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OF

THE SEVENTH SYNOD

OF THE

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Anglican
CANADA,

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A Prayer appointed by the Lord Bishop of Montreal to be used in all Churches in the Diocese on two or more Sundays previous to the meeting of the Diocesan Synod, and also during the Session.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst prescribe 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 Diocese, *here* (or, *now about to be*) assembled in Thy name. Save us (or, *them*) from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify *us* (or, *them*) in *our* (or, *their*) important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that, through thy blessing on *our* (or, *their*) deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN.

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FIRST DAY.

The Seventh Synod of this Diocese was commenced with the celebration of Divine Service in the Cathedral Church at 11 A.M.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon ANDERSON, Sorel.

The Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy and the Lay Members of the Church present.

At 2 P.M. the LORD BISHOP, the Clergy, and the Lay Delegates met in the Cathedral School Room for the transaction of business.

After prayer, the names of the Clergy of the Diocese were read

A list of the Lay Delegates was then made up provisionally; and a Committee, consisting of Mr. STANLEY BAEG and Dr. SMALLWOOD, was appointed by the Chairman, to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates.

LIST OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

PARISH OR MISSION.	CLERGY.	LAY DELEGATES.
CATHEDRAL DISTRICT.		
Cathedral.....	{ *Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal *Rev. J. P. White, Senior Canon. *Rev. P. W. Loosemore, 2d Canon	{ Hon. Justice McCord. T. B. Anderson.
St. John the Evange- list.....	{ *Rev. E. Wood, M.A..... Rev. W. M. Ogden, asst. min..... *Rev. C. A. Daniel, asst. min.....	{ H. O. Andrews. J. G. Falker.
DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA.		
Trinity Church.....	*Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D.....	{ Hugh Taylor. W. A. Merry.
St. George's.....	{ *Rev. W. Bond, M.A., Rural Dean *Rev. E. A. Sullivan, B.A., assist- ant minister.....	{ George Moffatt. James Hutton.
St. Stephen's.....	*Rev. W. B. Curran, B.A.....	{ Dr. Smallwood. John Epsom.
St. Luke's.....	Rev. J. D. Borthwick, offi'g. min.	{ William Salter. S. Caldecott.
St. James's.....	{ *Rev. J. Ellegood, M.A..... Rev. W. Wright, asst. min.....	{ Canfield Dorwin. S. W. Woodward.
Hochelaga.....	*Rev. H. Burgess, B.A.	
Côte des Niegés.....	*Rev. G. Heaton, M.A.	
Chaplain to the Forces.	Rev. T. M. Bartlett, M.A.	
BERTHIER.		
Berthier.....	*Rev. W. C. Merrick, M.A.....	{ E. E. Shelton. C. A. Forneret.
Brandon.....	Rev. Benj. P. Lewis.....	{ E. Roy. Henry Roebuck.
Coteau du Lac.....	*Rev. T. A. Young, M.A.....	{ M. A. Bailey. John B. Price.
Lachine.....	*Rev. Canon Leach, D.C.L., LL.D.	{ W. T. Windram. J. C. Spence.
LAPRAIRIE.		
Longueuil.....		{ B. S. Currie.
MASCOCHE.		
Mascouche.....	*Rev. John Reade.....	Hon. John Pangman.
NEW GLASGOW.		
New Glasgow.....		
Kilkenny.....		
RAWDON.....		
Rawdon.....	*Rev. C. Rollit.....	{ W. Turner. Thos. Pigott.
KILDARE.....		
Kildare.....	*Rev. W. M. Scaborn.....	{ Russell Woods. Richard Dixon.
DeRamsay.....		{ Thomas Simpson. Benjamin Gass.
St. Alphonse.....	Rev. J. Allan.	
St. Vincent de Paul.....		
Sorel.....	{ *Rev. Canon Anderson..... Rev. O. Fortin, asst. min.....	{ Ed. Carter. W. H. A. Davies.
ABBOTTSFORD.		
Abbottsford.....	*Rev. F. Robinson, M.A.....	{ M. H. Sanborn. Jos. M. Drake.
Rougemont.....		{ John M. Standish. James Code.
Milton.....		{ Walter Drake. A. N. Bradford.
BEDFORD.....	{ *Rev. Geo. Slack, M.A., Rural Dean.....	{ Hermon O. Meigs. R. Alcombrack.
BROME.		
Knowlton.....	*Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A.....	{ H. S. Foster. L. M. Knowlton.
Brome Corners.....		{ Stanley C. Bagg. Dr. Brewster.
WEST BROME.....		
West Brome.....	Rev. T. W. Fyles.	
Iron Hill.....		C. Colson.
Fulford.....		Francis England.

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COWANSVILLE.....	*Rev. J. C. Davidson.	
Cowanville.....		{ George Adams.
Sweetsburgh.....		{ Hiram Traver.
DUNHAM.....	{ *Ven. Archdeacon Scott, D.D.	George B. Baker.
	{ *Rev. C. H. Leacaster, asst. min.	Asa Rykird.
GRANBY.....		Lieut. Col. S. Baker.
Granby.....	*Rev. W. Jones.	{ Oliver Warren.
		{ Josiah Payne.
North Shefford.....		{ J. G. Whitcomb.
		{ Rufus Fimpton.
POTTON.....		
Potton.....	{ *Rev. J. Godden.	Reuben Taylor
	{ E. J. Fessenden, asst. min.	John McMannis.
South Potton.....		{ Levi A. Perkins.
		{ S. E. Dawson.
ST. ARMAND EAST.....	*Rev. J. B. Davidson, M.A.	{ William S. Baker.
		{ James Westover.
ST. ARMAND West.....	*Rev. H. Montgomery.	
Phillipsburgh.....		{ D. T. R. Nye.
		{ S. Jamieson.
Pigeon Hill.....		{ S. W. Stone.
		{ W. S. Holsapple.
ST. HYACINTHE.....		
STANBRIDGE EAST.....	*Rev. I. Constantine, M.A.	{ Thomas Baker.
		{ David Sanderson.
STUKELY.....	Rev. C. P. Abbott.	{ Robert Dunlop.
		{ Luke H. Knowlton.
SUTTON.....	*Rev. J. Smith.	{ Capt. S. Squire.
Abercorn.....		{ Joel C. Baker.
WATERLOO.....	*Rev. D. Lindsay, M.A.	James Moir Ferres.
Waterloo.....		R. A. Ellis.
Frost Village.....		J. D. Parsonage.
Ely.....	*Rev. Alfred Fortin.	Hon. A. Foster.
WEST SHEFFORD.....	*Rev. A. T. Whitten.	Wm. Hackwell.
		James T. Booth.
WEST FARNHAM.....	Rev. T. W. Mussen, B.A.	{ James Mosher.
		{ William Donahoe.
DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.		
Chambly.....	*Rev. W. T. Leacock, D.D.	J. W. Howard.
Christieville.....	*Rev. J. A. McLeod, M.A.	{ W. McGinnis.
		{ Robert McKay.
CLARENCEVILLE.....	Rev. Canon Townsend, M.A.	Robert Townsend.
	*Rev. T. Godden, B.A., asst. min.	Strachan Bethune.
St. Thomas.....		C. P. Derrick.
St. George.....		
Henryville.....		
EDWARDSTOWN.....	*Rev. E. G. Sutton.	R. Tointon.
Edwardstown.....		W. Elridge.
St. Rémi.....		
HEMMINGFORD CORN'S.....	*Rev. E. Duvernet, M.A., Rural Dean.	Major Campbell, C.B.
St. Luke.....		Humphry Nesbitt.
St. John Baptist.....		Edward Wilson.
Sherrington.....		
HUNTINGDON.....		
Huntingdon.....	*Rev. G. H. Parker.	{ James Hyde.
		{ John Booth.
Hinchinbrooke.....	Ditto.	{ W. H. Hicks.
		{ R. A. Leach.
LACOLLE.....	*Rev. A. D. Lockhart.	{ J. C. Bowman.
		{ H. Derrick.
ORMSTOWN.....	*Rev. W. Brethour, M.A.	{ Thos. Williams.
		{ James Keith.
RUSSELTOWN.....		
Manningsville.....	*Rev. J. Fulton, M.A.	{ Jos. P. Rowe.
		{ Peter Pollica.
Havelock.....	Ditto.	{ William Barrett.
		{ James McCord.
SABREVOIS.....	*Rev. N. V. Fenn, M. A.	Edward Roy.

ST. JOHNS.

<i>St. John</i>	*Rev. H. F. Darnell.....	{ Charles Lindsay.
		{ Charles S. Pierce.
<i>Lacadie</i>	Ditto.....	{ John Holder.
		{ Thos. Bean.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

AYLMER.....	*Rev. F. Codd.....	{ R. A. Young.
		{ A. Driscoll.
HULL.....	*Rev. John Johnson.....	{ W. McKay Wright.
		{ Joseph Lee.
BUCKINGHAM.....	*Rev. J. Babin.....	{ Jos. Whyddon.
		{ John Higginson.
CLARENDON.....	*Rev. Geo. Robinson.....	{ Charles Geddes.
		{ Wm. Richardson.
GORE, NORTH.....	{ Rev. Jos. Griffin.....	{ J. J. Gibb.
	{ Rev. A. O. Taylor, assist. Miss.....	{ George Rogers.
GRENVILLE.....	*Rev. F. S. Neve.....	{ Edwin Fridham.
		{ Thomas Owens.
NORTH WAKEFIELD.....	Rev. J. Seaman.....	{ Hon. J. Hamilton.
		{ Geo. Barten.
AYLWIN.....	Rev. A. C. Nesbitt.....	
MORIN.....	Rev. Joseph Merrick.....	
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<i>Mille Isles</i>		
ONSLow.....	*Rev. F. G. C. Braithwaite, M.A. {	Walter Smith.
		Samuel Percival.
PORTAGE DU FORT.....	*Rev. J. Gribble.....	
ST. ANDREWS.....	{ *Rev. E. Lonsdell, M.A., Rural {	Geo. Schneider.
	{ Dean.....	{ Edw. Jones.
VAUDREUIL.....	*Rev. James Pyke.....	{ R. W. Shepherd.
		{ James Park.
RETIRED.—Rev. J. Braithwaite, M.A., Rev. J. Johnston, Rev. J. McMasters, Rev. J. Jones.		

NOTE.—The names of the Clergymen who were present are distinguished by an asterisk.

