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## A PRAYER,

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

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

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

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WE, the Bishop and the Laity of the United Church within the Diocese, and intending, and considering and determining, that it appears necessary for the Diocese, desire in the removal of the misunderstanding of the principles of the Church of England to continue, as it has been received by that Church of faith; we acknowledge and Sacraments, to be the doctrines contained in the form of Priests, and Deacons, and we declare our dependence on Divine and that form of Church to our posterity.

We uphold the authority of the Queen is right and supremacy in all causes where we desire that such supremacy be maintained.

It is our earnest desire that our deliberations be to the temporalities of order and extension.

## Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

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### DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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

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

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

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

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

## CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

3rd. An election of Representatives shall take place at the Easter meeting held in each Parish or Ecclesiastical District next before each ordinary meeting of the Synod, and on the same day in each district, which may be entitled to elect Representatives under Rule 9th. Within 30 days after election the chairman shall send the names of the Delegates to the Registrar. 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."

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

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

6th. The Representatives of the Laity must be at least twenty-one years of age, having been communi-

cants for the twelve years next before the meeting of every adult male person of the Parish or District of which he is a member, or the following declaration, "I am a member of the Union of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_, and belong to the same."

7th. Each Representative, when elected, shall receive a certificate from the Chairman of the Synod, and, if elected, a certificate of his election, and shall remain in office until his successor is elected.

NOTE.—At the second meeting of the Synod, the Minister, in the above certificate, shall receive the Holy Communion, and shall certify that he is a member of the Union of the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_, and belongs to the same.

8th. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a Representative, the same shall be filled up by a new election, which shall be held on the same day, and in the same place, as the original election, and in the absence of the Church Wardens or three members of the late Vestry, there be no wardens or vestrymen, the Minister may summon a meeting.

9th. Each parish shall have one Representative, and no other than the Representative elected at the regular election.

10th. Each Parish shall be assessed for the purpose of the Synod, and the amount assessed is amount of the dues of his office, and shall be paid upwards in arrears.

11th. The quorum for the Synod shall be the whole number of Representatives of the Diocese, and of the Laity, and shall have been certified by the Registrar.

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

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

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

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

10th. Each Parish represented in this Synod shall be assessed for the purposes of this Synod; the assessment shall be due from each Parish as soon as the amount assessed is announced to the Rector thereof, and no representative shall be allowed to take his seat, as long as the dues of his parish or district shall be one year or upwards in arrears.

11th. The quorum required to constitute a session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the Lay Representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Registrar of the Diocese;

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

12th. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, such vote being determined by the majority of the members present and voting in each order. And no act or resolution of the Diocesan Synod shall be valid which shall not have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity.

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

13th. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 12, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese.

14th. There shall be two Secretaries, one chosen by the Clergy, the other by the Laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod.

15th. The ordinary meetings of the Synod shall be biennial, but the Bishop (or in his absence the Archdeacon) shall have power to summon additional meetings at his discretion.

16th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, 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 Represent-

tatives,\* and by the no vote in confirmation, regulations of the Synod shall be taken at the Synod.

17th. Members of the Synod must be subject to the application of any regulations which they must be required to apply.

18th. The Bishop shall adopt the following Lambeth Conference

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tatives,\* and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted. But no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, regulations, rules of order, or canons of the Synod shall be taken, except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod.

17th. Members of the Church may be present at meetings of the Synod, on the understanding that they must be subject to the directions of the chairman; and they must be required by him to withdraw upon the application of any three members of the Synod.

18th. The Bishop is recommended by the Synod to adopt the following Declaration, suggested by the Lambeth Conference:

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

"I, A. B., do declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made, or which may from time to time be made, by the Synod of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Provincial Synod of \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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\* "*Resolved*, In case it shall happen that the Bishop shall withhold his assent to any Act or Resolution of the Synod, the same may be brought up again at the next Session, and if it shall then be passed by a majority of two-thirds of each order present and voting, and shall be again dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly, in Canada, whose decision shall be final."

The above, passed at the Eleventh Session, stands over for confirmation at next Session of Synod.  
(Further information, see Page — Journal of 14th Session).

With reference to Rule 16 the following Resolution was adopted at the Thirteenth Session:

"That such rule shall be held to mean two-thirds of the Clergy and the Laity present and voting."

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.]

19th. 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.

20th. 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 house must accept or reject the election of the other as a whole.

The substitutes shall be elected in the same way, after the declaration of the names of the delegates elect."

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

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

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

one of the Secretaries appointed for that purpose, and the names shall be read out as a result of the investigation of the Provincial Synod. The election made by the Clergy officers shall hold good, unless otherwise provided shall be appointed.

NOTE.—At the fifth session a permanent Lay Secretary

4th. After this follows:

Reading, correcting meeting.

Appointing Committee.  
Presenting, reading reports.  
Giving notices of unfinished business.  
Taking up unfinished business.  
Considerations of minutes.

5th. All notices of business to be taken at the subsequent meeting, and may be taken at any subsequent meeting, in the order given the notice.

6th. Before the reading of the minutes of the last session.

#### RULES FOR

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2nd. When an officer is called to the chair, he shall inform himself to the Chair.

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

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

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

- Reading, correcting and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Appointing Committees.
- Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.
- Presenting reports on Committees.
- Giving notices of motions.
- Taking up unfinished business.
- Considerations of motions.

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

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

#### RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

4th. All reports of Committees recommending any

action or expression of opinion, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

II. At each ordinary meeting of the Synod, the Clerical and Lay member of the Committee whose names respectively shall stand at the head of the list, shall go out of office, and also the Clerical and Lay member whose attendance shall have been least frequent at the meetings of the Committee; but all such members shall be eligible for reelection. 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.

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

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

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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 Acts of 1863, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," shall be construed to interfere with, alter or circumscribe in any way the property, whether real or personal, which may now, or which may hereafter belong to the several respective Parishes, Church Corporations or Church Congregations in the Diocese of Nova 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

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passing of such Act of Incorporation were represented in the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia) may, so long as they continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, be admitted as members of such incorporated Synod, and may enjoy and exercise the same rights and privileges therein as the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in this Province.

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

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**An Act to Amend Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, 4th Series,  
 of the Church of England.**

*(Passed the 4th day of April, A. D., 1876.)*

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 subscription, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any Canons or Regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefor being duly signified in writing and delivered to the applicant within three months from the date of application for such license or letters of institution.

2. The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore, and when any church shall be erected for divine service according to the rites of the Church

of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the parish of such church. The Bishop may also divide and sub-divide any parish now established, or hereafter to be established; but no parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the parish, called for the consideration of such a measure.

