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A PRAYER,

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

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

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

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Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

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 Scripture; we maintain the form of Church Government by Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as Scriptural and Apostolical; and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church Government, and to transmit them to our posterity.

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session:

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

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 communicants for the twelve months preceding the election, and every adult male parishioner may vote for the Parish or District of which he is a member, upon subscribing the following declaration (if required by the chairman or any parishioner present), "I do declare that I am a member of the United Church of Eng-

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“land and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination.”

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

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

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

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

10th. The quorum required to constitute a session of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified Presbyters in the Diocese, and of the like number of 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.

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

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

12th. The Clergy being under the obligation implied in their subscription to the Thirty-nine Articles, it is not competent for the Diocesan Synod to make alterations in those

formularies, or in the method of interpretation laid down in the Declaration prefixed to the Thirty-nine Articles, or in the Book of Common Prayer of the United Church of England and Ireland, or finally in the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures. With these exceptions, the Diocesan Synod may deliberate and decide by a majority of votes taken as specified in Rule 11, on all matters affecting the interests of the Church in this Diocese.

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

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

15th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing and considered at the meeting at which it is 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 delegates, and by the Bishop, it shall be adopted.

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

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

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

"I, *A. B.*, do declare that I consent to be bound by all the rules and regulations which have heretofore been made, or which may from time to time be made, by the Synod of the Diocese of _____ and the Provincial Synod of _____ or either of them, [and in consideration of being appointed _____, I hereby undertake immediately after final judgment to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sen-

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tence 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 of trust.)

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports on Committees.

Giving notice of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5th. All notices of motion given by a Presbyter, or a Representative of the laity, for proceeding at a subsequent meet-

ing, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Whereas, by the Act of the Provincial Legislature (26 Vic. Cap. 77,) this Synod was incorporated with full powers to receive and hold real and personal estate, and to let, sell, 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 re-election. If any vacancy shall occur between the sessions of the Synod, it shall be filled up by the Clerical or Lay members, as the case may be, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Synod.

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

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

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

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

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

(Passed April 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.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

PREAMBLE.

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

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

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

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

II. And in all cases when the Commissioners shall have reported that there is *prima facie* ground for further pro-

ceedings, the Bishop, with the written consent of the party accused, may pronounce judgment without further proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

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

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

RURAL DEANERIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deanery of Tangier—(Rev. R. Jameson, R. D.)—Beaver Harbor, 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 to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

* Seniority to be counted from date of Priests' Orders.

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

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

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

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

ADDENDA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 person admitted to holy orders by the Bishop of any diocese in England or Ireland, who shall afterwards have been serving under the jurisdiction of any Scottish, Colonial, or Foreign Bishop, should be received into any of the home dioceses, without producing letters dimissory or commendatory from the Scottish, Colonial, or Foreign Bishop in whose diocese he has been serving.

Also, the following form of letters Dimissory :

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

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

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

Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP,
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 Port Medway..... " A. Gray.....No Return.
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 " Alfred Brown.....Halifax.

*Those marked * were not present at the Tenth Session.

TENTH SESSION
OF THE
Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia met, in accordance with a summons from the Bishop, at Halifax, in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, on Tuesday, July 2nd, 1872.

The members of the Synod were present at the Divine Service at half-past ten o'clock, A. M. The Bishop was Celebrant.

Immediately after the celebration, the rolls were called by the Secretaries. There were present sixty-four Clergy and forty-eight Lay Representatives. The certificates of the Lay Representatives were examined according to order, and their names were recorded.

The Bishop gave his opening address, pointing out the principal business to be done, and the matters of interest to be brought forward.

Canon Gilpin was appointed Clerical Secretary.

The records of the last Session were confirmed.

The following notices of motion were given, viz :—

No. 1. By Rev. Alfred Brown—

“That with a view to the compilation of a Table of Church Statistics, to be published in each journal of the Synod, the Clergy and Church Wardens shall annually report clerical acts performed, and the state of the temporalities of the Parish to the Bishop. Blank forms for that purpose being first sent to them by the Secretary. Such form to be prepared by a committee of four Clergymen and four Lay Delegates.”