It was moved by Rev. Canon WHITE, and seconded by the Rev. Dean BOND,

That Dr. Leach be re-elected Clerical Secretary of this Synod. *Carried.*

It was moved by Mr. Justice McCORD, and seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD,

That Mr. Sanborn be re-elected Lay Secretary of this Synod. *Carried.*

It was moved by the Rev. Dean BOND, and seconded by Mr. Justice McCORD,

That Mr. Hutton be re-elected Treasurer of this Synod. *Carried.*

It was moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, and seconded by Mr. STANLEY BAGG,

That Mr. Davies and Mr. McKay be Auditors. *Carried.*

The Lord BISHOP now proceeded to address the Synod, beginning by expressing his gratitude to God and pleasure at seeing so large an assembly of delegates on the present occasion, and so many, also, of those who had been with us from

the first, coming.
—It shews that rather increase all parts of the names. I consider services of the munion and his of our brethren in one great way you all, and I so favourably the laity co-operate Church. It is think the hand in the number members both can ill bear, long be kept I may mention George Moffat laity of this diocese connected with But I have to although we are forward to take important time Colonial Church ing the state of of very great interest sure our relations Church; and, that we can in the ourselves as one a branch of the selves as bound tions of that C specting the Bish considerable ex Churches, but consequence of and legal standi

the first, coming from all parts of the Diocese. He continued—It shews that the interest in our work does not flag, but rather increases, to see both lay and clerical delegates from all parts of this Diocese, far and near, present to answer their names. I could not but feel grateful to-day in joining in the services of the Church, and in receiving that most holy communion and high ordinance of our faith, together with so many of our brethren, proving we are all united in one body, and in one great work. My heart warms and expands towards you all, and I do feel grateful to God that we are proceeding so favourably with our work in this Diocese, with so many of the laity co-operating with the clergy for the good of the Church. It is true we miss some of our old friends, but I think the hand of God has been light among us—certainly so in the number taken away, though we have lost some valuable members both of the laity and clergy, some whose loss we can ill bear, whose work we well remember, and who will long be kept in mind as among our most active members. I may mention particularly in this respect the late Honorable George Moffatt, who so long took a leading part among the laity of this diocese, in the Synod, and in every other work connected with the Church, but who now is with us no more. But I have to-day heard many fresh names, showing that, although we are losing some of our friends, others are coming forward to take their places. We meet now at a very important time for the world at large, the Church and the Colonial Church. What has transpired in England respecting the state of the law relative to Colonial Churches must be of very great interest to us. It has altered in a great measure our relations and standing in connection with the mother Church; and, though it will be our desire to keep as close as we can in the connection, yet, in the future, we must look to ourselves as ordering and carrying on our own work here as a branch of the English Church, and no longer consider ourselves as bound down by the particular laws and regulations of that Church in itself. The decisions given respecting the Bishops of Cape Town and Natal produced very considerable excitement and effect in many of the Colonial Churches, but they do not affect us. I took occasion, in consequence of doubts having been thrown upon our position and legal standing as a Church, to send home for an opinion

from the highest legal authorities. I sent, consequently to the Queen's Advocate, in England, all the documents connected with our Church, and the objections taken to our Provincial Synod, and I have lately received from him the most entire confirmation of the legality of our standing in the province of Canada. My own Chancellor, also, Mr. S. Bethune, has been kind enough to look into the question, and he has stated his decided opinion that the Church in Canada is not affected in the way that many of the other Colonial Churches may be, by the decision which has been pronounced in the Cape Town Case. The Queen's Advocate was very precise in his opinion. After setting forth the effect of the judgment as regards the Diocese of Cape Town, he states—but the Church in Canada is in a different position from other Colonial Churches; that is, in consequence of the Colonial Act which was passed respecting it, under which we have held our Synods, and in consequence, also, of the Acts of Incorporation, which has recognised the Letters Patent under which the Bishop of this Diocese acts. These Letters Patent have been again and again recognised and supplemented, if I may say, and, therefore, our position here is not affected in one way by the judgment in question. But it does affect us in another, as it does all other Colonial Churches, in placing us in a quasi-independent position. A movement has lately taken place in regard to the Act of Subscription for the Clergy in England, and an altered Act has passed through certain readings in Parliament, and, I believe, is likely to pass into a law, whereby subscriptions or declarations to the Prayer-Book and doctrines of the Church will be put into a different form; but it was particularly mentioned in the debates on the subject in the House of Lords that the alterations did not affect the Colonial Church—that if in anything we wished to assimilate ourselves to any alterations in the Church of England, it must be done by the Act of the Church in Canada itself. Our Provincial Synod will meet in September next. It will be a very important session, because the position and standing of the Canadian Church will then come up and be discussed by us; and, much as we may lament any differences or causes of differences that led to the dispute between the Bishops of Cape Town and Natal, yet I think all of us must feel satisfied it was necessary that the true, legal position of the great and

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important Colonial branches of the English Church should be discussed, identified and secured. Whatever was wanting in our position or was ill understood, ought to be made good, and we should not be in any doubt or uncertainty as to the position in which we stand. Blame has been cast sometimes upon one party and sometimes on another for the position in which we have been placed, and for an imperfect knowledge of the law which led to the issuing of Patents, which really had no substance in law; but I think a great deal of excuse, if I may say so, may be made for those who had to do with this business. The growth and progress of the Colonial Church has been something really astonishing and marvellous within the last few years, and what was originally a very small and unimportant part of the Church of England, whose legal relations were scarcely known or their importance properly felt, has now become so large and influential that people have begun to inquire into its status and character, and this has led to many of those discussions we have heard so much of lately; and I think it is very satisfactory the subject has come up, and that we shall henceforth know and understand our legal position. Hereafter, we shall have to provide for our own internal discipline and government, and an assimilation in any way we may wish to changes in the Church of England, by the Acts of our own Provincial and Diocesan Synods. I only fear that, gifted as we are now with this legal right of self-government, there may be a sort of morbid anxiety for change; as there is very often where people feel that things are not perfect—an idea that, by change, they can bring in perfection. Now, I think we should be very cautious and slow in any alteration or legislation we may make here in Canada. And I think it is very desirable that, whether it be in our canon of discipline, before us, and discussed last Synod, or whether in anything connected with the service of the Church, or in any alteration that may be made, we should receive proposals for alterations from the Provincial Synod and not originate them in the different local Synods of the Province. I think the canon of discipline that we have, and which was very elaborately drawn up, ought to be discussed by a committee appointed from all the dioceses in the Provincial Synod, to endeavour, if we can, to get a uniform system, and that whatever is desirable or necessary

in our present state, in the matter of legislation, that shall affect the standing of the Church should, as far as possible, be made uniform throughout the Province. These are matters that will require to be very deeply and thoughtfully considered. We are not like school-boys, come here merely to amuse ourselves, or take part in passing matters, but are here entrusted with high and important duties that will affect the character and standing of the Church, probably for generations to come; and I do trust that that Holy Spirit whose aid we invoke will ever rule and guide our deliberations, and prevent us from doing anything rash or contrary to sound judgment, or to the true, sound, catholic principles of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. I may add that since we last met, the Bishop of Quebec and myself presented a petition to Parliament on some important matters—one is connected with that very onerous and oppressive duty which lies on all the clerks, of making returns of ecclesiastical acts for registration, in the present form. It is so unnecessarily burdensome and complicated a system that we strongly urged the Legislature to alter it. The matter was referred to a committee of the House for consideration, but owing to the early prorogation, no result was obtained. I trust we shall yet get the matter altered. Also since last Synod we have got an act passed enabling clergy ordained by the Bishops of the Episcopal Church of the United States to hold Cures in Canada—an act of justice to which no objection was made. We have some other grievances to complain of, including those connected with the present system of marriage licenses. I trust we shall yet get that justice in this matter which we have a right to expect, so that we shall not be placed in any inferior or worse position than the Roman Catholics, who are allowed to issue their own licenses in their own Church.

The Report of the Treasurer of this Synod was submitted and received.

It was moved by Mr. DAVIES, and seconded by the Rev. F. ROBINSON, and carried,

That that part of the Treasurer's Report which contains the list of the parishes that have contributed to the Synod Funds, with the amount of such contributions be published in the Report of the Synod.

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Moved by the Rev. Canon ANDERSON, and seconded by Rev. Dean SLACK,

That the Report on the Committee on Laws of Marriage and Forms of Registration, be received and taken up in due course. *Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. DAVID LINDSAY, and seconded by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT,

That the Report of the Committee on the Duties of Archdeacons, be received and taken up in due course. *Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. Dean BOND, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. WHITTON,

That the Finance Committee be received.

Moved by the Rev. Dean BOND, and seconded by ———

That the Report of the Insurance Committee be received.

By the Rev. Dean SLACK notice of the following motion was given :

That in the first and second lines of the second paragraph of the Declaration, the words between "as," in the first line, and "of" in the second, both inclusive, shall be omitted, and the following be substituted : "united in faith, worship and loyal affection to."

By the Rev. Canon BANCROFT notice of the following motion was given :

That the Committee on Canons be requested to prepare a Canon to regulate the admission of Candidates for Orders in this Diocese.

By the Rev. T. CONSTANTINE notice was given of the following motion :

When any person who has received Baptism in Societies and Bodies not in common with the Church of England, desires admission into the same, it shall in future be the practice of the Church in this diocese, after due examination and instruction in the principles of religion, to admit him or her to the communion of the Church, solemnly, before a sufficient number of witnesses ; after which admission he or she may be received as a candidate for confirmation. The form of admission shall be prescribed by this Synod, and shall be recorded among its public Acts, after having received the sanction and approval of the Bishop.

By the Rev T. CONSTANTINS notice was given of the following motion :

When any person renounces the communion of the Church for that of some other body, and such fact becomes matter of public notoriety, as by the act of *rebaptization*, or any other certain evidence, it shall be the duty of the clergymen and churchwardens to make a memorandum to that effect in the vestry book of the parish or mission, and all the privileges enjoyed by such person as a member of the Church of England shall cease *ipso facto*; and such person shall not be restored to the communion of the Church except upon repentance, and renunciation of such errors. And, for the reconciliation of such person or persons, there shall be a solemn form of religious service, which shall receive the sanction and authority of the Bishop of the diocese, and shall be recorded among the Acts of this Synod.

By the Rev. Mr. CODD notice was given of the following motion :

That a Committee be appointed to frame some general rules for the better and more punctual payment of the Clergy by their Congregations.

By the Rev. Dean BOND notice was given of the following motion :

That the accounts of the Synod be called in by the Secretary immediately at the close of the Session, with a view to examination and liquidation.

It was moved by the Rev. Dean SLACK, and seconded by the Rev. F. ROBINSON,

That a Committee of five be named to investigate the titles upon which Church property in this Diocese is held, and to take measures for vesting the same in the Church Society of this Diocese, and to report to the next annual Synod.

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. HENRY F. DARNELL, and seconded by the Rev. F. JOHNSTON, and carried,

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It was moved by the Rev. Dean BOND, and seconded by the Rev. Canon WHITE,

That the motion previously considered, viz. : That the word "church" be inserted in the third line of the first paragraph of the Constitution, before "college or school," be finally adopted. *Carried.*

The motion previously considered, viz. :

That instead of the words "at least six weeks," in article 11 of the Constitution, the words "at least three weeks" be substituted,—*was finally adopted.*

Mr. FALKNER'S motion, on record, was then taken up — the motion :

That in all future elections of Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod, the Lay Secretary do furnish each Delegate with a printed slip containing the names of all the Delegates ; and that, in voting the election, the Clergy shall vote for both Clerical and Lay members.

The following amendment was proposed, viz. :

That at this election, if possible—if not, at all future elections of Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod—the Clerical Secretary previously furnish each Delegate with a printed slip containing the names of all the Delegates. *Carried.*

Moved by the Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, and seconded by the Rev. J. B. DAVIDSON, and carried :

That the Election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod come first in order to-morrow, at 11 A.M.

Moved by Mr. W. H. A. DAVIES, and seconded by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and carried :

That after the opening of the Synod by prayer, the next proceeding order shall be the appointment of a Committee of three, to be called in the *Committee on Delegates*, for the purpose of ascertaining the right of the Delegates to sit in Synod, according to the present rules of the Synod ; and that no business, except the Bishop's address and the reading the minutes, be proceeded with until the said Committee shall have reported, and their report be accepted by the Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. H. F. DARNELL, and seconded by the Rev. J. JOHNSTON, and carried :

That the Lord Bishop be requested to draw up a permanent form of Thanksgiving after harvest, to be printed and circulated among the Clergy of the Dioceses, and used on occasions specified by the Bishop.

By Rev. Mr. JONES notice was given of the following motion :

When any subject is brought before this Synod which the Bishop may consider should more properly be referred to the Provincial Synod, such reference in all cases shall be made.

Notice by Rev. Dean LONSDALL :

That the Reports of Rural Deans be read at each meeting of Synod.

The Report of the Deanery of the Cathedral was submitted and received.

The Report of the Deanery of Hochelaga was submitted and received.

The Report of the Deanery of Bedford was submitted and received.

The Report of the Deanery of Iberville was submitted and received.

The Report of the Deanery of St. Andrews was submitted and received.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and carried :

That the Rev. Mr. Gay be allowed to address the Synod on the subject of Female Education in Lower Canada, and the means of advancing it.

The Rev. Mr. GAY having addressed the Synod on the subject proposed by him, the Meeting of Synod was adjourned till to-morrow, at 10 a.m., and closed with the usual benediction by the Lord Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

June 22, 1865.

After divine service in the Cathedral, the members of the Synod met in the Cathedral Buildings for the transaction of business.

After prayer by the Lord Bishop the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and seconded by the Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON,

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That the thanks of the Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Canon Anderson for his able Sermon delivered before the Synod.
Carried.

The Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Laws of Marriage and the Forms of Registration was taken up; whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Canon ANDERSON, and seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That this Report be now considered.

It was moved by Dr. SMALLWOOD, and seconded by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT,

That this meeting do at once proceed to the Election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, and that the three next in number of votes for each order shall be returned as substitutes in case of vacancy, to be taken in the order in which they occur, which Delegates and Provincial Delegates shall hold their respective Stations until successors are appointed and shall be Delegates or Provincial Delegates for any Provincial Synod which may be held during their continuance in office.
Carried.

The Synod then proceeded to the Election of the Provincial Delegates.

Mr. ROBERT A. LEACH and Dr. SMALLWOOD were named Scrutineers for the Lay Delegates.

The Rev. Dean BOND and the Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE were named Scrutineers for the Clerical Delegates.

By the DEAN OF MONTREAL, notice of motion was given, viz. :

That the following words be added to the Canon for the Election of a Bishop of Montreal—"that upon application being made to the House of Bishops by the Synod of Montreal for the appointment of a Coadjutor Bishop for that Diocese, the same forms shall be observed as for the Election of a Bishop on a vacancy, provided such Coadjutor Bishop shall have right of succession to the See of the Diocese when vacant and also to the office of Metropolitan."

By the Rev. J. GODDEN, notice of motion was given, viz. :

When any Sermon shall be preached before the Synod, the said Sermon shall be received without any special recognition by the Synod.

The Report of the Committee to inquire into the Laws of Marriages and the Forms of Registration was taken up and adopted unanimously with the following modification, viz. :

That the words "If alive and unmarried" be inserted after the word "Mother" in Section 1, of said report.

By the Rev. Mr. BRATHWAITE, notice was given of motion, viz. :

That the Lord Bishop be requested to take a legal opinion as to the validity of Banns not published on three several Sundays, and as to the validity of Marriages made after Banns not published on three several Sundays.

The Synod adjourned till 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Scrutineers for the Clerical Delegates reported the following Clergymen elected Delegates for the Provincial Synod :

Rev. Canon White.
The Very Rev. The Dean.
Rev. Canon Leach, *ex-officio*.
Rev. Wm. Bond.
Rev. Canon Bancroft.
Rev. R. Lonsdell.

Rev. Canon Anderson.
Rev. G. Slack.
The Venerable The Archdeacon.
Rev. E. Duvernet.
Rev. F. Darnell.
Rev. D. Lindsay.

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Rev. J. C. Davidson.

Rev. Canon Loosemore.
Rev. E. Wood.

The Scrutineers for the Lay Delegates reported the following Lay Members elected Delegates for the Provincial Synod :

Mr. Justice McCord.
Edward Carter, Esq., Q. C.
C's. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.
Hugh Taylor, Esq.
W. H. A. Davies, Esq.
James Hutton, Esq.

Stanley C. Bagg, Esq.
Major T. E. Campbell, C.B.
Henry Roebuck, Esq.
H. S. Foster, Esq.
Robt. Leach, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.
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Moved by the Rev. DAVID LINDSAY,

That the Report on the Duties of Archdeacons be received and considered clause by clause. *Carried.*

Upon consideration of clause 1st, it was moved by the Rev. J. C. DAVIDSON, and seconded by the Rev. J. CONSTANTINE,

That the consideration of the said report should not be proceeded with. *Carried.*

It was moved by the Rev. DEAN BOND,

That the Report of the Finance Committee be received and considered clause by clause. *Carried.*

It was moved by the Rev. DEAN BOND, and seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD,

That the accounts of the Synod should be called in by the Secretary immediately at the close of the Session with a view to examination and liquidation, and that the Rev. Dean Bond and Mr. Hutton be appointed to carry out the same with the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. DAVIES, and seconded by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT,

That the first article of the last year's Report of the Finance Committee be referred to the Board of Missions. *Carried.*

It was moved by the Rev. Canon BANCROFT, and seconded by Dr. SMALLWOOD, and carried,

That the contributing to the Synod Fund be apportioned according to the circumstances of each parish as decided by the Finance Committee, and that the various congregations be requested to collect the same subsequent to the meeting of Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. Dean BOND,

That the Report of the Committee on Insurance be taken up and considered clause by clause.

The said Report was adopted without amendment.

It was moved by the Ven. Archdeacon SCOTT, and seconded by the Rev. DAVID LINDSAY,

That a Committee of Three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed by the Bishop to confer with his Lordship upon the scheme proposed by the Rev. Mr. Gay, for a Young Ladies' School, and to take such steps as they shall deem necessary in the matter.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. CODD, and seconded by Mr. WIDDEN,

That a Committee be appointed to frame some general rules for the better and more permanent payment of the Clergy by their congregations.

This motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon LOOSEMORE, and seconded by the Very Rev. the DEAN OF MONTREAL, as follows :

That the Most Reverend the Lord Bishop of Montreal, Metropolitan of Canada, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Montreal, in Synod assembled, do most cordially offer their united thanks to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Capetown for the course adopted, in regard to the publications of the Bishop of Natal; and pray that in God's Providence His Lordship may have many years of health and strength given him to preside over the Church in South Africa, until the present anomalies affecting the Colonial Church are clearly adjusted, and the Colonial Church be placed in a position which shall be worthy of her, as a faithful branch of the Church of England.

It was moved by the Rev. Dean LONSDALL, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. GRIBBLE,

That the Reports of the Rural Deans be read in the Synod. *Carried.*

The Rev. the Rural Dean of Hochelaga read the Report of that Deanery.

The Rev. the Rural Dean of St. Andrews read the Report of that Deanery.

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That when any Sermon shall be preached before the Synod, the said Sermon shall be received without any special recognition by the Synod.

It was moved by the DEAN OF MONTREAL, and seconded by Archdeacon SCOTT, and carried,

That the following words be added to the Canon for the Election of a Bishop of Montreal: "That upon application being made to the House of Bishops by the Synod of Montreal for the appointment of a Coadjutor Bishop for that Diocese, the same forms shall be observed as for the election of a Bishop on a vacancy, provided such Coadjutor Bishop shall have right of succession to the See of the Diocese when vacant, and also to the office of Metropolitan."

After a few remarks on the motion, of which notice had been given last Synod by Archdeacon SCOTT, the said motion was withdrawn, the Synod resolving—

That His Lordship the Metropolitan be requested to commend to the Clergy of this Diocese the practice of more frequent communion than has hitherto been the practice in this Diocese.

It was moved by Mr. CARTER, and seconded by the Rev. Dean SLACK, and carried,

That a vote of thanks be given, by the Clergy in Synod assembled, to such Companies as afford facilities to the Clergy, by a reduction in their favour of their customary rates of travel; and that the Secretary be respectfully requested to convey this resolution to the Presidents of the different companies.

It was moved by Mr. CARTER, and seconded by Mr. DAVIES, and carried,

That His Lordship be requested to re-appoint the Committee on Canons, with instructions to send in their Report to His Lordship prior to the next Meeting of the Provincial Synod.

It was moved by the Rev. Canon LEACH, and seconded by the Rev. Canon WHITE, and carried,

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Lord Bishop for his conduct in the chair on this occasion.

It was moved by Judge McCORD, and seconded by the Rev. Dean BOND,

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Clerical and Lay Secretaries.

It was moved by Dean BOND, and seconded by

That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Treasurer and Auditors.

The Synod was declared closed, and the usual benediction pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

CANDIDATES FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

JOHN ROLLITT, formerly student at Bishop's College, and for the last two years catechist at Berthier, under the Rev. W. Merrick.

WILLIAM R. BROWN, student in theology at Bishop's College.

HENRY BURGESS, ditto, ditto.

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APPENDIX.

COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE :

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" F. CODD,
" H. F. DARNELL,

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DR. SMALLWOOD,
JAMES HUTTON,
E. E. SHELTON.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS :

REV. CANON LEACH, CONVENER,
" CANON BANCROFT,
" F. G. C. BRATHWAITE,

E. CARTER,
H. TAYLOR,
S. BETHUNE.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE :

REV. W. BOND, CONVENER,
" CANON WHITE,
" R. LONSDALL,

G. MOFFATT,
JAMES HUTTON,
W. A. MERRY.

COMMITTEE ON FEMALE EDUCATION IN LOWER CANADA :

REV. CANON BANCROFT, CONVENER,
" GEORGE SLACK,
" D. LINDSAY,

W. H. A. DAVIES,
C. GEDDES,
W. H. HICKS.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY :

REV. G. SLACK, CONVENER,
" W. JONES,

R. A. LEACH,
MAJOR CAMPBELL,

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“ “ Bedford	1 00
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APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

DECLARATION.

WE, the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Montreal, assembled in Synod, 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, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland; and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and that form of Church government which are at present recognized by the Church of England and Ireland.

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; and we desire no control or authority over any but those who are or shall be members of our own Church.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls therein, or holding office in any church, college or school under the jurisdiction of the Bishop (such Clergy not being under ecclesiastical censure), and of Lay representatives, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings, or at any Vestry meeting (specially called for such purpose by Incumbents, after due notice on two Sundays), held by

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each Minister having a separate cure of souls; and all Laymen within the cure of twenty-one years or upwards, entitled within such cure to vote at Vestry meetings, or who hold pews or sittings in the Church, though not entitled so to vote, who shall have declared themselves in writing to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.

3. The Minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election; and in his absence, the Curate or Assistant Minister, or the Senior Churchwarden, or a Chairman elected by the majority of those present, taking precedence in the order in which they are here named.

4. Every separate cure served by a licensed Minister shall be entitled to elect two Lay representatives; but when there shall be two or more congregations, having a corresponding number of church edifices, within one cure, then each of such congregations shall be entitled to elect two representatives.

5. All Lay delegates shall, each one before taking his seat in Synod, produce to and deposit with the Lay Secretary or other officer of the Synod appointed to receive the same, a Certificate of his election in the following form, to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting:

"This is to certify that at a meeting held this day for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this congregation or parish in Synod, being the parish or mission of _____, _____, a communicant of one year's standing, and of the full age of twenty-one years, was elected by the Laymen of this congregation, who have a right to vote at such election, by virtue of their having, in accordance with the 2nd clause of the Constitution of the Synod of this Diocese, declared themselves in writing in a book kept for that purpose, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other denomination, and being otherwise qualified under the provisions of said clause.

(Signed), _____."

And such certificate shall be considered and taken as sufficient proof of the election: and such Lay delegate shall continue in office till his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, by death, resignation, or any other cause, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have served in the Diocese and are resident in the same, but are now superannuated, may attend the meetings of the Synod and vote at the same.

8. That the Synod shall meet on the third Tuesday of June in every year, in the City of Montreal, or at any other such time or place as said Synod shall appoint at its last previous meeting; provided also, that the Bishop may call a special meeting when he shall consider it necessary to do so; or shall do so on the requisition of ten Clerical and thirty Lay members; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in calling the meeting.

9. When the Bishop is not present, his Commissary shall preside in his place; and when the See is vacant, the senior Dignitary of the Church, next in rank to the Bishop, in the Diocese, shall, within a fortnight of the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See, at which he shall preside, and at such meeting no business except such election shall be proceeded with.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of no less than one-fourth of the whole number of both Clergy and Lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two Secretaries, one from the Clergy, the other from the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall certify the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors; and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meetings of the Synod, this notice to be given at least three weeks before such meeting.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority, and keep account thereof; and two Auditors who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The vote shall be taken when so required, and determined by the order.

14. No rule in this Diocese shall be made without the consent of the Synod, which has not been adopted.

15. Any proposed Regulations, Rules, or Orders, in writing, and reduced; and if they lie over till the next Synod, they shall be finally adopted by a two-thirds of the Synod.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SYNOD

1. The first meeting of the Synod shall be preceded by public prayer, and Holy Communion, and shall be devoted to matters of business, and may direct.