3. When any rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five parishioners, either by notice given in the church, or churches if there be more than one, during the time of divine service; or if there be no public service in the parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the church or churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than fifteen nor more than twenty 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 signature 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 is 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 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

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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 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 by the Easter meeting, at a meeting of the vestry held not later than three weeks after the parish meeting, or adjourned parish meeting, the outgoing Wardens shall present their accounts, and shall transfer to the newly elected Wardens the books and all documents, monies or other property belonging to the parish which shall be in their possession.

6. The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of each parish, shall together be a body politic and corporate, with the style of "The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of

the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_," with power to sue and be sued, to receive grants of real and personal estate for the use of the church and all parish purposes, to improve the same and receive the rents thereof for the like use, and with the approval of the Bishop to sell and convey such real and personal property, and to have a common seal, make bye-laws and regulations consistent with the laws of the Province, for the management of the temporalities of their church, and the due and orderly conducting of their affairs. Provided, nevertheless, that if, at any time, the parish be without a rector, the same rights and privileges shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestry until the appointment of a rector, except so far as relates to the permanent alienation of any property.

7. 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 meeting of Parishioners of any Parish of the Church of England:

(1.) Men of full age who have been communicants in the said Parish for not less than six months previous to the day of meeting.

(2.) All men of full age, who are members of the Church of England, and have habitually attended the services thereof within the Parish for which they claim to vote for at least three months, being pew holders or otherwise contributors towards the funds for the maintenance of the ministrations of the said Church within the said Parish, and who are not more than six months in arrears in respect to such contributions. Provided always, that any person before voting may be required by the chairman of the meeting, or any Parishioner present, to sign a declaration that he is qualified as aforesaid.

9. The Rector, the Church Wardens, or any two of them, may, at the instance of the Rector, or on the request made to the Rector, the whole number being a quorum for the Rector, or Clergy Wardens, Vestry, all business concerning the parish may be considered upon the application of the Rector, or Clergy Wardens, provided that a requisition to that effect be given during Divine service on some Sunday, at the instance of the Minister of the Parish, and notice whenever such notice shall be given at least twenty-four days before the meeting.

10. No conveyance or mortgage shall be valid for any purpose, unless it shall be signed by the Rector, or Clergy Wardens, and the Vestry, and sealed with the common seal, and countersigned by the Bishop, the Rector, or Clergy Wardens, and the Vestry, and full and absolute power shall be given to any glebe land or tithes of the Parish, if the same

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10. 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.

11. No person shall be elected a Church Warden or

Vestryman who is not qualified to vote at a Church meeting under clause eight.

12. 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.

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

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

*(Passed the 4th day of April, A. D., 1876.)*

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

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

1. The present Bishop of Nova Scotia is, and he and his successors in office duly elected or acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, shall be a corporation sole, with perpetual succession, retaining the name of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, as 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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## REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

### PREAMBLE.

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

I.—In every case of any Clerk in Holy Orders who may be charged with any offence against the laws ecclesiastical, or concerning whom there may exist scandal or evil report, the Bishop shall, upon the application of seven male communicants of the Parish in which the accused resided, or may if he shall think fit, of his own mere motion, issue a Commission under his hand and seal to five Presbyters of not less than seven years' standing, and the Commissioners so appointed, or any three of them, shall inquire into the truth of the charges alleged against the party accused, as set forth in their commission, notice of the time and place of such inquiry having been given to the party accused, and to the party, if any, upon whose application or complaint the commission may have been issued, not less than thirty days before the time appointed for the commencement of the inquiry.

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

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

II.—And in all cases when the Commissioners, or any three of them, shall have reported that there is *prima facie* ground for further proceedings, the Bishop, with the written consent of the

party accused, may pronounce judgment without further proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

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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  
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agreeing, and strike off the requisite number of names.

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agent, strike of 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  
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him in case neither party shall attend before him at the time and  
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After the assessors have been selected or appointed, the Bishop  
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IX.—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.

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

XI.—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.

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

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

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\*The following amendment, passed at 14th session, stands over for confirmation:

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

XIV.—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.

XV.—Whenever a clergyman 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.

XVI.—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.

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

XVIII.—If the Bishop shall be of opinion that the charge alleged in the memorial is frivolous and vexatious, or that the matters alleged show no cause or offence for which the party charged 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.

XIX.—No clergyman inhibited under the fourth clause shall be deprived during continuance of such inhibition of any of the emoluments of his office.

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

XXI.—The Synod shall meet the expenses if the Bishop find it necessary to institute proceedings.

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

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

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

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

### RURAL DEANERIES.

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

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

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

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

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

When a vacancy shall occur, either by removal\* or death, the Senior Clergyman in such Deanery shall call the clergy together, and at that meeting they shall elect one of their number to be nominated to the Bishop for the office of Rural Dean. If they shall fail

\* At the Twelfth Session it was resolved, "That in the absence of a Rural Dean from the Diocese for more than six months, the office be considered vacant."

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted :

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

That every clergyman removing from one colonial or missionary diocese or district into another diocese, ought to carry with him letters testimonial from the Colonial or Missionary Bishop whose diocese or district he is leaving.

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

Also, the following form of letters Dimissory :

*To the Right 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.

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## CANON II.

ON SUBMISSION OF CLERGY TO THE CANONS OF THE PROVINCIAL AND  
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No Bishop within this Province shall hereafter grant his license to any clergyman to the cure of souls until such clergyman has first subscribed and declared his submission to the Canons of the Provincial Synod, and of the Synod of the Diocese of such Bishop, in the following form :

I, (A. B.), do willingly subscribe to and declare that I assent to and abide by the Canons which have been, or shall be, from time to time passed by the Provincial Synod, or the Synod of the Diocese of ———.

## CANON III.

ON THE POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN.

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

## CANON V.

COURT OF APPEAL OF THE METROPOLITAN—HOW CONSTITUTED.

The House of Bishops, presided over by the Metropolitan, or President of the Upper House, or Senior Bishop in their absence,

with two or more assessors to be, from time to time, nominated by the said House of Bishops, shall be the Court of Appeal from the judgment of any Diocesan Court.

WHEN APPEAL SHALL LIE.

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

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

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

CANON VI.

OF MINISTERING IN PARISHES.

1. No Clergyman shall absent himself from his charge, for more than four weeks at a time, without the written consent of a Bishop; or, in his absence, of his Commissary.

2. No person shall be permitted to celebrate Divine Service or perform any office of the Church, permanently or occasionally, except he shall have been Episcopally and Canonically ordained, 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.

