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## A PRAYER,

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

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

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# DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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## Original Declaration of Principles.

(ADOPTED OCT., 1855.)

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD.

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

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

3. An election of Representatives shall take place at the Easter meeting held in each Parish or Ecclesiastical District next before each ordinary meeting of the Synod, and on the same day in each District, which may be entitled to elect Representatives under Clause 9. Within 30 days after election the Chairman shall send the names of the Representatives to the Lay Secretary. The Parishes shall have the liberty of choosing their Representatives from any part of the Diocese.

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session.

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

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

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

6. The Representatives of the Laity must be at least twenty-one years of age, having been communicants for the twelve months preceding the election ; and every adult male

parishioner may vote for the Parish or District of which he is a member upon subscribing the following declaration (if required by the Chairman or any parishioner present): "I do declare that I am a member of the Church of England and belong to no other religious denomination."

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

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

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

9. Each Parish or district within a Parish that may have been placed under the charge of a Clergyman other than the Rector may send two Representatives.

10. Each Parish represented in this Synod shall be assessed for the purposes of this Synod. The amount assessed shall be due and shall be remitted to the Treasurer of Synod immediately after the Easter Meeting; and no Representative shall be allowed to take his seat at the ensuing Session of the Synod until the sum so assessed shall have been paid, together with any arrears that may become due, after the confirmation of this resolution.

11. The Chairman at the meeting in each Parish for the election of Delegates to the Synod shall, upon the election of such delegates, forthwith transmit to the Lay Secretary the certificate of election and also the certificate of qualification.

The Treasurer and the Lay and Clerical Secretaries shall be a Standing Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine such certificates, and also ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessment for which

they have been respectively liable, and report thereon to the Bishop on the day before the day of the meeting of the Synod, and the Bishop shall, immediately upon the opening of the Synod, lay such report upon the table.

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

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

In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as herein before provided, the Synod may for good and sufficient cause permit any delegate at any time to take his seat who produces sufficient proof of election and qualification.

12. The quorum required to constitute a Session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Lay Secretary; but no vote of the Synod shall be taken unless in the presence of at least three-fourths of those forming the quorum, with the Bishop or his commissary presiding.

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

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

14. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-Nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of



the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide, by a majority of votes taken as specified in Art. 13, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

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

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

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

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

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

*Declaration to be made (in addition to any declaration required by the rules of the Province or Diocese as to doctrine and worship) by persons to be admitted to Holy Orders, and by Clergymen to be admitted to the cure of souls, or to any other office or trust in the Church:*

“I, A. B., do declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made, or

\*With reference to Rule 17, the following resolution was adopted at the Thirteenth Session:—That such rule shall be held to mean two-thirds of the Clergy and the Laity present and voting.

which may from time to time be made by the Synod of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Provincial Synod of \_\_\_\_\_ or either of them [and in consideration of being appointed \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby undertake immediately after final judgment to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had by the tribunal appointed by the Synods of the aforesaid Province and Diocese for the trial of a clergyman; saving all rights of appeal."]

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

20. Every Parish or Mission in the Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions; and not later than on the second day of each Session of this Synod, at such hour as the Bishop or Chairman shall see fit, the Secretary shall read out the names of all Parishes and Missions, with the amount (if any) paid by them into the respective Treasurer's hands.

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

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

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

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#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

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

3. The Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and the Lay

Secretary shall call over the list of Parishes and Districts entitled to send Representatives, when the names of the Clergy and Laity present shall be marked by their respective Secretaries.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the Clergy and Laity respectively, which officers shall hold their offices until their successors shall be appointed.

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports of Committee.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

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

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

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#### RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

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

or Committee) unless seconded and reduced to writing. Every member giving notice of a motion may at the same time announce the name of the person by whom it shall be seconded.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

5. It shall be imperative for all Committees appointed at any Session of the Synod to report at its next Session, and not later, unless by consent of the Synod a longer time to do so be granted.

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

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

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(PASSED APRIL 29, 1863)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. Nothing in Chapter 77 of the Act of 1863, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," shall be construed to interfere with, alter, or circumscribe in any way the property, whether real or personal, which may now, or which may hereafter belong to the several respective Parishes, Church Corporations or Church Congregations in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, or other rights secured to such Parishes, Corporations or Congregations, or any of them, by any Act of the Legislature of this Province, or otherwise howsoever.

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*An Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.*

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

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act to incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Province of Prince Edward Island (who before the passing of such Act of Incorporation were represented in the Synod of Nova Scotia) may, so long as they continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, be admitted as members of such incorporated Synod, and may enjoy and exercise the same rights and privileges therein as the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in this Province.

II. So much of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1863, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," or of any other assisting enactment as is inconsistent with this Act, is repealed.

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

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

WHEREAS, The Bishop of Nova Scotia has been constituted a corporation sole by Royal Letters patent, and has in that capacity received, held, and conveyed real estate :



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

1. The present Bishop of Nova Scotia is, and he and his successors in office duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, shall be a corporation sole, with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, heretofore used, and all real estate conveyed to, or vested in the Bishop of Nova Scotia, whether in trust or otherwise, shall be vested in the said corporation sole, subject to all existing trusts.

2. Nothing within this Act contained shall extend in any manner to confer any spiritual jurisdiction or ecclesiastical rights whatsoever upon the said Episcopal corporation hereby continued or created.

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#### CHURCH ACT.

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(PASSED IN 1876, AND AMENDED 1879.)

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

1. No person shall officiate as a Minister of the Church of England within the Province of Nova Scotia but such as shall be duly licensed or instituted to the cure of souls by the Bishop of the Diocese, having previously subscribed to such declarations of assent and conformity to the doctrines and discipline of the Church of England as may be enjoined in England at the time of making such subscriptions, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to or inconsistent with any Canons Regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefore being duly signified in writing and delivered to the applicant within three months from the date of application for such license or letters of institution.

2. The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore, and when any church shall be erected for Divine Service, according to the rites of the Church of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the parish of such church. The Bishop may also divide and

sub-divide any Parish now established or hereafter to be established; but no Parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of the majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the Parish called for the consideration of such a measure.

3. When any rectory shall be vacant a meeting of the parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five parishioners, either by notice given in the church, or churches if there be more than one, during the time of Divine Service, or if there be no public service in the Parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the church or churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than 15 nor more than thirty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church of England, may be elected Rector by a majority of the parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signatures of the Chairman and two other parishioners; and the Clergyman so elected, when he shall have obtained the Bishop's Letters of Institution, shall be inducted by the Bishop into the said Parish. If no election be made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a Rector.

4. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the parishioners of every Parish, shall meet annually on Monday in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the Rector or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the parishioners, and any Parish business may be transacted. The Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the Church and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective Parishes, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own Chairman. Where there are two or more Churches in one Parish, the congregation of each Church other than the Parish Church may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens, who, subject to the control of the Rector, Wardens

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and Vestry, shall have the charge of said Church or Chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with the right of the parishioners included in the said congregation or congregations, to take part in the Easter meeting for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen for the whole Parish.

5. If in consequence of a vacancy, or for any other reason, no Easter meeting shall be held in any Parish, the Church Wardens and Vestry of the previous year shall continue in office, provided that any Warden or Vestryman may resign his office, by a notice in writing sent to the Bishop or to his Commissary administering the Diocese, who, upon the receipt of any such resignation, shall communicate the same to the Parochial authorities. In case of the refusal to act of any person elected to the office of Church Warden or Vestryman or of any vacancy or of vacancies in either of the said offices (by death or resignation) the vacancy or vacancies may be filled at a meeting held at any time of the year, as hereafter provided, after due notice. Either at the Easter meeting, or, if so ordered at the Easter meeting, at a meeting of the Vestry held not later than three weeks after the Parish meeting or adjourned Parish meeting, the out-going Wardens shall present their accounts, and shall transfer to the newly elected Wardens the books and all documents, monies or other property belonging to the Parish which shall be in their possession.

6. The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of each Parish shall together be a body politic and corporate, with the style of "The Rector Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of——," with power to sue and be sued, to receive grants of real and personal estate for the use of the Church and all Parish purposes, to improve the same and receive the rents thereof for the like use, and with the approval of the Bishop to sell and convey such real and personal property, and to have a common seal and to make by-laws and regulations, consistent with the laws of the Province, for the management of the temporalities of their Church and the due and orderly conducting of their affairs; provided, nevertheless, that if at any time the Parish be without a Rector the same rights and privileges shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestry until the appointment of a Rector, except so far as relates to the permanent alienation of any property. All the real and personal property belonging to any Parochial

corporation, shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of that Parish in their corporate capacity, subject to any existing rights or trusts therein.

7. The outgoing Wardens of each Parish shall prepare and submit to the annual meeting of parishioners a return of the property of the parochial corporation, whether real or personal, and of all moneys that may have been invested by or on behalf of the corporation during such year, and a schedule of the securities and the rate of interest upon which such investments have been made, which return the incoming Wardens shall within three weeks forward to the Registrar of the Diocese. And if at any time the Bishop has reason to believe, in consequence of information received, that the property of any Parish is not rightly administered, he may institute legal proceedings against the corporation, or any officers of the said Parish, through whose default or neglect any loss may have been occasioned.

8. The following persons shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of Parishioners of any Parish of the Church of England:—

(1.) Men of full age who are, and who have been for not less than six months, communicants in the said Parish.

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

Provided always that any person voting, may be required by the chairman of the meeting, or any parishioner present to sign the following declaration:—“I do declare that I am a Member of the Church of England, and belong to no other religious denomination, and am qualified as required by clause 2, section 8, of the Church Act.” And also, when not voting as a communicant, to produce a receipt or certificate from the Church or Chapel Wardens, or one of them, or the

Vestry Clerk, showing that he is such pew-holder or contributor, and that he is not more than six months in arrears as aforesaid.

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

9. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, and the Church Wardens and Vestry, may meet for the transaction of business as often as occasion may require at the instance of the Rector, or of the Church Wardens, or on the requisition of the majority of the Vestry made to the Rectors or Church Wardens, a majority of the whole number of members of the Corporation being a quorum for the transaction of business; and the Rector or Clergyman officiating as such, Church Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners may assemble for business connected with the Parish, as often as it may be considered necessary, either at the instance or upon the application of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, or the Church Wardens, or the Parishioners, provided that ten at least of the latter sign a requisition to that effect, notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat having been given during Divine Service in the Parish Church on some Sunday, at least three days previously, by the minister of the Parish, who shall give the required notice whenever called upon as aforesaid, provided that such notice shall be placed in hands in writing at least twenty-four hours before the time of giving notice.

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

11. No conveyance by lease or otherwise of any parsonage held by a Minister of the Church of England shall be valid for a longer period than his own incumbency, and no such conveyance of any property belonging to any Parish or held by any Rector in virtue of his office shall be valid for a longer period than as aforesaid, unless with the concurrence of the Church Wardens and Vestry expressed in

writing under their common seal, and in no case for a longer period than twenty-one years; but with the concurrence of the Bishop, the Rector and the Church Wardens and Vestry full and absolute sale and conveyance may be made of any glebe land or other real estate belonging to the Parish, if the same be thought for the interests thereof.

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

13. The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia may grant a license to officiate as a Clergyman of the Church of England in this Province to any person who shall have been admitted to the order of Priest or Deacon by any Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, anything in the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the 26th year of his late Majesty King George III., Cap. 84, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

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## CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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### CANON I.

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#### REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY

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##### PREAMBLE.

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

I.—In every case of any Clerk in Holy Orders who may be charged with any offence against the laws ecclesiastical, or concerning whom there may exist scandal or evil report, the Bishop shall, upon the application of seven male communicants of the Parish in which the accused resided, or may, if he shall think fit, of his own mere motion, issue a Commission under his hand and seal to five Presbyters of not less than seven years' standing, and the Commissioners so

appointed, or any three of them, shall inquire into the truth of the charges alleged against the party accused as set forth in their Commission, notice of the time and place of such inquiry having been given to the party accused and to the party, if any, upon whose application or complaint the commission may have been issued not less than thirty days before the time appointed for the commencement of the inquiry.

And in the course of such inquiry the Commissioners shall receive all such evidence as may be tendered to them whether for or against the party accused, and said evidence shall be taken down by them in writing.

And the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall report in writing within 30 days from the day of the date of the hearing, unless they, or any three of them, shall by a memorandum in writing extend such time, whether in the opinion of the majority of those present there be or be not sufficient *prima facie* ground for instituting further proceedings; which report shall be accompanied by a copy of the evidence upon which it is founded.

II.—And in all cases when the Commissioners, or any three of them, shall have reported that there is *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, the Bishop, with the written consent of the party accused, may pronounce judgment without further proceedings.

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

IV.—In every case where *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, has been found, and in which, from the nature of the offence charged, the charge not being one of error in Doctrine only, it shall appear to the Bishop that great scandal is likely to arise from the Clergyman accused continuing to perform the services of the Church while such charge is under investigation, the Bishop shall cause a notice to be served on the accused at the same time with the service of the copy of the charge, or at any time pending the

proceedings, inhibiting him from performing any services of the Church during the investigation, or until the Bishop shall withdraw the inhibition.

V.—At each regular meeting of the Synod a Board of Discipline, consisting of 13 Presbyters of not less than ten years' standing and of 13 Lay members of the Synod, shall be appointed.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

XII.—In case at any time when the services of the Board of Discipline are required there should be vacancies therein

in consequence of death, absence or other cause, or if the person accused shall be a member of the Board, the Executive Committee shall at once fill up all such vacancies, so that in all cases there may be 13 Presbyters and 13 Lay members available for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

XIII.—The following sentence may be announced and punishments imposed upon offending Clergymen: Admonition, suspension from the exercise of his office, deprivation or removal from his office in the Church, otherwise called deposition, and degradation from the Ministry.

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

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

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

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

may be commenced at any time within six months after such judgment or conviction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## CANON II.

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### ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

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When the See is vacant the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, or in case of his absence or incapacity the Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, being a member of the Synod, shall, within a fortnight after the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the Synod, to be held in not less than thirty days, to elect a successor to the See: at which meeting the said Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, or in the absence of both, the senior Presby-

ter present shall preside\* ; and it shall be the duty of such Archdeacon or Presbyter to forward as early as possible the name of the Bishop elect to the proper authorities. And at such meeting of the Synod no other business shall be transacted.

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

### CANON III.

#### OF DIVINITY STUDENTS.

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

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

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

### CANON IV.

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

1. In addition to the testimonial hitherto required for Holy Orders, Candidates for the Diaconate shall produce to the Bishop testimonials of their acquirements and moral

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character from the Head of the College where they received their education, and also a declaration from the majority of the Executive Committee of the Synod, that they are satisfied either from personal knowledge or after enquiry made as to their moral character.

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

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

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

#### CANON V.

##### OF DEACONESES.

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

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

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

and three female members of the Church. The Bishop shall also satisfy himself that she has had sufficient preparation for the work.

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

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

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

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

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## CANONS OF PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

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

### CANON II.

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

No Bishop within this Province shall hereafter grant his license to any Clergyman to the cure of souls until such Clergyman has first subscribed and declared his submission to the Canons of the Provincial Synod and of the Synod of the Diocese of such Bishop, in the following form:

I, A. B., do willingly subscribe to and declare that I assent to and abide by the Canons which have been, or shall be,

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from time to time passed by the Provincial Synod or the Synod of the Diocese of——.

