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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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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

WE, the Bishop and Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Nova Scotia, assembled together, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in this Diocese, desire in the first place, for the avoiding of all misunderstanding and scandal, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session:

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eleventh Session:

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

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

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

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

6th. 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 United Church of England and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination."

7th. Each Representative shall receive from his Minister a certificate that he is qualified as above, and from the chairman of the meeting at which he is elected, a certificate of his election, and shall continue in office until his successor be appointed.*

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

8th. If a vacancy should occur in the number of Representatives, the Minister shall proceed to appoint a new election, with as little delay as possible after due notice; and in case there be no Minister, then the Church Wardens or three members of the vestry, or if there be no wardens or vestry, then any five parishioners may summon a meeting to fill up the vacancy.

9th. Each parish, or district within a parish that may have been placed under the charge of a clergyman other than the Rector, may send two Representatives.

10th. The quorum required to constitute a session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Registrar of the Diocese; but no vote of the Synod

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

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

shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

11th. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, such vote being determined by the majority of the members present and voting in each order. And no act or resolution of the Diocesan Synod shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity.*

NOTE — At the second session the Synod resolved, that all members of the Synod present be required to vote on every question.

12th. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 11, on all matters effecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

13th. There shall be two Secretaries, one chosen by the Clergy, the other by the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod.

14th. The ordinary meetings of the Synods shall be biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archdeacon) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion.

15th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing and considered at the meeting at which it was propos-

* "Resolved, as the opinion of this Synod, that in case it should happen that the Bishop should withhold his assent to any Act or Resolution of the Synod, and on the same being again brought up at the next Session of the Synod, and passed by the Synod by a majority of two-thirds vote, and being again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority should have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly, in Canada, whose decision should be final."

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16th. Members of the Church may be present at meetings of the Synod, on the understanding that they must be subject to the directions of the chairman; and they must be required by him to withdraw upon the application of any three members of the Synod.

17th. The Bishop is recommended by the Synod to adopt the following Declaration, suggested by the Lambeth Conference :

Declaration to be made (in addition to any declaration required by the rules of the province or Diocese as to doctrine and worship) by persons to be admitted to holy orders, and by clergymen to be admitted to the cure of souls, or to any other office or trust in the Church :—

"I, A. B., do declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made, or which may from time to time be made, by the Synod of the Diocese of _____ and the Provincial Synod of _____ or either of them, [and in consideration of being appointed _____, I hereby undertake immediately after final judgment to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had, by the tribunal appointed by the Synods of the aforesaid province and diocese for the trial of a clergyman; saving all rights of Appeal.]

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

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1st. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the Divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorized by the Bishop.

2nd. After this prayer the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and the Lay-Secretary shall call over the list of Parishes and Districts entitled to send Representatives, when the names of the Clergy and Laity present shall be marked by their respective Secretaries.

3rd. Upon the first day of each Session the certificates of the Lay-Representatives shall be examined by one of the secretaries and a committee of two, to be appointed for that purpose, and when found correct the names shall be recorded in the register, and the result of the investigation shall be announced to the Synod. The election of new secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively, which officers shall hold their offices until their successors shall be appointed.

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports on Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5th. All notices of motion giving by a Presbyter, or a Representative of the laity, for proceeding at a subsequent meeting, shall be read over at such meeting, and may be taken up by any member present at such meeting, in the same manner as if he had himself given the notice.

6th. Before the final adjournment of the session, the minutes of the last day shall be read and approved.

RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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Every member giving notice of a motion may at the same time announce the name of the person by whom it shall be seconded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

* The following resolution has been adopted at each of the late sessions:

" No member of the Synod shall occupy the time of the meeting for more than ten minutes in any one address, except the mover and seconder of a motion, who shall be allowed twenty minutes.

15th. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

16th. A question being once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the special sanction of the Bishop.

17th. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings; but, when required by any one member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded.

18th. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop, or other person presiding, has left the chair.

19th. Unless called upon by any member of the Synod to do so, it shall not be the duty of the chairman of the house to ascertain the number of Clergy or Lay-Representatives present.

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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,

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

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

IV. The said Committee may frame Bye-laws for its own guidance, but such Bye-laws shall be subject to revision by the Synod.

V. The Executive Committee shall be also the Business Committee of the Synod.

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

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(Passed April 20, 1863.)

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

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

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

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

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**An Act declaratory of the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan
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(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 Co-operations or Church Congregations in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, or other rights secured to such Parishes, Co-operations or Congregations, or any of them, by any Act of the Legislature of this Province, or otherwise howsoever.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, it is expedient to define the mode in which the power of the Bishop shall be exercised: We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, have agreed upon the following Rules, to be observed in order to secure a fair and impartial tribunal for the trial of any Clergyman who may hereafter be charged with any offence rendering him liable to Ecclesiastical censure.

I.—Whenever the Bishop may determine to institute proceedings against any Clerk in Holy Orders, who may be charged with any offence against the Laws Ecclesiastical, or concerning whom there may exist scandal or evil report, he shall issue a commission under his hand and seal to five Presbyters of not less than seven years standing, and the Commissioners so appointed, or any three of them, shall enquire into the truth of the charges alleged against the party accused, as set forth in their commission, notice of the time and place of such enquiry having been given to the party accused, and to the party, if any, upon whose application or complaint the commission may have been issued, not less than thirty days before the time appointed for the commencement of the enquiry.