2. The business of the Synod shall be prayer for the people, and the form authorized by the Synod.

3. After this meeting, the roll of the Synod shall be read over the roll of the Synod, and mark the names of the members, and the Secretary shall call over the names of the members, or cures, when they have been presented, and the Committee of the Synod shall be formed for the purpose; and the names shall be recorded and reduced.

4. The election of the members of the Synod shall be by ballot, and the names shall be recorded and reduced.

13. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, when so required by any three members, each vote being determined by the majority of the members present in each order.

14. No rule shall be binding on the members of the Church in this Diocese at large, which has not received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity, and which has not been passed in the Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution, Regulations, Rules of Order, or Canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority of each order, shall lie over till the next meeting of the Synod, but shall not be finally adopted unless approved by majorities consisting of two-thirds of both Clergy and Laity then present.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. The first meeting of the Synod in each Session shall be preceded by public morning prayer, with a sermon and the Holy Communion; and the collection at the Offertory shall be devoted to missionary or such other purposes as the Synod may direct.

2. 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.

3. After this prayer, the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance; and the Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes, missions or cures, when the certificates of the representatives having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary and a Committee of two to be named by the Chairman for that purpose; and where found satisfactory, the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by

the Clergy and Laity respectively, and a Treasurer, and two auditors shall be appointed, all of which officers shall be elected by ballot if demanded, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be chosen.

5. After this, on the first day, and on all other days, after prayers, the order of business shall be as follows:—

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

II. Appointing Committees.

III. Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

IV. Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and the Auditors.

V. Giving notice of motion.

VI. Taking up unfinished business.

VII. Consideration of motions.

VIII. Orders of the day.

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

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. The Synod shall meet the 1st day at two o'clock in the afternoon, and afterwards at ten o'clock each forenoon during its session, unless otherwise ordered by the Synod. And when it adjourns, the members shall keep their seats until the Chairman leaves the chair.

2. On the appearance of a quorum, fixed by the Constitution of the Synod at one-fourth of the whole number of the Clergy and Lay Representatives respectively, the Chairman shall call the Synod to order; and should there not be a quorum at the appointed hour, the Chairman is authorized to adjourn the meeting during pleasure.

3. Immediately after the Chairman shall have taken the chair, the meeting shall be opened by prayer, according to a form authorized by the Bishop; and the minutes of the preceding meeting shall then be read to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Synod.

4. The Chairman shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to the Synod, to be decided without debate. When called upon to explain a

point of order, without argument.

5. Members shall not rise to speak until the member before speaking has taken the chair. At the same time the member shall speak.

6. When the member shall walk out of the chair, he shall not speak except to order. Every member is required to vote on the affirmative or negative.

7. No member shall reply to a question without leave of the Synod. The member shall then be seated.

8. A member shall not be readmitted to the debate, but not to the chair.

9. A member shall not be admitted to explain a case, but without the leave of the chair shall not speak.

10. No member shall move or of any of the motions against the proceedings of the members thereon.

11. The Chairman shall be cleared of all charges of progress until the next meeting.

12. No motion shall be in writing and shall be by a written paper.

13. A motion shall be decided without debate.

point of order, he shall state the rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment.

5. Members of the Synod shall sit uncovered, the clerical members to be habited in bands and gowns, and every member before speaking shall rise from his seat and address himself to the chair. When two or more members rise at the same time the Chairman shall name the member who is first to speak.

6. When the Chairman is putting a question, no member shall walk out of or across the house; nor when a member is speaking shall any member hold discourse to interrupt him except to order, nor pass between him and the chair, and every member present when a question is put shall be required to vote on the same. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

7. No member, save the mover of a motion, who is entitled to reply shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

8. A member may, of right, require the motion in discussion to be read for his information, at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member speaking.

9. A member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Synod if appealed to shall decide the case, but without debate; if there be an appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to.

10. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or of any of the Royal Family, nor use improper language against the proceedings of the Synod, or against particular members thereof, nor speak beside the question in debate.

11. The Chairman may at any time desire the Synod to be cleared of strangers, and may suspend the debate then in progress until the Synod be so cleared.

12. No motion shall be put or debated unless the same be in writing and seconded; nor shall any motion prefaced by a written preamble be received by the chair.

13. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but such motions, as well as motions to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

14. All questions shall be put to the Synod in the order in which they are moved.

15. After a motion has been read from the chair it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Synod, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment with the permission of the Synod.

16. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received by the chair unless to amend it, or postpone it to a certain day, or to lay it upon the table, or for adjournment; and no more than one amendment to the proposed amendment of a motion shall be in order.

17. On a division the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be recorded in the minutes, if required by three members. And a question once determined shall not be brought up again the same session without the unanimous consent of the Synod.

18. Petitions, memorials, and other papers addressed to the Synod, shall be presented by a member in his place, who shall be answerable to the Synod that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

19. In order to expedite the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several vestries in this Diocese, or where there is no Vestry Clerk, the Chairman of the meeting, shall send to the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the Lay delegates elected at any meeting held for that purpose: and the Secretary of this Synod shall attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the names of said Lay delegates.

REGARDING COMMITTEES.

20. All special committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered, and in such cases the election shall be by ballot. They shall appoint their own chairman, and a majority of the number named or elected shall be a quorum competent to proceed to business.

21. The reports of Committees shall be in writing signed by the chairman, who, 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.

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23. All notices of motion intended to be brought before the next Synod shall be sent into the Clerical Secretary at least six weeks before the day of meeting; and it shall be the duty of the Clerical Secretary to keep a record of such notices, and to issue a circular statement of the business for the ensuing Synod, with reports of Committees, and the order in which the same shall be brought up. The circular to be forwarded to each Clergyman and parish, one month before the meeting of the Synod.

24. That the expenses of the Synod, such as printing, &c., be defrayed by an ordinary collection made in each parish or mission on the Sunday preceding the meeting of Synod.

ELECTION OF BISHOP.

1. The House of Bishops shall present two or more persons to the Synod of Montreal, one of whom may be elected as the Bishop of Montreal; and in case no election shall take place from the names so nominated, the House of Bishops shall again exercise the same right of nomination until a choice shall be made by the Synod: and no other persons shall be put in nomination for the office of Bishop except such as shall be nominated by the House of Bishops; provided a Resolution respecting the election of Bishops of the Diocese, passed at the meeting of the Synod on Wednesday, June 17th, 1863, be adopted by the Provincial Synod, respecting the election of future Bishops of Montreal, such Bishops continuing to fill permanently the office of Metropolitan.

2. In such election by said Synod of Montreal, the Clergy and Laity shall vote separately by ballot—the Clergy by individuals, and Laity by parishes or cures. 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 parishes or cures entitled to be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARCHDEACON.

1. The Archdeacon, upon receiving the reports of the Rural Deans, shall inquire into the cause of the non-payment of such sums as may be due to the Clergy from their respective parishes or cures.

2. The Archdeacon shall also see that all Church property in the Diocese is kept in good repair.

RURAL DEANS.

1. The Rural Deans are officers of the Bishop, receiving their commissions from him, and are to report the proceedings of their Deaneries to the Bishop, through the Archdeacon.

2. The Rural Deans shall hold a Ruri-decanal meeting, in their several deaneries, once every year. Special meetings may be called by them at the desire of the Bishop.

3. Each Rural Dean, at the annual meeting of his deanery, shall submit a report of such statistics connected with the different missions or parishes, as he shall have been able to collect from the Clergymen and Churchwardens in their several cures: such reports shall be presented at the Ruri-decanal meeting, previous to their being forwarded to the Archdeacon.

4. The Rural Deans shall collect such statistics as the Bishop may direct: and all matters relating to the boundaries of parishes, or the erection of new ones, shall be referred to a Ruri-decanal meeting.

5. The Rural Deans shall have no power of interference on their own mere motion, in matters of discipline, in any parish or mission. All such matters shall be referred to the Bishop, to be dealt with as he shall think proper.

STATUS OF PARISHES, &c.

1. A Mission is an ecclesiastical division supplied by a Clergyman, who receives the whole or the greatest part of his stipend from foreign aid.

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3. A Rectory is a Parish, raising within its limits the whole of the stipend of the Incumbent. Provided always, that it be understood that nothing herein shall be regarded as affecting parishes erected by Letters Patent from the Crown.

4. The minimum salary of the Clergy shall be eight hundred dollars per annum.

BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES.

1. The boundaries of all Missions, Parishes, and Rectories shall be defined by a Ruri-decanal meeting.

2. That in cases where the boundaries cannot be arranged by such mutual agreement, then the Bishop be requested to issue a commission of two Clergymen and two Laymen, none of whom shall be locally connected with such Parishes or Cures, directing and authorizing them to investigate the merits of the case and decide thereon, and to report their decision to the Lord Bishop for his consideration; and should his Lordship approve of the same, then the boundaries so arranged, approved and declared, shall be the boundaries of the Parishes and Cures aforesaid. The expenses of such commission to be borne by the Parishes to be arranged.

3. That all repairs and dilapidations of Church property shall be defrayed by each Parish individually.

OCCUPANCY OF PARSONAGES AFTER DECEASE OF INCUMBENT.

1. At least three months from the time of decease shall be allowed to the widow, or children, or other relatives, of the late Incumbent, provided that they have been residing with him and forming part of his family up to the time of his decease, before they, or she, or he be called upon to leave the Parsonage.

2. If the Glebe or any other land be under cultivation, the crop thereof belongs, of course, to the lawful representatives of the deceased, unless his successor consent to refund the expense incurred in such cultivation, when the crop belongs to the incoming Incumbent.

3. In the case of meadow land the grass belongs to the successor ; but if made into hay the same is the property of the representatives of the deceased.

4. The above rules apply to Clergymen on their being placed on the superannuated list.

REGISTRAR.

1. There shall be a Registrar for this Diocese, whose duties it shall be to keep a record of all Church properties and moneys in the different parishes, and of all the changes that from time to time take place, and a certified copy of every deed, and deeds of consecration, and boundaries of parishes, and every acquisition of property shall be sent to him by the Rural Deans. He shall be entitled to receive a fee of \$1 for the registration of each document, and 50 cents for every copy of the same.

2. The boundaries of every parish or mission erected under authority of the Canon, as well as of every existing parish or mission, shall be entered in a book, to be kept by the Secretaries of Synod for that purpose, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to any person applying for it, on the payment of a fee of one shilling.

CHURCHWARDENS.

The Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel being a body corporate and politic, the administration of the temporalities of every church or chapel is by law vested in them ; but for the more perfect and efficient administration, and with a view to leaving the Incumbent more complete leisure for the discharge of his sacred office, it is expedient that certain duties should be under the more immediate superintendence of the Churchwardens.

Wherefore it shall be the special duties of the Churchwardens of every church or chapel, within fourteen days after appointment or re-election in each year, to make a faithful inventory, in duplicate, of all the movable property of the Corporation, and to insure the same, and all the buildings thereof at their full estimated value with some English or Provincial Fire Insurance Company duly incorporated. And at each appointment or re-election of Churchwardens, the

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To provide for the due care and preservation of the said movable property, together with the administration of the real estate thereof, during their tenure of office.

Carefully to superintend and to enforce the execution of all contracts for the furnishing, repair, and preservation of the church, parsonage, burial ground and glebe, and to take the necessary steps to exact penalties in case of their non-fulfilment.

To secure the warmth, cleanliness, and ventilation of the church, and the supply of vestments, linen, books, and bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

To provide such books and documents as the Synod may from time to time require to be kept.

To afford the Incumbent every assistance in their power in the supervision of the sexton, the organist, the clerk and the choir, and the inferior officers of the Corporation.

To provide strangers with seats during the celebration of Divine Worship, in so far as the capacity of the building will allow.

To maintain good order and quiet in and about the church or chapel, and in the adjoining roads and public places during Divine Worship, and prosecute all offences against that good order and quiet. Vide Incorp. Statutes, c. XXII.

To collect, in accordance with the statute, pew-rents, subscriptions, alms, and offerings of the congregation, and to keep a faithful account of the receipts and disbursements of the congregation.

To notify the Incumbent of any grievous sickness or destitution among the members of the congregation, and generally, and as far as in them lies, to promote the comfort and welfare of the clergyman and congregation.