### CANON III.

#### ON THE POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN.

3. Upon a memorial signed by two-thirds of the Clerical and Lay members of any Diocesan Synod, certified to be such by the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of such Diocesan Synod, requesting the Metropolitan Bishop to exercise visitatorial power in such Diocese, the said Metropolitan Bishop shall have full power and authority to visit such Diocese, and the Bishop thereof, and during such visitation to inhibit the exercise of all or of such part or parts of the ordinary jurisdiction of such Bishop as to him, the Metropolitan Bishop, shall seem expedient, and during the time of such visitation to exercise by himself or his Commissaries such powers, functions and jurisdiction in and over the said Diocese as the Bishop thereof might have exercised if he had not been inhibited from exercising the same.

### CANON V.

#### COURT OF APPEAL OF THE METROPOLITAN—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The House of Bishops, presided over by the Metropolitan or President of the Upper House, or Senior Bishop in their absence, with two more assessors to be from time to time nominated by the said House of Bishops, shall be the Court of Appeal from the judgment of any Diocesan Court.

#### WHEN APPEAL SHALL LIE.

An Appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal in all cases adjudged by any Diocesan Court on behalf of any party to the case or proceeding in the Diocesan Court.

There shall be no appeal for any error or defect in form in any proceeding in the Diocesan Court.

An Appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from the judgment or decision of the Bishop of any Diocese.

### CANON VI.

#### OF MINISTERING IN PARISHES.

1. No Clergyman shall absent himself from his charge for

more than four weeks at a time, without the written consent of a Bishop, or, in his absence, of his Commissary.

2. No person shall be permitted to celebrate Divine Service or perform any office of the Church, permanently or occasionally, except he shall have been Episcopally and Canonically ordained, and it shall be the duty of the Incumbent, or, in his absence, of the Church Wardens, to demand proof of such ordination and of the good standing of the Clergyman before permitting him to officiate.

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

This Canon shall not apply to the students of any Theological College so as to prevent them from reading the Lessons in College Chapel, or to Laymen occasionally officiating where there is a necessity for it.

3. No Clergyman shall officiate in any Mission or Parish either as a substitute for the Incumbent or as his assistant for more than one month without the written license of the Bishop or the Bishop's Commissary.

4. No Bishop of one Diocese shall perform any Episcopal Functions in another without the sanction of the Bishop thereof, save in the case provided for by the Canon relating to the powers of the Metropolitan, nor shall any Bishop perform any such functions in any vacant Diocese except by instruction from the Metropolitan, or in case of the voidance of his Diocese, from the Senior Bishop of the Province.

### CANON VII.

#### OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

When a Priest or Deacon in good standing is desirous of leaving a Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give him, on his request, the usual "Letters Testimonial," but the Clergyman receiving the same shall continue, subject to the Episcopal Jurisdiction of the Bishop, till the Letters Testimonial shall have been presented according to their address and accepted by the Bishop to whose Diocese the Clergyman wishes to be transferred; provided always that if they be not presented within three months after date, they may be considered as void as by the authority whence they proceeded and shall be void unless they be presented within six months.



## CANON X.

## OF OFFICIATING OF STRANGE CLERGYMEN IN A DIOCESE.

When a Bishop is aware that a Clergyman not of his Diocese is officiating, or about to officiate in his Diocese, and when the said Bishop shall have good reason to believe that doubts exist regarding the Clergyman's orthodoxy, canonical ordination, or good morals, then the Bishop may inhibit him from officiating within his Diocese, by a writing addressed to him and to the clergy; and any clergyman, after the receipt of the Bishop's inhibition, permitting such inhibited person to perform any clerical function in his Church, or Mission Chapel, shall be proceeded against by the Bishop for a breach of Canonical obedience.

## RULE OF ORDER—No. 33.

No Canon shall be enacted unless the same has been transmitted by the Secretaries of the Lower House to the Members of the Provincial Synod at least one month before the meeting of Synod, or unless the same has been left over as unfinished business, and printed in the Journal of the previous Session.

## RURAL DEANERIES.

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

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

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

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

*Deanery of Amherst.*—(Rev. G. Townshend, M.A., R.D.)  
—Maitland, Truro, Stewiacke, Londonderry, Parsboro', Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Wallace, Albion Mines.

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

*Deanery of Tangier.*—(Rev. R. Jamieson, R.D.)—Beaver Harbor, Ship Harbor, Three Fathom Harbor, Dartmouth, Sackville.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### ADDENDA.

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

The Clergyman of each Parish is required to keep a register of the number of adherents of the Church of England in their several Parishes, specifying the names and number of (Church families) Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, &c., &c., in a book with printed headings, according to a form

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to be prepared by the Executive Committee, said book, to be kept among the permanent records of the Parish.

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

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

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

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted:

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

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

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

Also, the following form of letters Commendatory:

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

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

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

Witness our hand.

A., BISHOP,  
B., SECRETARY.

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

## ERRATA.

The following alterations were made in the regulations governing Rural Deaneries, at the 18th Session.

CLAUSE 2.—Insert after "Deanery," the words "in each Parish or Mission in turn."

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

CLAUSE 5, to read thus,—The Bishop shall be authorized to transfer a Parish from one Deanery to another at the request or with the concurrence of the two chapters affected by such transfer.

### CANON VI.\*

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

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

1. That every clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall furnish Statistical Returns, according to Schedules A and B.
2. That every clergyman not regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and holding the Bishop's License, shall also make similar returns by filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may cover any occasional Services he may have performed.
3. That every Licensed Lay-Reader shall also furnish to the Incumbent or in the case of a vacant Parish or of a District separated from a Parish to the Rural Dean, similar returns for the Parish or District to which he is licensed, filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may apply to his office.
4. That every Rural Dean shall furnish statements concerning his chapter according to Schedule marked C.
5. That blank forms shall be issued by the Bishop through the Clerical Secretary of the Synod to all persons from whom the aforesaid reports are required.
6. That all such returns shall be duly filled up to the thirty-first day of December, and be sent in each year on or before the last day of February to the Rural Dean, who shall tabulate all such reports and send them together with his decanal report to the Bishop or his commissary, who shall lay all such returns before the Executive Committee.
7. That the Secretary of the Executive Committee shall tabulate all such reports according to Schedules A and B, and submit the same duly signed by the Bishop or his commissary, on the first day of every Session of the Synod and that these Statistical Returns shall be printed and published with each B. H. M. Report.
8. That no grant shall henceforth be payable to any clergyman from Diocesan Funds in default of rendering said returns so long as any such default shall continue.
9. The Reports required by this Canon to be received as far as possible in place of other returns at present made by the Clergy.

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| 7.  | Blandford.....                       | *E. J. Lordly, *J. H. Balcam.  |
| 8.  | Bridgetown.....                      | *†A. C. Johnstone, *†Albert Morse.   |
| 9.  | Bridgewater.....                     | *W. H. Owen, Hibbert Whitford.   |
| 10. | Chester.....                         | *Chas. Lordly, Selwyn H. Shreve.   |
| 11. | Clements.....                        | *James C. Harris, <i>F. C. Sumichrast.</i>                                     |
| 12. | Cornwallis.....                      | Johr Donaldson, Wm. Sutton.  |
| 13. | Country Harbor.....                  | No return.   |
| 14. | Dartmouth.....                       | *J. Walter Allison, Jas. G. Foster.  |
| 15. | Digby.....                           | *Archibald Dakin, *Thomas C. Shreve,<br><i>*Arthur B. Wiswell.</i>             |
| 16. | Eastern Passage.....                 | Joseph Osborn, Joseph Wentzell,  |
| 17. | Falmouth.....                        | *Lewis W. Hill, John S. Smith.   |
| 18. | Granville.....                       | No return.   |
| 19. | Guysboro.....                        | No return.   |
| 20. | Halfway Cove.....                    | No return.   |
| 21. | Halifax—St. Luke's.....              | W. C. Silver, J. T. Wylde.   |
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| 23. | “ —St. George's.....                 | J. Johnston Hunt, David H. Whiston.  |
| 24. | “ —St. Mark's and St.<br>John's..... | C. Sidney Harrington, Andrew Vizard.   |
| 25. | Harrietsfield (Terrence Bay).....    | *John Jollimore, T. C. Mellor.   |
| 26. | Herring Cove, (Falkland).....        | *John Adams, *John Harrigan.   |
| 27. | Horton.....                          | Samuel Prat, Thomas Tuzo.  |
| 28. | Hubbard's Cove.....                  | James Gossip, *Francis Mason.  |
| 29. | LaHave (New Dublin).....             | No return.   |
| 30. | Liverpool.....                       | *Francis W. Collins, John Geo. Pyke,<br><i>Dr. A. Cowie, *Frank F. Forbes.</i> |
| 31. | Lockeport.....                       | No return.   |
| 32. | Londonderry.....                     | *†Dr. F. W. Macdonald, *†Geo. Romans.  |
| 33. | Lunenburg.....                       | No return.   |

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*\*Barry D. Bent, \*Robt. C. Fuller.*
46. Rawdon.....Alfred B. Smith, Robt. J. Wilson.
47. River John.....\*†C. B. Bullock, \*†Patrick Murphy.
48. Shelburne.....No return.
49. Sackville.....\*Benet D. Fultz, Thos. Roberts Hutton.
50. Seaforth.....No return.
51. Ship Harbor.....Charles M. Dean, Robert Stevens.
52. Spring Hill.....\*J. A. Byers, M.D., Jas. Facey,  
*Alfred H. Payne.*
53. Stewiacke.....\*Wm. Blake, James Miller.
54. St. Margaret's Bay.....Edwd. Grono, \*Wm. M. Brown.
55. St. Mary's River.....No return.
56. St. Matthew's, Lahave.....\*†Austin Mulock, \*†Jonas Mulock.
57. Tangier.....Thomas Brown, \*Edwin Gilpin.
58. Truro.....\*W. H. Tremaine, Wm. Hallett.
59. Tusket.....No return.
60. Weymouth.....\*St. Clair Jones, Hon. A. G. Jones.
61. Wilmot.....No return.
62. Windsor.....\*Clarence Dimock, Henry Youle Hind,  
*D. Prescott Allison, Jr.*
63. Windsor Forks.....Edward Redden, John Taylor.
64. Yarmouth.....Thomas R. Jolly, J. W. H. Rowley.
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2. Baddeck.....No return.
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*Thos. C. Hill.*
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7. North Sydney.....No return.
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4. Cherry Valley.....No return.
5. Crapaud.....Donald W. Palmer, \*Robert B. Stewart.
6. George Town.....\*William S. Easton, \*Wm. Sanderson.
7. Milton.....\*Arthur W. Holroyd.
8. New London.....No return.
9. Port Hill.....No return.
10. St. Eleanor's (Summerside). No return.

NOTE.—Those marked \* were not present during the Session. The credentials of those marked † are not perfect. Those printed in *italics* are substitutes.

## MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

## Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

## FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 1st, 1886.

THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA met on the day appointed by the Executive Committee, July 1st, 1886, in St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax.

The Holy Communion was administered in St. Luke's at 7.30 a. m. At 10 a. m., the Litany was said and the Holy Communion administered, the Lord Bishop being celebrant. A sermon was preached to the Synod by Rev. Francis Partridge, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church.

The Synod assembled for business at 2.30 p. m. The Bishop took the chair and opened the proceedings with prayer.

The Clerical Secretary called the roll of Clergy, when 68 were found to be present.

The Lord Bishop laid on the table the Report of the Committee on Credentials containing the list of duly qualified lay representatives. This was read by the Lay Secretary who was requested to add to it any others which might be handed in.

The Lord Bishop then delivered the opening address.

The Lay Secretary called the roll of lay representatives when 52 answered to their names.

Moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by Rev. Canon Brock,

That the Minutes of the last Session as printed be taken as read, and that they be approved. *Carried.*

The appointment of Committees was then proceeded with.

Moved and seconded,

That a Committee of 9 be appointed to take into consideration King's College as recommended in the Bishop's address and to report before the end of the Session. *Carried.*

The following members were nominated as such Committee and duly elected :

Rev. Canon Brock,	Mr. E. J. Hodgson,
“ Dr. Partridge,	Lieut. Col. Stewart,
“ Dr. Bowman,	Professor Hind,
“ Dr. Nichols,	Mr. W. C. Silver.
“ J. Ambrose.	

Moved and seconded,

That a Committee be appointed to consider the question of a Ladies School, as recommended in the Bishop's address.

The following gentlemen were nominated as such Committee and duly elected, to report before the end of the present session.

Rev. F. R. Murray,	Professor Hind,
“ J. A. Kaulbach,	Mr. F. C. Sumichrast,
“ Rural Dean Moore,	Mr. C. J. Townshend, M.P.
“ Dr. Willets.	Mr. Andrew Vizard.
“ R. D. Bambrick.	

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Clerical Secretary.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meeting held Thursday, Feb. 25th, 3 p. m. at the house of the Lord Bishop.

Present, the Lord Bishop in the Chair. The Venerable the Archdeacon, Rev. Dr. Bowman, F. R. Murray, J. A. Kaulbach, Messrs. J. T. Wyld, W. Gossip, E. P. Archbold, W. C. Silver, and the Secretaries.

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The Lord Bishop stated that he had called the meeting of the Executive Committee somewhat earlier than usual, because it became the duty of the Committee under resolution passed last Session to determine the time of the meeting of Synod; and raised the question as to whether there were any Church Paper, in which to publish the business of Synod as per Rule V. p. 11 of 17th Session.

Moved by Mr. Silver, seconded by Rev J. A. Kaulbach—

That as there is no Church Paper established in this Diocese, the business to be brought before Synod by the Executive Committee be published in the Church Guardian, three months before the Meeting of Synod. *Carried.*

Various corrections were ordered on Page 4 and 5 of last Journal; attention was drawn to Clause 10, and to the Clauses immediately following and omitted in last Journal which read as follows:—

The Treasurer and the Lay and Clerical Secretaries shall be a standing Committee on Credentials, whose duty it shall be to examine the certificates of the representatives, and also to ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessment for which they have been respectively liable, and to report thereon to the Bishop on the day before the day of the meeting of the Synod, and the Bishop shall immediately upon the opening of the Synod lay such report upon the table.

If any objection be made to such report on behalf of any person or persons claiming a seat in the Synod as a lay representative, the same shall be referred to a special committee of seven members, of which the Standing Committee on Credentials, shall be *ex officio* members, together with four lay members whose right to a seat is unquestioned. No representative

whose right to a seat is questioned shall be a member of, or vote for members of, the Special Committee on Credentials.

In case the certificates of election and qualification have not been transmitted as hereinbefore provided, the Synod may, for good and sufficient cause, permit any delegate at any time to take his seat on producing sufficient proof of election and qualification.

These to be added to Clause II.

P. 6. Sec. 16. The addition proposed by Rev. G. W. Hodgson to Clause 16 was marked for confirmation, viz. :—

By Rev G. W. Hodgson—

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

Clause 2 of Committee on Credentials' report then comes in after 10 of the Constitution.

Clause 2 of the Order of Proceedings becomes—

That the Bishop lay on the table the report of the Committee on Credentials; viz., Treasurer, Clerical Secretary and Lay Secretary.

Clause 3 on Order of Proceedings becomes 4, &c.

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

That a Sub-Committee of Clergy be appointed to suggest amendments in the regulations governing Rural Deaneries.

*Committee.*—The Bishop, The Archdeacon, Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, Dr. Bowman, F. R. Murray and Dr. Partridge. *Carried.*

Mr. E. J. Hodgson's Memorial was ordered to be dropped.