And, in the course of such enquiry, the Commissioners shall receive all such evidence as may be tendered to them, whether for or against the party accused.

And the said Commissioners shall report in writing, under the hands of at least three of them, whether in the opinion of the majority of those present, there be or be not sufficient *prima facie* ground for instituting further proceedings; which report shall be accompanied by a copy of the evidence on which it is founded.

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

IV. Notice of the Bishop's intention to institute further proceedings shall be delivered to the person accused, together with a copy of the charge or charges to be preferred, and the name of nine Presbyters, of not less than seven years' standing, and of nine Lay members of Diocesan Synod, from which the accused shall select, when the charge is one of error in doctrine only, three Presbyters, and in all other cases three Presbyters and three Laymen, and shall notify his selection to the Bishop within fourteen days after the receipt of said notice and list of names. But if the accused party shall refuse or neglect to make such selection, then at the expiration of twenty-one days from the day of receipt of list of names by the accused the Bishop may himself select three Presbyters, or three Presbyters and three Laymen, as aforesaid. And upon receipt of notice of the selection made by the party accused, or after his own selection, as the case may be, the Bishop shall notify to the said party the place and day appointed for his trial, which shall not be less than twenty-one days after he shall receive notice of the same.

V. At the trial there shall be at the least two of the Clerical and one of the Lay assessors, or in questions of doctrine the three Clergy present, with the Bishop or his Commissary; and the course of proceedings shall be in all respects, as far as possible, in conformity with the ordinary practice of Courts of Justice. And if, after full investigation and examination, the truth of the charges shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Bishop or his Commissary and a majority of the assessors (or in questions of doctrine of a

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

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

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

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

IX. Until further order be taken, all appeals from the judgment of this Synod shall be to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

When the See is vacant, the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, the senior Presbyter of the Diocese, being a member of the Synod, shall, within a fortnight after the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See; at which meeting the said Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, and in the absence of both, the senior Presbyter present shall preside; and it shall be the duty of such Archdeacon or Presbyter to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop elect, to the proper authorities. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

In the election of a Bishop, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the Clergy entitled to vote are present, and two-thirds of all the Lay-Representatives, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

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RURAL DEANERIES.

Deanery of Lunenburg—(Rev. H. L. Owen, R.D.)—St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbard's Cove, Chester, New Ross, Blandford, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, New Dublin.

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

When a vacancy shall occur, either by removal or death, the Senior* Clergyman in such Deanery shall call the clergy together, and at that meeting they shall elect one of their number to be nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

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

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

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

The appointment of the Rural Dean is to last so long as the Dean thus appointed shall continue to hold the same Cure of Souls.

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

ADDENDA.

The Synod request the several Parishes and Districts in the Diocese to contribute to the current expenses of the Synod.

The Church Wardens of each Parish or District are requested to make a return (according to a prepared form) to each Session of this Synod.

It was Resolved,—"That it is out of the power of this Synod to alter any of the 'Formularies' mentioned in Art. 12 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Synod."

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

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

Resolved,—"That the increasing responsibilities devolved upon this Synod demand that every section of this Diocese should be as fully represented as possible, and that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare an estimate of the amount required to meet the wants of its next Session, including unavoidable expenses of members non-resident in this city, and that the same be requested from the several parishes or congregations in such proportions as in their (i. e. Ex: Com:) judgment will be fair and equitable; the amount to be paid in not later than one day after that named for opening the Session."

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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 Dimissory :