When a Priest or a Deacon of a Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, on request, the usual form of which shall be sent to the Bishop till the same, shall be approved according to their aforesaid Diocese the Clergyman that if they be not approved may be considered as void and shall be void unless

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When a Bishop is officiating, or about to officiate, or about to officiate, the Bishop shall have given the Clergyman's name, then the Bishop may, by a writing addressed to the man after the receipt, be inhibited person to officiate in the Mission Chapel, shall be a breach of Canonica

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## CANON VII.

### OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

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

## 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.

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" *H. Y. Dyer	Cascumpeque, P. E. I.
" *J. Forsythe	Truro.
" *J. D. Fitzgerald	Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" *Simon Gibbons	Cape Breton.
" O. M. Grindon	Halifax.
" W. H. Groser	Margaret's Bay.
" *L. W. Hill, (retired)	Antigonish.
" Henry How	Newport.
" *L. C. Jenkins, (retired)	Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" Dr. McCawley	Halifax.
" G. E. W. Morris, (ret'd)	"
" *Riddall Morrison	Chaplain Forces, Halifax.
" Newnham	New London, P. E. I.
" A. Osborne	Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" J. Padfield	Halifax.
" J. R. S. Parkinson	Liverpool.
" Theophilus Richey	St. Eleanor, P. E. I.
" Charles M. Sills	Halifax.

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Rev. David Smith.....	Sydney, C. B.
" A. Townend.....	Chaplain Forces, Halifax.
" *G. O. Troop.....	Halifax.
" *J. B. Uniacke.....	"
" *Cecil Wiggins.....	Shelburne.
" Willetts.....	Col. School, Windsor.
" Robert Wyllie.....	Bishop's Chapel, Halifax.
" *W. E. Wilson.....	King's College, Windsor.

Those whose names are marked thus (\*) were not present at the  
Fourteenth Session.

## FOURTEENTH SESSION

OF THE


 Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.
 

## FIRST DAY.

The Diocesan Synod met on the day appointed by the Lord Bishop, Tuesday, May 14th, 1878, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Halifax.

Prayers were said at 10, A.M., and the Holy Communion celebrated, the Bishop being celebrant.

The Synod assembled for the transaction of business at 2.30, P.M.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries.

Number of Clergy present.....	63.
“ “ Lay Representatives.....	48.

Rev. C. M. Sills was appointed Clerical Secretary, in place of Rev. A. Brown, lately removed from the Diocese.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Moody, C. B. Bullock, and the Lay Secretary, was appointed to examine the certificates of the Lay Representatives.

The Bishop delivered his opening address, explaining that the Synod had been called together thus early, as he wished to attend the Conference to meet at Lambeth

in July. He referred to the work done by the last Provincial Synod at Montreal, and drew the attention of the Synod to matters requiring its consideration during the present session.

It was moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. J. Padfield, and *Resolved*:—

“That the Minutes of last day of last Session, already printed, be taken as read.”

Notice of motion was given by Rev. D. C. Moore :

“That a Committee be appointed to consider what is the best mode of appointment to parishes, with a view of consultation with the Synods of other Dioceses, so as to bring about, if possible, a uniform system in all the Dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province.”

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

#### R E P O R T .

The Executive Committee report that, in compliance with the resolution passed last Session, they have prepared a form of Parochial Register, and herewith submit the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare it.

#### REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a form of Register in accordance with the resolution passed at the last session of the Synod, beg to report that they have agreed to the following form, but have not been able to take any further steps, as they were not authorized to expend the funds of the Synod, and no printer will undertake the risk of printing the required books at his own expense.

NAMES.	Condition.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Remarks.

An explanation of the mode in which these columns should be filled should be printed at the beginning of the Register.

Thus, the first column should contain the names of all those who do not avowedly dissent from the Church of England.

*Condition* means whether single or married, widower or widow, and may be denoted by initials *S. M.* or *W.*

*Baptized* may be marked as infant or adult, or no.

*Communion*, either blank or regular, irregular or occasional.

It is suggested that where a change is possible the entry be made in pencil.

Your Committee submit that if the cost of providing printed and ruled books be an insuperable obstacle to compliance with the resolution of the Synod, a leaf may be printed as above, and circulated, showing the mode in which every Clergyman may prepare a blank book for his own use.

It is also suggested that every Rector should enter, towards the end of this Register, a statement of the nature and extent of any glebe or other land belonging to the Parish, and of the amount and appropriation of any rents received therefrom. Also, extent and proceeds of any sales, and mode of investment of money received.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.  
JOHN ABBOTT.

HALIFAX, March 6th, 1878.

At the Session of 1877 of the Provincial Legislature, an Act prepared by this Committee in accordance with the resolution of the Synod was passed, enabling the Church Society to transfer all the monies held in trust by it to the Synod.

The Committee have considered the question of devising means to meet the road expenses of Delegates to the Provincial Synod, and are not able, under present circumstances, to suggest any means of meeting such expenses.

The Committee also, in accordance with instructions given it at last meeting of Synod, prepared and transmitted two memorials to the Provincial Synod of Canada:—

One—"Requesting the confirmation of the Resolution reducing the number of representatives from each Diocese from 12 to 8, and of substitutes from 6 to 4."

The other—"Asking for the enactment of a Canon requiring the the consent of a majority of the Bishops of the Province to the consecration of a Bishop-elect."

The Report of the Committee on Amendments to Church Act has been under consideration, and is herewith submitted to the Synod :—

III.—Amendments proposed by Committee on Church Act. Section III.—Substitute “thirty days” instead of “twenty days.”

IV.—Addition proposed to Section IV. of Church Act.—Add at end of first paragraph : “And any Parish business may be transacted.”

Section IV.—Annual meeting to be held on the first Monday in May, instead of Easter Monday.

Section VI.—Add : “All the real and personal property belonging to any Parish shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of that Parish, in their corporate capacity.”

Section VIII.—The following persons shall be entitled to vote at the meeting of the Parishoners 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, and who have so attended for three months, being pew-holders or otherwise contributors towards the funds for the maintenance of the ministrations of the said Church, within the said Parish, and who are not more than six months in arrears in respect to such contributions.

Provided always that any person before voting may be required by the Chairman of the meeting, or any Parishoner present, to sign a declaration that he is qualified as aforesaid, 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 Parishoners may, from time to time, at any regular annual Parish Meeting, define what contribution 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 contribution.

The following proviso, as an addition to Section VIII, is suggested by the Executive Committee : “Provided that qualification shall not take effect at any meeting held within six months.”

ALFRED BROWN, *Secretary.*



The Report of the Committee of the Church Endowment Fund was presented by Mr. W. C. Silver:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Committee, in making this, their first report to the Synod, beg leave to refer to the last account of their Treasurer, as published in the Annual Report of D. C. S., dated 31st May, 1877, for state of the Fund to that date, and how invested.