The Executive Committee recommend on motion of Judge Ritchie, seconded by Rev. Minor Canon Murray—

That the Synod be held on July 1st, the Missionary Meeting on Friday, July 2nd, and a Conference of Clergy on Monday, July 5th; and that the Bishop do nominate a Sub-Committee of four members to act with himself to make arrangements for speakers and readers. It was moved and seconded by the same that the Sub-Committee have full power to make all arrangements necessary.

The Secretaries were ordered to put a list of Parishes, who contributed to Home and Foreign Missions in 9th report. Also to put the resolution on the place of meeting of the Synod in the addenda to the next Journal.

That the ordinary place of meeting of the Synod shall be the city of Halifax, but that if an invitation be given from any town in the Diocese by residents of such town willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod, and if the accepting of such invitation be recommended by the Executive Committee, the Synod shall be at liberty to accept it. *Carried.*

The Executive Committee's Report was ordered to appear on the Minutes.

The Canon on Deaconesses to be printed as a Canon.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion to adopt at this Session the resolution on Divinity Students rejected at the last Session was made part of the order of business.

The Lord Bishop was requested to furnish to Committee on Credentials a list of Parishes.

Two Governors of Kings College, one for two and one for four years, are to be elected.

Rev. F. R. Murray will introduce a motion to provide for Education of children of Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Bowman will introduce a motion to extend the parochial franchise to women.

Deferred motions were ordered to appear.

Committees on Wine, Desecrated Churches, Shortened Services, Parish property, Sunday Schools, S. P. C. K., and organization in Parishes, will be expected to report.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Bishop and the Secretaries were appointed to select standing resolutions as Addenda.

The Executive Committee desire to call special attention to the death of Rev. G. W. Hodgson and his loss to the Diocese.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Messrs. Wylde and Silver appointed auditors.

Finance Sub-Committee presented their Report. It was adopted and the amounts of Assessments were ordered to be sent to Parishes.

The Secretary was ordered to write to Mr. H. J. Cundall and ask for report of allotment to each Parish in P. E. I.

Treasurer's Report was ordered to be inserted in Journal of 18th Session.

The Executive Committee recommend to Synod further pecuniary advantages to Lay Representatives.

F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary.*

The following notices of motion were given :

1. By Rev. W. J. Ancient—

Respecting Superannuation Fund.

2. By Mr. E. J. Hodgson—

Respecting Journals of other Synods.

It was moved by Rev. Minor Canon Murray and duly seconded that the side aisles and galleries of the Church be opened to visitors.

*Carried.*

The following notices of motion were given :

3. By Mr. T. R. Jolly—

Respecting the place of meeting of Synod.



4. By Mr. J. W. H. Rowley—

Respecting appointment to Parishes.

Unfinished business was taken up.

The alteration of Article 2 of the Order of proceedings, moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson last session, comes up for confirmation as follows :—

That the Order of Proceedings, Article 2, be altered so that the roll shall be called only at the opening of the Session, the names of those who enter afterwards being recorded by the Secretaries.

On being put to the House it was *lost*.

The Chairman appointed 4 p. m. to-morrow for nomination of delegates to Provincial Synod ; and 4.30 p. m., for the reading of the names of the Parishes and their contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion—

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

was brought up for confirmation.

On being put to the Synod, it was unanimously confirmed.

The next motion for confirmation from the last Session was that of Rev. Canon Dart,

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

After a long and spirited debate, on being put this motion was not confirmed.

The Synod took recess till 7 p. m.

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THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 7.20 p. m., when motions deferred from last Session were taken up.

That of Rev. S. Gibbons, having already been acted upon, was omitted.

That of Prof. Wilson with reference to proper Collects for educational institutions was dropped.

Rev. F. J. H. Axford's motion on admitting the laity to the meetings of Ruri-decanal chapters was dropped.

Mr. W. C. Silver's motion with reference to Rural Deaneries was allowed to wait until the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee makes its report.

Rev. Rural Dean Moore's resolution relative to appointment to Parishes was then debated, to amend Clause 3 of Church Act, so as to read—

“When any Rectory shall be vacant, the two Church Wardens of the vacant Parish, with the two delegates from the same to the Diocesan Synod, together with the Lord Bishop of N. S., shall proceed to appoint a Rector. But if no appointment is thus made within 12 months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop alone shall appoint a Rector.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley, seconded by Rev. Canon Brock :—

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Rectory of any Parish in this Diocese, the Wardens and Vestry of said Parish shall meet within three months after such vacancy has occurred and they shall proceed to elect out of the number of vestrymen seven persons to whom shall be added the Wardens of the Parish ; and this body of seven persons shall proceed to elect a Rector from among such clergymen as the Bishop may recommend to them. And in case no election shall be made from the first list submitted by the Bishop, the Bishop shall thereupon submit further names for the consideration of said electory Committee until a choice is arrived at. And it shall be within the power of said Committee to suggest to the Bishop the names of any Clergymen to be placed upon the list to be submitted by him.

After discussion Mr. Moore withdrew his motion, and Mr. Rowley's amendment became the substantive motion.

Moved in amendment by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Ellis :

That the question be referred to a Committee composed of Rev. D. C. Moore, Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, Messrs. W. C. Silver, E. Hodgson, C. S. Harrington, and J. W. H. Rowley, to report to the Synod during the present session a suitable scheme for the election of Rectors.

*Carried unanimously.*

Mr. R. J. Wilson's deferred motion then came up.

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

On being put to the house, it was *lost*.

The following notices of motion were given :

By Rev. S. Gibbons—

5. That in Missions helped by B. H. Missions, a permutation scheme be adopted.

By Rev. S. Gibbons—

6. That no Deacon be appointed to a Rectory.

By Mr. Thomas Brown—

7. That Parishes shall not be competent to invest monies in parsonages or other parish buildings, especially monies collected by general subscription, except the plans of proposed buildings be submitted and be approved by a Committee to be appointed by the Synod.

The motion of Rev. F. R. Murray respecting statistical returns was made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow Friday, at 2.30 p. m.

## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 2ND, 1886.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 p. m.

Prayers.

The Roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, when 56 were present.

The Roll of the Lay representatives was called by the Lay Secretary, when 51 were present.

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

Rev. Minor Canon Murray presented and read the

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

The Committee have carefully considered the memorial submitted to them, and cannot report favorably on the Windsor Memorial in its present form, whilst unanimously of opinion that a Diocesan School for Girls should be established.

The Committee leave the consideration of the question of providing for the education of the daughters of the clergy until the Synod has decided on the establishment of a Church School.

F. R. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

Rev. Rural Dean Ellis presented and read the

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GLEBE LANDS.

The Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the condition of Parish property, beg to state that in one case only have they been called upon, viz., by the Parish of Sackville. In this case the Chairman visited the premises accompanied by a gentleman well qualified to advise in such matters. Upon examination of the premises complained of as going to waste he found that the property is in a wild state, not enclosed, and used as common, and that this arises from past neglect, the lumber having been taken off, and no one taking care of the premises. The Committee have no power except to report this fact, yet, at the same time would advise the selling of the said property, if possible, and also that the Synod call the attention of the various Parishes in the Diocese to the state of their several properties, so as no loss may happen by neglect.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ELLIS, *Chairman.*

The following notices of motion were given :

8. By Rev. Rural Dean Ellis—

In reference to Glebe Lands.

9. By Rev. R. C. Caswall—

In reference to occasional prayers.

10. By Rev. J. O. Ruggles—

In reference to change in the tenure of Rectorships.

11. By Mr. E. J. Hodgson—

Respecting Festivals of the Church.

Rev. Minor Canon Murray then brought up his deferred motion on Statistical information, and proposed the following

CANON

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

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

1. That every clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission, or, if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall furnish Statistical Returns, according to Schedules A and B. (See App.)

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

3. That every Licensed Lay-Reader shall also furnish to the Incumbent or in the case of a vacant Parish or of a District separated from a Parish to the Rural Dean, similar returns for the Parish or District to which he is licensed, filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may apply to his office.

4. That every Rural Dean shall furnish statements concerning his chapter according to Schedule marked C. (See App.)

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

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

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

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

Moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Partridge, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie :—

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That a Committee of the Synod be appointed in conjunction with the Lord Bishop to draw up a statistical paper of questions to be returned at the end of each year ; combining and condensing the present two into one ; and to take into consideration the whole matter. *Lost*

The time having arrived for nominations to Provincial Synod, the following gentlemen were nominated and elected :

Rev. Canon Brock,	Rev. Dr. Hole,	Rev. F. R. Murray,
“ Dr. Nichols,	“ J. A. Kaulbach,	“ Rural Dean Moore,
“ Dr. Bowman,	“ V. E. Harris,	“ D. Smith,
“ Dr. Partridge,	“ R. C. Caswall,	“ R. D. Bambrick.

## SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. S. Gibbons,	Rev. A. C. Macdonald,	Rev. G. R. Martell,
“ H. D. deBlois,	“ G. Maynard,	“ W. E. Gelling.

The following lay representatives were then proposed by a nominating committee and duly elected :

Mr. W. C. Silver,	Mr. J. W. H. Rowley,	Mr. E. P. Archbold,
Professor Hind,	Col. Stewart,	“ James Gossip,
Mr. A. Vizard,	Mr. C. S. Harrington,	Hon. Judge Ritchie,
“ E. J. Hodgson,	Dr. J. J. Hunt,	Mr. J. G. Foster.

## SUBSTITUTES.

Mr. J. T. Wylde,	Mr. G. E. Francklyn,	Mr. Charles Palmer,
“ S. H. Shreve,	“ L. W. Watson,	“ T. R. Jolly.

The appointed hour of 4.30 having arrived, the Clerical Secretary, read the list of Parishes with the amounts contributed to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. (See Appendix.)

Moved by Rev. G. F. Maynard, seconded by Rev. H. D. deBlois :

That the Canon proposed by Rev. F. R. Murray be referred to a Committee which shall report to the Synod during its present Session. *Carried.*

The following members were appointed such Committee :

Rev. F. R. Murray,	Rev. J. A. Kaulbach,	Dr. J. J. Hunt.
“ D. Smith,	Mr. F. C. Sumichrast,	Mr. C. S. Harrington,
“ G. F. Maynard,		

The motion of Rev. W. C. Wilson respecting the Superannuation Fund was made the first order of business for to-morrow's session.

The following notice of motion was given by Mr. Thomas Brown :

That the Executive Committee of the Synod be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of parochial Records with printed headings prepared for issue at the expense of the Synod, or kept on sale as may be decided. The use of such Record to be compulsory by each Parish or mission.

The Synod adjourned till to-morrow, Saturday, at 2.30 P. M.

## THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, 1886.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 P. M. The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The Roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, when 37 were found to be present.

The Roll of the Lay Representatives was called by the Lay Secretary, when 39 answered to their names.

Moved by Rev. W. C. Wilson, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient :

*Whereas*, it is desirable that adequate provision should be made for the support of aged and otherwise infirm Clergyman.

*And Whereas* the Clergy Superannuation Fund, as at present constituted does not fully meet this requirement.

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Synod do now appoint six Clergymen and six Laymen, who with the Bishop shall be a Committee for the purpose of making such provision, and that they be requested to report as early as possible.

The Rev. W. C. Wilson moved the following gentlemen as the Committee on the Superannuation Fund in connection with his scheme :—

Rev. J. Ambrose,	Hon. A. G. Jones,
“ Dr. Bowman,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
“ Rural Dean Moore,	“ Thos. Brown,
“ J. J. Ritchie,	“ C. S. Harrington,
“ W. J. Ancient,	“ J. G. Foster,
“ W. C. Wilson,	Capt. Tuzo.

The Rev. P. H. Brown submitted and read the

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMUNION WINE.

Your Committee appointed to recommend, “after careful enquiry,” a suitable wine for Holy Communion beg leave to submit their report.

The subject of Communion Wine has for years past excited very wide-spread attention; and the literature upon this question is already voluminous.

Numbers of the Clergy and laity have for a long time had grave doubts as to whether many of the so-called wines were suitable for use at the Holy Communion; and even whether some of them were really wines at all.

The preparation of special wines, for this sacred purposes, largely advertised, with testimonials from dignitaries of our Church, points to this uneasy feeling and endeavours to remove it.

The appointment of this Committee proves that these doubts prevail largely in this Diocese.

The general practice of the Church, both in the past and present, together with the respect due to the deliberately expressed opinion

of our own Bishops in the English Convocation, some few years ago, not to mention other considerations, have confined the enquiries of your Committee to *fermented* wines.

Some of the special wines, above alluded to, have been used by a few of the Clergy of this Diocese, whose testimony concerning them we have; but the *price* of these, after paying expenses of importation, would be a tax upon the funds of many of our poor parishes. If, however, these wines were the *most suitable* for the sacred purpose the cost should not, for a *moment*, be considered an obstacle to their adoption.

But your Committee have thought that a wine, at least as suitable is procurable, and at a much less cost.

During the past two years, the clerical members of your Committee have been using a variety of wines in their celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. We have sought for a *pure* wine, containing the lowest percentage of Alcohol, consistent with perfect fermentation; and have thought, for obvious reasons, a red wine would be most acceptable—other things being equal. Of the various wines used by them during the past two years, they have selected *three*, as in their opinion best adapted for the purpose.

These have been analysed by Maynard Bowman, Esq., Public Analyst, whose analysis is appended to the report.

We have therefore selected for recommendation to this Synod. "Tarragona," a light, Spanish, Port wine. But, as *the comparative purity* of any particular wine may depend upon the vintage, and demand; and as the character of the wine now selected and recommended may change,—your Committee would suggest, that a standing Committee be appointed, to report at each session of this Synod, as to the continued purity, or otherwise, of the wine selected, or to recommend another, better suited, should such be found.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PHILIP H. BROWN,  
*Chairman.*

60 BEDFORD ROW, HALIFAX, 1ST JULY, 1886.

REV. F. R. MURRAY,

*Dear Sir*,—The following is my report on the three samples of wine received from you for analysis:

	Barton Co.	Sacramental.	Tarragona.
Specific Gravity.....	1.0146	1.0059	1.0256
Alcohol by weight.....	12.38	12.23	14.36
"    " volume.....	15.30	15.12	17.70
Solids.....	7.68	5.36	10.17
Ash.....	0.12	0.27	0.34

I consider them to be genuine wines of fair quality.

I am yours obediently,

MAYNARD BOWMAN,  
*Public Analyst.*

The Rev. Dr. Partridge presented and read the—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISUSED CHURCHES.

The Committee appointed at the last Session of Synod to report on the best means of dealing with disused Churches, beg to submit the following Report :—

They have enquired diligently with reference to this matter in every possible direction; and find that the only branch of the Church in which any action has been taken is the Church in the United States; Bishop A. C. Coxe of W. N. Y. being the only Bishop so far as the information in the hands of the Committee is concerned who has grappled with this grave question at all.

Canon 21 Sec. 3 of the Church in the United States, provides "that no consecrated Church or Chapel shall be removed, taken down or otherwise disposed of for any unhallowed worldly or common use, without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel may be situate."

Bishop Coxe claims that the binding and loosing power of the Church extends to the material fabric as well as to the persons ministering in the Church. He therefore refuses to sanction any diversion of the original consecration of a Church except in as solemn form as that of the consecration itself.

Appended is the form of secularization as authorized and used by Bishop Coxe.

Your Committee beg most respectfully to recommend the consideration of this question to his Lordship the Bishop, trusting that he may see fit to take similar steps.

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,  
*Chairman.*

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SECULARIZATION OF CHURCHES,  
AS USED BY BISHOP COXE.