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

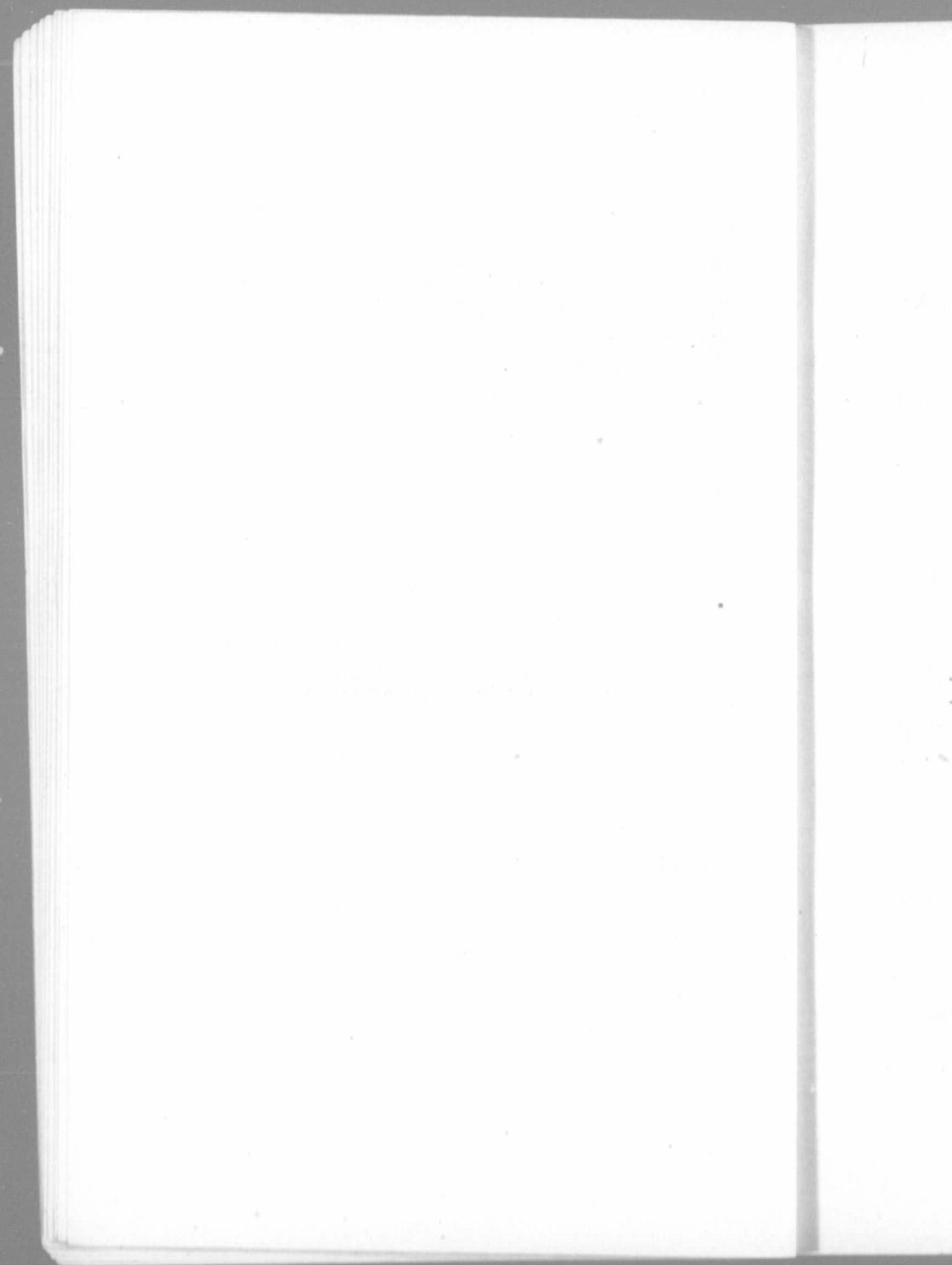
We, B, by Divine permission Bishop of C, send greeting in the Lord.

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

Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP,
B, SECRETARY.

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



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OF THE

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ELEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met, in accordance with a summons from the Bishop, at Halifax, in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, on Tuesday, June 30, 1874.

There were Prayers at nine o'clock, A. M., and a Celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being Celebrant.

Immediately after the celebration, the rolls were called by the Secretaries, and there were present sixty-nine of the Clergy and fifteen Lay Representatives.

The Rev. Alfred Brown was, on motion of Rev. J. Abbott, seconded by Rev. Dr. Uniacke, appointed Clerical Secretary. The late Secretary, having been appointed Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, was not a candidate for the office.

R. J. Wilson, Esq., was appointed Lay Secretary, temporarily, during the unavoidable absence of W. Myers Gray, Esq.

The Bishop delivered his opening address. The certificates of Lay Representatives were referred to a Committee consisting of A. M. Cochran, Esq., W. Gossip, Esq., and the Lay Secretary.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the last day of the last Session were read and approved.

Rev. R. Warren and Rev. J. R. Campbell were appointed to the Board of Foreign Missions, in the places made vacant

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Rev. Dr. Uniacke was put on the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline, vice the late Dean Bullock.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Clerical Secretary, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DIOCESAN SYNOD,
TO THE ELEVENTH SESSION, 1874.

The Executive Committee report, that in accordance with the directions of the Synod, the proposed Church Bill was presented to the Legislature, but was rejected.

A Resolution from the Parish of St. Paul's was submitted to the Executive Committee and read,—

Resolved, "That the Resolution of St. Paul's Parish be laid before the Synod, but that the Secretary of the Executive Committee be directed to state to the Parish of St. Paul's, that the Executive Committee of Synod are not prepared to recommend such proposed change in the Constitution."

With reference to the death of the late Dean, it was *Resolved*.—

"That the Executive Committee, feeling the loss which the Church has sustained by the removal of the late Dean from its Councils, recommend to the Synod the adoption of a Resolution expressing the sentiments of the Synod."

With reference to the union of Prince Edward Island with the Synod, the Committee report that, in their opinion, the members of the Church in Prince Edward Island, were excluded from the Synod only by the Act of Incorporation, and they recommend to the Synod that steps be taken to have the necessary alterations made in that Act.

They also recommend that to avoid misunderstanding in future a declaratory resolution be passed, defining what is intended by the word "Diocese" as used in the Constitution of the Synod.

The Finance Committee have revised the scales of assessments and disbursements, for the Session of 1874.

The Executive Committee being of opinion that there was not sufficient time at the Sessions of Synod to discuss all the business brought forward, and there being grave objections to lengthening the time of Sessions, therefore recommend that the sessions of Synod be held annually.

The Committee having felt much inconvenience from the want of an organ of communication with the members of the Church in this Diocese, recommend the subject for the consideration of the Synod.