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No. 2. By Rev. G. Townshend, relative to shorter services.

No. 3. By Rev. C. J. Shreve,—

“That it is desirable a fund should be placed at the disposal of the Bishop to enable him to render assistance to vacant Parishes and to Clergymen who from sickness or from some other reasonable cause are prevented from attending to their Parish duties.

“That as most lamentable accounts reach us from this and the other Provinces, as to the state of the Land, in consequence of the wet and backward spring, preventing the farmer from sowing his seed and leading to the fear of actual starvation, a form of prayer be drawn up by the Bishop at the request of the Synod to meet the wants and wishes of the farmer.

“It would be desirable for the Church to have a form of prayer suitable for farmers and fishermen before they commence their work in the spring of the year, and another at the gathering in of the harvest; irrespective of the call by Government authority. Let the call come forth from the proper source—The Church.”

No. 4. By the Rev. P. J. Filleul,—

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

No. 5. By William C. Silver, Esq,—

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

No. 6. By Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

“That the last clause of the third section of the constitution and regulations of Synod be struck out, and words ‘the election of Representatives shall be confined to residents in the Parishes,’ be substituted in their place, and that the resolution immediately following the same be repeated.”

It was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., seconded by C. Bowman, Esq., and agreed,

“That the usual rule, limiting the time of speakers, be adopted for this Session.”

It was moved by A. McCochran, Esq., seconded by Rev. P. Filleul, Esq., and *Resolved*,

“That the Declaration of the two Houses of Convocation be adopted by this Synod, and circulated through this Diocese.”

VATICAN COUNCIL.

The following Declaration on this subject was adopted unanimously by the Upper House of Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, on Friday, June 16th, 1871. A similar Declaration was adopted by the Lower House, on Wednesday, February 15th, 1871.

“That the Vatican Council has no just right to be termed an Œcumenical or General Council; and that none of its decrees have any claim for acceptance as Canons of a General Council.”

“That the Dogma of Papal Infallibility now set forth by the Vatican Council is contrary to Holy Scripture, and to the judgment of the ancient Church universal.”

“That the assumption of supremacy by the Bishop of Rome in convening the late Vatican Council contravenes Canons of the universal Church.”

“That there is One True Catholic and Apostolic Church founded by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; that of this true Catholic and Apostolic Church, the Church of England and the Churches in communion with her are living members; and that the Church of England earnestly desire to maintain firmly the Catholic Faith as set forth by the Œcumenical Councils of the universal Church, and to be united upon those principles of doctrine and discipline in the bonds of brotherly love with all Churches in Christendom.”

Resolved—“That this Declaration be communicated to the Lower House, and be sent to all Bishops of the Anglican Communion.”

The above Declaration has been printed for circulation among the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, pursuant to the Resolution of the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury.

G. A. LICHFIELD,

Corresponding Secretary for the Bishops of the Anglican Communion.

The following Report from the Executive Committee was presented :—

“That the ‘Finance Committee’ had revised the Schedule of assessments and payments.”

“That in the opinion of the Executive Committee, the district under the charge of the Rev. Alfred Brown, North End, Halifax, is entitled to send Representatives to the Synod.”

“That in the opinion of the Executive Committee, Representatives from Prince Edward Island should be admitted into the Synod of Nova Scotia.”

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Also, that the Committee had adopted the following motion:—
"That it is desirable that the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and of Fredericton shall unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada. But that if the Diocese of Fredericton will not concur, that it will be desirable to constitute if possible, a Synod of the Maritime Dioceses, including Newfoundland and Bermuda."

It was moved by Rev. P. Filleul, seconded by Rev. G. Townshend, and *Resolved*,—

"That the Executive Committee having reported upon the admission of P. E. Island into the Synod, be respectfully requested to re-consider their report with the view to the introduction of such alteration in the first section of the constitution, and in the act of incorporation as will render clergymen and representatives from P. E. I. eligible to seats in this Assembly."

It was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq. on the part of the Executive Committee, seconded by Rev. D. Nickerson, and *Resolved*,—

"That the subject of union in Provincial Synod be the first subject for consideration on Wednesday morning."

The Synod adjourned to the next day.

SECOND DAY.