The Committee intend making up a like statement to 31st May, instant, for publication in the forthcoming Report.

In November last, Rev. George F. Maynard, having succeeded the Rev. Dr. Robertson as Rector of Wilmot, was added to the Roll of Clergy entitled to participate in the benefits of the Fund, making now in all, four on the list, viz:—

Rev. R. F. Brine, Parrsboro'.....	Class 1.
“ G. Metzler, Sydney Mines.....	“ 2.
“ R. Shreve, Cornwallis.....	“ 3.
“ Geo. F. Maynard, Wilmot.....	“ 3.

The Committee have to report two vacancies in their number: First—H. Hartshorne, Esq., resigned; second, E. Binney, Esq., deceased. In the death of Mr. Binney, the Committee mourn the loss of an old and faithful friend and helper, to whom the Fund is deeply indebted for valuable and gratuitous labour as Treasurer, extending over a period of seventeen years; and for liberal contributions to its capital.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY PRYOR, *Chairman.*

The Report of the Committee on a Church Seminary for Females was read by Rev. Dr. Hill.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A CHURCH SEMINARY FOR FEMALES.

*To the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, (Fourteenth Session.)*

The business referred to this Committee by the Synod was that of taking steps to give effect to the Report adopted at a former

Session, relating to the mode of establishing the proposed Seminary to be called Victoria College, and located at Halifax.

Adverting to their last report, the Committee beg to state that the circumstances and conditions named in the fifth paragraph thereof as unfavorable to the initiation of the Institution still continue, and until a satisfactory change occurs in financial and commercial affairs in the City and Province, the prospect of obtaining sufficient funds in the manner proposed is not likley soon to be realized.

The Committee recently had under consideration a proposal from the Rev. the Principal of St. Margaret's Hall to remove to Halifax, and undertake a Seminary for the daughters of Churchmen, if the Committee or friends in Halifax could guarantee the rent of suitable premises for that purpose.

Though willing and anxious to carry into effect the measures adopted and recommended by the Synod, (of which this proposition ensured a beginning,) the Committee are not in a position personally to give such a guarantee, and on seeking elsewhere failed to obtain persons willing to incur such a responsibility on the ground that the proposal came too late, as the field was preoccupied through the establishment and extension of a large private school for young ladies, for which the most efficient Teachers of special Branches were engaged, having the promise of a large number of pupils from Church families.

The necessity for and advisability of a Female Seminary being established upon the basis and principles named in the constitution and prospectus issued by this Committee still remains, and it is earnestly hoped that the obstacles hitherto in the way may speedily disappear, and that a sufficient number of zealous Churchmen may be found to start such an enterprise, though this may have to be done on a more limited expenditure than first intended.

The vacancies in this Committee were filled by the appointment of Rev. Canon Dart and Rev. Dr. Bowman. Another vacancy has occurred recently by the death of Edward Binney, Esq., who was also the Treasurer, and whose loss the Committee and the Church deeply lament.

Respectfully submitted

G. W. HILL, Chairman.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

“That in the opinion of this Synod it is desirable that it should meet in the afternoon and evening, and not in the morning.”

Notice of motion was given by Rev. D. C. Moore with reference to Sect. VI. of Church Act—

“All the real and personal property belonging to any Parish shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of that Parish, in their corporate capacity, always provided that the Rector be held to be, and is hereby declared to be, in possession of the Rectory House and the grounds thereto attached during his incumbency.”

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Dr. Nichols, relating to the proposed Amendment of the Church Act—

“That 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.”

Notice of motion was given by Rev. W. J. Ancient—

“That each Parish or Mission represented in this Synod be assessed for the purposes of this Synod; that the assessment be due from each Parish or Mission as soon as the amount assessed is announced to the Rector or Incumbent thereof; and that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat so long as the dues of the Parish or District shall be one year or upwards in arrears.”

Notice of motion was given by Hon. A. M. Cochran, objecting to the proposed Amendment of Clause 2, Sect. VIII, Church Act.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Dr. Nichols, relating to the Canon of Discipline of the Laity.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Canon Townsend, with reference to Section VIII. of the Church Act.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. E. Hodgson—

“That this Synod does not now enter into the consideration of the amendment of the Constitution relative to the Bishop's veto, now

awaiting confirmation, and that this Synod declare that the Constitution, as now established, is consistent with primitive usage, and has not proved ineffective in preserving the due relation existing between the different Houses of the Synod."

Rev. Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, moved the confirmation of Resolution No. 4, (page 69 of Journal of 13th Session,) and gave notice that he would move a rider to the effect that the Resolution be sent to the House of Bishops to ascertain if they would receive an appeal.

Mr. E. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley, moved in amendment his resolution, of which he had given notice as above.

Rev. Dr. Hill, with consent of the House, withdrew the motion to confirm, and, seconded by Rev. Dr. Nichols, moved—

"That the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada be respectfully requested by the Bishop of Nova Scotia to inform the Synod of this Diocese, if, in the event of an appeal made to them on a subject dissented from by the Bishop, their Lordships would be ready to receive such appeal, and give an opinion thereon."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. E. Hodgson seconded by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley—

"That the debate be adjourned."

*Lost* by non-concurrence of orders.

Rev. Dr. Hill's motion was then put and carried.

The Committee on Lay Representative Credentials reported by the Lay Secretary as follows:—

"The Committee appointed to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates beg to report as follows: That while there are communications announcing the appointment of delegates, there are no regular certificates from Guysboro, Parsboro, Rosette and Walton.

That certificates No.

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The confirmation (Journal 1876) was amended by Hon. A. M.

"That each parish for the purposes of this Synod be notified to send a delegate to the Synod as soon as the dues thereof, and that no delegate be received so long as the dues are upwards in arrears."

Passed.

Notice of motion to amend to add, after

"And that the said scale or principle to

Resolution No. 4, G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley, confirmed as follows

"That the following Delegates to the Synod be elected:—

"If more than the number of delegates be nominated, then the clergy and laity for the lay delegates to be elected having the highest number of votes be elected, or reject the election of the remainder."

That certificates No. 2 are required for—

CHARLES LORDLY, Chester.  
 C. E. KAULBACH, Lunenburg.  
 H. JOST, "  
 THOS. JENNINGS, Pugwash.  
 R. J. STEVENS, Ship Harbor.  
 GEO. JAMIESON, "

(Signed)

C. B. BULLOCK.  
 T. C. MOODY.  
 R. J. WILSON.

The confirmation of Resolution No. 5 (Page 70 of Journal 1876) was moved by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by Hon. A. M. Cochran—

"That each parish represented in this Synod be assessed for the purposes of this Synod; that the assessment be due from each parish as soon as the amount assessed is announced to the Rector thereof, and that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat, so long as the dues of the parish or district shall be one year or upwards in arrears."