With reference to union with Provincial Synod of Canada, the Executive Committee recommend the following Resolution with reference to the adoption of the Act of the Dominion of Canada, 19 and 20 Vic. Cap. 141 :

" *Whereas*, by an Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, being 33 Vict. Cap. 57, provision was made for extending to the Province of Nova Scotia, under certain conditions therein specified, the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England in Canada."

" *Resolved*, that we the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, now in Session in conformity with the provisions of the said Act of 33 Vict. Cap. 57, shall and do hereby adopt the said Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, being Cap. 141 of the Acts passed in the 19th and 20th years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in Synod, and that subject to the consent of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada, constituted under the said Act, this Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia shall unite with the members of the said Church of England in other Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, in general Assembly by its representatives, as fully and in the same manner to all intents and purposes as if it had been included in the Province of Canada at the time of the passing of the said last mentioned Act."

2.—" *Resolved*, that Representatives of the Clergy and Laity respectively be now elected to attend the Session of the Provincial Synod at Montreal in September next."

EDWIN GILPIN, *Sec'y.*

The Bishop announced that the first business to-morrow would be the question of Union with the Provincial Synod of Canada.

Rev. J. J. Ritchie gave notice of motion,

"That the funds collected by the Board of Foreign Missions be divided between the two great Missionary Societies."

The Synod adjourned till the next day.

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SECOND DAY.

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After Matins at nine o'clock the Synod proceeded to business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries and seventy Clergy, and fifty-seven Lay Representatives answered to their names.

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

On motion of W. H. Wiswell, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose, it was *Resolved*,—

“That a programme of the business of the Synod for the day, in proper order, be posted on the notice boards at the entrance of the Church each day before the business begins.”

The Committee on Certificates of Lay Representatives reported as follows :

The Committee appointed to examine the Delegates' Certificates, report as follows :

Of one hundred and twenty-four delegates elected eighty-four have Certificates complete; twenty-six have no Communion Certificates; ten Certificates are informal; and four have no Certificates.

Rawdon, Tangier and Melford have elected *no* Delegates to this Synod. Manchester, Pugwash and Aylesford have elected each *one* Delegate. Albion Mines, Cornwallis, Granville, Lunenburg, New Ross, Glace Bay, have each elected *three* Delegates. Liverpool has elected *five* Delegates.

Some of these irregularities may admit of being rectified as the Session progresses; but the Committee respectfully suggest that it would save time and probably some confusion if they could be altogether avoided. The Committee point to them in the hope that the Synod may be able to devise some improvement in making the Returns, which may help to prevent their recurrence in future.

The Committee would also recommend that the Certificates be examined previous the meeting of the Synod, by a Committee which shall be appointed for that purpose, and that a report be prepared and laid before the Synod at its first meeting, previous to all other business.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. GOSSIP, *Chairman.*

The vacancies in the Committee on Temperance made by the removal from the Diocese of Rev. F. H. Almon and Rev. J. C. Edghill, were filled by the appointment of Rev. R. Haire and Rev. J. D. H. Browne.

In the Executive Committee there were six vacancies, caused by the retirement, by routine and regulation, of Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. J. Forsythe, G. Reading, Esq., and C. B. Bowman, Esq.; and by the death of the late Very Rev. Dean Bullock, and by the removal from the Diocese of Rev. J. C. Edghill. Vacancies were filled by the appointment of Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. J. B. Richardson, Rev. W. H. Snyder, Rev. T. Maynard, and J. T. Wylde, Esq., and G. Reading, Esq.

Notices of motion on Temperance were given by Rev. Dr. Cochran and Rev. G. B. Dodwell.

The Ven. the Archdeacon gave notice of motion relative to King's College, Windsor.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. R. Warren, "Of power to appeal in certain cases hereafter to be mentioned to the House of Bishops in Canada."

A letter was read from the Young Men's Christian Association, offering the use of their Rooms to the members of the Synod during Session.

The Bishop, on behalf of the Church Lay Association, stated that their Reading Room was open to the members of the Synod.

On motion of Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Canon Townshend, it was *Resolved*:

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to each of these Associations."

It was moved by Rev. J. Abbott, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq., and *Resolved*:

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The Resolution of the Executive Committee, with reference to union with the Provincial Synod of Canada was now taken up and adopted by a large majority of both orders. (Vide Report of Executive Committee, page 28.

An amendment, moved by Col. Wood and seconded by Rev. W. Godfrey, was put and *lost*, viz :

“That no action, looking to a union with the Provincial Synod of Canada be taken, except in connection with the Diocese of Fredericton.”

Rev. J. Ambrose gave notice of motion relative to changing the time of meeting of Synod.

The following Resolution recommended by the Executive Committee, relative to the death of the late Very Rev. Dean Bullock, having been spoken to in appropriate terms by the Bishop and many members of the Synod, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

“With reference to the death of the late Dean Bullock, the Executive Committee recommend the following Resolution :—

“The Synod of Nova Scotia, assembled for the first time since the death of the late Very Rev. Dean Bullock, embrace this opportunity to express their feelings of regard for the memory of the deceased.