JULY 3RD, 1872.

After celebration of the H. C. at half-past seven, and Mattins at nine o'clock, the Synod resumed business.

There were present sixty-seven Clergymen and fifty-six Lay Representatives.

The minutes of the last day were read, amended and adopted.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The business of the day was taken up.

It was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., soconded by Rev. H. L. Owen,—

"That it is desirable that the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and of Fredericton shall unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada, but that if the Diocese of Fredericton will not concur, that it will then be desirable to constitute, if possible, a Synod of the Maritime Provinces, including Newfoundland and Bermuda."

It was moved in amendment by Rev. D. Nickerson, seconded by Rev. G. Townsend:—

"That this Synod take such steps as will lead to Union with Canada as soon as practicable, and that a Committee be appointed to investigate the whole question so that all difficulties may be removed."

The motion by Mr. Silver was withdrawn, and the amendment by Mr. Nickerson became the original resolution.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Col. J. T. Wood:

"That a Committee of clerical and lay members be appointed to confer with the Synods of the Dioceses of Frédericton and Newfoundland, with the primary view of effecting Union with the Provincial Synod of Canada, in conjunction, if possible, with the before named Dioceses."

After recess the Very Rev. the Dean gave notice of motion for the appointment of a Committee.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented.

The question of the day was then resumed.

The amendment by the Rev. G. W. Hodgson was adopted by a large majority.

It was agreed that the "number of the Committee be five from among the Clergy and five from among the Lay-Representatives."

The appointment of the Committee was postponed until the following day.

The motion No. 2, notice of which had been given by Mr. Townshend, was taken up, and seconded by Dr. Crane.

The Synod adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

JULY 4TH, 1873.

After celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven, and Mattins at nine o'clock, the business of the Synod was resumed.

There were sixty-six Clergy present and fifty-one Lay-Representatives.

The Minutes of the last day were read and approved.

Reports of Committees were called for.

The debate on Mr. Townshend's motion relative to shorter Services was taken up, and it was moved,—

“That the act, for the amendment of the act of uniformity, for shortening the services for week days, and on Sundays also, when the service is said in a school-house or other unconsecrated building, be adopted by the Synod of this Diocese, amended so as to make the rubric applicable to Sunday Services in cases where the clergymen shall deem it expedient, and subject to the approval of the Bishop.”

It was moved in amendment by C. Bowman, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Storrs, and *Resolved*,—

“That the Synod advise the Bishop to allow the use of the shorter services, sanctioned by the convocations of Canterbury and York, and embodied in the act of Parliament, but that it is not expedient in view of the 12th article of the Constitution, that the Synod should presume to suggest or sanction any other departure from the formularies or rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer.”

The following members of the Synod were appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee from New Brunswick, relative to a Provincial Synod :

“The Dean, Revds. J. J. Ritchie, Dr. Nichols, Dr. White, G. W. Hodgson; Messrs. J. T. Wylde, Harry Moody, P. Lynch, A. M. Cochran, Col. J. T. Wood.”

It was moved by Rev. J. C. Edghill, seconded by Harry Moody, Esq., and *Resolved*,—

“That the Synod will thankfully accept any list of special Psalms which his Lordship the Bishop may issue for the use of the Diocese.”

The Bishop as Chairman of the Committee on a Church Bill, brought before the Synod a draft of the proposed act.

It was moved by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by B. Zwicker, Esq., that the proposed Bill be received for consideration.

The motion was adopted by a large majority.

The Bill was then taken up clause by clause.

Clause No. 1 was moved by Col. Poyntz, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq.

It was moved in amendment by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. G. W. Hodgson :

“That all except the 6th clause be struck out.”

Mr. Moore was allowed to withdraw his motion.

The first clause was then adopted, with some verbal alterations, in the following form :

Licensed or instituted Clergymen only to officiate.

No. 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 ; 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.

The second clause was taken up. It was moved in amendment by Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by Rev. W. Ellis :—

“That the words be added ‘or without the concurrence of the Corporate body of the Parish.’”

The proposed amendment was lost by the non-concurrence of both Houses.

The proposed clause was then adopted :

Parishes established ; mode of allotting, dividing, and establishing future Parishes.