A copy of these instructions shall be sent to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of every church and chapel, and shall be read aloud by the Chairman of the Vestry, at each annual election of the Churchwardens.

COMMUNICANTS.

The Vestry of every charge or parish represented in this body shall hereafter be required to furnish a suitable book or books in which shall be enregistered the names of all persons who are members of the church in full communion, with the date of their first communion, as nearly as can be ascertained; and this register shall be in all cases kept by the Clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

NOTICE OF ORDINATION.

The names of the candidates for Holy Orders on the Bishop's list shall be transmitted to each officiating clergyman to be published by him during service at each place where he officiates, at least one month before the day of Ordination.

SUSTENTATION OR ENDOWMENT FUND.

a.—An annual sermon shall be preached in each parish or mission throughout the Diocese, on behalf of this fund, and the whole of the proceeds of the same shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Church Society.

b.—An annual meeting for this object, *i.e.*, connection with those of the missionary purposes of the Church Society, shall be held in every parish or mission throughout the Diocese, and the amount of collections made at the same shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Church Society.

c.—Arrangements shall be made for bringing this plan, and the necessity for vigorously working the same, before the people in every parish or mission in the Diocese,—and with this object, a scheme for holding the requisite meetings, or preaching the requisite sermons, shall be drawn up, and the Bishop shall be requested to name a deputation or deputations for attending the same,—and, in addition, each parish and mission is earnestly recommended to create a *local endowment fund*.

A sermon shall be preached in every parish or mission throughout the Diocese, on behalf of this fund, and the whole of the proceeds of the same shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Church Society.

2. The clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

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4. Each case shall be referred to the central Board.

5. The central Board shall be constituted as follows:—

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REPRESENTATION.

The number of representatives for each Diocese in the Provincial Synod shall be as follows:—
Bishop of London and Lay Secretary, always be *ex-officio* members of this Diocese, with eleven other members, each annual meeting.

1. There shall be a public grant, when practicable, also in every parish or mission throughout the Diocese, on behalf of this fund, and the whole of the proceeds of the same shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Church Society.

2. The Master of the Church, and the clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

3. The religious instruction of the people shall be vested in the hands of the clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

4. The Schoolmaster shall be appointed by the public grants, and all the fees shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Church Society.

5. The Sunday School shall be constituted as follows:—
The clergyman holding such charge or parish, and shall be the property of the parish; and copies or extracts thereof, certified by the Incumbent, or, in his absence, by the Churchwardens, shall be full evidence of the status of any person in such congregation at the date of such enregistration.

SUPERANNUATED FUND.

A sermon shall be preached annually in every congregation throughout the Diocese, and collections made for a Superannuation Fund.

2. The clerical subscription shall be five dollars.

3. The management of the fund shall be placed in the hands of the Church Society.

4. Each case for participation in the benefits of the said Fund shall be determined upon its particular merits by the central Board.

REPRESENTATION TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

The number of Clerical and Lay Delegates to represent each Diocese in the Provincial Synod having been fixed by the Provincial Synod at twelve of each order, the Clerical and Lay Secretary at the preceding Diocesan Synod shall always be *ex-officio* amongst the number of delegates to represent this Diocese at any meeting of the Provincial Synod, with eleven others of each order to be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Synod.

SCHOOLS.

1. There shall be attached to every Mission and Parish, when practicable, a Day School and Sunday School; and also in every Rural Deanery there shall be established a Superior Church Day School.

2. The Master of such Day Schools shall be a member of the Church, and receive a license from the Bishop.

3. The religious instruction shall be exclusively under the direction of the Clergyman, and the general management shall be vested in the Minister and Churchwardens.

4. The Schools shall be maintained by school fees, and public grants, and by subscriptions and endowments. "And all the *fees* shall be collected by the schoolmaster, who shall account to the Churchwardens for the same.

5. The Sunday School shall be entirely under the direction of the clergyman of each Parish or Mission, whose duty it shall be to nominate the teachers, to select suitable books of instruction for the several classes, to train and instruct as far as

practicable, the teachers themselves, "to catechise from time to time the children," and to see that nothing is taught inconsistent with the doctrine and discipline of the Church.

6. A Standing Committee of Synod shall be appointed to select suitable books for Sunday and Day Schools.

PROPOSED CANON OF DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE I.

Who shall be amenable.

Every priest and deacon, duly licensed by the Bishop, is amenable for offences committed by him, to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese in which he resides, in the manner and under the provisions set forth in the Canon of Discipline hereinafter enacted.

What shall be punishable offences.

§ 1.

For any crime, or immorality, for drunkenness, profane swearing, disorderly conduct, visiting places most liable to be abused to licentiôusness ; for a violation of the Constitution or the Canons of the Church, or of the Diocese to which he belongs ; for the discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office, without lawful cause ; or exercising any lay profession, or occupation inconsistent with his sacred calling ; for the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Eucharist, according to the offices of the Church ; for the infringement of the rubric, or for schism or the separating himself from the communion of the Church.

And also for heresy, or teaching, or maintaining heretical doctrines ; or for teaching or inculcating doctrines, contrary to those of the Church ; such teaching or maintaining, being by way of writing, or printing, or preaching, or public teaching, or circulating books containing unsound doctrines. *

§ 2.

If there is reason for supposing, from public rumour or otherwise, that a clergyman has been guilty of any of the

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If the Bishop should consider the matter to be of such character or magnitude as to require it to be placed on record, in such case the accusation shall be reduced to a definite form: there shall be added the confession signed by the party, and the same, with the sentence pronounced, shall be recorded in like manner as other sentences are hereinafter directed to be recorded.

If the accused party shall not admit or confess the offence alleged, and the Bishop be of opinion that there are grounds for further inquiry, the Bishop may issue a commission under his hand and seal to *five* presbyters, of whom the archdeacon, shall form three, who shall make inquiry into the truth of the accusations, and report the facts, as well as the evidence taken, and whether, in their opinion, there be sufficient *prima facie* evidence for instituting further proceedings.

In such case, the accusation shall be reduced to form in writing, and notice of the time when, and place where, every such meeting of the commission shall be holden, shall be given in writing, to the party accused, at least twenty days before the first meeting; and it shall be lawful for the party accused, or his agent, to attend the proceedings of the commission, and to examine or cross-examine any witnesses; and such preliminary proceedings shall be in private, unless the party accused shall desire otherwise.

Should the party accused neglect or refuse to appear before the said commission, his default, after good and sufficient service, shall be placed on record, and the commission shall proceed with their inquiry *ex parte*.

Upon the receipt of the report of the commissioners, the Bishop shall take such further proceedings therein, as the case may, in his judgment, require.

ARTICLE II.

Presentment or charge, and form of.

A charge may be preferred against any clergyman for any of the ecclesiastical offences above enumerated, in the manner and under the provisions following.

It may be made by the Bishop of the Diocese, *ex officio*, by any two presbyters, by the churchwardens, or any three communicants, of any parish or mission, wherein the offence is alleged to have been committed.

The charge shall be in writing, signed by the parties making it, and shall specify the offence or offences with reasonable certainty, as to time, place, and circumstances.

There shall be annexed to it the names and residences of the material witnesses, and a copy of any documentary evidence relied on.

It may be in the following form:

"The subscribers, (titles and additions,) allege and charge,
"that the Rev. A. B., a minister of this Church, of the order
"of _____ and _____ of the church
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"To establish which allegations and charge, we refer to
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"the witnesses whose names and places of residence are
"hereunto annexed.

"Which charge (or charges) we know to be true in substance, (or) which charges, on information satisfactory to
"us, we believe to be true."

Whenever a charge or charges against any priest or deacon shall have been reduced to writing and delivered to the Bishop, or, in his absence or incapacity, to his commissary, it shall then be the duty of such Bishop or commissary to transmit to the accused a certified copy, together with the notices of the time and place of trial, both of which the Bishop or commissary shall prescribe or fix.

The charges and notice shall be delivered to the accused, or left at his place of abode, at least *thirty* days before the time appointed for the trial.

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ARTICLE III.

Board, or Court of Triers.

There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court, or Board of Triers, for the Diocese of Montreal, to try such charges as may be preferred against any priest or deacon of the said diocese.

It shall be composed of fifteen priests, who shall be annually elected by a majority of the clerical order of the Diocesan Synod at its annual meeting, and who shall continue in office until others shall have been chosen in their places,

The Bishop shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur by removal from the diocese, by death, by election to the episcopate, until the next meeting of Synod.

The Court of Triers shall name from among their body a secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of all the proceedings had before the Court.

The Church Advocate (as hereinafter appointed), shall give notice in writing at least _____ days before the day fixed for the trial, to the party accused, to attend before the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, time and place being mentioned in the notice, when and where the party accused, shall strike from the list of triers, elected as aforesaid, one of the names, and the Church Advocate shall strike off another, and so alternately until the number shall be reduced to five, which five shall form the Court for the trial.

If the accused shall neglect to attend in person, or by an agent, the clerical secretary of the Synod shall strike the list with the Church Advocate, in place of the accused so absent.

The accused and Church Advocate may, by a written consent, filed with the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, agree upon any five or three of the Board of Triers, to form the Court.

The Bishop shall issue a precept, addressed to the members of the Court of Triers, so struck or agreed upon, requiring them, or any *three* or more of them, to proceed to the trial of the accused at the appointed time and place; which precept, together with a certified copy of the charges, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the president of the Court (to be named by him), whose duty it shall be, on receipt thereof, to cause all the members of the Court, or Board of Triers, to be

summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place, any three or more of whom, who shall attend in pursuance of such summons, shall constitute the Court.

The Bishop shall, at the annual meeting of Synod, nominate a Church Advocate to conduct all prosecutions; he shall be a priest belonging to the Diocese, or a layman who has been a member of some church within the Diocese, at least *two* years before such nomination.

If on the day fixed for the trial, the accused shall appear, he shall, before proceeding to trial, be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not of the offence or offences charged against him; and on his neglect or refusal, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and his trial shall proceed.

Exceptions to the form or substance, or any part thereof, or legal sufficiency of the charge or presentment, or any part thereof, or of the allegations or specifications therein, or to the jurisdiction of the Board of Triers or any member thereof may be taken by the accusers, and shall be determined by the Board.

Such exceptions shall be made in writing, at the time of pleading.

If no such exceptions are taken, or, having been taken, are overruled, the accused shall be called upon to plead guilty or not guilty, as aforesaid, and the trial shall proceed.

If the clergyman accused neglect or refuse to appear, according to his summons, due notice having been served upon him as aforesaid, except for some sufficient or reasonable cause, the Court shall certify such default to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop, or, in his absence, shall pronounce him to be in contumacy: and sentence of suspension from the ministry shall be forthwith pronounced against him, for such contumacy, by the Bishop; but this sentence may be revoked if, within three calendar months, he shall tender himself ready, and accordingly appear and take his trial on the presentment; but if the clergyman accused shall not so tender himself before the expiration of the said three months, the sentence of *deposition* from the ministry shall be pronounced against him by the Bishop; and the Bishop shall cause such sentence to be publicly read to the several congregations of the diocese by the respective ministers thereof.

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No proceeding shall be instituted against any priest or deacon, unless the same be commenced within *two* years after the commission of the offence in question.

But when proceedings are brought in respect of an offence for which a conviction has been obtained in a civil or criminal tribunal, the suit in the Ecclesiastical Court may be commenced against the clergyman so convicted, within *two* years from the date of such conviction.

The accused party may have the privilege of appearing by counsel if he shall see fit.

All evidence shall be taken in writing.

When the Court proceeds to trial, some officer authorised by law to administer oaths in this Province of Lower Canada, shall be requested to administer the required oath to the witnesses called on to testify to the truth in the matters at issue before the Court.

If the accused be resident within the Diocese, at the time of presentment made against him, all notices, service and citations, shall be made on him personally, or at his usual domicile or residence, within the delays before mentioned.