“They remember that he was one of those present in 1854, when the question of Synodical action was first brought before the Diocese of Nova Scotia. He was then, and continued to be, a warm advocate of such assemblies of the Church. His wisdom in Council, prudence in action, and firmness in difficulty, contributed much toward the establishment of this Synod on its present basis. He was never absent from its deliberations, and both in the assembly and in the work of its committees, exercised a great and beneficial influence. His love for all members of the Church, and especially for his Brethren in the Ministry was a prominent mark in his character, and showed itself in numberless acts of kindness and generous hospitality.

“His example and teaching have left their impression upon many hearts, and numbers through eternity will rejoice that they have been led in the way of truth by that faithful priest of the Church of Christ.

"While we regret the loss which the Church of Nova Scotia has sustained by the withdrawal of his bodily presence from among us, yet we would with all reverence remember and apply the words, 'He being dead yet speaketh.'"

It was moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. T. Maynard, and *Resolved*,—

"That a Committee be appointed to suggest names for Representatives to Provincial Synod of Canada."

The following Committee was appointed to report to-morrow: The Ven. the Archdeacon, Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. H. L. Owen, Rev. T. Maynard, Rev. Dr. White, Rev. J. B. Richardson; B. Zwicker, Esq., W. Gossip, Esq., P. Lynch, Esq., A. M. Cochran, Esq., Col. Wood, W. C. Silver, Esq.

The Resolution of the Parish of St. Paul, Halifax, as follows, was next considered:

Whereas, The Parishioners of St. Paul's have on more than one occasion, expressed their unwillingness to join the Diocesan Synod.

And Whereas, this unwillingness was not from any disinclination on their part to unite in Synod with their fellow churchmen throughout the Province, but arose from the conviction that so long as its proceedings were under the absolute control of its chairman, by the Bishop, as chairman, having the right to veto any measure, even when unanimously adopted by both Clergy and Lay delegates, free discussion is discouraged or prevented, and no good results could be expected from its deliberations.

Therefore, be it Resolved, That whenever the Constitution of said Synod is so far modified or amended in this respect, this Parish will be prepared to nominate Lay delegates to join with the Rector in their deliberations.

It was moved by Rev. R. Warren, seconded by Rev. J. B. Richardson:

"*Resolved*, as the opinion of this Synod, that in case it should happen that the Bishop should withhold his assent to any act or resolution of the Synod, and on the same being brought up at the

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It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. R. Campbell, and seconded by Rev. John Abbott :

"That the Constitution of this Synod remain unaltered until this Synod be in a position to benefit by the counsel of the Parishes of St. Paul's and St. George's."

It was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by Rev. Dr. Nichols, and *Resolved* :

"That the whole matter be laid upon the Table."

Rev. Dr. Robertson gave notice of motion—

"That a Committee of an equal number of Clergy and Laity be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia."

The Synod adjourned to the next day.

THIRD DAY.

JULY 2ND, 1874.

After Matins at nine o'clock the Synod proceeded to business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries, and sixty-eight Clergy and forty-seven Lay Representatives answered to their names.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Notice of motion was given by J. G. Foster, Esq.,

"Of appointing a Standing Committee to inquire under certain circumstances into Parish Grievances."

The Committee on suggesting names of Representatives to the Provincial Synod of Canada, reported as follows by Ven. the Archdeacon :

The Committee appointed to nominate Representatives at the Provincial Synod in Canada at its next Session, recommend the following members as Representatives :

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Dr. White,
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Col. Wood,
W. C. Silver,
G. Reading,
E. Kaulbach,
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J. R. DeWolf, M. D.,
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P. C. Hill,
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{ Dr. Warren,
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A. D. Jamieson,
H. P. Almon,
J. R. Campbell,
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Prof. Oram,
C. Bullock,
J. G. Foster,
Alex. MacNab,
Thomas Brown.

The Committee would remark that they have nominated first in order those who had attended the last meeting of Provincial Synod, secondly by those who were appointed at the meeting in 1870, but were unable to attend the meeting of Provincial Synod, and thirdly by those who were suggested.

EDWIN GILPIN, *Chairman.*

On motion of A. G. Jones, Esq., seconded by Rev. C. J. Shreve, it was *Resolved*,—

“That the recommendations of Committee on suggesting names of Representatives to Provincial Synod be adopted.”

It was moved by A. G. Jones, Esq., and seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson,—

“That Dr. Warren's resolution relative to a change in the Constitution be taken from the Table.”

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The Chairman ruled that Dr. Warren's resolution of yesterday must be taken in connection with the memorial from St. Paul's Parish, and that the whole matter was ordered to be laid upon the Table by vote of the Synod, and could not be taken up again without leave of the Synod.

It was moved by Rev. H. L. Owen, seconded by Rev. R. Warren, and *Resolved*,—

"That the order of the day be deferred to allow the introduction of a resolution similar to that moved by Dr. Warren yesterday."

The following Preamble and Resolution was then moved by Rev. H. L. Owen and seconded by Rev. R. Warren :

"The following alteration of the Constitution shall take effect after this Synod shall have been admitted into union with the Provincial Synod of Canada, but not otherwise.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Synod, that in case it should happen that the Bishop should withhold his assent to any act or resolution of the Synod, and on the same being again brought up at the next Session of Synod, and passed by the Synod by a two-thirds vote, and being again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly in Canada, whose decision shall be final."