No. 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 subdivide any Parish now established or hereafter to be established ; but no Parish shall be divided or subdivided unless on the application of a majority of the Parishioners of the Parish proposed to be divided or subdivided, or in compliance with the wish of a majority of Parishioners expressed at any public meeting of the Parish called for the consideration of such a measure.

The Third Clause was then taken up. A proposal to substitute the word “ three ” for “ six ” in the last sentence, was lost.

It was moved by Rev. G. Townshend, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson,—

“ That after the word ‘ England,’ be inserted ‘ or of any branch of the Church in full communion with the Church of England.’ ”

The amendment was accepted, and the third clause adopted as follows :—

Vacant Parishes ; mode of election of Rector.

No. 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 for not less than ten 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 in full communion with 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 six months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a Rector.

The Fourth Clause was taken up.

On motion of A. M. Uniacke, Esq., seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq., it was *Resolved*—

“To omit the words ‘one of the Wardens being appointed by the Rector, if he has hitherto exercised the right of nomination, otherwise all being elected.’”

On motion of the Hon. W. B. Vail, seconded by C. Bowman, Esq., it was *Resolved*,—

“To omit the words ‘to whom the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector shall be added.’”

On motion of Rev. J. T. Moody, seconded by Rev. Dr. Robertson, it was *Resolved*, that the last sentence read thus :

“In the absence of the Rector or other duly licensed Minister, the Parishioners may at any meeting elect their own Chairman.”

The fourth clause thus amended, was adopted as follows :

Of the election of Churchwardens and Vestry and of Chapel Wardens and their power.

No. 4.—The Rector or officiating Minister and the Parishioners of every Parish shall meet annually on Monday next after Easter Day, 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 Rectors, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the Church and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective Parishes, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or other duly licensed Minister, the Parishioners may, at any meeting, elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more Churches in one Parish, the congregation of each Church, other

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than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two chapel wardens who, subject to the legal control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of said Church or Chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with their right to take part in the Easter meeting for the election of Church Wardens and Vestry men, for the whole Parish.

(The words "where there are two, &c., &c." to the end, were added on the fourth day.)

It was moved by the Rev. P. J. Filleul, seconded by Dr. DeWolf, and unanimously *Resolved*,—

"That this Synod beg to tender to the Rev. J. C. Edghill their cordial and grateful thanks for the able and excellent discourse delivered by him at the opening of this Session; and they request his consent to its publication."

The Synod adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

After celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven, and Mattins at nine o'clock, the Synod resumed business.

There were fifty-six Clergy present, and thirty-three Lay Representatives.

The minutes of the last day were read and approved.

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

The Board of Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that as soon as possible, after their formation, on July 7th, 1870, they met and chose their Treasurer and Secretary. The latter immediately sought the assistance of the Editor of the Church Paper in appealing to the members of the Church for offerings towards that part of the work of the Lord now placed under the charge of the Board in this Diocese.

This and much more was readily granted: and the Board feel that the thanks of the Synod are due to the *Church Chronicle* for the very large amount of space devoted to the details of Foreign Missions; as well as for its earnest advocacy of the cause.

The Board next issued circulars to every clergyman asking help.

- (A) by an annual offertory.
- (B) " periodical Missionary meetings.
- (V) " collecting cards.
- (8) " " boxes.
- (2) above all by prayer to God.

They also provided collecting papers and labels for Missionary boxes.

A second circular was issued to the Rural Deans of the Diocese, requesting the application of the offertories at the meetings of their respective Chapters to the purposes of the Board.

These means have produced a pecuniary result, which must be owned to be small, but which shows there was latent a certain amount of love for the Heathen, which needed only to be sought and which your Board is certain is only a sample of very much more that will soon show itself, now that the overlying weight of the needs of our own Diocese is being upraised.