I.—Morning Service with Holy Communion. Rector officiating and preaching.

II.—Evening Prayer, appropriate Hymns. Bishop preaching.

III.—*With the Clergy* the Bishop makes a processional circuit of the Church, all the congregation standing, the XC. Psalm read alternately.

IV.—Returning and kneeling before the Altar, the Bishop recites Collects appropriate, with a prayer specially set forth for the occasion.

V.—Then all standing, he reads the *Sentence of Secularization*, as follows:—

DECREE OF SECULARIZATION.

In the name of the Holy and undivided Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Diocese of——, (name)——), according to the good order of the Holy Catholic Church, and the Canons of this Church in the United States of America. this fabric was duly consecrated and hallowed by the name and title of——, and forasmuch as my (or his) sentence of consecration is in full force until this date:—

Forasmuch as for the Glory of God and the increase of His Church, it is now canonically and rightly adjudged that this sentence of consecration should be annulled, to the end that a better house may be builded and consecrated in its stead by the like name Church, to the same sacred uses and for the same congregation to worship in:—

Now therefore to the intent that they who shall hereafter alter or destroy the same, or who shall occupy it for other than sacred uses, may not be guilty of sacrilege, or of dishonouring God, by abusing things devoted to His service and glory:

We——Bishop of the Diocese aforesaid, do hereby adjudge our said sentence (or of our Predecessor) to be revoked and canonically annulled.

And by our holy commission to bind and loose in such cases, we do hereby revoke and annul the same, and remit this fabric and the purtenances thereof to secular and common uses for any lawful and creditable employment by honest men for good and honorable works, business, or professions according to the laws of the land. And this fabric accordingly is hereby thus secularized, and the aforesaid sentence is voided and revoked; and this place, heretofore a holy place and sacred to the uses and services of public worship, and to the preaching of God's Holy Word and the ministration of the Holy Sacraments, is hereby pronounced secular and unconsecrated, and no longer within our canonical jurisdiction, but given back solely to the protection of the laws of the land, and to none other than such common uses and control as by said laws are recognized and allowed.

Given under our hand and seal in the city of——and before divers witnesses, duly published within the walls of the fabric aforesaid, on——day of——in the year of our Lord——

VI.—Collects and Nunc Dimittis.

VII.—Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

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The Rev. Canon Brock presented and read the—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KING'S COLLEGE  
SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Committee beg respectfully to submit the following recommendations to the Synod.

I. That the Endowment Scheme commenced so successfully a few years ago be carried out to completion by the canvass of the remaining portion of N. S., P. E. I., and N. B.

II. That the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the Metropolitan of Canada be requested to issue jointly, or severally, (as they may see fit) to their respective Dioceses a circular letter, stating that the

difficulties of the College, in reference to its internal management having been now overcome and the determination having been arrived at to maintain the College in its efficiency at Windsor, they earnestly and heartily commend the College to the support of Churchmen in these Provinces.

III. That this circular be accompanied by a clear, full, and distinct statement of the present financial condition of the College, together with a list of contributors to the recent Endowment Scheme so far as paid, and a statement of the total amount yet due.

IV. It is recommended that during the vacation in July in every year, a sermon be preached in each Parish advocating the claims of King's College, and an Offertory, under special Envelopes (to be supplied for that purpose,) be taken up for the current expenses of the College.

ISAAC BROCK,  
*Chairman.*

July 3, 1886.

The Rev. Rural Dean Moore presented and read the—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT TO PARISHES.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Church Act should be so altered that while the Nominating Power should remain with the Parishes, that Power should be exercised by a body especially chosen for that purpose, to be called the Board of Nomination.

This Board to consist of the Vestry and Churchwardens with the addition of three persons not necessarily Parishioners but necessarily members of the Church of England—to be chosen at each Easter meeting.

Should, however, a vacancy occur between two Easter meetings the Vestry Church Wardens and the afore named three members shall not go out of office until the Easter after the appointment of a Rector.

It is further recommended that a majority of the nominating body be a quorum: and should the said body fail to nominate a clergyman to the Bishop within 12 months the appointment shall (as now) lapse to the Bishop absolutely.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID C. MOORE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. C. SILVER,	
J. W. H. ROWLEY,	
J. O. RUGGLES,	
EDWARD J. HODGSON,	
WILLIAM ELLIS.	

I sign the above entirely agreeing with its principle but upon the understanding that I am at liberty to vote for any reconstruction of the Board of Nomination when the matter comes before the Synod.

EDWARD J. HODGSON,  
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The Rev. Minor Canon Murray presented and read the Report of the Committee on—

#### STATISTICAL RETURNS OF THE DIOCESE.

Your Committee beg to report that they have fully considered the proposed Canon on Statistical Returns and beg to recommend its adoption by the Synod in its amended form.

They also recommend that the following resolution be sent to the Provincial Synod for adoption as a Provincial Canon viz.

“That at every regular Session of the Synod, the Bishop shall deliver an address stating the affairs of the Diocese since the last Meeting of the Synod, the Names of parishes and districts visited; Churches consecrated, restored, or added to, the number of persons confirmed; the names of those ordained, suspended, or degraded; the changes by death, removed or otherwise which have taken place amongst the Clergy and Lay-Readers; and in general, all matters bending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese; which address shall be inserted in each Synod Report.”

They further beg to recommend that the Reports required by the said Canon may be received as far as possible, in place of other reports at present made by the Clergy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. R. MURRAY,  
*Chairman.*

The Rev. Dr. Partridge presented and read the—

#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The changes which have taken place during the past year are as follows:—

Rev. J. Partridge has been placed upon Class II., and Revds. G. H. Butler and C. W. McCully have been transferred from Class III. to Class II. Subsequently Rev. C. W. McCully retired from the Fund. Rev. John Harrison and W. S. H. Morris have been placed on Class III. Revds. F. F. Sherman, and J. Lowry, having left the Diocese, retire from Class III.

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

CLASS I.	CLASS. II.	CLASS III.
Rev. John Ambrose,	Rev. E. H. Ball,	Rev. T. F. Draper,
“ C. Bowman,	“ G. B. Dodwell,	“ R. D. Bambrick,
“ D. C. Moore,	“ W. H. Groser,	“ W. J. Lockyer,
“ J. O. Ruggles,	“ J. L. Dowling,	“ G. R. Martell,
“ W. J. Ancient,	“ P. H. Brown,	“ J. Spencer,
“ J. A. Richey,	“ A. C. Macdonald,	“ D. S. Sutherland,
“ W. Ellis,	“ R. Smith,	“ John Harrison,
“ J. J. Ritchie,	“ F. P. Greatorex.	“ W. S. H. Morris.
“ F. H. J. Axford,	“ J. R. S. Parkinson,	
	“ G. F. Maynard,	
	“ H. How,	
	“ John Partridge,	
	“ G. H. Butler,	

The accounts of the Treasurer, which have been duly audited and found correct, are herewith submitted.

F. PARTRIDGE, *Secretary.*

The following notices of motion were given :

13. By Rev. J. A. Kaulbach—

Or Scheme for Divinity School in connection with King's College.

14. By Rev. John Ambrose—

On the celebration of the Centennial of the Colonial Episcopate.

Unfinished business was taken up.

Moved by Rev. H. D. deBlois, seconded by Rev. P. J. Filleul :

That the Constitution of the Synod be so altered as to allow Churches or Missions or Ecclesiastical Districts under the charge of the Clergyman other than the Rector to elect Representatives to this Synod, provided that no such Church, Mission, or Ecclesiastical District shall elect more than two Representatives provided also that the consent of any Rectors interested shall have been first obtained.

*Passed for Confirmation.*

Rev. Dr. Bowman moved, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Ellis :

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

*Carried.*

The Secretaries were ordered to call the Registrar's attention to this resolution.

The election of two Governors of King's College was proceeded with.

Moved by Rev. Canon Brock, seconded by Rev. John Ambrose :

That Rev. Dr. Partridge be elected a Governor for 4 years.

Moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by J. W. H. Rowley :

That Mr. F. C. Sumichrast be elected a Governor for 2 years.

No other nominations being made, the nominees were duly elected.

The Report of the Committee on the Diocesan School for girls was then taken up.

Professor Hind explained and supplemented the Memorial presented to the Synod through the Lord Bishop on the establishment of a Girl's School at Windsor.

#### MEMORIAL.

*To His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia.*

We, the undersigned, respectfully solicit your Lordship, if consistent with the views you entertain on the matter, to present the subject of this Memorial to the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia at its next meeting, and in such form as may admit of an opportunity for securing discussion and seeking the support and countenance of that body in favor of the establishment of a Ladies' Collegiate School at Windsor, under the auspices herewith entreated, and the patronage of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

It is proposed for the Province of Nova Scotia. The University of King's College Clergymen and

I. An Association of School Teachers

II. The Corporation of the University of King's College. Shares of \$25,000. First payment \$25,000 is subject to general meeting. Greater ratio

III. The Association of twelve Trustees of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia. Their own bodies by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia. Board of Trustees

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## PROPOSED SCHEME.

It is proposed to establish a Ladies' Collegiate School in Windsor, for the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The School to be in subordinate connection with the University of King's College, Windsor, and to educate the daughters of Clergymen at reduced charges.

## PLAN OF PROCEEDINGS.

I. An Association to be formed, entitled, "The Ladies' Collegiate School Association," for the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Fredericton.

II. The Capital of the Association to be \$50,000, divided into 2000 shares of \$25 each, payable in five annual payments of \$5.00 each, the first payment to be made when one half the amount of stock or \$25,000 is subscribed, the remainder as hereafter determined at a general meeting of the Shareholders, but under no circumstances in greater ratio than at the rate of \$5.00 per share per annum.

III. The affairs of the Association to be managed by a Board of twelve Trustees, five of whom are to be appointed at a general meeting of the Shareholders, two by the Governors of King's College from their own body, two by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, two by the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton, and the Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia to be *ex officio* a Trustee and President of the Board of Trustees.

IV. All meetings of the Board of Trustees to be held in Windsor.

V. The value of Real Estate to be held by the Association not to exceed \$20,000.

VI. A Secretary-Treasurer, who shall reside in Windsor, to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

VII. The Board of Trustees to appoint a Finance Committee of three of their own members, who shall be Shareholders, and who shall also reside in Windsor.

VIII. An Act of Incorporation to be applied for at the next meeting of the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

## PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The School will consist of two Departments, the Junior and the Senior.

Instruction in the Junior Department will comprehend the ordinary branches of an English education for children under the age of 14 years.

The Senior Department will consist of two Divisions, the Lower and the Higher.

The Lower Division will be instructed in those subjects which are named in the Regulations for the examination of Junior Candidates in the Calendar of the University of King's College.

The Higher Division will be instructed in those subjects which are

named in the Regulations for the examination of Senior Candidates in the Calendar of the University of King's College.

Music and Drawing will be charged extra.

SITE OF THE LADIES' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

It is open to the Shareholders to purchase the property known as "Edgehill," in the town of Windsor. This property is adjacent to the grounds of King's College; it comprises an area of about six acres, nearly four of which are laid out in gardens and pleasure grounds. The House is commodious well situated, and with very few alterations will accommodate from 35 to 40 boarders. It is provided with two bath rooms, having hot and cold water laid on, and possesses unusual facilities for all the purposes of a Ladies' Collegiate School as contemplated. The right to purchase this property for \$8,000, or to rent it, has already been secured by two of the Subscribers to this Memorial, who are ready to transfer their rights to the Association when the necessary arrangements are completed. There is also a house for a Janitor on the property proposed to be purchased.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY YOULE HIND, M. A.,  
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*Rector of Windsor,*  
 C. E. WILLETS, D. C. L.,  
 CHAS. J. GOSSIP, M. D.,  
*Warden, Windsor.*  
 JAS. C. MOODY, M. D.,  
 WILLIAM DIMOCK.

Windsor, Nova Scotia, June 19th, 1886.

Mr. F. C. Sumichrast explained his Scheme for the adoption of Girton House as the Diocesan School for Girls :

SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND THE LORD BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND THE CLERGY AND LAITY IN SYNOD ASSEMBLED :

I beg to submit the following scheme for the immediate establishment by the Synod at its present Session of a Diocesan School for Girls :—

1. The Synod to recognize Girton House School, Halifax, as the Diocesan School for Girls.

2. The Synod to adopt the proposed scheme for the education of the Daughters of the Clergy as follows :—

The charge for Board and Tuition in the case of daughters or sisters of the clergy to be \$250.00 per annum, and to cover English in all its branches, Latin, French, German, Mathematics, Pianoforte, Calisthenics, use of piano for daily practice, and Laundress.

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The Synod to guarantee the payment to the Principal of Girton House of one Thousand dollars per annum, in four instalments of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars, payable on the 15th November, 1st February, 15th April and 1st July in each year.

The Synod to have the right, in return for this payment, of having in the School four boarders.

A Committee of Synod, consisting of four clergymen and four laymen, with the Lord Bishop ex officio a member and chairman, to collect from the parents or guardians of each boarder thus placed at Girton, a sum of not less than One Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum, in such manner and at such times as to the Committee may seem best, and to deposit the same to the credit of the Female Education Fund.

The Synod to have the right to place any further number of boarders on the same terms, paying for each additional one the above named amount of \$250.00 quarterly, on above named dates, to the Principal of Girton House School.

Any clergyman to have the right of placing his daughters or sisters at Girton House School without the intervention of the Synod Committee, at the rate above named, but in such case he shall make his arrangements with and his payments to the Principal directly.

The Committee of Synod to have power to inspect the School at such times as they think fit.

The Principal to provide special religious teaching for the daughters of members of the Church, and submit for the approval of the Committee the Curriculum of religious instruction.

3. The Synod to recommend the affiliation of Girton House School with King's College under such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the Board of Governors of King's College and the Principal of Girton House.

4. A Fund, to be called the General Education Fund, to be established by the Synod and administered by the Committee above named. Each Parish in the Diocese to be assessed at \$10.00 every year for the benefit of the Fund, and no clergyman whose Parish has not paid its assessment to be entitled to the benefits of the Scheme, either as regards the special rates or the Scholarships.

Contributions to this Fund to be solicited as opportunity offers, and as soon as the Fund of King's College, not at present made up to the required amount, has been paid up, a special collection and canvass to be made for the benefit of the Female Education Fund, with a view to raising it to a sum of not less than \$50,000.

The interest of this sum to be applied to the foundation of Scholarships in Girton House School, so that daughters of the Clergy in the first instance, and of all members of the Church may have facilities for obtaining an education in the Diocesan School equal to those offered to young men at King's College.

5. If during the following or any subsequent year it should happen that any or all of the four nominations to Girton House School hereinbefore provided for, are not applied for by any clergyman or clergymen, the Committee shall appoint to such vacancy or vacancies such applicant or applicants for it as they consider most deserving.

6. The Synod to recommend the Synod of the Diocese of Freder-

icton to recognize Girton House School as its Diocesan School for Girls, and to subsidize and support it in some manner similar to the plan herein recommended.

The debate was on motion adjourned till 7.30 P. M.

The Lord Bishop laid on the table the list of Priests and Deacons ordained by him since the last Session.

LIST OF PERSONS ORDAINED SINCE LAST SESSION OF SYNOD.

*Priests :*

Charles E. Mackenzie,	Edward Alexander Harris,
Kenneth Cameron Hind,	Henry Albert Harley,
John Moore Campbell Wade,	Newcome Reginald Raven.
William Charles Wilson,	Samuel Davies,
Alton M. Bent,	John Harrison.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, July 2nd, 1886.