If on, or during any trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges contained in the presentment, the Board of Triers may dispense with hearing further evidence, and will proceed at once to report the same to the Bishop, whose duty it shall then be to proceed and pass sentence.

The proceedings upon a trial shall be private, unless the accused party shall request the same to be public, or unless public decency would be likely to be outraged by such publicity, in which latter case the Court may direct it to be private.

No charge shall be considered as substantiated or proven by the testimony of less than two witnesses.

If any member of the Church shall be summoned to attend as a witness before any Board of Triers, Board of Inquiry, Court, Commissioners, constituted under any provisions of this Canon, being present before either of the same, shall refuse to testify, or to be sworn or affirm, such persons may be declared guilty of contumacy, and punished accordingly.

A certificate or record of such contumacy shall be signed by the president of the Board, Court, or Commissioners, as the case may be, and transmitted to the Bishop or his Commissary.

Whereupon the Bishop, or Commissary, shall cause reasonable notice to be given to the party of the proceedings intended against him, and after due citation, and the hearing of the party in defence or extenuation, or in default of his appearing to answer, the Bishop or Commissary, may proceed, if the party be a layman, to admonish or suspend him from communion with the Church, and if a priest or deacon, to admonish or suspend him from his office, until such contumacy be purged.

The Court, having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in writing, signed by the members thereof, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, whether in their opinion the accused is guilty or not guilty on each particular charge.

If the accused, after trial, shall be found guilty, the finding of the Court together with all their proceedings, including the evidence taken in the case, shall be transmitted to the Bishop, or in his absence or incapacity to act, to his Commissary, before its transmittal to the accused, or in any way made public, and should he concur in opinion with the Court, he, or his Commissary, may proceed to pass such sentence, as in his judgment the offence may deserve, not repugnant to the provision of the 19 and 20 Vict., c. 121, s. 2.

A copy of the sentence shall be sent to the accused, and another to the vestry, or vestries of the parish, or parishes, or congregation, or congregations, with which he may be canonically connected; and such other publicity may be given to it as the Bishop or Commissary shall think expedient.

Provided always, that at any time before the sentence shall be pronounced by the Bishop, or Commissary, it shall be lawful for the party convicted, to apply for a re-hearing before the Board of Triers, founded upon any affidavit showing that the party accused since his trial and conviction, has discovered new evidence, (and setting forth in full such new evidence) and which he was ignorant of at the time of his trial; and in such case the Board of Triers may grant or refuse a new trial, as in their judgment may seem just and reasonable.

Whereas, the 2nd section of Prov. Stat., 19 and 20 Vict., c. 121, declares the following sentences, or punishments to be those only that may be legally imposed upon clergymen

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3. "Exclusion from the meetings of the Diocesan, or General Synods."

It is nevertheless hereby declared to be within the power of the Bishop, *ex-officio*, and not inconsistent with, or contrary to the above enactments, to *admonish* offending clergymen ; which admonition of a minister for any ecclesiastical offence, not made a subject for judicial inquiry, or presentment, shall be made in private ; upon a second offence it shall be public or private, at the discretion of the Bishop, or Commissary, and made in such manner as to the said Bishop or Commissary may seem proper.

Admonition when recommended or declared to be the proper sentence by the Court, or Board of Triers, may be public or private, as such Court shall determine.

When the penalty of suspension shall be inflicted by the judgment of any Court, or Board of Triers, such sentence shall specify the terms thereof and the period of its duration.

During his suspension he shall not exercise the functions of the ministry either in his own congregation or elsewhere within this Diocese.

Removal from an office in the said Church shall be considered to include and mean deposition and degradation.

No degraded minister shall be restored to the ministry.

Upon such sentence being pronounced, the connection between the minister and his parish, or congregation, shall be *ipso facto* severed ; and all other offices, rents, issues, profits, and emoluments, which he may have held by virtue of such office, or ministry, from which he has been removed, shall wholly cease and determine.

ARTICLE IV.

Discipline applicable to the Laity.

The Rubric, prefixed to the order of the Holy Communion, in the Book of Common Prayer prescribes the manner of proceeding by the minister of any parish toward any layman guilty of any of the offences therein mentioned, and provides

for the reporting the same to the Bishop.

If the party thus repelled shall think proper to make a complaint (in writing) to the Bishop, against the conduct of his minister, in such case it shall be the duty of the Bishop, (unless he think proper to restore him, from the insufficiency of the cause assigned by the minister) to institute an inquiry into the merits of the case.

If the Bishop should not think proper of his own authority to restore the layman complaining, as above, he or his Commissary shall appoint two disinterested clergymen, and two disinterested laymen, who are communicants, to inquire into and try the case.

If they report to the Bishop that the repelled person ought to be restored, the Bishop shall so direct, and no minister of the diocese shall deny him the Holy Communion.

If they report otherwise, or make no report within three months from their appointment, the repulsion shall continue in force. If this Board of Inquiry be equally divided, they may elect an umpire, clerical or lay, and a majority may report whether the party has been rightfully repelled or not, according to the Rubric.

If the judgment direct a continuance of the repulsion, it shall still be subject to the conditions and provisions of the Rubric.

The judgment of the Board of Inquiry shall be final, unless the Bishop shall grant a re-hearing.

APPENDIX C.

MONTREAL, 17th June, 1865.

MY LORD :

The Dean and Canons of Christ Church Cathedral, and the Curate of the Free Seat Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, in connection with the Cathedral, beg respectfully to make the following statistical returns for the information of the Synod :

CATHEDRAL.

Baptisms	46
Marriages	13
Burials	29
Communicants	over 600

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Scholars.....	240

CELEBRATION OF DIVINE SERVICE.

Sundays at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. At the latter service the seats are all free; and the service seems to be well appreciated, as it is well attended.

Daily morning prayer at 11.30. Evening prayer at 5 in summer, and 4 in winter.

HOLY COMMUNION.

Twice per month, and on the festivals of Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday.

INCOME OF CATHEDRAL.

Rental of Pews	\$8,200.00
Amount of Offertory.....	3,781.45

CATHEDRAL DEBT.

We have much pleasure in stating, that, in response to an appeal to the congregation for the liquidation of the Cathedral debt, the following amount has been subscribed, payable by instalments :

Amount subscribed	\$28,930
“ instalments paid.....	8,830
Balance, Notes of Hand.....	\$20,100

The amount of debt paid off is \$8,830. To pay off the whole debt a farther subscription of \$13,000 will be required; and as only one-fourth of the pew-holders have as yet subscribed, it does not appear unreasonable to hope that this sum may be obtained.

JOHN BETHUNE, *Dean.*

J. P. WHITE,

Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

J. W. LOOSEMORE,

Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S (FREE SEAT) CHAPEL.

Baptisms	71
Marriages	22
Burials.....	34
Communicants (Easter).....	179

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Morning and Afternoon, }	
Small Mission School, }	200

DIVINE SERVICE.

Sundays, Holy Communion,	8 a.m.
" Morning Prayer (Sermon),	11 "
" Litany and Catechising,	4 "
" Evening Prayer (Sermon),	7 "
Second Sunday in the month, Holy Communion at Mid-day.	
Daily Morning Prayer at 7 a.m.	
" Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.	
Advent and Lent, at 7.30 a.m.	

INCOME.

Offertory	\$1,453.36
Subscription to Debt.....	1,457.88
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EDMUND WOOD, M.A., *Curate.*

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF HOCHELAGA,
JUNE, 1865.

MY LORD,—The Ruri-decanal meeting of the Deanery of Hochelaga for the year 1865 was held in the school-room of St. George's Church on the 19th June, at 4 p.m., at which there were present thirteen clergymen and eleven laymen, representing twelve incumbencies.

At 8 o'clock Divine Service was celebrated, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Canon Anderson. This Report was submitted to the Deanery in accordance with the Canon, and the following special business was transacted, viz.:

1st. The appointment of a representative to the Mission Board of the Church Society. Col. Wilgress was nominated and re-elected.

2nd. The recommendation of a grant to the Mission of Mascouche. It was carried unanimously.

3rd. The recommendation of a grant for a catechist at Berthier. It was resolved "that we strongly recommend the application for assistance towards the support of a catechist at Berthier to the favourable action of the Church Society, viz., a grant of forty dollars.

4th. The consideration of a letter from the Secretary of the Church Society, submitting the plan and cost "for supplying the Society's rooms with such newspapers and periodical publications as will give general information respecting

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CHANGES.—The changes since last meeting as follows:
1st. The Rev. H. New Glasgow.

2nd. Mr. J. Rollitt, schoolmaster, has resigned.

3rd. Mr. Roy, a licentiate master to the French post at De Ramsay and cutting his studies at St.

4th. The Rev. B. pointed to Lake Brand.

5th. The Rev. J. in charge of St. Luke's C.

6th. Mr. W. J. Darby has been appointed to the resignation of the Rev.

7th. The Rev. Canon sent to supply for the vacancy of Lachine.

DEATH.—The Rev. J. at the last Deanery meeting.

matters specially interesting to the Clergy and to other members of the Society." It was resolved "that as the Church Society is by its constitution prevented from granting money towards the proposed reading room, this Deanery recommends that it be established by means of a voluntary subscription of the Clergy and laity residing in the city of Montreal, to be open free to the country Clergy and laity who are subscribers to the Society, and that the Church Society allow its room to be used for this purpose when not otherwise required by the Society.

The usual tour of the Rural Dean through the country Incumbencies has been made since the last meeting of the Deanery, and from his personal observation and the "returns" of the Clergy he has formed this Report.

There are now ministering within the Deanery nineteen clergymen and one licensed catechist, who supply with the services of the Church one Parish, nine Missions, and six, incumbencies.

CHANGES.—The changes within the Deanery have been since last meeting as follows:

1st. The Rev. H. B. Wray has resigned the Mission of New Glasgow.

2nd. Mr. J. Rollitt, a licensed catechist and missionary schoolmaster, has resigned his post at Berthier.

3rd. Mr. Roy, a licensed catechist and missionary schoolmaster to the French-speaking population, has resigned his post at De Ramsay and Lake Brandon, with a view to prosecuting his studies at Sabrevois College.

4th. The Rev. B. P. Lewis, of Sabrevois, has been appointed to Lake Brandon and places adjacent.

5th. The Rev. J. D. Borthwick has taken temporary charge of St. Luke's Church, Montreal.

6th. Mr. W. J. Dart, a student of McGill College, has been appointed to the post of City Missionary, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. D. Borthwick.

7th. The Rev. Canon Leach, D.C.L., LL.D., has consented to supply for the summer months the vacant Incumbency of Lachine.

DEATH.—The Rev. J. Flanagan, Lachine, who was present at the last Deanery meeting, and took an active interest in

its deliberations, has been removed by the stroke of death. May we work while it is called to-day.

VACANCIES.—New Glasgow with Kilkenny is added to the two vacancies (Laprairie with Longueuil and Ste. Thérèse with St. Martin*) reported last year. Longueuil, during the summer months, becomes the residence of a number of families from Montreal, and is then served from that city; the Rev. E. Wood, M.A., being licensed for the performance of the duty. Laprairie, also, has now the benefit of Divine service, during the presence there of the Volunteers; Mr. W. J. Dart, the City Missionary, having been directed by the Bishop to do the duty when the services of a Clergyman cannot be obtained. The Deanery would again plead with the members of the Church on behalf of our people, few in number, but settled amidst the French and Roman Catholic population.

BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS.—No change has taken place since last Report.

NEW MISSIONS.—None has been opened since last report, the want of men and means rendering it difficult to maintain the existing operations, and it seems a questionable course to leave the old work to fail through want, that new ground may be broken up.

SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.—This is a continued source of anxiety to every well-wisher of the Church. It is beyond question that many of the Clergy in the Rural Missions have promised them very inadequate stipends, and equally so, that in some cases, those inadequate stipends are very irregularly paid, perhaps not wholly paid; so that they are in great danger of want and debt. This is a serious evil, involving the best interests of religion. It occupied the attention of the Deanery at its last meeting, and a suggestion was submitted to the Synod, which is again respectfully pressed. Two evils arise from the present system: one, the loss to the Church of a considerable revenue which would be obtained by insisting upon the duty and privilege of sustaining to the utmost of their power the work of the Ministry; the other,

* There is at St. Martin a very neat little stone church, now entirely unused, and which will soon become a ruin if left unoccupied; and as the church has now but one family in that district, it might be well to come to some decision as to the disposal of the building.