The actual amount received between August 16, 1870, when the first donation was paid in, and the present date is \$405 62, of this \$211 was forwarded at the end of the first year to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel—who have appropriated it to the work in Madagascar. And it is the opinion of the Board that, at present, the funds at their disposal shall continue thus to be remitted. It is however much to be desired that we were in a position to support a Missionary of our own. The Board is sure that there would at once arise in the Diocese an immense increase of interest and satisfaction if a native Nova Scotian could be sent as a Missionary to the heathen, supported by Nova Scotian money. The great attention and interest drawn towards the Presbyterian Missions in Melanesia, and to the Baptist Missions in Burmah, is believed to have arisen, very largely from the fact that in those interesting fields of labor, Nova Scotians are employed by Nova Scotians.

As yet few annual subscriptions have been received from individual members of the Church: but the Board earnestly hopes that these will now begin to flow in; so that a definite annual source of income may be created, independent of the casual offertories and other collections.

The Board desires to express their sincere regret at the loss which they have sustained by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. Foster Almon,—ever active in good works.

It will be the duty of the Synod to fill up the vacancy thus occasioned.

Having thus reported the little they have been able to do, the Board most earnestly entreats every member of the Synod to take

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a warmer interest than hitherto in spreading the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ to our fellow men—children of the same Father—still left in the darkness of heathenism.

The first moiety of the Church Endowment Fund being now happily complete, the prospects of the Diocesan Church Society and the interest in home work having so perceptibly brightened, the Board feel that the frequently quoted "Charity begins at home" has largely lost its force in answer to the claims of the Heathen.

For these great mercies to the Church in this Diocese the Board in common with all the brethren desire to offer a hearty "Lans Deo," and trust that in the fulness of our hearts we shall all be eager to show our gratitude by offering of our substance more and more freely, that we may cause to shine into the darkest corners of the earth the great "Light to lighten the Gentiles."

Signed on behalf of the B. F. M.,

D. C. MOORE, *Secretary.*

The Rev. R. Warren, M. D., was placed upon the Board vice Rev. F. Almon.

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

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline beg leave to report, that, although they have given much thoughtful attention to this important subject in its several branches, and gathered some information respecting it, they yet recommend to the Synod to take no step in this direction, during the existing transition status of this Synod.

The Committee are of opinion that when the larger question now before this Synod of Canadian or Maritime Ecclesiastical Union is decided, maturer and more extended knowledge and wider experience will be attained, and wiser and more useful decisions arrived at, by the enlarged body.

They further recommend that this Synod adopt and decide on the best measures for gathering information during its recess, to be laid before it at an early period of its next Session.

While your Committee acknowledge that difficulties surround the practical dealing with this matter in the present position of the Church, and that it should be approached with caution, they nevertheless feel that *something* should be done to remedy evils which confessedly exist.

All which your Committee respectfully submit.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY L. OWEN, *Chairman.*

It was moved by Rev. J. T. Moody, seconded by C. Bowman, Esq., and *Resolved*—

“That the Report be received and adopted.”

It was moved by A. M. Uniacke, Esq., seconded by Rev. F. Axford, and *Resolved*—

“That the same Committee be continued and requested to obtain all further information possible on the subject.”

The debate upon the Church Act was resumed.

The following addition to Clause No. 4 was moved by Rev. H. L. Owen, seconded by A. McCochran, Esq., and adopted :

“Where there are two or more Churches in one Parish, the congregations of each Church other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens, who, subject to the legal control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of the said Church or Chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with their right to take part in the Easter-meeting, for the election of Wardens and Vestry for the whole Parish.”

The fifth clause with an amendment and addition was passed as follows :

Provision for filling vacancies in the Office of Church Warden otherwise than at Easter, and for transfer of property, &c.

No. 5.—If in consequence of a vacancy in the Parish or for any other reason, no Easter meeting shall be held, the Church Wardens and Vestry of the previous year shall continue in office, provided that any one or more of them may resign his office by a notice in writing sent to the Bishop or to his Commissary administering the Diocese. In case of the refusal to act of any person elected to the office of Church Warden, or any vacancy or vacancies in said office (by death or resignation) the vacancy or vacancies may be filled at a meeting held as before appointed, at any time of the year 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, the outgoing Wardens shall present their accounts and shall transfer to

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the newly elected Wardens the books, and all documents, monies, or other property belonging to the Parish which shall be in their possession.

The sixth clause passed with slight alterations, as follows :

To be bodies politic and corporate for the purposes specified.