It was moved in amendment by Rev. J. R. Campbell and seconded by Rev. John Abbott :

"That no alteration be made in the Constitution with reference to the veto till we are actually united to Provincial Synod of Canada."

This amendment was, with the permission of the Synod, withdrawn.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. John Abbott and seconded by C. B. Bullock, Esq.,

"That the consideration of the whole question be deferred till we are actually united to Provincial Synod of Canada."

The amendment was put to the Synod and *lost*, and the original Resolution was *carried* by a majority of both orders.

It was moved by A. G. Jones, Esq., seconded by C. B. Owen, Esq., and *Resolved*,—

“That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature and said Committee to report at the next Session of this House.”

The following Committee was appointed: The Lord Bishop, Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rev. Canon Townshend, Rev. J. Ritchie, Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. J. B. Richardson, S. P. Fairbanks, Esq., J. Y. Payzant, Esq., C. B. Bullock, Esq., Hon. W. B. Vail, J. G. Foster, Esq., A. G. Jones, Esq.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to Annual Sessions was not adopted by the Synod. (*Vide Report of the Executive Committee, Page 27.*)

On motion of W. C. Silver, Esq., it was *Resolved*,—

“That the Committee on Concessions to Roman Catholics in Halifax be re-appointed.”

It was moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by W. C. Silver, and *Resolved*,—

“That the Executive Committee be authorized to make full inquiry, and to take such steps as may be necessary to legalize the admission of P. E. Island.”

Notice was given from the Chair that the subject of a Church Paper would be the first business to-morrow morning.

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FOURTH DAY.

JULY, 3RD, 1874.

After Matins at nine o'clock the Synod proceeded to business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries, and sixty-six Clergy and fifty-seven Lay Representatives answered to their names.

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

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by the Secretary, Rev. J. R. Campbell :

The Board of Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that the amount of funds in the hands of their Treasurer, for Foreign Mission purposes is \$438.50, which is safely deposited at fair interest.

The Board have to recommend that all sums subscribed in the Diocese for Foreign Missionary purposes pass, through the offer-tory or otherwise, into the hands of their Treasurer.

The Board desires very earnestly to solicit an Annual Offering from every Parish in the Diocese, to enable them under the direction of the Synod, to send *the living voice* into the Mission Field. This object once attained, together with public Missionary Meetings of the D. C. S. in connection therewith, the Board believe, will do more to create a true missionary spirit, co-extensive with the Diocese, than all modes whatsoever.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline was presented by the Chairman, Rev. H. L. Owen :

REPORT OF ECCLESIASTICAL DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline report as their recommendation, that this Synod take no active step in the direction of Ecclesiastical Discipline, until its Incorporation with the Provincial Synod, now probably near at hand, when we shall derive the benefit resulting from an enlarged area of knowledge and experience.

The Chairman has received from several members of the Committee valuable written communications, and others are promised on this important subject.

The Committee have not conferred with the delegates to the late Provincial Synod, because the stay of the delegation in Montreal was too brief to gather information as to the regulations and designs of the Dioceses there assembled.

The Committee, at their Session yesterday, have decided to collect, during the recess, from the various branches of the Church, such materials as they can on the subject entrusted to their care, and to report progress to this Synod at an early period of its next Session.

All which your Committee respectfully submit.

HENRY L. OWEN, *Chairman.*

July 2, 1874.

Notices of motion were given :—

By Rev. W. S. Gray,—

“For the appointment of a Committee to consider and report on the possibility of obtaining a Hall for Synodical purposes.”

By W. C. Silver, Esq.,—

“That the Bishop be requested to call a special Session of the Synod next year.”

By Rev. J. D. H. Browne,—

“That one Lay-Representative of each parish should be a resident communicant in the parish he represents.”

By P. Lynch, Esq., relative to the appointment of the Ven. the Arcndeacon.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee relative to an organ of communication was next considered. (*Vide Report of Executive Committee, Page 27.*)

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On motion of W. Gossip, Esq., seconded by Rev. Andrew Gray, it was *Resolved*,—

“That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of the establishment of a Church Paper for this Diocese.”

In accordance therewith the following Committee was appointed: Rev. G. W. Hill, W. M. Brown, Esq., W. C. Silver, Esq., J. R. DeWolf, Esq., M. D., T. A. Brown, Esq., A. G. Jones, Esq., C. B. Bullock, Esq., W. Gossip, Esq.

It was moved by A. G. Jones, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose, and *Resolved*,—

“That the Committee on Church Paper be authorized to issue in conjunction with the Executive Committee, if thought advisable, a Church Paper.”

On motion of Rev. Dr. Robertson, seconded by J. G. Foster, Esq., it was *Resolved*,—

“That Representatives to Provincial Synod of Canada, give notice to the Registrar of the Diocese before the end of July if they can attend the meeting of Provincial Synod in September.”

Motions of which notice was given last Session of Synod were now considered.

No. 1. Relative to Church Statistics by Rev. A. Brown, was withdrawn.

No. 2. By Rev. C. J. Shreve was not considered, the mover being absent.

No. 3. Moved by Rev. P. Filluel and seconded by Rev. H. L. Owen, was *passed*:

“That in the opinion of this Synod it is highly desirable that a public Missionary meeting should be held in the city during each Session of the Synod, at which the cause of Home and Foreign Missions shall be advocated.”