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that of putting the Clergyman too much in the power of the people. Mascouche may be referred to as an evidence of what may be done, when the people have a mind to work. \$400 per annum have been guaranteed to the Rev. J. Reed, provided the Church Society will make a grant of \$200.

ENDOWMENTS.—One Parish and three Missions, viz: Sorel, Berthier, Kildare, and Lachine, in this Deanery, have made a good beginning in this matter, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to add the amount already invested, and that others will endeavour to follow their example.

DEPUTATIONS.—Some of the Missionaries in the Rural districts would gladly welcome a deputation from the Synod with a view to stirring the people to more liberality, and, in some degree, to relieving the Clergyman from the task of evermore striving to get their money. The winter is the time when there is most leisure, but then storms may much impede the progress of the deputation. The Deanery, however, concurred in recommending the month of January or February as the most suitable season.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOND,

Rural Dean of Hochelaga.

APPENDIX G.

ST. ANDREWS.

ST. ANDREWS, May 24, 1865.

MY LORD,—The usual meetings of the Ruri-decanal Chapter were held this year both at St. Andrews and at Aylmer. At the latter place nine Clergy attended. Morning service was held and the Holy Communion administered previous to entering on the business of the day.

The Reports handed in were, on the whole, very satisfactory, and decidedly prove that a vast amount of labour has been bestowed during the past year by the Clergy of the Upper Ottawa and Gatineau districts. In the case of Mr. Seaman, it would be well if he could have a little rest, otherwise, I fear, he may be disabled altogether. The same remark applies, in some measure, to Mr. Robinson also.

In the new Mission of Aylmer the people are exhibiting a very commendable spirit of liberality towards their Clergyman. As yet, no parsonage has been built; I trust, however, that before another year something will have been done towards the furtherance of this object.

At North Clarendon and Thorne the people have commenced a subscription towards the purchase of a house and a small glebe, which, when secured, will add materially to the comfort of the Missionary, who has, at present, to lodge in a farm house. This Mission now extends as far back as the Township of Leslie, near to lumber limits, and is, with the exception of those in the Gatineau district, one of the most difficult in the Deanery.

Since my last Report, Mr. Gribble has commenced holding service in the Township of Horton, in the Ontario Diocese, where, owing to a number of Church people being without any ministration, he was induced to assume this additional labour.

The people at Clarendon Centre have expressed to me their very great satisfaction with the ministrations of the Rev. Geo. Robinson.

In Bristol, the rear of Onslow, and the adjoining Township of Eardley, in the extensive Mission of the Rev. F. Brathwaite, there are three churches in progress of erection.

I would beg to say, that it appears now full time that Eardley should constitute a distinct Mission, as it is impossible for Messrs. Brathwaite and Codd, owing to increasing duties in their own localities, to give that attention which such a populous Township, containing a number of Church people, absolutely requires.

I consider this also a suitable opportunity to lay before your Lordship a memorial which was highly approved of by every member of the Ruri-decanal Chapter, and which, I trust, will meet with that consideration which it deserves:

"To the Lord Bishop of Montreal, from Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, residing in the Township of Eardley, County of Ottawa, and Diocese of Montreal:

"We, whose names are here subscribed, respectfully submit the following application to your Lordship's best consideration: The Township of Eardley has now been settled for upwards of fifty years, and during that time the members of the Church, whose number, according to the Census of 1861, was very nearly 300, and must now exceed 300, have had to depend, for the most part, only on the uncertain, and very

often on the unfavourable weather, stationed at Onslow, loss to us in spiritual and more especially children. We feel that ourselves, and to guide us in our course.

"We wish to make a beginning, we pray for willingness to support, of the Church and its members abundantly, should increase of wealth, already begun, and sufficiently to make a beginning.

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often on the unfrequent ministrations of the neighbouring Clergy stationed at Onslow and Aylmer. We are sensible of the very great loss to us in spiritual things that these unfrequent ministrations cause, and more especially in the matter of the religious training of our children. We feel that it is high time for us to do what we can to help ourselves, and to get a Clergyman to reside amongst us to teach us and to guide us in our Christian course.

"We wish to make a beginning; and though it may be but a slight beginning, we pray your Lordship to take it as an earnest of our willingness to support, as far as we are at present able, the ministrations of the Church amongst us, and of our intention to give yet more abundantly, should it please God to bless us, as years go on, with an increase of wealth. At the upper end of the Township a Church is already begun, and we trust that before long it will have progressed sufficiently to make it fit for holding Divine service.

"Should your Lordship be able to grant our request, and send a Clergyman to minister among us, we hereby undertake to build him a small Parsonage in a central part of the Mission, and to subscribe yearly towards his support according to the sums affixed to our respective names on the list which shall be submitted to your Lordship by the hands of the Rural Dean of this Deanery."

I consider this proposal deserving attention, especially as it comes from a Township where such a good beginning has been made, and where the people appear to appreciate the services of the Church. In addition to this, the Church Wardens of Aylmer undertake to raise an additional sum of one hundred dollars to what has already been contributed towards their Missionary's support, on the express condition that the part of Eardley, which Mr. Codd now serves, be taken off from the Aylmer Mission, and that a hundred dollars now contributed to him by the Church Society be transferred to Eardley, for the purpose of making Eardley a separate Mission.

The parsonage at North Wakefield is now comfortably furnished. I trust that before long that Mission may be provided with a place suitable for the public worship of Almighty God. There is a very serious drawback in connection with the Missions up the Gatineau, *i.e.*, the Missionaries are in deacon's orders, and consequently cannot administer the Holy Communion when asked by sick members.

Mr. Johnston, being now relieved of Aylmer, holds a service at Chelsea in the afternoon; during the winter he also attended at Templeton, not far from Buckingham. There is a settlement in the north-east part of Hull, which it would be well if some arrangement could be made for giving them service occasionally. Mr. Seaman certainly cannot attend to it.

Mr. Kaapche has forwarded a report giving many particulars respecting the privation of the German settlers in Bowman, also with reference to his own duties as catechist and schoolmaster. By some mistake the settlers were notified that your Lordship was to hold a confirmation and administer the Holy Communion at Buckingham on the second ultimo; accordingly, the catechist and many of the poor people came down only to learn that the confirmation was not to take place until the end of the month. The women of the company wept bitterly at being so sadly disappointed. The case was indeed distressing, especially, when, as I know, they had walked five miles through swampy woods, and then came the remaining twenty-five miles on rafts down the Lievrè River. I hope that such a mistake may never occur again. These poor people speak in the kindest manner of the late Mr. Morris. Mr. Kaapche tells how, on many occasions, he carried provisions through those wilds to the poor Germans on his back. The good deeds of our departed brother shall be had in remembrance, but it was owing to incessant toil that the foundation of his fatal illness was laid. We now feel the loss of such an earnest man in such a Mission.

The Rev. Joseph Griffin, of North Gore, has been subject to acute suffering during the greater part of the winter. Exposure at night in visiting the sick was the cause of his illness.

A glebe of twelve acres has been purchased at Mille Isle, on which a good parsonage, stable and shed have been erected. During the illness of Mr. Griffin the Holy Communion has not been administered in this or the neighbouring Mission—the Missionary at Mille Isle and Morin being yet in deacon's orders.

During the winter, Missionary meetings have been held throughout the Deanery from Vaudreuil to Havelock, opposite the Calumet, and from Portage du Fort, northward, through Clarendon and Thorne, as far as Leslie; also, up the Gatineau, thirteen Missions and stations were visited, and a journey of about five hundred and sixty miles was accomplished, by sleighing, with very little inconvenience. Everywhere the deputation was received with kindness, even in the remote corners of the Deanery, where, in the neighbour-

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hood of the pine clad hills, we held our meetings in the scoop* covered log houses. I consider this tour only preparatory to what we hope, by God's help, to accomplish next year, when it is intended to commence earlier in the winter so as to be able to visit each Mission and its outstations from Vaudreuil to Black River, and from the Ottawa to the north end of Mr. Nesbitt's Mission, which extends to the "Blue Sea," a distance of one hundred miles north of the Ottawa River.

The sums collected at the several Missionary meetings varied from 75c. to \$7. It is not, however, the amount collected that I consider of such importance as the opportunity which such meetings afford of disabusing the minds of many of the people in the back woods, and shewing them what the Church is doing throughout the world, and what are her claims. Each Clergyman will pay the Treasurer the sum collected in his own cure.

There is a matter which I should like to have submitted to the law officers. I refer to the mode of celebrating marriages which generally prevails in this part of the country. People often come to the Clergy to be married, and because they will not call the banns of marriage thrice in the morning and marry them in the evening, they go to those who are ready to accommodate them; and by such means many Church people are married out of the Church. I am informed that marriages often are celebrated, of course illegally, without a *license* or calling of banns. It is full time that some steps were taken to remedy such a state of things.

Accompanying this report is a synopsis of the answers given by the Clergy and Church Wardens, all which is most respectfully submitted.

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

RICHARD LONSDALL,

Rural Dean.

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* "Scoops" are the hollow trunks of trees split and laid on the beams which cross from the gables of the log houses.

APPENDIX F.

BEDFORD.

In preparing this Annual Report to be submitted to the meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter, the Rural Dean cannot but feel the want of sufficient material for an extended and interesting statement.

The past year has been one of unexampled financial derangement and depression, arising out of the disturbed and afflicted condition of the neighbouring Republic. Lying, as a large portion of this Deanery does, immediately contiguous to the Province line, it could not fail to be greatly affected from this cause; and it is not therefore surprising that no great works should have been commenced during the year, nor any evidence of very marked progress shown. Under such circumstances we may feel encouraged if we can only have reason to believe that the work of the Church has been maintained in an efficient and lively condition throughout the Deanery, and that no ground, previously occupied, has been given up.

The Statistical Table accompanying this Report, though doubtless not free from errors and omissions, will serve to exhibit a tolerably accurate representation of the state and condition of the Church in the Deanery.

No change has taken place in the arrangement of the different Missions during the past year, except the addition of the charge of Fulford to Brome Woods Mission.

An effort is being made to extend the permanent ministrations of the Church to a part of Bolton not hitherto reached.

The Rev. John Godden, who has originated this effort, has commenced the building of a church in that locality. A church is also in progress at Abercorn in the Mission of Sutton. These are the only church buildings at present in progress in the Deanery.

The boundary line between the Missions of Stanbridge East and Bedford was settled by the Committee appointed at the last Deanery meeting, who have given in their Report to this meeting, establishing the line between the 5th and 6th ranges of Stanbridge as the dividing line between the Missions of Stanbridge East and Bedford.

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The proposal of the Royal Insurance Company to insure the whole of the Church property of the Diocese appears to have met with very general acceptance. For although, of course, many Church properties were insured with other Companies, and had to await the expiration of their present policies, *ten* churches and *five* parsonages are returned as insured with the Royal. Only two churches, Stanbridge and West Shefford, appear to be uninsured; and one parsonage, being that at West Shefford.

The Rural Dean would beg to return sincere thanks to those Clergy and Churchwardens who promptly answered and returned the questions which, by desire of the Bishop, he sent to them, thereby greatly lightening his anxiety and labour; and would at the same time express his earnest desire and request that if we are spared by a good Providence to stand in the same relation to each other another year, those who were not so prompt will follow the worthy example set them.

The Rural Dean cannot close this Report without alluding to the circumstance of the removal from amongst us, during the past year, of a highly respected father in the ministry of the Church, in the person of the Rev. Canon Reid, D.D., late Rector of St. Armand E., who, at a ripe old age, has entered, we trust, upon the promised reward and rest of Christ's faithful servants.

In connection with this circumstance, which reminds us how many of our Clergy are becoming advanced in years without any provision made for them when they are no longer able to discharge the active duties of their calling, the Ruridecanal Chapter would most earnestly press upon the attention of the Church throughout the Diocese the importance of establishing a superannuation fund.