NAMES OF DEACONS ORDAINED AND OF SUBSCRIBERS TO TESTIMONIALS.

*Deacons :*

Alfred Dykes Sylvester,—Archdeacon of Gibraltar and Rev. W. Bullock, Chaplain.

Samuel Davies,—Sir J. Erasmus Phillips, Warminster.

John Harrison,—Canon Dart, Canon Maynard, Rev. F. P. Greatorex.

Charles F. Lowe,—Warden and other officers of S. Augustine's College, Canterbury.

A. W. M. Harley,	} Testimonials of King's College, Windsor.
Robert Wm. Hudgell,	
Christopher T. Easton,	

Rushforth A. Heath,—Rev. Sir J. E. Phillips, Rev. W. Fiske, Rector of Stockton, Rev. Hugh Pearson, Vicar of Forsher.

In conformity with Chap. 58, Statutes of 1883, The Lord Bishop laid on the table his Report on the Stannage Fund in connection with the Parish of St. Margaret's Bay.

REPORT ON ST. MARGARETS BAY FUND.

ACTS 1883, CHAPTER 58, PAGE 151.

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In Savings' Bank @ 4 " .....	32 00

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Balance..... \$214 00

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, July 2nd, 1886.

The Synod took recess until 7.30 P. M.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 7.30 P. M.

The Right Rev. The Bishop of Iowa addressed the Synod by invitation on the subject of Female Education, giving the results of his experience.

The debate on the Diocesan School for Girls was then resumed.

It was moved by Prof. Hind, seconded by Rev. Canon Maynard—

That the principle embodied in the Memorial now before the Synod presented by certain residents at Windsor be adopted and that the Synod proceed to elect two Trustees.

Mr. F. C. Sumichrast moved, in amendment seconded by Rev. F. R. Murray—

That the Synod adopt the Scheme for the establishment of a Diocesan School for girls at Girton House, leaving the method of raising the necessary funds to a Committee of the Synod.

The two Schemes evoked a long debate.

The Synod adjourned at 10 P. M., till Monday 5th, at 2.30 P.M.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, JULY 5TH, 1886.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 P. M. The Lord Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The Roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, 46 being present.

The Roll of Lay Representatives was called by the Lay Secretary, 32 being present.

The Minutes of yesterday's Session were read and confirmed.

The first business in order was the appointment of Committees :

*Executive Committee.*—Ven. The Archdeacon and Mr. Wm. Gossip, who retire by rotation were re-elected Rev. Dr. Hole was elected in place of Rev. Dr. Hill; Professor Hind in place of Mr. G. Reading, deceased; and Hon. A. G. Jones in place of Hon. W. B. Vail, no longer a member of Synod.

*Church Endowment Committee.*—Mr. Thomas Brown was elected in place of Col. Poyntz.

*Board of Home Missions.*—Half the lay members of the Board retiring, the following gentlemen were elected in their stead:—Messrs. W. H. Tremaine, E. D. Meynell, W. H. Wiswell, Wm. M. Brown, Dr. Hunt, F. C. Sumichrast, J. Y. Payzant, C. B. Bullock, A. P. Silver and Wm. Gossip.

*W. and O. Fund Committee.*—Rev. Dr. Hole was elected in place of Dr. Hill.

*Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.*—Rev. Dr. Hole in place of Dr. Hill. Mr. T. R. Jolly in place of late Mr. G. Reading.

*Superannuation Fund.*—Mr. J. C. Mahon in place of Hon. W. B. Vail.

The Committee on Missionary meeting reported that the meeting had been held on Friday evening last, and had been most successful. The collection amounted to \$55.12.

The Clerical Secretary read the Report of the B. H. M. which was on motion adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of Home Missions, in again presenting its yearly Report to the Synod, would humbly express its sincere thankfulness to Almighty God for His merciful protection and guidance during the past year, and for the success which has attended the labours of the Clergy in their various Parishes. It is ever to be remembered that the Board of Home Missions, nay that the Church herself, is but a means to an end; that end being the glory of God and the salvation of men. In proportion as that object is attained, whatever may be the condition of temporal affairs, the Church may rejoice; and render thanks to Him who alone giveth the increase. The Board believes that indications are not wanting of improvement in our Parishes, and that in the great wave of Spiritual Life which has been manifestly passing over the Church of God, this Diocese has been a sharer.

But while this has been the case, it has been shewn rather in individual instances than in the general result. The amount of contributions to the Board for general purposes falls short of the subscriptions for 1884 by about \$500, which in conjunction with the withdrawal of £450 sterling by the S. P. G., has compelled the Board, in making the new grants in October last for the next 3 years, to fall back upon the Reserve Fund rather than decrease the salaries of the Clergy, already too small, or close any of the present Missions. The Board has done this in the hope that a return of greater prosperity to the country at large will issue in more generous additions to the parish contributions. It cannot be denied that the whole commercial world has been experiencing for several years part an unusually prolonged period of business depression, and that for our fishing harvest the market has been curtailed. That this will to a large extent ac-

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The Board would strongly urge once more upon the Clergy the absolute necessity of a personal canvass of every member of the Church. That this is done in some instances in the rural districts is shown by the long lists of names of contributors. Yet there are Parishes in which it is very clear that this is not done; and it has been the subject of remark by those who give liberally in the towns that in some cases the country Parishes do very little for the general funds of the Church. This reproach should be removed.

It is also a subject of regret that the collections for the B. H. M. are often left late into the next year. This will surely result sooner or later in the loss of one year's whole subscriptions. The latest time at which the subscriptions should be handed in is December 31st. Few Parishes comply with this rule. The Board must again urge the adoption of some very strong measures to secure the collection being made at the right time. This year the Reports for 1885 will be ready for distribution at the time of the meeting of Synod; and it is earnestly hoped that the collections from all the Parishes will be made at the proper period.

Several Missions have been unavoidably vacant for some time past and even the unusual number of Candidates for Holy Orders on Trinity Sunday is insufficient for the supply of all vacancies.

The Statistical returns, of which an abstract is appended, shew the Clergy to have been faithful in the performance of their pastoral work, some of them having travelled more than three thousand miles during the year. They also prove that the obligations of the people towards their Clergy have been, in spite of hard times, promptly met.

The receipts for 1885 were as follows:

Reserved Fund.....	\$ 434 65
W. and O. Fund.....	1994 14
Superannuation Fund.....	1530 59
Parish Endowment Fund.....	904 84
Bishopric Endowment Fund.....	230 06
General purposes.....	4613 24

Mr. S. H. Shreve moved, seconded by Mr. A. Vizard—

That to elicit a greater interest in the objects of the B. H. M., the Executive Committee be requested to invite all subscribers to the fund to the annual meeting of the Board.

*Carried.*

The Clerical Secretary read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON W. AND O. FUND.

The Committee on W. & O. Fund have pleasure in reporting that the benefits of the Fund are becoming gradually appreciated among the Clergy of the Diocese. This year, four Clergymen have been added to the list, and the offertories have been taken in the various parishes with exemplary punctuality. There are still some Parishes not contributing, but they are few.

The widows of deceased Clergy upon the Fund sixteen in number have this year received \$85 for half year ending Dec. 31st, 1885, \$100 for half year ending June 30th, 1886. These payments are made in advance.

The available funds for 1885 were derived from the following sources:—

Balance from 1884.....	\$ 862 90
Premiums of Clergy.....	504 19
Collections and Donations.....	452 85
Interest on Investments.....	922 99

Shewing a decrease in Collections and Donations of \$336.07, an increase in Premium of Clergy of \$36.00, and a decrease of Interest on Investments of \$346.51.

The following are the securities held for the Fund at the end of 1885:—

Mortgages and Estates.....	\$ 16723 62
Dominion and other stock.....	3800 00
Savings' Bank.....	5169 00

Rev. Dr. Partridge read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION IN PARISHES.

The Committee on Organization in Parishes beg to report that a quantity of valuable material has been collected on various forms of Church work which is available for the use of any of the Clergy who may desire it. Guilds and other societies have been formed in several parishes in our own Diocese, and a good deal of information has been given, in some instances the chairman going himself and assisting in the formation of Guilds. It appears to be allowed that even in country parishes the benefits of such associations are great, and in towns the results of their co-operative work have been marked.

The Committee desire to state that the information which they have obtained is always at the command of the Clergy and will be cheerfully afforded.

F. PARTRIDGE.  
*Chairman.*

Rev. P. H. Brown moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Communion Wine—

That the report of the Committee on Communion Wine be adopted, and that the Wine selected by the Committee be recommended for use in the Churches in this Diocese. *Carried.*

Mr. Brown further moved—

That this Committee be a standing Committee to report as to the continued purity or otherwise of the Wine recommended, or to recommend another should it be thought desirable. *Carried*

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

That the Synod of this Diocese of N. S., now in Session assembled, taking the deepest interest in the proper enforcements of the Liquor License act for the promotion of the principles of Temperance, expresses its earnest wish that none be appointed License Inspectors save those personally qualified. and who will conscientiously and zealously carry out all the provisions of the Act. *Carried.*

Unfinished business was then taken up.

The debate was resumed on the Ladies School.

The Lord Bishop stated his opinion that the Windsor Scheme was not practicable ; his Lordship then submitted a modification of Mr. Sumichrast's scheme.

Rev. Dr. Hole by permission gave notice of motion, respecting the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington.

Mr. Sumichrast withdrew his motion in reference to Girton House.

Professor Hind withdrew his resolution on the Windsor Scheme.

It was moved by Rev. H. D. deBlois, seconded by Prof. Hind :

That the plan submitted in the Windsor Memorial before the Synod for the establishment of a Ladies Collegiate School be approved subject to the following conditions :

1. That the Memorialists secure in the Parish of Windsor, and within the period of one month *bona-fide* subscriptions to the amount of at least \$6500.
2. That immediately after securing such subscriptions copies of the same be transmitted to the Lord Bishop jointly with "Two Trustees" from the Synod to be now appointed. Two to be elected from the Board of Governors of King's College, and three Provisional Trustees to be chosen by those who have signed the Memorial.
3. The Memorialists agree that any profits over and above 6% of the capital subscribed be put aside to form a sinking fund towards liquidating the Capital debt so as ultimately to place the entire Institution in the hands of the Church.

On being put to the Synod it was lost. Clerical vote—for 22 ; against 24. Lay vote—for 12 ; against 13.

The Synod took recess until 7.30 ; when the Synod will resolve itself into a Conference on the State of the Church ; to re-assemble for business at 10 a. m., to-morrow.

#### MONDAY—EVENING SESSION.

After recess the Synod resolved itself into a Conference on the condition of the Church.

The Lord Bishop in the chair.

A paper, full of wise and valuable suggestions, the outcome of long experience, was read by Rev. Canon Brock, M. A., President of King's College, on "How best to increase the number and efficiency of Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese.

Mr. W. C. Silver was the appointed speaker on this paper, and Rev. Dr. Partridge, Canon Maynard, Rural Dean Moore, Rural Dean Gibbons, and others sustained the discussion.

A second paper was read by Rev. V. E. Harris on "How best to strengthen the Church's work in our Parishes," which was full of hints and counsels, and of reviews of various methods of church work in use in modern days, and could not fail to be of great benefit to all those engaged in active parochial work. Mr Harris

is known to be a most successful parish priest, and this fact gives the greater weight to his paper.

Mr. F. C. Sumichrast followed, giving a very forcible and eloquent speech on work among the masses in town.

Rev. W. J. Ancient, J. Spencer, Archdeacon Read, C. W. McCully, T. F. Draper, and J. C. Cox, also spoke on the subject.

The work of the Conference was summed up by the Bishop, and after the Doxology and Benediction, the meeting dissolved at 10.30, feeling that a most profitable evening had been spent.

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## FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 5th, 1886.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge was re-elected Clerical Secretary.

The Roll of the Clergy was called when 35 were present.

The Roll of Lay Representatives was called by the Lay Secretary, when 31 answered to their names.

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

The Chairman, on behalf of the Executive Committee, appointed a Committee to prepare a resolution on the death of the late Rev. G. W. Hodgson; viz: The Ven. the Archdeacon of N.S., Revds. Dr. Nichols, Minor Canon Murray, J. A. Kaulbach, and V. E. Harris.

Rev. Dr. Partridge presented and read the

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would report the continued success of the Church S. School Teachers Association of the City of Halifax. A pleasing feature is the fact that a number of Teachers in connection with S. Luke's S. S. Institute of London with which the Association is affiliated: some of them obtaining a first class. Others have sat for the Examination this year, but the result has not yet been ascertained.

The labours of your Committee are circumscribed by their having no funds at their command. They are very desirous of combining the Sunday Schools of the Diocese in one organization, whereby they believe that great benefit would result to the Church at large. In fact, if this part of the Diocesan work is to be systematically pursued this is indispensable. The Committee would therefore respectfully ask that the sum of twenty dollars (\$20) be placed at their disposal from the funds of the Synod, for the necessary expenses of printing &c., connected with the work of Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE, *Chairman.*

The Clerical Secretary presented and read the

REPORT OF BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board in making their Annual Report, beg to call attention to the fact that the Treasurer's statement for the year 1885 will shew that although the sums subscribed and collected will be slightly less than last year, yet that more Parishes have contributed. If all the sums collected for Domestic and Foreign Missions were transmitted through the Treasurer instead of some of them being sent direct to the Treasurer of the Central Board, it would make the lists from Nova Scotia shew to better advantage.

There is under the present system of appropriations the disadvantage that in the general Treasurer's accounts there appears a discrepancy between sums actually received and accounted for by the Secretary of this Diocese, and sums acknowledged by the General Treasurer. This arises from the fact that current expenses have to be deducted by our own Treasurer before the sums are remitted to the Central Board. In view of this the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions would venture to suggest that unless sums are specially desired to be appropriated to special objects by the donors, the Clergy should send them forward for General Purposes of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and allow the appropriations to be made by the Central Board, on which our own Diocese is represented by the Bishop and four delegates.

RECAPITULATION FROM JAN. 1, 1880, TO DEC. 31, 1885.

Foreign Missions.....	\$292 25
Domestic Missions.....	259 06
Algoma.....	188 62
North West.....	65 72
S. P. G.....	103 30
C. M. S.....	36 49
Conversion of Jews.....	41 64
Total.....	\$987 11

The proportion of the Bishop of Algoma's salary from this diocese, \$300.00 has been paid. (See Ninth Annual Report of B. H. & F. M.)

Rev. W. J. Ancient presented and read the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that since our last Session the cause of Temperance has everywhere made considerable advance. Especially in this Diocese it is pleasing to note that, not only through the agency of the Church of England Temperance Society, but also through the various other organizations scattered throughout the Province, much solid progress has been made in the dissemination of Temperance principles.

We are pleased to be able to record an increase in the number of branches in connection with our Society, especially in Spring Hill, Lunenburg and Cow Bay, where flourishing organizations are at work. In response to a Circular issued by the President of the Diocesan Society, many of the Clergy have intimated their intention of inaugurating branches as soon as convenient, whilst others would

co-operate with this Society in its important work, but are not in a position to do so, as their parishes are so small and scattered, and the ground already occupied by the Sons of Temperance and good Templars, who are doing an earnest and zealous work in that cause which is so dear to us all.

Your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their thankfulness at the adoption of an improved Liquor License Act, which if faithfully, conscientiously and zealously carried out, cannot but have a most beneficial effect in the suppression of intemperance, an evil of such magnitude that no section of society is free from its baneful influence.

We trust that every loyal subject will give the recognized officers that moral and practical support which will facilitate the carrying out of its principles in their entirety.

