement, which had been duly audited. (This account appears in the B. H. M. Reports):

REPORT OF THE CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE FOR 1883.

There have been several changes during the year. The Rev. A. D. Jamieson, having to leave the Diocese by reason of ill-health, retired from the 1st Class; and the Rev. H. How having completed five years' service, was advanced from the 3rd to the 2nd Class; and the Rev. W. J. Lockyer and G. R. Martell, have been entered in Class 3.

The following are the names of the Clergy upon the Fund, and the classes to which they belong:

<i>Class 1.</i>	<i>Class 2.</i>	<i>Class 3.</i>
Rev. John Ambrose.	Rev. E. H. Ball.	Rev. G. H. Butler.
" C. Bowman.	" G. R. Dodwell.	" C. W. McCully.
" D. C. Moore	" W. H. Groser.	" T. F. Draper.
" J. O. Ruggles.	" J. L. Downing.	" R. D. Bambrick.
" H. Sterns.	" P. H. Brown.	" W. J. Lockyer.
" W. J. Ancient.	" A. C. McDonald.	" G. R. Martell.
" J. A. Richey.	" R. Smith.	
" W. Ellis.	" W. E. Wilson.	
" J. J. Ritchie.	" F. P. Greatorex.	
" F. J. H. Axford.	" J. R. S. Parkinson.	
	" G. F. Maynard.	
	" H. How.	

Class 1 receives \$225 per annum; class 2 receives \$150 per annum; and class 3 receives \$90 per annum, payable according to the Rules, half-yearly.

The Lord Bishop called the attention of the Synod to one very important matter which had been omitted from the C. E. F. Report, viz.: that the reduction of the rate of interest now so general had seriously affected the amount of money derived from this Fund. It is feared that the amounts which are paid to the Clergy, based on a calculation of 6 per cent., may have to be reduced, as investments are difficult to obtain at more than 5. He called upon the Chairman to explain the state of affairs, which he did.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Bowman, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore—

That the Report of the C. E. F. Committee be adopted, and that the Prospectus of the Endowment Fund be printed in the Report of B. H. M. *Carried.*

The Archdeacon and Mr. W. Gossip were re-elected to the Committee, and Mr. C. B. Bullock elected in the place of Col. Poyntz.

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On motion of Rev. F. R. Murray, seconded by Dr. Bowman, Messrs. T. Brown and W. H. Wiswell were re-elected Auditors.

Moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver—

That in the Report of this Session of the Synod, a memorial page be devoted to the Clergy who have entered into rest during the past year. *Carried.*

Notices of motion were then taken up. Notice with reference to parish assessments, standing in the name of Rev. P. H. Brown, was withdrawn.

Moved by Rev. P. H. Brown, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient—

That a Committee be appointed to recommend, after careful enquiry, a suitable wine for Holy Communion, and to report at next Session of Synod. *Carried.*

The following were named the Committee :

Revs. P. H. Brown, F. R. Murray, Dr. Partridge, and W. J. Ancient, Messrs. S. H. Shreve, C. B. Bullock, and W. C. Silver.

Moved by Mr. T. Brown, seconded by Mr. C. F. Fraser—

That greater benefit and profit to the members and work of the Synod would result, if the sittings extended from the Wednesday or Thursday of one week until the same day in the next, to allow more time for social intercourse, instead of the present hurried arrangement. *Carried.*

Rev. S. Gibbons' motion with reference to the evening of Missionary Meeting was deferred to next Session.

Moved by Rev. J. Lowry, seconded by Rev. P. J. Filleul—

That a Committee be appointed to consider and Report to the Synod, on the best manner of disposing of consecrated Churches no longer used, and of revoking the sentence of consecration. *Carried.*

The following were named as the Committee :

Revs. Dr. Partridge, Rev. John Ambrose, G. W. Hodgson, Messrs. T. Brown, and J. T. Wyld.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of the adoption of still further shortening the Services used at Morning and Evening Prayer, by the non-repetition of those prayers which have been already used, such as the Lord's Prayer, Collect for the day, and Prayer for the Queen, as is the practice in the Irish Church, with a view to application to the Provincial Synod. *Carried.*

The Committee was then appointed—

Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, G. W. Hodgson, D. C. Moore, Messrs. C. Palmer, and L. W. Watson.

Rev. S. Gibbon's motion with reference to change every three years of Clergy supported by B. H. M. was dropped.

The motion of Rev. H. DeBlois respecting amendment of Constitution, so as to give representation to all churches and missions, was deferred to next Session.

The following motion was, in the absence of Rev. Dr. Nichols, who had given notice of it, taken up by Rev. John Ambrose and seconded by Rev. F. J. H. Axford :

That His Lordship the Bishop be requested to name one of the great Festivals (Easter or Whitsun Day) as the day on which the annual collection for the W. & O. Fund shall be made throughout the Diocese.

After some discussion the resolution was amended by the substitution of the words "a day" for the specified days mentioned, and, so amended, was *carried*.

Moved by Rev. Canon Maynard, seconded by Rev. Canon Dart—

That the Bishop, Clergy, and lay representatives of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod assembled, hereby express their loving memory of the following clergymen removed by death from our midst:—The Rev. H. L. Owen, the Rev. J. T. T. Moody, and the Rev. G. E. T. Morris, and tender to the families of those deceased clergymen their sympathy in the affliction which has befallen them, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the respective families. *Carried.*

Moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by W. Gossip—

That this Synod desires to place on record the loss sustained by the death of the late lamented Hon. A. M. Cochrane, and the high esteem in which he was held, and take this, their earliest opportunity, of tendering the family of the deceased their heartfelt sympathy. *Carried.*

Moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, and

Resolved, That the four names above mentioned be placed on the Memorial page.

Moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. Dr. Partridge—

That this Synod desires to convey to the Rev. J. D. H. Browne, their late Secretary, their sense of the zeal, industry, and ability with which he performed his duties, and the energy with which he provided for the Diocese so good a paper as the *Church Guardian*, and with reference to which they express their gratification that he has been able to arrange for its continuance on the same principles on which it was conducted by himself, recognizing the importance of a periodical published in the interests of our Branch of the Catholic Church for circulation through our Parishes; and would assure Mr. Brown of their earnest hopes and prayers that his change of home may give him lengthened days in which to work for the Master. *Carried.*

All notices of motion not at this time disposed of were ordered to be deferred to next Session.

On motion the Bishop left the Chair, which was taken by the Archdeacon, when it was moved by Mr. J. T. Wyld, seconded by the whole Synod—

That the warmest thanks of the Synod be given to His Lordship the Bishop for his very able and impartial conduct in the Chair this Seventeenth Session.

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His Lordship acknowledged the vote of thanks in a feeling speech.

The Report of the Committee on Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion, respecting Conference on the state of the Church, was then taken up and adopted.

The following votes of thanks were passed, on motion of Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald—

That the hearty thanks of the Synod be tendered to all who have afforded hospitality to the Clergy and Laity attending the Synod.

That the thanks of the Synod be also given to the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Luke's Church for the use thereof.

To Professor Porter, the Lady Organist, and Choir of St. Luke's, for their musical services at the opening of the Session.

To the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of the Synod, for the satisfactory fulfilment of their duties.

To the Press for the full reports of the proceedings of the Synod.

To the President and Council of the Church of England Institute for the free use of their Reading Room.

To the I. C. R., W. & A. R., East. Ext. Railway, and to such Steam-boats and Stage Coaches as had granted reduced fares.

On motion, the Journal was ordered to be printed as usual under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Doxology was then sung, and the Benediction pronounced by the Lord Bishop, when the Synod adjourned *sine die*.

F. PARTRIDGE, D.D.,

Clerical Secretary.

R. J. WILSON,

Lay Secretary.

ERRATA.

In Clause 3 of the Canon on Divinity Students, page 24, line 2, read "take" for "make." Also, line 3, read "exemption" for "examination."

APPENDIX.

BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PASSED FOR CONFIRMATION.

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

That the Order of Proceedings, Article 2, be altered, so that the Roll shall be called only at the opening of the Session.

MOTIONS DEFERRED.

By Rev. S. Gibbons—

That the Missionary meeting be held upon some evening, instead of the Evening Session of the Synod, subsequent to the Monday.

By Rev. H. DeBlois—

That the Constitution of this Synod be so amended as to allow Churches and Missions, having for all practical purposes a separate organization from the Parish Church, to elect representatives to this assembly.

By Rev. Prof. Wilson—

That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to furnish a Prayer or Collect for the success of all Church Educational Institutions of the Diocese, and particularly of King's College; the said Prayer or Collect to be used in Public Worship at least once every Sunday or Holy Day where Service is held.

By Rev. F. J. H. Axford—

That the Ruri-Decanal Chapters be empowered to admit the Laity in Session with them.

By Rev. Dr. Bowman—

That the Registrar of the Diocese be requested to report to this and subsequent Sessions from what Parishes he has received reports of property, and to produce any one or more that may be asked for.

By Mr. W. C. Silver—

That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the Rules governing Rural Deaneries with the view of making them more efficient, and to report at next meeting of Synod.

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To amend Clause 3 of Church Act, so as to read—"When any Rectory shall be vacant, the two Church Wardens of the vacant Parish, with the two delegates from the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, shall proceed to appoint a Rector. But if no appointment is thus made within 12 months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop alone shall appoint a Rector.

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

That he will move the adoption, next session, of the Resolution on Divinity Students, rejected yesterday.

By Mr. R. J. Wilson—

That notice of Synod Assessment be sent to the Church Wardens as well as to the Rector or officiating minister.

By Rev. F. R. Murray—

That full Statistical information be provided for the use of the Synod by every Clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission.

By Rev. W. C. Wilson—

That the Clergy Superannuation Fund of this Diocese be placed on a business basis, somewhat similar to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

In Memoriam.

Rev. G. E. T. Morris, M.A.

(RETIRED),

DIED OCT. 12, 1883.

Rev. J. C. T. Moody, D.D.

RECTOR OF YARMOUTH,

DIED OCT. 18, 1883.

Rev. H. L. Owen, D.D., R.D.,

RECTOR OF LUNENBURG,

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The Hon. A. McN. Cochran.

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APPENDIX II.

The adoption of the Report of the Committee on Credentials, alters Clauses 2 and 3 of the Order of Proceedings (p. 7) as follows. The attention of the Clergy is particularly requested to this. (See Journal of last Session, pp. 79-80):—

1. 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.
2. 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, and the Bishop shall, immediately upon the opening of the Synod, lay such Report upon the table.
3. If any objection be made to such Report on behalf of any persons claiming seats in the Synod as lay delegates, 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.
4. No delegate, 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.
5. In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as hereinbefore provided, the Synod may for good and sufficient cause permit any delegate at any time to take his seat who produces sufficient proof of election and qualification.