Passed.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. Canon Townsend to add, after "thereof," in No. 5 just confirmed—

"And that the said assessment be made according to a definite scale or principle to be decided upon by the House."

Resolution No. 6, (Page 70), was, on motion of Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, confirmed as follows:—

"That 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 house 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."

Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock.

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## SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 1878.

The Synod reassembled for business at ten o'clock.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries, and 66 of the Clergy and 50 Lay Representatives were present.

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

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. D. C. Moore.

(For Report, see Page 18, 1st Report of Board of Home and Foreign Missions.)

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

(For Report, see Page 13, 1st Report of Board of Home and Foreign Missions.)

The Report of the Widows and Orphans Fund Committee was presented.

(For Report, see Page 15, 1st Report of Board of Home and Foreign Missions.)

Rev. Dr. Nichol  
motion:—

"That, in view of the Orphans Fund, and of the demands liable to arise from the condition of the grants, to ascertain whether the funds

"That a Committee be appointed on the subject, in respect to

Notice of motion

"That the Executive Committee be directed to cause to be printed a Parochial Register."

Notice of motion

"That, at every meeting of the Provincial Synod, a sum of money be assessed by the Synod, to be applied to the amount to be assessed by the Synod, to be assessed by the Synod, to be assessed by the Synod, to be assessed by the Synod."

The confirmation of the Minutes of 1876)—

"That at least one communicant in the Parish be present at the confirmation of the Minutes of 1876)—

Was moved by Rev. Mr. W. C. Silver, and

The Synod then passed the Regulations for the Session of 1878, passed at last Session.

The Bishop drew up the different clauses in the Journal 1878.

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Rev. Dr. Nichols gave notice of the following  
motion:—

"That, in view of the present condition of the Widows and Orphans Fund, and of the claims now payable therefrom, with the demands liable to arise in the future, it is desirable to review the condition of the grants under existing regulations, and to ascertain whether the funds are equal to the demands upon them, and—

"That a Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the subject, in respect to this matter."

Notice of motion was given by Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

"That the Executive Committee be requested to publish a form of Parochial Register."

Notice of motion was given by Rev. P. J. Filleul—

"That, at every meeting of this Synod next before the Session of the Provincial Synod, a sum equal to half as much as is now assessed by the Synod for its own purposes shall in addition to that amount be assessed by the Executive Committee, in order to ensure a sufficient representation from this Diocese at the Provincial Synod."

The confirmation of the Resolution (Page 36, Journal 1876)—

"That at least one Representative of each Parish shall be a communicant in the Parish he represents,"—

Was moved by Rev. Canon Townshend, seconded by Mr. W. C. Silver, and *lost* by non-concurrence of orders.

The Synod then proceeded to the consideration of the Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy, as passed at last Session.

The Bishop drew attention to certain verbal errors in the different clauses of the Discipline Act, as printed in the Journal 1876.

Clause II., Page 52.—The words “in all cases” were added after “and” in the beginning of the clause,—“and in all cases the Commissioners,” etc.

Clause VII. was completed by the addition of Page 49 from the words “at a time and place,” etc., down to “21 days’ notice thereof in writing.”

Clause XI. was made to read “The Executive Committee shall at once fill,” etc.

Clause VIII.—The word “to” was altered to “for,” and “answerable” to “amenable under this Canon,” making the clause read as follows—“cause or offence for which the party charged is amenable under this Canon.”

The Canon with these verbal errors, thus corrected, was then confirmed.

Canon of Discipline of the Laity was taken up for confirmation.

After a lengthy discussion the Synod seemed to be of opinion that the Canon in its present form was unsatisfactory, and being put to the vote, its confirmation was rejected.

Rev. Dr. Nichols gave notice of motion relative to a new Canon of Discipline of the Laity.

Resolution No. 1, (Page 69, Appendix of Journal 1876), was confirmed as follows:

“That every Parish or Mission in this Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions, and that 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 Treasurers’ hands.”

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Recess, 1 o’clock



In the absence of Rev. J. P. Sheraton, Resolution No. 2 was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, and the whole Clause X., amended as follows, was passed for confirmation at the next Session of the Synod:—

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

Mr. McCully moved, in behalf of Rev. J. Norwood, that Resolution No. 3, (Page 69, Journal,) relating to the Pew system, be deferred to another Session of the Synod.

Passed.

Resolution No. 7 was passed as follows:—

“That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an outline of the duties and rights of Rectors, Church Wardens and Vestries within their parishes, to the intent that, if adopted by this Synod, uncertainties and doubts now existing on these subjects, or on some of them, may be set at rest by a rule of our own.”

No. 8 was deferred in the absence of the mover, Mr. Wiswell.

No. 9 was considered in connection with Report of the Board of Home Missions.

No. 14, Page 59, Journal 1876, awaiting confirmation, was confirmed as follows:—

“That no vote in confirmation of an alteration in the Constitution, Regulations, Rules of Order or Canons of Synod, shall be taken except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod.”

The proposed alterations in the Church Act were appointed by the Chairman as the work for the Synod in its afternoon session.

Recess, 1 o'clock.

After recess, the Synod met at 2.30.

Notice of motion was given by Hon. A. M. Cochran—

"Whereas, the circumstances of the present day are such as to require a trained and educated ministry; and

Whereas, the great demand for men to serve in the Ministry is a strong inducement to admit men without due preparation; therefore

*Resolved*, That while this Synod has no wish in any way to interfere with the discretion of the Bishop in conferring Holy Orders, it expresses its firm conviction that the interests of the Church will be best served by maintaining a high standard of education for the ministry, and further that it is very desirable that all candidates should pass through a college course before presenting themselves for ordination."

Mr. J. W. H. Rowley asked leave to move the omitted clause of Resolution No. 7, (Page 70, Journal 1876.) and seconded by Mr. H. Pryor, moved—

"That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an outline of the rights and privileges of the Bishop of the Diocese in the pulpits, and otherwise, of the parishes under his jurisdiction."

Lost.

Notice was given of the resignation of Hon. A. M. Cochran from the Church Endowment Fund Committee.

The resolution by Rev. J. Ambrose, relating to election of Rural Deans, (handed in to the Executive Committee,) was dropped.

The Synod then proceeded to the discussion of the amendments to the Church Act, proposed in the Report of Executive Committee.

In Section III, "thirty days" was substituted for "twenty days."