We are rejoiced to learn that the Coffee Rooms in the City of Halifax are in a most prosperous condition and are accomplishing a good work.

We would again beg to refer to the great good which would ensue from the preaching of a Temperance sermon annually in each church in the Diocese, and the holding of a public Temperance meeting in Halifax under the auspices of the Synod, during each Session. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

W. J. ANCIENT.

The vacancies on that Committee were filled up by the appointment of Revd. Dr Hole, Canon Brock, C. W. McCully, H. How, Dr. Partridge, and Mr. T. C. Mellor.

The following notice of motion was given by the Rev. Rural Dean Filleul.

16.—On contributions to the Superannuation Fund.

Vacancies in Committee on Sunday Schools were filled up by the appointment of Rev. Dr. Hole, Minor Canon Murray, and H. J. Winterburne.

The Committee on Shortened Services was, on motion of Rev. Rural Dean Moore, discharged.

The Vacancies on the Education Committee were filled up by the appointment of Revds. Dr. Hole, Dr. Hunt, and D. Prescott Allison, Jr.

The Report of the Committee on King's College was then taken up, (see p. 55). The Rev. Canon Brock, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bowman, moved its adoption.

The Report was discussed clause by clause.

Clause I. was adopted.

Clause II. was read, when it was moved by Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, seconded by Minor Canon Murray,

That the words "and the determination having been arrived at to maintain the College in its efficiency at Windsor," be struck out.

After debate Rev. Canon Brock asked to be allowed to withdraw the words. This was agreed to by the House.



The clause as altered was *passed unanimously*.

Clause III. was adopted.

Clause IV. was read. It was suggested by Rev. W. J. Ancient.

"It is recommended that during the College Vacation, viz. : July, August, and September, a sermon be preached in each Parish. and an offertory be taken up for the current expenses of the College." This was agreed to by the Rev. Canon Brock, and the Clause as amended was adopted.

The Report as amended was then adopted as a whole.

The following notice of motion was given by Rev. J. O. Ruggles.

17.—Respecting the management of King's College.

Mr. T. R. Jolly moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley :

*Whereas* The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Yarmouth, are willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod.

*Therefore Resolved*, That with the consent of the Executive Committee the Synod accept Yarmouth as the place of its next meeting.

After some discussion, it was agreed that this be made a notice of motion for next Session.

Moved by Rev. John Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Minor Canon Murray :—

That an immediate effort be made towards the building of a Cathedral for this Diocese, as a fitting monument and memorial of the first centennial of the establishment of the Episcopate in Nova Scotia, which thus became the first Colonial Diocese of the Church of England ; and that the Lord Bishop do nominate a Committee to take steps to carry this resolution into effect

*Carried.*

Moved by His Lordship the Bishop :—

That the Executive Committee do present a respectful and loyal address of congratulation to her Majesty Queen Victoria, at the close of the fiftieth year of her Majesty's Reign.

This was adopted by a rising vote, and the Lord Bishop was requested by the Synod to prepare the said Address.

Rev. Rural Dean Moore read the Report of the Special Committee on the Superannuation Fund, involving changes in the Regulations of the Fund.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATED CLERGY FUND.

*To the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.*

Your Committee having carefully considered the Rules of the Superannuation Funds on Pages 14 and 15 of the B. H. M. Report for 1885--6, have agreed to suggest the following alterations and additions.

In the preamble substitute "or" for "and," in 2nd line. In Rule I. insert "premiums," between "subscriptions" and "legacies" in 4th line.

In Rule II. instead of "six Laymen," substitute "four Laymen and two Clergymen."

Rule IV. to be as follows :—

Any Clergyman who shall after the passing of these rules, pay annually to the Fund one per cent of the amount of his stipend and of the annual value of the glebes and other sources of income belonging to his Parish and enjoyed by himself and who shall have served, in the Diocese for a period of thirty years, or who having so contributed shall have attained the age of 70 years or be incapacitated for parochial work, and shall apply to the Committee for an annuity, and shall be at the time of such age or application in charge of a Parish in this Diocese, or otherwise employed in the service of the Church therein, shall be entitled to allowance under these rules.

For Rule V. substitute the following :—

Any Clergyman of the Church of England within this Diocese who shall have contributed as provided in Rule IV. and who shall be in the position to apply to the Board of Home Missions under these rules shall make application to the Committee, and upon proving to their satisfaction his right under these rules, to participate in this Fund, such Committee shall grant such amount, not exceeding \$400 per annum, during life or such incapacity as the said Fund shall warrant. And should the Committee refuse to grant such allowance, an appeal may be made by the applicant to a general meeting of the Board of Home Missions.

Rule VI.—No Clergyman admitted from another Diocese shall receive any benefit from this Fund, until he shall have served for at least seven consecutive years in this Diocese, and shall have paid during such term of years the percentage made payable under preceding 4th Rule.

Rule VII.—Every Clergyman at present in the Diocese, who desire to participate in this Fund, shall within one year from the passing of these rules, or from his taking orders, or from his entering this Diocese, pay the percentage required by Rule 4.

On motion the debate was adjourned till after recess.

The following notices of motion was given :—

18. By Ven. Archdeacon Read,—  
Respecting the Superannuation Fund's extension to P. E. I. Clergy.

19. By Rev. Dr. Partridge,—  
Respecting Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Synod took recess until 2.30 P. M.,

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 2.30 P. M.

The debate was resumed on the Changes in the Rules of the Superannuation Fund.

The Committee retired to re-consider Clause four.

Rev. Dr. Partridge moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. R. J. Wilson :—

That twenty dollars from the Synod Funds be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Sunday Schools. *Carried.*

Rev. Dr. Partridge moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Disused Churches. The Report was adopted and the Committee on motion discharged.

Moved by Rev. J. O. Ruggles, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver :—

That the Executive Committee consider and report to the Synod whether any and what change should be made in the Tenure of Rectories in this Diocese.

*Carried*

The Committee on the Superannuation Fund returned with Clause four amended as follows :—

“Any Clergyman of the Church of England in this Diocese, who shall after the passing of these rules, pay annually to the Fund, one per cent of the amount of his stipend, and of the annual value of the glebes and other sources of income belonging to his Parish and enjoyed by himself, and who shall have attained the age of seventy years, or be incapacitated for parochial work, and shall be at the time of such age or incapacity in charge of a Parish in this Diocese, or otherwise employed in the service of the Church therein, shall be entitled to the full allowance under these rules.

Moved by Rev. G. F. Maynard,—

That Clause four in the old scheme remain as it is, substituting \$400, for \$200.

Moved by Rev. Minor Canon Murray, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, as a substitute for the whole matter :—

That the Report of the Superannuation Fund Committee be referred back to the Committee in order that they may take the counsel and assistance of an actuary.

*Carried.*

Moved by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, seconded by Rev. Minor Canon Murray :

That this Synod desires to record its gratitude to Almighty God for the example of holiness and self devotion to the service of Christ and to the good of his fellow-men which has been granted us in the life and death of George Wright Hodgson, priest in charge of St. Peters, Charlottetown, P. E. I. ; and moreover to acknowledge the great benefit which his wise counsels have imparted to the deliberations of this assembly.

While we are well aware that for him to depart and be with Christ is far better, yet our hearts are filled with sadness when we realize that in the Church militant we shall see his face no more.

This Synod would also express its sympathy with the sorrow of those whose nearer ties of kindred render the pain of separation more keenly felt.

The resolution was unanimously passed, and copies ordered to be sent to the widow and brother of Mr. Hodgson.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by Rural Dean Ellis :—

*Whereas*, The Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia has learned with much sorrow that Bishop Hannington and some of his followers have met with a violent death at the hands of the King of Uganda :—

*Resolved*, That we the members of the Synod beg to request the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding over our deliberations to assure the Church Missionary Society of the heartfelt sympathy of us all with the Society on the death inflicted on their devoted Bishop and several of his companions. Greatly, however, as the Synod, in common with all Christendom deploras this tragic event, they are consoled by the reflection that their departed brethren are now removed from the turmoils and dangers of earth into the more immediate presence of the Master to whom they proved faithful even unto death. And this Synod also enjoys the happiness of knowing that their death, far from deterring others from embarking in the Missionary

Field, has waked on the contrary a spirit of noble devotion, seen in the numerous offers to serve in fields full of the abodes of cruelty in which Bishop Hannington offered his life a sacrifice; thus giving fresh emphasis to the saying of primitive antiquity that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church." *Carried.*

Rev. Minor Canon Murray moved the adoption of the Canon on Statistical Returns; which was taken up and debated Clause by Clause.

Clauses I to VIII. were passed.

The recommendation to the House of Bishops at the end of the report was put to the House, and *lost* by non-concurrence of orders.

The following was added as Clause IX:—

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

Rev. Rural Dean Moore moved, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, the adoption on the Report of the Committee on Appointment to Parishes.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Minor Canon Murray, seconded by Rev. W. J. Arnold, to amend Clause 3 of the Church Act so as to read as follows:—

"Three names of Clergymen in full Orders of the Church of England or of any branch of the Anglican Communion shall be selected by a two thirds vote. A copy of the resolution containing the names of the persons selected shall be forth-with forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signatures of the Chairman and the Parishioners, who shall appoint one of them, and the Clergyman so elected, &c., &c.

Moved by Mr. F. C. Sumichrast, seconded by Mr. J. T. Wyld:—

That the Report be not adopted, and that a Committee be appointed to frame a suitable scheme for the Election of Rectors to vacant parishes, and to report the same at the next meeting of this Synod. *Carried.*

The following were on motion named as such Committee:—

Revs. J. Ambrose, F. R. Murray, Dr. Partridge, Rural Dean Moore, Hon. Judge Ritchie, Hon. A. G. Jones, C. J. Townshend Esq., M. P., Mr. J. W. H. Rowley, and Mr. F. C. Sumichrast.

The Synod took recess until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 7.30 P. M.

The Rev. Joseph Norwood of the Diocese of Quebec, being present, was invited to a seat on the floor of the house.

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COMMITTEE ON S. P. C. K. DEPOSITORY.

The work of the Depository has been conducted quietly as usual. Mr. W. Gossip has carried out his agreement with the Committee to give the books a good position in the shop, and in having the sign of the Depository in his window.

The sales since the last making up of the accounts have reached \$1396. The expenses of duty and commission, and the discounts have reached about \$520; and there is due the Depository in good debts nearly \$700, a large portion of which is expected to be paid in during the Synod week. There is also about \$1000 worth of stock on hand, and a deposit receipt for \$1000 in the Savings Bank.

The statement of the Treasurer is appended shewing cash balance in his hands of \$59.35.

S. P. C. K. in account with THE TREASURER for the year ending June 30th, 1886.

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Sept. 1.	To Cash from Archdeacon.....	\$175.00	
Nov. 14.	Difference of Deposit Receipt.....	435.67	
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Dec. 15.	To Cash from W. Gossip.....	100.00	
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Oct. 24.	Mr. G. Wilkins, S. P. C. K. Sec'y.....	70.00	
Nov. 14.	Balance due late Treasurer.....	469.32	
1886.			
Dec. 6.	Dr. Partridge, for Parent Society.....	100.00	
			\$651.32
			Bal. in Bank..... \$ 59.35

Deposit Receipt for..... \$1000.00

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F. R. MURRAY,  
Hon. Treasurer.

June 30, 1886

The Report was adopted.

The Debate was then resumed on the Appointments to Parishes.

After much discussion Mr. Murray withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Sumichrast's motion was then *carried*.

Mr. Sumichrast moved that the following three members be a Committee to nominate a Committee of nine, under the resolution :  
Rev. John Ambrose, Rural Dean Moore, and Hon. A. G. Jones.

*Carried.*

It was moved by Rev. Minor Canon Murray, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Snyder,—

*Resolved*,—That we, the members of this Synod, desire to express the pleasure we feel in having the presence of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Iowa in our midst ; one distinguished not only as a Bishop and Historian of the American Church, but also as one of the foremost in the religious education of the young.

We hail his visit as a happy omen of the closer binding together of the

American and Canadian Churches, and their increasing interest in each other. We trust that the day may not be far distant when his Lordship accompanied by many of our Brethren of the Sister Church may visit us at the completion and consecration of our Cathedral; thereby showing that although divided by political boundaries, yet we are all one in the Body of Jesus the Holy Catholic Church.

This motion was carried unanimously by a rising vote.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of Iowa responded in graceful and appropriate terms.

The nominating Committee presented the following names as the Committee on appointment to parishes:—

Rev. John Ambrose,	Hon. Judge Ritchie,
“ Dr. Partridge,	“ A. G. Jones,
“ Rural Dean Moore,	Mr. J. W. H. Rowley,
“ F. R. Murray,	“ F. C. Sumichrast,
	Mr. C. J. Townshend, M. P.

They were on motion duly elected.

The Lord Bishop brought before the Synod certain recommendations from a meeting of Rural Deans, and moved on their behalf, seconded by Rural Dean Smith:—

To insert in the second clause on Rural Deaneries Page 29 Journal of 17th Session after the words “Clergy of his Deanery,” the words “in each parish or mission of his Deanery in turn.”

For Clause 3 to substitute—

It shall be the duty of the Rural Dean to examine from time to time, all buildings belonging to the Church, and to report to the Bishop in answer to questions furnished by him, such questions being sent through the Executive Committee.

Clause 5, to read thus:—

The Bishop shall be authorized to transfer a Parish from one Deanery to another at the request or with the concurrence of the two Chapters affected by such transfer.

All of which motions were carried.

The motion of which notice was given by Rev. Rural Dean Ellis,—

That action be taken upon the report submitted by the Parish property Committee, was *dropped*.

Rev. Rural Dean Gibbons' motion respecting permutation of Clergy, was *deferred*.

Rev. Rural Dean Gibbons' motion that no Deacon be appointed to a Rectory was dropped, it being understood that such is the law at present.

Mr. Thomas Brown moved, seconded by Rev. E. H. Ball,—

That Parishes shall not be competent to invest monies in parsonages or other parish buildings, especially monies collected by general subscription, except the plans of proposed buildings be submitted to and be approved by a Committee to be appointed by the Synod.

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This motion was referred to the Executive Committee.

The motion of Rev. Rural Filleul,—

That names of the Parishes contributing to the Superannuation Fund, with the amounts subscribed, be published in the Annual Reports of the Board of Home Missions.

Was referred to the Superannuation Fund Committee.

Moved by Mr. T. Brown, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie :—

That the Executive Committee of the Synod be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of parochial records with printed headings prepared for issue at the expense of the Synod, or kept on sale, as may be decided. The use of such Records to be compulsory by each Parish or Mission.

Referred to the Executive Committee, with power to adopt these headings to the new Statistical Returns.

Moved by Mr. E. J. Hodgson, and duly seconded,—

That the Lord Bishop be requested to bring before the House of Bishops, with a view of legislation by Provincial Synod, the matter of dealing with Festivals occurring on the same day, or immediately following one another.

*Carried.*

Moved by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, seconded by Rev. Canon Brock,—

That the Report of the Committee of Governors of King's College concerning the Divinity School in connection with King's College be adopted.

And that the Governing Body of the College be requested to recognize by the conferring of a suitable diploma the attainments of such elective students as shall pass the required examinations in Divinity.

After debate the latter clause was *passed*, the word "Elective" being struck out. The first clause was *rejected*.