No. 6.—The Church Wardens and Vestry of each Parish, together with the Rector shall be a body politic and corporate with the style of “The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of _____,” with power to sue and to be sued, to receive grants of real and personal estate for the use of the Church and all Parish purposes, to improve the same and receive the rents thereof for the like use, and with the approval of the Bishop to sell and convey such real and personal property and to have a common seal and to make by-laws and regulations consistent with the laws of the Province for the management of the temporalities of their Church and the due and orderly conducting of their affairs. Provided nevertheless that if at any time the Parish be without a Rector, the same rights and privileges shall be vested in the Wardens and Vestry until the appointment of a Rector.

The seventh clause was then taken up, and after much discussion was passed in the following form.—The amendment as to qualification being moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore :

Parishioners.

No. 7.—The following persons shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Parishioners of any Parish in the Church of England :

1st.—Men of full age being communicants in the said Parish.

2nd.—All other men of full age, who upon the requisition of the chairman, or any Parishioner present, shall declare themselves in writing to be members of the Church of England, and habitually attending worship in such Church, to be contributions to the funds of such Church, and not to be more than six months in arrear with respect to such payment. Such persons may, if they think fit, at their annual meeting by a majority of those present, grant money for the support of their ministers, and all other expenses which shall be required for the payment of such officers as may be found necessary, and for repairs and other services.

The eighth and ninth clauses were struck out as unnecessary under the amended clauses.

The tenth clause (now the eighth) was adopted with some amendment as follows :

Meeting for business ; when and how called.

No. 8.—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 ; 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, 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 Church or Churches 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.

The eleventh clause (now the ninth) was adopted as it was presented :

Glebe lands ; how sold or leased.

No. 9.—No conveyance by lease or otherwise of any parsonage or glebe held by a Minister of the Church of England shall be valid for a longer period than his own incumbency, unless with the concurrence of the Church Wardens 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 lands or other real estate belonging to the Parish, if the same be thought for the interests thereof.

No. 10.—No person shall be elected a Church Warden or Vestryman who is not qualified to vote at a Church meeting under clause seven.

No. 11.—Cap. 49 of the third series of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

A motion by the Rev. A. Brown, seconded by the Rev. J. Barratt, to prevent Clergymen from the United States of America from holding livings in this Diocese, before they had resided a fixed time, was rejected.

The whole Bill as above amended was adopted.

It was moved by the Rev. W. S. Gray, seconded by W. C. Silver, Esq., and *Resolved*—

“That the Executive Committee have charge of the proposed Church Bill, and watch its progress through the House of Assembly, allowing such minor alterations as shall meet with the approval of the Bishop.”

A notice of motion, by W. C. Silver, Esq., for an addition to regulations of Synod, clause seven, relative to Representatives, was reserved for consideration at the next Session.

The following motion, notice of which had been given on the first day of the Session, by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by A. McCochran, Esq., was reserved for consideration at the next Session :

“That the last clause of the third Section of the Constitution and Regulations of the Synod be struck out, and words ‘the election of Representatives shall be confined to residents in the Parishes’ be substituted in their place, and that the Resolution immediately following the same, adopted at the eighth Session of the Synod, be repealed.”

Notice of motion was given by Rev. J. J. Ritchie,

“That no Clergyman or Layman can be a member of this Synod under the constitution and act of incorporation of the same, residing outside of the Diocese or Province of Nova Scotia.”

Notice of motion was given by W. C. Silver, Esq.,

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

The Rev. J. J. Ritchie having expressed a desire to speak upon the motion just given, in notice by him, relative to the third section of the Constitution,—it was moved by D. Owen, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Barratt, “that permission be given to Mr. Ritchie.” The motion was lost.

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APPOINTED AT THE
SESSION OF THE SYNOD IN 1870.

Holding most decidedly that religious and secular education ought always to go together, your Committee cannot but consider the present system in Nova Scotia as essentially defective. They believe, however, that in the present condition of the country, any other general system would be impracticable, and that therefore it is the duty of the Church to make use of it, while endeavouring to remedy its defects. They consider it very improper that in a christian community there should be no recognition of the Bible in the Schools.