In Section IV., the proposed amendment, "that the annual meeting be held on the first Monday in May, instead of on Easter Monday," was lost, and the words—"and any parish business may

be transacted"—were, sentence.

Section VI. was amended. The real and personal property shall hereafter be administered by the Wardens and Vestry of

A proviso to this section "Always provided that declared to be, in possession thereto attached, during the absence of orders.

Section VII.—On motion as an introductory clause

"The outgoing Wardens submit to the annual meeting the property of the parishes and of all monies which of the corporation during the year, and the rate of interest has been made, which remains for three weeks, forward at any time," etc.

Sect. VIII.—Clause as passed as follows

"Men of full age within six months, communicants"

The discussion of the amendments tomorrow morning business of the day

Synod adjourned

be transacted"—were, on motion, added at the end of the first sentence.

Section VI. was amended by the following additions: "All the real and personal property belonging to any parochial corporation shall hereafter be and become vested in the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of that Parish, in their corporate capacity."

A proviso to this section, moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore,—  
"Always provided that the Rector be held to be, and is hereby declared to be, in possession of the Rectory House and the ground thereto attached, during his incumbency," was lost by non-concurrence of orders.

Section VII.—On motion, the following resolution was passed as an introductory clause to Section VII.:

"The outgoing Wardens of each Parish shall prepare and submit to the annual meeting of the parishioners a return of the property of the parochial corporation, whether real or personal, and of all monies which 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," etc.

Sect. VIII.—Clause I., amended as proposed by the Committee, was passed as follows:

"Men of full age who are, and who have been for not less than six months, communicants in the said parish."

The discussion of Clause 2 was postponed till tomorrow morning, and was ordered to be the first business of the day.

Synod adjourned at 6, P.M.

### THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 16th, 1878.

Synod met for business at 10, A.M.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries, and 69 of the Clergy and 42 Lay Representatives were present.

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

The Report of the Temperance Committee was presented by Rev. F. J. H. Axford.

#### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last session of this Synod, a public meeting was held in the City of Halifax, at the earliest convenient date, (His Lordship the Bishop in the Chair,) at which a Diocesan Society was formed. Since then, several parochial societies have been organized, a few of which have become affiliated with the Diocesan Society.

By taking this action, the Church in this Diocese has publicly acknowledged the importance of the temperance movement, and shown her sympathy therewith. But we regret that more has not been done by the Church in this matter, but believe it is, to some extent, owing to the wave of "Temperance Reform" which swept over this Diocese shortly after the formation of our Society.

Your Committee have reason to think that much good has been effected by the Reform movement, and hope that, after a while, our own organization will take a more prominent place among the various temperance bodies in the land.

At the same time, your Committee cannot but express their regret that so many of the clergy have, as yet, held aloof from the work, and would fain hope that, ere long, more of them will follow the example of our Bishop, and, if they cannot see their way clear to becoming total abstainers, will at least give the more general pledge their hearty support.

The discussion of the Act, was resumed

On motion, the speakers was adopted

It was moved by Dr. Bowman—

"That the words 'Church of England'

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Paragraph 1, as follows :—

"Men of full age habitually attending which they claim business or sickness than three months holders or otherwise tenance of the min

The discussion of Clause 2, Section VIII. of Church Act, was resumed.

On motion, the usual rule of limitation of time to speakers was adopted.

It was moved by Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bowman—

“That the words ‘who have been confirmed’ be inserted after ‘Church of England’ in Clause 2, Section VIII., Church Act.”

Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill, moved in amendment the following addition to the provisional clause, which then reads thus :

“Provided always, that any person, before 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 II., Section VIII. of Church Act.’ ”

Canon Dart's motion was, with consent of the Synod, withdrawn, and the amendment put and carried.

Rev. Dr. Nichols gave notice that, at half-past twelve, he would move that the rules of order be suspended, that the Bishop be requested to leave the Chair, for the purpose of appointing a committee to prepare an address to His Lordship on his proposed attendance at the Lambeth Conference.

Paragraph 1, Clause 2, Sec. VIII., was then passed as follows :—

“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, unless temporarily absent through business or sickness, 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

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Hon. A. M. Cochran took up his notice of motion, objecting to latter part of Paragraph 2, Clause 2.

After some discussion, this part of the paragraph, as proposed by the Executive Committee, was passed as follows:—

"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, shewing that he is such pewholder or contributor, and that he is not more than six months in arrears as aforesaid."

Half-past twelve having arrived, the order of business was suspended, and the chair taken by the Rev. Dr. White as the Bishop's commissary.

The Bishop retired.

Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Judge Savary, moved that a Committee be appointed to prepare an address to His Lordship the Bishop on his proposed attendance at the Lambeth Conference.

The following Committee was nominated by the Chairman:—

Rev. J. J. Ritchie,	Judge Savary.
" Dr. Hill,	Mr. J. W. Marling.
" Canon Dart.	
" John Abbott.	
" Dr. Nichols.	

The Committee retired and prepared an address. The Report of the Committee was read by Canon Dart, and adopted by the Synod.

On motion the same committee was requested to ask His Lordship when it would be convenient to him

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Four o'clock was appointed for the consideration of the proposed Amendment of the Constitution of the Widows and Orphans Fund; to be followed by the discussion of the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

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After recess, the vacancies in the Temperance Committee were, on motion, filled up by the appointment of Rev. J. Ambrose and Rev. Robt. Wyllie, in the place of Rev. E. Kitson and Rev. A. Brown, and Mr. W. Hutchinson and Mr. W. Gossip, in the place of Messrs. Freston and DeWolfe.

Rev. D. C. Moore, Secretary of the B. F. M., was appointed a member of the Board in place of Rev. J. R. Campbell, removed from the Diocese; the other vacancy in the Board caused by the absence of Dr DeWolfe, was filled up by the appointment of Dr. Cowie.

Rev. D. C. Moore's notice of motion No. 1, was at his desire deferred to the next session of the Synod.

The discussion of the Church Act was resumed. It was moved by Rev. W. J. Ancient, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, that the additional paragraph to Section VIII., proposed by the Executive Committee be adopted.

The paragraph finally passed as follows:—

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

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nichols, the following resolution was passed as a new Section to the Act:—

“That 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 the said Church Wardens.”

Four o'clock having arrived,—on motion of Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. J. W. Marling, it was resolved—

“That in view of the present condition of the Widows and Orphans Fund, and of the claims now payable therefrom, with the demands likely to arise in the future, it is desirable to review the condition of the grants under existing regulations, and to ascertain whether the funds are equal to the demands upon them, and—

“That a committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the subject, in respect to this matter.”