No. 4. Was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. R. Campbell, and *Resolved*,—

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

No. 5. By Rev. J. J. Ritchie, relative to representatives being residents in the parishes was withdrawn.

It was moved by Rev. J. D. H. Browne and seconded by Rev. Canon Townshend :

“That the following words be added to 3rd Section of Constitution and Regulations of the Synod: ‘Provided always that one of the Representatives shall be a resident communicant in the Parish which he represents.’”

It was moved in amendment by Rev. G. W. Hill, seconded by Rev. Dr. Cochran, and *Resolved*,—

“That the Synod strongly recommend that at least one of the Representatives be a resident communicant of the Parish he represents.”

No. 6. By the late Dean Bullock was deferred till the next Session of Synod :

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

No. 7. By Rev. J. J. Ritchie relative to persons living outside the Province not being qualified to sit as members of the Synod was withdrawn.

No. 8. Moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by Rev. John Abbott, was *passed* and stands over for confirmation at next Session of the Synod :

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

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No. 9. By W. C. Silver, seconded by C. Crane, Esq., M. D., was *passed* in the following form :

“That the Officiating Clergyman of each Parish and District be requested to keep a register of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars, and make returns to this Synod under an outline to be prepared by the Executive Committee.”

No. 10. By Rev. H. Wainright was taken up by Rev. A. Gray and seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient, adding the words “and other special occasions” :

“That this Synod request the Bishop to prepare a form of Prayer to be used in this Diocese at the opening and closing of Sunday Schools.”

In amendment, it was moved by A. G. Jones, Esq., seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq., and *Resolved*,—

“That this matter be deferred for the consideration of the Provincial Synod of Canada.”

No. 11. By W. H. Wiswell, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, was *passed* :

“That with a view to stimulate Laymen to active work in and for the Church, and to systematise their efforts for Church extension ; to promote personal piety by uniting them in good works ; and in this connection to encourage greater co-operation between the Clergy and Laity, the Synod recommend the formation of Lay Associations, under the direction of the Clergy in the larger Parishes (or wherever practicable) within the Diocese.”

It was moved by Rev. W. H. Snyder, seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose, and *Resolved* :

“That when the Synod adjourns to-night, it adjourn *sine die*, and that if it meet to-morrow, it meet *pro forma* to receive the minutes.”

On motion of W. C. Silver, Esq., it was *Resolved* :

“That the Bishop be requested to call a Special Session of this Synod, on or about the first of July next, to receive reports of

Committee on Church Bill, and from Delegates to Provincial Synod, and such other business as may be deemed expedient to take up."

W. C. Silver, Esq., gave notice of motion relative to the union of the Diocesan Church Society with this Synod."

Rev. G. B. Dodwell gave notice of motion "That the next Special Session of Synod meet at Windsor."

Rev. J. J. Ritchie withdrew his motion, of which notice was given as to the disposal of the funds of Board of Foreign Missions, and the report of B. F. M. was, on motion of Rev. Dr. Warren, seconded by Rev. H. L. Owen, *adopted*.

It was moved by the Ven. the Archdeacon, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq., and *Resolved*:

"That since the welfare of King's College, Windsor, is a matter of interest to the Church in Nova Scotia, of which the Synod is the representative, a Committee be appointed to consider the questions lately put forth by the Governors of the College, and in answer, to make such suggestions as they may see fit."

In accordance therewith, the following Committee was appointed: Rev. H. L. Owen, Rev. J. B. Richardson, Rev. Dr. Nichols, The Ven. the Archdeacon, Rev. Canon Townshend, Hon. Judge Ritchie, H. Pryor, Esq., M. Bowman, Esq., C. B. Bullock, Esq., P. C. Hill, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Cochran, seconded by Rev. G. B. Dodwell, it was *Resolved*:

"That in view of the wide spread evils resulting from the use of intoxicating liquors, whereby many otherwise well-disposed persons lose their self-control, and bring discredit upon their christian profession; in view, also of the protest raised against such use by numerous organizations which may or may not be under christian direction, this Synod believe it to be a present duty of the Church to take special action in favor of Temperance, and in opposition to prevailing drinking customs. The Synod therefore, respectfully invites all Clergymen to take the lead in abstinence from dangerous customs of hospitality, to press on their flocks the christian duty of self-denial for the sake of the

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Notices of motion was given by Rev. F. J. Axford,—

"That the organization of the Church Temperance Society in Nova Scotia be re-organized in accordance with that now in operation in England."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Robertson, seconded by J. J. Ritchie, and *Resolved*,—

"That a Committee of an equal number of Clergy and Laity be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia."

On motion of H. Pryor, Esq., seconded by J. H. Townsend, Esq., it was *Resolved*,—

"That the appointment of the Committee on revising the Constitution of the Synod be deferred till next Session."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Robertson and seconded by Dr. White:

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Bishop for the Charge delivered by him to the Clergy, and that he be requested to allow it to be published at the expense of the Synod."

The Ven. the Archdeacon having put it to the House it *passed* unanimously.

The Bishop acknowledged with thanks the vote of the House and promised to accede to their request.