The Board of Discipline was reconstructed, by the election of Rev. Rural Dean Smith, Dr. Hole, Rural Dean Moore and Rural Dean Snyder, and the re-election of the nine remaining Clerical members of the old board : of the laymen, Mr. Thomas Brown, Dr. Hunt, and Mr. A. Vizard, were elected, and the remaining ten members of the old board were re-elected.

Rev. W. J. Ancient, seconded by Rev. Minor Canon Murray, moved the adoption of the Temperance Committee's Report, which was carried.

Moved by Rev. Minor Canon Murray, seconded by Rev. John Ambrose,—

That the next Synod, if possible, assemble on the Friday after the Eucenia of King's College, and continue a week.

*Carried.*

The notice of motion given by Rev. J. O. Ruggles, respecting the management of King's College was withdrawn.

Archdeacon Read's motion, in the absence of the author, was moved by Rural Dean Moore, and seconded by Rural Dean Snyder,—

That the Executive Committee take into their respectful consideration

the state of P. E. Island as to the Superannuation of the Clergy ; and what amount would be required to entitle the Clergy of P. E. I. to share in the benefit of this Fund. *Carried.*

The Secretary presented a Bill from the Committee on Communion Wine, for analysis of three samples of Wine, amounting to \$10, which was ordered to be paid.

Rev. Minor Canon Murray's motion on the education of the Children of the Clergy was deferred to next Session.

Rev. Dr. Bowman's motion to extend the Franchise to Women, was also deferred.

Moved by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Moore,—

That a Memorial page in the next Journal be inserted, to include the names of the late Rev. G. W. Hodgson, Rural Dean Jamieson, and Mr. George Reading.

The Secretary moved the adoption of the Report of the Widow's and Orphans' Fund Committee.

The Report was adopted.

The Lord Bishop moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Maynard,—

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Partridge, for his able and appropriate sermon at the opening Service of this Synod. *Carried.*

Dr. Partridge briefly acknowledged the same.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Snyder, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver,—

That the Lord Bishop do now leave the chair, and that the Ven. the Archdeacon do take the same. *Carried.*

Rev. Rural Dean Snyder, as Senior Presbyter of the Diocese, then moved, seconded by Mr. Silver,—

That the thanks of this Synod be respectfully given to the Lord Bishop, for his ability, patience, and impartiality in presiding over the deliberations of the Synod.

Both the mover and seconder spoke in feeling terms of the Bishop's long and able services to the Diocese, and expressed the hope that his Lordship might long be spared to carry on his arduous labours.

*Carried unanimously by a rising vote.*

The Lord Bishop made a touching and affectionate reply ; after which his Lordship resumed the chair.

Rev. Rural Dean Moore, seconded by Rev. Canon Brock, moved the usual votes of thanks :—

To the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Luke's, for the use of the Church for the meetings of Synod.

To the Church people of Halifax for kind and generous hospitality to the Clergy.

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To the Lady organist and Choir of St. Luke's for their services at the opening of the Synod.

To the Clerical and Lay Secretaries for the courteous discharge of their duties.

To the Press for the careful reports of the proceedings.

To the President and Council of the Church of England Institute for the free use of the rooms during the Session.

To such R. R. and S. S. Companies as have granted privileges to the delegates. *Carried.*

Moved and seconded that the Journal be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee ; also that the Minutes of to-day's proceedings be printed without being now read. *Carried.*

The Doxology having been sung, and the Episcopal Benediction having been given, the Synod adjourned.

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,  
*Clerical Secretary.*

ROBT. J. WILSON,  
*Lay Secretary.*

# APPENDIX I.

## BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

### PASSED FOR CONFIRMATION.

By Rev. H. D. DeBlois,—

That the Constitution of this Synod be altered, as to allow Churches or Missions or Ecclesiastical Districts, under the charge of a Clergyman other than the Rector, to elect Representatives to this Synod.

*Provided*, that no such Church or Mission, or Ecclesiastical District shall elect more than two Representatives.

And *provided* also, that the consent of any Rectors interested shall have been first obtained.

### MOTIONS DEFERRED.

By Mr. T. R. Jolly,—

*Whereas*, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Yarmouth, are willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod :

*Therefore Resolved*,—That with the consent of the Executive Committee, the Synod accept Yarmouth as the place of its next meeting.

By Rev. S. Gibbons,—

That in Missions helped by B. H. M., a permutation scheme for the Clergy be adopted.

By Rev. F. R. Murray,—

To adopt a measure to provide for the education of the children of the Clergy.

By Rev. Dr. Bowman,—

To extend the Parochial Franchise to Women.

### REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Thomas Brown's motion on investment of Parish monies.

That Parishes shall not be competent to invest monies in parsonages or other parish buildings, especially monies collected by general subscriptions, except the plans of proposed buildings be submitted to and be approved by a Committee to be appointed by the Synod.

Archdeacon Read's motion with reference to P. E. I. Clergy partaking of benefits of Superannuation Fund.

That the Executive Committee take into their respectful consideration the state of P. E. Island as to the Superannuation of the Clergy, and what amount would be required to entitle the Clergy of P. E. Island to share in the benefits of this fund.

Mr. Thomas Brown's motion on Parish registers.

That the Executive Committee of the Synod be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of parochial records with printed headings prepared for issue at the expense of the Synod, or kept on sale, as may be decided. The use of such Records to be compulsory by each Parish or Mission.

Rev. J. O. Ruggles' motion,—

That the Executive Committee consider and report to the Synod, whether any and what change should be made in the Tenure of Rectories in this Diocese.

The motion of the Lord Bishop,—

That the Executive Committee do present a respectful and loyal address of congratulation to her Majesty Queen Victoria, at the close of the 50th year of her Majesty's reign.

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### ADDENDA.

That the ordinary place of meeting of the Synod shall be the city of Halifax, but that if an invitation be given from any town in the Diocese by residents of such town willing to make themselves responsible for the due accommodation of the Synod, and if the accepting of such invitation be recommended by the Executive Committee, the Synod shall be at liberty to accept it.

**LIST OF PARISHES, with Contributions to HOME and  
FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

PARISH.	INCUMBENT.	Board of Home Missions.	Foreign & Domestic Missions.	Total.
Albion Mines.....	Rev. D. C. Moore.....	\$121 78	\$ 35 78	\$157 56
Amherst.....	Rev. V. E. Harris.....	109 35	8 85	118 20
Annapolis.....	Rev. J. J. Ritchie.....	95 28	16 91	112 19
Antigonish.....	Rev. A. C. MacDonald.....	58 05	4 97	63 02
Arichat.....	Rev. E. Ansell.....			
Aylesford.....	Rev. R. Avery.....	33 25		33 25
Baddeck.....	Rev. S. Davies.....	38 22		38 22
Bridgetown.....	Rev. L. M. Wilkins.....	44 68	1 00	45 68
Bridgewater.....	Rev. W. E. Gelling.....	31 45		31 45
Charlottetown—St. Paul's.....	Rev. C. O'Meara.....		52 80	52 80
Chester.....	Rev. G. H. Butler.....	57 54	17 70	75 24
Clementsport.....	Rev. C. W. McCully.....		6 50	6 50
Cornwallis.....	Rev. F. J. H. Axford.....		10 75	10 75
Dartmouth.....			7 00	7 00
Digby.....	Rev. J. Ambrose.....	117 02	9 95	126 97
Falmouth.....	Rev. J. Harrison.....	26 25		26 25
Glace Bay.....	Rev. W. J. Lockyer.....	36 06	2 00	38 06
Granville.....	Rev. F. P. Greatorex.....	50 82	10 60	61 42
Halifax—Bishop's Chapel.....	The Lord Bishop.....	415 15	39 35	454 50
“ S. Luke's.....	Rev. F. R. Murray.....	1013 43	244 87	1258 30
“ S. Paul's.....	Rev. Dr. Hill.....			
“ S. George's.....	Rev. Dr. Partridge.....	110 00	69 25	179 25
“ S. Mark's.....	Rev. H. J. Winterbourne.....	151 54		151 54
“ Garrison Chapel.....			50	50
Horton.....	Rev. J. O. Ruggles.....		10 61	10 61
Hubbard's Cove.....	Rev. H. Stamer.....	93 25	2 00	95 25
LaHave.....	Rev. G. D. Harris.....	35 35	9 30	44 65
Liscombe.....	Rev. R. Johnson.....			
Liverpool.....	Rev. Dr. Nichols.....	306 22	66 55	372 77
Liverpool Road.....	Rev. H. D. deBlois.....	43 50		43 50
Lockeport.....	Rev. S. Gibbons.....	55 49	2 25	57 74
Londonderry.....	Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson.....		15 00	15 00
Louisburg.....	Rev. T. F. Draper.....		8 08	8 08
Lunenburg.....	Rev. R. C. Caswall.....	338 25	52 36	390 61
Mahone Bay.....	Rev. W. H. Snyder.....	45 73	15 37	61 10
Maitland.....	Rev. G. R. Martell.....	80 00		80 00
Manchester.....	Rev. H. H. Hamilton.....	4 90		4 90
Milton, P. E. I.....	Ven. Archdeacon Read.....		2 00	2 00
Melford.....	Rev. D. S. Sutherland.....			
Newport.....	Rev. H. How.....	44 61		44 61
New Dublin.....				
New Ross.....	Rev. W. H. Groser.....	40 90	1 03	41 93
Parrsboro'.....	Rev. Dr. Bowman.....	44 23	5 00	49 23
Petite Riviere.....	Rev. J. Spencer.....	28 34		28 34
Pictou.....	Rev. J. Edgecumbe.....		16 08	16 08
Rawdon.....	Rev. W. J. Ancient.....	51 27	5 27	56 54
River John.....	Rev. J. L. Downing.....	5 15		5 15
Salmon River.....	Rev. R. Smith.....	62 84		62 84
Sackville.....	Rev. W. Ellis.....	52 17		52 17
Seaforth.....	Rev. J. A. Richey.....	33 43		33 43
Shelburne.....	Rev. Dr. White.....	81 17		81 17
Ship Harbour.....	Rev. J. Partridge.....	62 69	4 00	66 69
Spring Hill.....	Rev. C. E. MacKenzie.....		2 31	2 31
Stewiacke.....	Rev. J. C. Cox.....		8 90	8 90
St. Margaret's Bay.....	Rev. P. H. Brown.....	45 88	14 80	60 68
Tangier.....	Rev. E. H. Ball.....	75 83	30 94	106 77
Truro.....	Rev. J. A. Kaulbach.....	149 85	75 88	225 73
Sydney.....	Rev. D. Smith.....		19 05	19 05
Sydney Mines.....	Rev. R. D. Bambrick.....			
Weymouth.....	Rev. P. J. Filleul.....	171 22	6 15	177 37
Wilmot.....	Rev. G. B. Dodwell.....		4 00	4 00
Windsor.....	Rev. Canon Maynard.....	104 27	41 31	145 58
Yarmouth.....	Rev. H. L. A. Almon.....	153 61	23 66	177 27

*In Memoriam.*

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*Rev. Robert Jamison, B. D.,*

RECTOR OF SHIP HARBOR,

DIED 21ST JULY, 1884.

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*Rev. Geo. Wright Hodgson, M. A.,*

ST. PETER'S CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.,

DIED JULY 20TH, 1885.

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*George Reading,*

DIED MARCH 6TH, 1886.

## Address of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia.

*Rev. Brethren and Brethren of the Laity,—*

In opening this Eighteenth Session of our Diocesan Synod, I have, in accordance with my usual custom, to direct your attention to the statistics of the Clergy of the Diocese.

We have, in the first place, to mourn the loss of one of whom it is no disparagement to his brethren to say that no other can occupy precisely the same position. He has been taken from us in the prime of life, but he had made his mark, and established a reputation such as must increase our sense of our loss, while it should stimulate younger men to strive to become equally worthy of honor. He approved himself in all the relations of life, both public and private. He interested himself in all that affected the welfare of the community in which his life was cast, and was exceedingly anxious for the improvement of all, old or young, in any way committed to his care. As a young man at college he exercised a remarkable influence for good among his cotemporaries, and the same influence of a holy, consistent life, combined with much sympathy and consideration for those who were less consistent than himself, prevailed throughout his life. As a member of this Synod he must be missed by us all, and we may regret that his days were shortened by excessive labor, but we have also to thank God for his bright example, and for the good accomplished by him in his brief career.

Amongst those who have removed from the Diocese I cannot pass over unnoticed the late Rector of St. Paul's, for from the day he and his Parish entered the Synod, he took an active part in its proceedings; and although he was sometimes opposed to the majority of his brethren I do not remember any case of factious opposition, and he often gave us very valuable assistance.

Since our last session we have lost only two by death, but there have been fourteen removals, and although I have ordained nine Deacons and ten Priests, and have received into the Diocese seven Priests, an addition in all of sixteen to our number, the total is only what it was two years ago, while if we add to our losses three who from age or infirmity have been obliged to retire, our active list is actually three less than it was at the time of the last session. Now this is very disheartening, for some of the old Parishes are vacant, and among them I may mention Port Medway and St. Eleanor's, while there are new openings and Missions requiring

division, being far too large for the Incumbents. More men are wanted, and also increased funds. You will hear in due course the B. H. M. report, and will have to devise, if possible, more effectual methods of raising money. But how are men to be obtained? Our own College cannot supply our needs, and I am obliged continually to be looking for men from abroad. We receive in this way valuable additions from England, and from other American and Colonial Dioceses, but we ought to be able to fill all ordinary vacancies from among ourselves, whereas even with these additions the supply of men is deficient. Formerly there was not much difficulty in obtaining men from England, but now the increased demand there has cut off that supply, and for various reasons we must provide for ourselves. We are able, through the liberality of the venerable S. P. G. in past years, Dr. Warneford, the late Chas. Inglis, son of my predecessor, and others, to provide abundant help for Divinity Students, who, being otherwise well qualified, are unable to bear the expense of a preparatory course of instruction, but we have to lament that parents who could well afford to educate and partly to maintain their sons, prefer placing them where they may hope to obtain better incomes than can be attainable in the cure of souls, whereas in England very many of the Clergy are living upon their own resources. You are aware that there have been serious difficulties in connection with the College, and that there has been a change in the governing body as well as in the officers thereof. As the proceedings of the former Board have been misunderstood, if not wilfully misrepresented, I must briefly explain our action. We found that we were expending much more than our income, and decided that if we were to avoid insolvency we must reduce our teaching staff, but it was already too small for the requirements of the age and as compared with other Colleges. While we were discussing our course of conduct it was suggested that the Governors of Dalhousie were intending to move from the old building, that the Presbyterian body were withdrawing from it, and that some arrangements might possibly be made for the maintenance of Professorships in the various branches of an Arts Course by the Governors of Dalhousie as the centre of a University, while by removing to Halifax we might have the benefit of a large body of Professors in the several departments for our students. Our own students would reside in a College to be erected by ourselves, wherein all of them would receive religious instruction, while the Divinity Students could be provided with more extended Theological instruction, since funds now paid to other Professors would be employed in procuring such additional instruction. This suggestion was carefully considered by the Board, and we had some correspondence with the Governors of Dalhousie, or their representatives, to enable us to judge whether a scheme could be matured such as would tend to the better preparation and more complete instruction of our candidates for Holy Orders, and would