On motion, the following Committee was appointed:

Mr. J. W. Marling, Chairman.	
Rev. Dr. Nichols,	Mr. J. T. Wylde.
“ Canon Dart,	“ W. Gossip.
“ Dr. Hill,	“ C. B. Bullock.
“ J. Ambrose,	“ W. C. Silver.
Ven. Archdeacon,	“ E. J. Hodgson.

The recommendation of the Committee of the W. and O. Fund, with reference to Clergy who leave the Diocese, was adopted. (See Report of W. and O. Com.)

Also, the following amendment with reference to the regulations in such cases:—

“Except in the case of any clergyman who shall become a Missionary of the Board of Foreign Missions of this Diocese, or who undertakes work in Algoma while a Missionary Diocese.”

The Synod then took up the consideration of the recommendations made in the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

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On motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, the 1st recommen-  
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"That no subscription lists received after 31st December in each  
year be published in the Annual Reports."

Recommendation No. 2 was moved by Mr. W. C.  
Silver, seconded by Rev. F. J. H. Axford—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to make arrange-  
ments as far as possible with the several Boards or Committee  
acting under or connected with this Synod, for the appointment  
of a Clerical Secretary, who, under instruction from the Board, shall  
visit such parts of the Diocese as may be deemed expedient, and  
with the coöperation of the Clergy, hold meetings in behalf of the  
Board, and canvass the members and friends of the Church in aid  
of its funds."

It was moved in amendment by Mr. J. W. Marling,  
seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose—

"That the Executive Committee be instructed to engage the  
services of a suitable person, who shall visit such parts of the  
Diocese as may be deemed advisable, in behalf of missions or other  
objects under the control of the Synod, and perform such other  
duties as may be assigned him by the Committee, relative to  
church work."

After a lengthy discussion, the amendment was  
withdrawn, and the original motion put and carried  
unanimously.

Recommendation No. 3 was adopted in the follow-  
ing form:

"That \$1000 be appropriated from the several schemes under  
the control of the Synod, with the aid of the Boards or Commit-  
tees with which arrangements may be made as aforesaid, as a  
salary for such Secretary, to which such travelling expenses shall  
be added as shall be unavoidably incurred while in discharge of  
his duty. The salary to be renewed from time to time, or amend-  
ed at the pleasure of the Synod."

On motion, it was resolved unanimously—

"That the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of carrying the amendments of the Church Act through the Legislature."

In the absence of Mr. Wiswell, the original mover of the resolution, it was, on motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, Resolved—

"That any Committee appointed by the Synod shall be considered a standing Committee, unless discharged by the usual vote."

The vacancy in the Committee on Female Seminary was filled up by the appointment of Mr. J. W. Marling, in place of Mr. E. Binney, deceased.

Notice of motion relative to Education of Females was ordered to be taken up at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Synod proceeded to the appointment of the Board of Discipline.

On motion it was Resolved—

"That a sub-committee be appointed to nominate the clerical members of the said Board of Discipline."

Revs. Croucher, Cruden, Dr. Uniacke, Dr. Hill, G. W. Hodgson were appointed a Committee for this purpose.

The following gentlemen were elected Lay Members of the Board :

Judge Ritchie,	Mr. John Harris,
" Savary,	Capt. Tuzo,
Mr. J. G. Foster,	Mr. G. Reading,
" E. J. Hodgson,	" J. T. Smith,
" E. Kaulbach,	" W. H. Moody,
" J. F. Cochran,	" W. Gossip,
" J. T. Wyld.	

The sub-committee reported by Rev. C. Croucher,

and the following duly elected :

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The vacancies in committee were, on motion Robt. Taylor, J. V. Messrs. E. Binney

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Notice was given relative to the hour half-past ten to-m

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and the following clerical members of the Board were duly elected :

Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin,	Rev. J. Abbott,
Rev. Canon Townshend,	“ Dr. Hill,
“ J. J. Ritchie,	“ Canon Maynard,
“ G. W. Hodgson,	“ Dr. White,
“ J. Ambrose,	“ H. L. Owen,
“ P. J. Filleul,	“ Dr. Nichols,
	Rev. Dr. Uniacke.

It was moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore—

“That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Resolution in reference to the loss the Diocese has sustained in the death of Mr. Edward Binney.”

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. Dr. Hill, Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rev. P. J. Filleul, Mr. Henry Pryor, Mr. W. C. Silver.

The vacancies in the Church Endowment Fund Committee were, on motion, filled up as follows: Messrs. Robt. Taylor, J. W. Marling, E. J. Lordly, in place of Messrs. E. Binney, A. M. Cochran, Hugh Hartshorne.

The ten outgoing Members of the Board of Home Missions were reelected, with the exception of Mr. J. T. Wood, whose place was filled by the appointment of Mr. C. J. Wylde.

On motion of the Bishop, the name of the Board was ordered to be “The Board of Home Missions,” instead of the “Board of Diocesan Missions.”

Notice was given that Rev. G. W. Hodgson's motion, relative to the hours of Session would be taken up at half-past ten to-morrow morning.

Synod adjourned at 6 o'clock.

## FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 17th, 1878.

The Synod met at 10, A. M.

The Rolls were read by the Secretaries, and 63 of the Clergy, and 15 Lay Representatives were present.

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

The Committee appointed to draw up a resolution in reference to the death of Mr. E. Binney, reported by Rev. J. Ambrose, and their resolution passed unanimously as follows:—

"That this Synod, having met with a severe loss since its last meeting in the death of Mr. E. Binney, deems it a duty to itself and the Church in this Diocese, to place on record its deep sense of the munificent aid which he was constantly rendering to the Church throughout the Diocese by the most liberal contributions for the erection and maintenance of Churches, Chapels, School-houses, Parsonages, and for other good works, and by his noble gifts of enduring buildings at King's College; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his widow."

On motion of Dr. Hill, it was Resolved—

"That the thanks of this Synod are due to the Rev. Alfred Brown,—who held the honorable and responsible office of Clerical Secretary to this Synod for a number of years, and discharged the duties thereof with great assiduity, and to the satisfaction of all the members,—and are hereby offered to him, coupled with the warmest wishes for his welfare and usefulness in the new sphere to which, in the Providence of God, he has been called."

At half-past ten, Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved his resolution with reference to the Evening Session of the Synod.

On motion, it was

"That the discussion of the Session of the Synod."

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On motion, it was Resolved in amendment—

"That the discussion of the Resolution be postponed till next Session of the Synod."

Rev. P. J. Filleul gave notice of motion with reference to the death of Rev. C. J. Shreve, late Rector of Chester.