J. G. Foster, Esq., allowed his motion on Parish grievances to stand over to the next Session.

It was moved by Rev. W. S. Gray, seconded by Rev. T. Maynard, and *Resolved*,—

"That a Committee be appointed to consider and report on the possibility of providing a Hall or other suitable building for Synodical, D. C. S., and other Church purposes, to report early in the next Session."

The following Committee was appointed: W. C. Silver, Esq., R. J. Wilson, Esq., Col. Wood.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. C. Bowman,

"To reconsider the motion to revise the Constitution."

It was moved by Rev. A. Gray, seconded by Rev. Canon Hensley, and *Resolved*,—

"That a mixed Committee of seven members be appointed to report at the next meeting of the Synod on the establishment of a Church Seminary for females."

The following Committee was appointed: Rev. A. Gray, Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rev. Canon Hensley, Rev. G. W. Hill, W. C. Silver, Esq., E. Binney, Esq., W. H. Wiswell, Esq., A. G. Jones, Esq., gave notice of motion as follows:

"Whereas, this Synod has learned with deep regret that a large number of Clergymen of the Church of England have presented a memorial to the Archbishop of Canterbury, asking, among other things, for the appointment of duly qualified Confessors, in consequence, of the alleged increase of sacramental confession, and also for recognition of the Doctrine of the real presence of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the Holy Communion under the form of bread and wine, the adoration due to Him there present, the sacrifice which, is there offered by the Priest to His Divine Majesty.

"And whereas, the names of several members of this Synod have appeared to it and to the confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

"And whereas, these doctrines and practices are at variance with the Articles and principals of the Protestant Church of England.

"Therefore be it *Resolved*, that this Synod of the Church of England of Nova Scotia, desires to express its strong disapproval of said petition, and its entire condemnation of the principles and doctrines there asked for by said Petitioners."

It was moved by Rev. Dr. White, seconded by Col. Poyntz, and *Resolved*:

"That a vote of thanks be given to the Chapter for the use of the Cathedral Church, and also to the Rev. J. Abbott, for the

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It was moved by Rev. Canon Townshend, and seconded by P. Lynch, Esq.—

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

The question was put to the House by the Ven. the Arch-deacon, and carried unanimously by a rising vote of both orders.

The thanks of the House were given to Railway and Steam-boat Officials and Managers, for accommodation offered.

The thanks of the Clergy to the people of Halifax and Dartmouth for their kindness and hospitality.

The thanks of the House were given to the Lady Organist of St. Luke's Cathedral, and to the Choir, and to the Secretaries of the Synod.

The "Gloria in Excelsis" was sung, and the Assembly dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.

FIFTH DAY. .

JULY 4, 1874.

Matins were said at nine o'clock.

The Synod met *pro forma* to receive the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

The rolls were called and twenty-seven of the Clergy and seven Lay Representatives answered to their names.

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

The Synod adjourned.

APPENDIX.

The following motions are reserved for consideration at the next Session :—

No. 1. By the REV. J. AMBROSE,—

“Relative to changing the time of meeting of the Synod.”

No. 2. Passed, but standing over for confirmation at next Session of Synod, in accordance with Section 15 of Constitution and Regulations of Synod :

Resolved, “As the opinion of this Synod, that in case it should happen that the Bishop should withhold his assent to any Act or Resolution of the Synod, and on the same being again brought up at the next Session of the Synod, and passed by the Synod by a majority of two-thirds vote, and being again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly, in Canada, whose decision shall be final.”

No. 3. By J. G. FOSTER, Esq —

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

No. 4. Passed, but stands over to next Session for confirmation,

“That within 30 days after election, the Chairman send the names of the Delegates to the registrar with the necessary certificate to qualify them to take their seat in the Synod.”

No. 5. By the late DEAN BULLOCK,—

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

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No. 6. Passed, but stands over to next Session for confirmation,
"That no Lay Representatives shall take their seat in the Synod
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No. 7. By W. C. SILVER, Esq.—

"Motion relative to the union of the Diocesan Church Society
with this Synod."

No. 8. By the REV. F. J. AXFORD,—

"That the organisation of the Church Temperance Society in
Nova Scotia be re-organized in accordance with that now in
operation in England."

No. 9.—By the Rev. CHARLES BOWMAN,—

"To reconsider the motion to revise the Constitution of the
Diocesan Synod."

No. 10.—By A. G. JONES, Esq.,—

(*Vide Resolution, page 44.*)

BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

To the Executive Committee.

“That the Executive Committee be authorized to make full inquiry and to take such steps as may be necessary to legalize the admission of Prince Edward Island.”

“To secure a return from the officiating Clergymen of each Parish and District of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars.”

To the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline.

“To collect such materials as they can on the subject entrusted to their care.”

To the Committee on a Church Paper.

“To consider the subject of the establishment of a Church Paper for this Diocese, and to issue in conjunction with the Executive Committee, if thought advisable, a Church Paper.”

To the Committee on Church Act.

“To prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature, and to report at next Session of Synod.”

To the Committee on King's College.

“To consider the questions lately put forth by the Governors of the College, and in answer to make such suggestions as they may see fit.”

To the Committee on Synod Hall.

“To consider the possibility of providing a Hall or other suitable building for Synodical, D. C. S., and other Church purposes.”

To the Committee on Church Seminary for Females.

“To report on the establishment of a Church Seminary for females.”

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