be acceptable to the majority of the Alumni and other friends of the College, but it was always understood that no scheme would be adopted involving any fundamental change in the position of King's College without the approval of this Synod. The negotiations had never reached a point at which the Governors could say that they would favorably regard the scheme, for there were several difficulties, some of them perhaps insuperable, in the way of any such arrangement as would be beneficial to the College, whose interests we were anxious to forward. But I wish to explain to you exactly the motives of those of us who were considering the question. We found that we could not keep King's College in an efficient state without a considerable increase in our funds, such as did not appear to be obtainable. At the same time we had to look to it for a supply of clergymen, and the best mode seemed to be to take advantage of the funds by which Dalhousie has been endowed for the Arts Course and for general instruction, and to use all our own funds to provide instruction for all members of our Church much more extended and complete than we could otherwise provide in the tenets which she holds and avows. The Alumni being reinforced by a large number of Windsor residents without having the matter properly before them last year, adopted a resolution in opposition to any scheme by which we can avail ourselves of the resources of any other University; and the Governors having expended on new buildings at Windsor the funds which would have been available towards a Theological College in Halifax, nothing remains but to strain every nerve in order to place King's on a sure foundation. A Committee of the Board have acted with much energy and discretion in repairing and beautifying the old building, out of funds specially collected for the purpose, but the great and very important object, the increase of the Endowment, is still very far from being accomplished, and, in fact, we are just now struggling on, having indeed a very good staff, but only approaching to payment of our current expenses by cutting off 25 per cent. from the previously inadequate stipend of the President, and expending for general purposes part of the Visitor's fund, which ought to be restricted to the furtherance of Theological studies, and to be accumulating when not so employed. We cannot diminish our staff, for if our clergy are to be decently, (I will not say thoroughly), furnished for their work, they must keep pace with, they ought to be in advance of, the progress of the age and the requirements of the persons committed to their care. We have good hope of valuable aid from New Brunswick, more particularly as the Venerable Metropolitan manifested his interest in the welfare of the College by undertaking a journey at an inconvenient season to preach the Annual Sermon, and has given a handsome subscription to the renovation fund, and expressed much satisfaction with our Chapel and with the Parish Church, both of which must exercise an important influence upon the Divinity Students whom we trust



that he will send to us to be trained. But others will not work if an example is not set *here*, and it is for this Synod to adopt some definite active measures for increasing the Endowment. Perhaps it would be best to appoint a Committee to consider this matter and to report as speedily as possible, say not later than Saturday afternoon, and the discussion of the whole matter may be taken on their report. I may, however, remind you that we have the report of such a Committee on p. 43 of 12th Session, (1875), and on p. 82 of 16th Session, (1882), and that in accordance with its recommendation two Governors were elected, of whom one elected for two years went out of office in 1884. Owing to the hurry of closing the session no one was elected to fill the vacancy, and the other elected for four years is now out of office. You will, therefore, have to elect two Governors, and the proposed Committee may be requested to suggest two suitable persons, who ought to be resident in Halifax.

In close connection with this subject of the education of our young men is one of not less importance, the education and training of girls, more particularly of the daughters of the Clergy, who cannot generally afford to send them away, or to provide for anything beyond such education as they may obtain in the common schools of the country. This subject has, at different times, occupied the attention of this Synod, and on pp. 84-86 of 12th Session, 1875, an elaborate scheme is reported by a Committee of seven: A. Gray, Dr. Hill, Dr. Nichols, Canon Hensley, W. C. Silver, E. Binney, and W. H. Wiswell. This was in favor of establishing a Seminary under a joint stock company; and a further report on it is to be found on p. 39 of 13th Session, 1876. The Committee examined some buildings offered for sale, but nothing definite was accomplished. There is another report of the same Committee, signed by Rev. G. Hill as chairman, pp. 45-46 of 14th Session, 1878.

At length, in default of a practicable scheme on the lines of the Committee's report, Mr. Padfield's Seminary was recognized by the Synod as the Church Seminary by a resolution on p. 65 of 14th Session, 1878; and on p. 61 of 15th Session, 1880, we have a very encouraging report from the Principal, upon which a resolution was passed (p. 69) for extending it and carrying out the original scheme. But, unhappily, Mr. Padfield became involved in debt and lost courage, his energy failed, and the school came to an untimely end.

But something must now be done, or we shall suffer serious loss, for unless our young women are trained in a knowledge of those principles which are most dear to us all their powerful influence as they advance in years will be transferred to other bodies. We have to lament over many entrusted to the teaching and influence of the Roman Catholics, others are sent to Wolfville and to Mount Allison, and now the Presbyterians are about to establish a Female

Seminary for themselves. Can it be possible that the Church of England will be *not the last to act* but actually the only one taking no action at all in this important matter? I hope that you will not separate without inaugurating a scheme for remedying this serious want, and for removing the reproach and scandal incurred by our present position. This again is a matter of which details must be discussed by a Committee, and I will now only mention that we have *two* schemes before us, one presented by Mr. Sumichrast, the other by the Rector and eight gentlemen of Windsor. This last involves the purchase of a property and establishment of a school at Windsor on a plan very much like that proposed to the Synod in 1875, only it is to be definitely at Windsor, where the Secretary is to reside, and all meetings of the managing body of twelve Trustees are to be held. The chief advantage of this locality would be that the College Professors might be available for tuition in some branches, and that New Brunswick would probably prefer it to Halifax. But, on the other hand, the Rev. R. Laing in his letters lately published, advocating the establishment of a Presbyterian Young Ladies' Seminary, has advanced strong arguments in favor of Halifax, some of which are equally applicable to ourselves; and Mr. Sumichrast, taking up the establishment which had dwindled almost to nothing under Mr. Padfield, and working under serious disadvantages, has proved himself a most competent and popular teacher. He has a large, airy building, with spacious and lofty rooms, and is peculiarly well adapted for the work which he has undertaken, his attention to morals and to manners being not less marked than his skill in imparting instruction. He is anxious to make his Seminary definitely a Church of England institution, and after several years of acquaintance with him and observation of his life and conversation, I have no hesitation in recommending him as a well qualified and conscientious head of a school, to whom any anxious parents may safely entrust the training of their daughters. It will be for the Committee, when appointed, to compare the *two* schemes, and to report upon the relative merits and practicability of each. So far as regards the clergy generally I fear that the necessary charges of boarders anywhere must be beyond their means, but it is suggested that a fund may be raised to aid them by free nominations, or scholarships, or exhibitions, as may be deemed best; and if the school is in Halifax any who have friends residing here might arrange to have their daughters attending the school as day pupils.

In my last Charge I called the attention of the Clergy to two valuable associations designed to promote purity in both sexes, and I very much regret that not the slightest attention has been manifested to my words. Two years have elapsed, and so far as regards this very important matter we have made no progress whatever.

With respect to the "Church of England Purity Society," I am aware that, as I then admitted, the subject requires cautious and

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judicious treatment, and you may possibly have feared to do more harm than good by meddling with it, but with respect to the other, the G. F. S., there can be no such scruple, and its benefits have been proved. We are told by some that its central rule\* is too stringent, and that it cannot be maintained in practice. If it involves so much difficulty as is alleged, this to my mind strengthens the argument for its necessity, and we have to persevere until the public standard of morality is raised. Who that knows anything about the low standard of certain classes will not admit that young women require to be taught that *sin* is *sin*, and that the expression, so common in certain grades, "she had a misfortune," is a euphemism that ought not to be tolerated, being in fact, a phrase for disguising the character of evil. And this fact is practically enforced by expulsion from this society; so that membership is, so far as man can judge, a certificate of character all over the world. There is another society called "The Young Women's Help Society," which doubtless does good service, but it essentially differs from this in that young married women are admitted as members. Now it is most certainly not intended to cast any reflection upon married life, but this society is intended simply for *maidens*, and it might as well be objected to a convent that there is no provision for married nuns as to this G. F. S. that its membership is restricted to *virgins*. A fallen woman may, as a true penitent, be restored to membership with the Church of Christ, and to full communion, but she can never be what she was before her fall, and at all events there can be no security for those who in distant lands receive members of a society without our third rule, unless the higher test of Holy Communion be adopted all members being required to be communicants, which would imply much more restriction. One very important feature of our society is that it has for its members the same advantage as the Y. M. C. A. for men, that wherever they may go they find a branch to which they may be attached, on which they may rely in a strange land for countenance and advice, and may claim the kind offices and friendly countenance of other members. The number of members in England alone is 0,000, and it is regularly organized in most of the Dioceses in Canada, in the United States, in Australia, in New Zealand and South Africa. This is one great advantage of the G. F. S. as distinguished from every other society, and more especially from Parochial Guilds, which, however good they may be, are isolated and separated from all other organizations, that the members feel themselves part of a world-wide system, the total of members at the end of 1884 having been 112,527. I have founded a Diocesan Council, and I have a flourishing branch in connection

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\*This rule is that no girl who has not borne a virtuous character is to be admitted as a member, and character being lost the member forfeits her card of membership.

with my own Chapel, and I lately had much satisfaction in visiting the branch established and supported in Charlottetown by the late lamented G. W. Hodgson, who took a warm interest in the society, and whose manifest approval of its principles and its workings should materially influence those who were accustomed to rely upon his judgment and his practical wisdom, but there are very few other branches in the Diocese. I trust, however, that this will not long be the case, and that even some of the female guilds will be associated with this great society, under the patronage and guidance of nearly all the Bishops, and especially of the Metropolitan of this Ecclesiastical Province.

We must not pass without notice, the fact, that this is the Jubilee year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty our Queen, and I think that we, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England, in this Province long noted for its loyalty, may with great propriety venture to present a humble address of congratulation at the time, viz: the end of the year, when Her Majesty shall be pleased to accept such congratulations, for it is understood to be her pleasure that none shall be presented until the end, or towards the end of this, her fiftieth year. I well remember the interest that was awakened when the death of William IV. was announced, and the accounts of the youthful Queen's appearance at the first Council were received. Having been born a few months later than the Queen, I was then a young man at Oxford, and little thought that I should ever be Bishop of the Province in which her Royal Father had long held command. Her Majesty's long reign has been peaceful and prosperous, and we must all pray that it may so continue to the end, without at all events any serious reverses; but we cannot altogether banish fear; there are very dark clouds overshadowing her, and the doubt as to the results of the present political agitation and controversy must cause her much serious anxiety.

The length of Her Majesty's reign may perhaps be more fully realized, when we consider that it has extended over rather more than half the period of the existence of the Colonial Episcopate, for the 100th year from the Consecration of the first Bishop will not be completed until August 12th, 1887, when the 50th of Her Majesty's reign will end June 20th of that year. You are all doubtless aware that one of the earliest acts of the members of the Church of England in the United States, after the separation from England, was to obtain the great object of their desire, for which they had been long striving in vain, Episcopal Government, and that owing to political obstacles in England they had recourse to Scotland, whence the great boon was obtained in 1783, and I welcome here to-day with much satisfaction the Bishop of Iowa, one of the illustrious body in which are united the English and the Scotch lines of succession. This appears to have opened the eyes of both the Ecclesiastical and the civil authorities in England, and they discovered that what had so

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long been declared to be impossible could be without difficulty accomplished, and the first Colonial See was erected, and Charles Inglis was consecrated the first Bishop, August 12th, 1787. Little would any one have then imagined what would be the extent of that Episcopate at the end of the first Century of its existence, that we should have 72 Colonial and 10 Missionary Bishops, there being altogether in the American and Colonial Episcopate over 150 Bishops. We may indeed with thankfulness and wonder, say, "What hath God wrought," this being an indication of the growth of the Church and the extension of the kingdom of Christ. And the greater part of this increase has taken place within the latter part of the century, for when Her Majesty ascended the throne there were only eight Colonial or Missionary Bishoprics: two in British North America; two in the West Indies; three in India, and one in Australia; whereas now there are eighty-two; so that if there should be the same ratio of increase for the next fifty years there would be over eight hundred Bishops; but this is not to be expected; for many of these Bishoprics ought to have been constituted at a much earlier date, and the newly awakened energy of Churchmen has had, in the first place, to supply the defects in the action of our forefathers, and the greater part of the British Empire has now been occupied by the Church, and committed to the care of some of her chief pastors. The centennial of the consecration of the first Bishop for the United States was celebrated three years ago; and doubtless, the Colonial Centennial will receive due attention, from our brethren in England. The great Venerable Society, more immediately interested, and to which the Colonial Church is so deeply indebted for its growth, (and we may say indeed for its existence through its early stages) is prepared to take the lead in this matter; but when I was in England I was met with the apprehension that the celebration of the Jubilee would interfere with the Church celebration, which would otherwise be joyfully observed with all possible demonstrations of thankfulness. Moreover with reference to any large gathering of Colonial Bishops in London, the source and centre of all missionary enterprise, it was suggested that the following year 1888 being the probable date of another Lambeth Conference, there would probably be a very inadequate representation in 1887. The authorities of the Mother Church will doubtless make the best arrangements that may be practicable for the fitting commemoration of the conclusion of the first Centenary of the existence of the Colonial Episcopate to which she has so largely contributed, and which has extended her order and influence, her doctrine and discipline, even to the ends of the earth, but as this is the original Diocese we ought ourselves to mark the year beginning the 12th of next month, and ending August 12th, 1887. How this can most fitly be done, I leave for the consideration of this Synod.

I hope that the change in our day of meeting will prove to be

advantageous, but there are objections, the first being that the Clergy of whom there were many this year, coming from distant places to the Encenia at Windsor, have to return to their homes before the Synod, because as one Sunday has to be spent in Halifax, they are generally unwilling to be absent from their Parishes on two consecutive Sundays, and as all the Clergy are, or are supposed to be absent on the Synod Sunday, no substitutes can be obtained.

The Executive Committee according to your wish has appointed the public Missionary Meeting to be held within the period of the Session of the Synod, viz. on Friday evening, and has set apart Monday evening for the Conference, to be held in accordance with the report of Committee on page 62 of Journal. A sub Committee consisting of the Bishop with two Clerical and two Lay members: Mr. Murray, Dr. Partridge, W. C. Silver, and C. B. Bullock, was appointed to make arrangements, and decided that the Conference should last from 7 to 10, that there should be two subjects, with a writer and two appointed speakers upon each; the subjects being, "How to increase the number and efficiency of Candidates for Holy Orders," and "How can the work of the Church in our Parishes and Missions be made more effective," and I trust that the results of this Conference may be such as to justify the experiment. I have already pressed the importance of a due consideration of these topics with a view to action, and I may state that I am glad to have to report a considerable increase in the number of lay readers. It has been proposed also to introduce some of the officers of the Church Army, an organization which is rapidly increasing in number and in influence in England. It adopts to some extent the tactics of the Salvation Army, without its irreverence and almost blasphemous treatment of holy things. That this method has been effectual in moving some whom no ordinary ministrations can reach is undoubted, and if the good can be accomplished and this low stratum can be reached, apart from the injury done by the Salvation Army, we ought not to shrink from adopting it, always taking heed not to "do evil that good may come." Certainly we are taught to go into the highways and hedges and compel to come in those who require pressure and strong attraction, and will not come of their own accord.

I regret that we again have several errors in our Journal, some of which have been pointed out, and corrected in the circular from the Executive Committee, but we must remember that our Secretary was new to his work at the last session, and I have no doubt that the records of the present session will be satisfactorily presented to us. We have also to recognize our Secretary in another capacity to-day, and in your name I venture to thank him, as well as heartily on my own account, for the able and appropriate sermon preached by him this morning.

I will not further detain you, since this is not to be regarded as

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an Episcopal Charge, for which this is not the year, but rather as an introductory address, as some of the topics will come before us for discussion. I trust that the harmony which has always prevailed will be visible, and that we may all combine in contending for the truth once for all delivered to the saints, that we may strive after unity of spirit as well as of form and doctrine, the excellency whereof has been so earnestly set forth for our contemplation.



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