Rev. G. W. Hodgson gave notice of motion to amend Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy, defining the Bishop's position in any suit against the Clergy as follows:—

"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 appointed for that purpose by the Bishop of the Diocese."

At 11 o'clock, on motion of Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Rev. J. Abbott, it was unanimously resolved—

"*That Whereas*, No active steps have yet been taken for the establishment of Victoria College,—

"*Therefore Resolved*, That until such time as the said College shall go into operation, this Synod will recognize the Seminary for young Ladies, hitherto known as "St. Margaret's Hall," as a Diocesan School, so long as the Bishop be visitor thereof."

The Report of the Committee on Church Seminary for Females was considered in connection with this resolution.

On motion of Rev. C. Croucher, it was Resolved—

"That one member from P. E. Island be appointed on the Finance Committee."

Rev. Theo. Richey was appointed.

The Treasurer's account was submitted to the Synod.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hodgson, it was Resolved—

“That the Executive Committee publish a pattern sheet or form of Parochial Register.”

Notice of motion by Rev. Dr. Nichols relative to the Canon of Discipline of the Laity, was, by him, deferred to the next Session of Synod.

On motion of Rev. P. J. Filleul, it was Resolved—

“That this Synod desires to place on record its sincere expression of regret, caused by the removal, by death, of the Rev. C. Shreve, late rector of Chester, who was one of the oldest clergymen of the Diocese.

“The deceased was not only a zealous and faithful minister of Christ, but we do not fail to remember that he did excellent service for the Church several years ago by vindicating with learning and ability, its Evangelical truth and Apostolic order.”

Rev. P. J. Filleul moved his notice of motion, relative to the assessment of Parishes for the expenses of the Provincial Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. Dr. Bowman—

“That the assessment be made every year, instead of every second year.”

On motion, the consideration of the question was postponed till next Session.

Mr. E. J. Hodgson moved that the order of business be suspended, in order that the Synod might discuss the subject of Representatives to the Provincial Synod, should that Synod meet before its regular triennial Session.

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hill, it was unanimously Resolved—

“That the Representatives elected at last Session be deemed as the Representatives to the Provincial Synod, until the next ordinary Session of the Diocesan Synod.”

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Hon. A. M. Cochran's motion with reference to the education of the Clergy, was ordered to be deferred till next Session.

Rev. H. L. Owen moved the following resolution in connection with the death of Rev. Dr. Robertson :—

"That an expression of sympathy on the part of this Synod be expressed toward the family of the late Dr. Robertson, formerly Rector of Wilmot, and the author of a valuable publication on Infant Baptism, issued at a critical period of discussion on this subject within this Diocese."

On motion of Col. Poyntz, the Bishop vacated the Chair, which was taken by Rev. Dr. White, as His Lordship's Commissary.

It was moved by Col. Poyntz, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill—

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to His Lordship the Bishop for his very able and impartial conduct in the Chair, at this Fourteenth Session."

The question having been put to the House, it was adopted unanimously by a rising vote of both orders.

The Bishop returned thanks for the vote passed him by the Synod.

The vacancies in the Executive Committee were, on motion, filled up by the reëlection of Rev. J. Kaulbach, and Canon Maynard, and Col. Poyntz. Mr. J. W. Marling was elected in place of Mr. G. R. Anderson.

On motion of Col. Poyntz, it was Resolved—

"That the hearty thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Church People of Halifax and Dartmouth for their generous hospitality to the Clergy attending the Synod :

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

"To the Church of England Institute for the use of their rooms and papers :

"To the Lady Organist and Choir of St. Luke's for their musical services at the opening of the Session :

"To the two Secretaries of the Synod for the satisfactory fulfilment of their duties :

"To all who have contributed to the convenience and comfort of the delegates attending the Session."

On motion of Rev. Dr. Cochran, it was Resolved—

"That the Journal of the Synod be printed as usual under the direction of the Executive Committee."

The minutes of to-day's Session were read and approved.

The members of the House united in singing the Doxology, and the Synod was dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.

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	"	" " " Printing Blank Assessment Receipts.....	3.50	
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## APPENDIX.

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### BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

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Relative to Canon of Discipline of the Laity. Page 66.

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To review conditions of Grants, etc. Page 60.

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# CHURCH ACT,

## AS AMENDED BY THE SYNOD.

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To be Put before the Legislature, 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 subscription, except so far as they, or any of them, may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, any Canons or Regulations of the Provincial or Diocesan Synods. And no license or institution shall be refused without the reasons therefor being duly signified in writing, and delivered to the applicant within three months from the date of application for such license or letters of institution.

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

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

3. When any rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the parishioners shall be summoned, either by the Church Wardens, or by any five parishioners, either by notice given in the church, or churches, if there be more than one, during the time of divine service; or if there be no public service in the parish, then by notice affixed to the door or doors of the church or churches, such notice to be given in any case, not less than fifteen, nor more than thirty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church of England, may be elected rector by a majority of the parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected, shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signature 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

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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 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 by the Easter meeting, at a meeting of the vestry held not later than three weeks after the parish meeting, or adjourned parish meeting, the outgoing Wardens shall present their accounts, and shall transfer to the newly elected Wardens the books and all documents, monies or other property belonging to the parish, which shall be in their possession.

6. The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of each parish, shall together be a body politic and corporate,





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(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, unless temporarily absent through business or sickness, such attendance having commenced not less than three months previous to the day of meeting, being pewholders, 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, before 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 pewholder 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 contribution shall be deemed necessary to qualify a person not a pewholder to vote at any subsequent meeting, and the mode and time of payment of such contribution, provided that such definition of qualification shall not take effect at any meeting held within six months.

9. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as such, and the Church Wardens and Vestry, may meet for the transaction of business as often as occasion may require

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

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

11. No conveyance by lease or otherwise of any parsonage held by a Minister of the Church of England shall be valid for a longer period than his own incumbency, and no such conveyance of any property belonging to any Parish or held by any Rector in virtue of his office shall be valid for a longer period than as aforesaid, unless with the concurrence of the Church Wardens and Vestry expressed in writing under their common seal, and in no case for a longer period than twenty-one years; but with the concurrence of the Bishop, the Rector and the Church Wardens and Vestry, full and absolute sale and conveyance may be made of

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12. No person other than a Vestryman who has been admitted to a meeting under O

13. The Lord Bishop of the United States of America, or any other Bishop of the United States of America, shall not be admitted to officiate in the Church of England in this Diocese, unless he has been admitted to the Bishop of the United States of America, or any other Bishop of the United States of America, by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, King George II. standing.

14. Cap. 25 of the Statute in that behalf made, hereby repealed.

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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 notwith- standing.

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