Upon the whole, therefore, we may feel from a retrospect

of the past, encouragement for the future, and trust that the next meeting we are permitted to hold may witness a still further extension and enlargement of the Church of Christ in the Deanery of Bedford.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted,

GEO. SLACK,

Incumbent of Bedford, and Rural Dean.

THE PARSONAGE, HEMMINGFORD, June 8th, 1865.

MY LORD,—The only changes that have occurred in this Deanery since the last meeting of Synod, are as follows:—

The Rev. W. Petry has resigned the Rectory of Chambly, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Leacock. The Rev. F. Burt who was in charge of the mission of Huntingdon, has removed to the Diocese of Toronto.

The Ruri-decanal meeting for the year 1864-5 was held at the residence of the Rev. James Fulton, Russelltown, and was attended by seven Clergymen and four Churchwardens. The subject of Insurance was the first matter that occupied the attention of the meeting; and I am happy to say, it was generally agreed that the recommendation in the Report of the Committee on Insurance ought to be carried out.

By an examination of the Tabular Statement accompanying this Report, it will be seen that a much larger amount of Church property is insured this year as compared with last, —eleven Churches against four last year. The only reason of much weight, alleged by the Churchwardens, why the proposal of the Royal should not be accepted, was as follows, viz:—That some of the Churches were already insured in other offices at a very low *premium*, and the agents of these, in many instances, being active members of the Church, the removal of the Insurance might have the effect of alienating their sympathies.

The case of the vacant Mission of Huntingdon was brought before the Meeting by the Churchwardens of that Mission, and after an examination of the Returns under the heading of Church families and Communicants, the members of the Deanery were unanimous in the opinion that the people ought to contribute \$300 per annum towards the stipend of the

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Clergyman, and on their doing so the Rural Dean be authorized to recommend that a similar amount be granted by the Mission Board. I may here state that since the Meeting of the Deanery, I have met the Vestries of the Churches of Huntingdon and Hinchinbrooke, and have succeeded in obtaining from them a written document signed by the Churchwardens and other substantial men, agreeing to pay \$300 per annum to the Diocesan Mission Board. I earnestly hope the Board may have it in their power to make the grant recommended by the Deanery.

The Congregations at Henrysburgh, Sherrington, and Lacadie, have had only occasional services for the last twelve months, and there is but little prospect of these services being continued. It was submitted in my last Report that Sherrington, Henrysburgh, and Napierville, be formed into a new Mission, and that the head quarters of the Missionary be at Douglas Corners. It is now submitted that Lacadie, where there is a Church and twenty-five families, be also numbered. With this addition there would be no difficulty in making up half of the necessary Clerical stipend, and on condition of this being done, the Deanery have recommended that the remaining half \$300 be granted by the Mission Board.

The Deputations appointed for making the Missionary work of the Church better known, and for stirring up a more general interest in the same, were enabled to visit all the Parishes and Missions, with the exception of Chambly and Sabrevois. The former was omitted at the request of the recently appointed Rector—the latter at the suggestion of your Lordship. The earnest statements and appeals made by the Deputations have not been in vain, but have had the effect, as I have reason to trust from subsequent visits to some of these Parishes, of awakening attention, and have aroused an interest in the minds of many who were before lukewarm and indifferent. Of course the entire result is not at once visible in the immediate increase of funds, though in this particular there has been a decided improvement. The collection taken up amounted in all to about seventy dollars. It was the opinion of the Deputation that there should be not only one Meeting in each Parish and Mission, but that no Constituted Congregation should be passed over, and if possible, the

different Stations should also be visited. In conclusion I beg to say that the Clergy are feeling every year more and more the value of our Deanery meetings, when we meet together not only to examine the reports of each other's works, but to encourage each other in our labours, and to take counsel as to the means and methods by which the purposes of our Ministry may be most effectually carried out.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your faithful and obdt. servant,

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY SYNOD TO
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THE COMMITTEE BEG TO REPORT :

1. That marriage, in Lower Canada, being a civil contract, is governed by the rules of the French law, and that by this law it is required, as essential to the validity of a marriage, that both parties shall be of the full age of twenty-one years, and that if either, or if both of the contracting parties are below this age, and thus are minors, that the marriage must then be sanctioned by the father of the minor ; or, if he is dead, by the *mother*, if alive or unmarried ; and, if both parents are deceased, by the person authorized to give such sanction, according to law, by a family council, *assemblée de parens*, specially convoked for such purpose.
2. Your Committee are of opinion that a clergyman is not necessarily bound to marry all who may come to him with a license, but that a discretionary power rests with him, and which may be exercised as occasion requires, especially when the parties, or one of them, may be non-residents in his parish, mission, or district. The Committee, however, would respectfully suggest that the Synod should adopt a Canon, expressly authorizing the exercise of this discretion, and relieving the clergyman from any responsibility for his act in all cases in which he may have reasonable grounds for refusal to marry.
3. A license does *not* authorize a clergyman to marry a *minor*, and will not screen him from the consequences of his act, without, in addition, the expressly conveyed authority of the parents, or, in the event of their decease, of the tutor or curator duly appointed by law, and after a meeting specially assembled to deliberate upon the subject, and to grant such authority as above mentioned.
4. It is of the utmost importance that the license of marriage should be preserved and filed of record by every clergyman.
5. In marriage by banns, the publication is regulated by the rubric ; and, in the case of parties whose domicile is remotely distant from each other, and where it would be extremely difficult to comply with the rubric requiring the

banns to be published in both parishes, provision to meet such contingency is made in the following sections of the civil code of Lower Canada :—First report, title fifth, of marriage, chapter second, sections 16*a*, 16*b*. 16*a*, “ If the actual domicile of the parties to be married has not been established by residence of six months at least, the publications must also be made at the place of their last domicile in Lower Canada.” (Additional article suggested by the commissioners for the codification of the laws of Lower Canada, as amendment to the law actually in force.) 16*b*. “ If this last domicile be out of Lower Canada, and the publications have not been made there, the officer who, in that case, celebrates the marriage, is bound to ascertain that there is no legal impediment between the parties.

6. The Committee further recommend that the 20th cap. of the Consolidated Statutes of Lower Canada, intituled, “An Act respecting Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials,” or if this Act should be altered, that the revised Statute should be printed for general distribution among the Clergy, with printed forms of registration appended for their further guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
W. ANDERSON, *Convener*.

Montreal, 1865.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MONTREAL, April 25th, 1865.

The Committee beg to Report :

1st.—That an account has been presented by Mr. Lovell to the Treasurer, for printing, for the years 1862, 3 and 4. The Treasurer has paid to Mr. Lovell all the money in his hands, leaving still due upwards of \$100.

2nd.—That in their last Report they recommended action on the part of the Synod in the matter of printing, and now would add, that they think it advisable that the accounts of the Synod should be called in by the Secretary immediately at the close of the Session, with a view to examination and liquidation.

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4th.—That Collections towards defraying the expenses of the Synod have been received from 38 Churches or Missions; but that 21 Parishes or Missions have omitted to comply with the rule ordering such collection and transmission to the Treasurer.

5th.—That some of the 21 Missions or Churches which have failed to comply with the rule concerning contributions up to this time this year, failed also to do so last year. Moreover, the attention of the Committee has been drawn to the fact that the contributions of one or more of the Parishes or Missions are unreasonably small.

6th.—That by a Resolution of the Synod, such failure to transmit to the Treasurer a collection to defray the expenses of the Synod, involves the exclusion of the delegates of the Parish or Mission from the Synod until the deficiency be made good.

7th.—That the Resolution of the Synod, ordering that Reports of Committees be printed and forwarded to the Members one month before the meeting of the Synod, compels your Committee to report concerning the Finances, some weeks prior to the time when, by the rule of the Synod, the collections for defraying the expenses of the Synod are to be made.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BOND,
Chairman.

No report yet received from Com. on Canons.

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Montreal, May, 1865.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

On the 26th of August, 1864, the Committee on Insurance met (the Lord Bishop present), when it was resolved that a Circular be addressed to the Clergy of the Diocese with a view of obtaining information on the following points:

1. Description of property to be insured in your Incumbency. Please refer to Schedule pp. 24, 25, Sixth Synod.

2. Amount to be insured on each separate description of property as specified in Schedule.
3. Date when the proposed plan could be entered upon by you.
4. If now insured, state in what Office and when the Policy will expire.

It was also suggested that the Policy should be, and stand in the name of the Lord Bishop, acting for the Church Society, and that the Treasurer of the Church Society should pay the Company the Premium upon the Bishop's order at a date to be agreed upon, the insured paying to the Treasurer of the Church Society the Premium as per Schedule on the amount insured in each incumbency, to be collected as the Incumbent may think best; should however the premium be in arrears, in case of any loss by fire, the incumbency will lose the benefit of the insurance and the amount recovered will be at the disposal of the Church Society.

The Committee also drew the attention of the Clergy to the comparatively small sum required to be paid, in the Country parts, by any one incumbency to cover the amount of premium (seldom exceeding ten dollars per annum, and in the majority of cases only from three to six dollars) which might readily be obtained by a special collection.

In September following, the Committee again met (the Lord Bishop being present), and the replies to the above mentioned circular having been examined, it was found that a large majority of the Clergy of the Diocese had replied, and that all, with four exceptions, had pronounced in favour of the scheme, and had expressed themselves ready to avail themselves of its terms, and that neither of the four exceptions had opposed the plan; these expressed themselves undecided, and one asked further delay, whereupon it was resolved that, in accordance with the resolution of the Sixth Synod, the Lord Bishop be requested to complete the arrangement, whereby the Diocese agrees to insure with the "Royal" as much of the City Church property as may be brought within the arrangement, together with all the property in the Country, the Royal insuring against loss by fire at low (specified) rates under the form of Policy agreed to.

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obtained from the Agent of the Royal the form of Policy, and submitted it to his Chancellor. This form, with some alterations, having been approved of, was transmitted to England with a view of obtaining the approval of the Company and making the arrangement as sure as possible. In the meantime, the arrangement having been thus far completed, the Royal was called upon to fulfil its part and cover the Church property in the Diocese.

On the 4th of May, the Committee again met, and beg further to report:

1st. That the completed form of Policy is daily expected from England.

2nd. That the following facts show the position and progress of the arrangement:—

(1) There are 57 Incumbencies or Missions with Church property to be covered by Insurance.

(2) Of these 8 are in the City and 49 in the Country parts.

(3) Of these 48 have come into the arrangement—
5 have declined,
4 are vacant.

(4) Of those who have declined—
3 are in the City,
2 are in the Country, besides one or two risks which the owners refuse to insure as being too safe.

(5) Of those who have acceded to the arrangement—
32 have paid the Premium,
11 have not paid,
5 are yet insured under other policies,
and the Premium is not yet due to the "Royal."

3rd. That the original understanding on the part of both the Committee and the Agent of the Royal, was that the whole of the Diocese, with the exception of the Cathedral, would be brought into the arrangement. It does not, therefore, seem fair, either that property should be withheld because the risk is good, while the bad risks are covered, or because local interests may conflict with the general interests of the Diocese, which are so largely promoted by this scheme.

4th. That several Premiums are still unpaid, (although the property is insured,) and there appears to be some uncertainty as to the time when they should be due and paid. It is therefore recommended that the Premiums for the whole property of the Church should be paid upon the order of the Lord Bishop, directed to the Treasurer of the Church Society, on the 1st day of July in each year, and that the Premiums due by the different Incumbencies should be paid in to the Treasurer on or before the meeting of Synod.

The Committee have had again, since their last Report, the duty of careful and adequate Insurance on Church property brought before them, by the accidental burning of a new Church in a neighbouring Diocese, whereby so serious a loss was sustained that an appeal had to be made in this and other cities. The Church was considered so secure against fire, that the authorities could only be induced, and that with some difficulty, to insure for one half its value, thus subjecting themselves to a grievous trial, as they had greatly taxed their strength to complete the building free of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BOND,
Chairman.