They are further of opinion that in towns and populous districts facilities should be afforded under the law for the maintenance of separate Schools.

They conceive that in the present state of things, the members of the Church of England in this Diocese will best fulfil their duty to the cause of Education by encouraging members of their communion to become School Teachers, by interesting themselves in the Schools generally, and especially by doing everything in their power to render the Sunday Schools as efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. M. HENSLEY, *Chairman.*

July 3rd, 1873.

It was moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Uniacke,—

“That the Executive Committee be instructed to take such steps as they may deem most effective toward obtaining the right to establish separate Schools in Towns and places containing sufficient church population.”

The motion was lost.

It was moved by Harry Moody, Esq., seconded by Col. Poyntz, and *Resolved*—

“That the Executive Committee be instructed to ascertain exactly what the concessions are which have been made to the Roman Catholics in this city or elsewhere, under the Education act; and to obtain from official sources, whether similar concessions will in similar cases be made to Churchmen.”

Notice of motion was given by W. C. Silver, Esq.,

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Notice of motion was given by Rev. H. Wainwright,

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

Notice of motion was given by W. H. Wiswell, Esq.,

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

The following motion, notice of which had been given by the Dean, was brought forward:

"In order to assist the Bishop in the selection of candidates for Holy Orders, a council of—being members of the Synod be appointed to consider the qualifications of candidates and to advise the Bishop thereon.

It was moved by A. M. Uniacke, Esq., seconded by the Rev. J. Storrs, and *Resolved*—

"That the consideration of the proposal be deferred until the next Session."

It was moved by Col. Poyntz, seconded, and *Resolved*—

"That all but necessary business be suspended, and the Session closed this day."

With reference to the Executive Committee, it was reported that the following go out of office by routine and regulation:

"Canon Gilpin; Rev. E. Nichols; William Gossip, Esq., and F. Passow, Esq."

To fill up the vacancies, there were appointed :

“ Rev. J. C. Edghill; Canon Gilpin; W. Gossip, Esq., and E. P. Archbold, Esq.”

The Rev. R. Warren having declined to act on the Board of Foreign Missions, the Rev. J. B. Richardson was appointed in his place.

The Executive Committee were directed to print and publish at their discretion the Records of the present Session.

The right of the Rev. G. W. Hodgson having been questioned the Bishop stated that (while the Synod had the full right to discuss the question) he thought Mr. H. had a perfect right to his seat, inasmuch as he had been ordained Deacon and Priest in this Diocese, had been duly licensed here and had never held a license elsewhere, had been appointed to take temporary charge as Bishop's Chaplain, of the Bishop's Chapel in P. E. Island, (which chapel is extra Parochial) and that under these circumstances he had been summoned to and had attended the last Episcopal visitation.

The hearty thanks of the Synod were given to the Bishop for his able, patient, impartial and satisfactory conduct in the chair.

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

Thanks were offered to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral church and the services provided.

Thanks were offered to the Lady Organist and the choir of St. Luke's for their services.

Thanks were given to the officials and managers of Railways and Steamboats for accommodation afforded.

Thanks were given to the two Secretaries.

The Synod sang the “Gloria in Excelsis” and were dismissed with the Episcopal Benediction.

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Appendix.

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

No. 1.—By the Rev. Alfred Brown,—

That with a view to the compilation of a table of Church Statistics, to be published in each journal of the Synod, the Clergy and Church Wardens shall annually report clerical acts performed and the state of the temporalities of the Parish to the Bishop.

Blank forms for that purpose being sent to them by the Sect'y. Such forms to be prepared by a Committee of 4 Clergymen and 4 Lay Delegates."

No. 2.—By the Rev. C. J. Shreve,—

That it is desirable a fund should be placed at the disposal of the Bishop, to enable him to render assistance to vacant Parishes and Clergymen, who from sickness or from some other reasonable cause, are prevented from attending to their Parish duties.

That as most lamentable accounts reach us from this and the other Provinces, as to the state of the land in consequence of the wet and backward spring preventing the farmer from sowing his seed and leading to the fear of actual starvation, a form of prayer be drawn up by the Bishop at the request of Synod, to meet the wants and wishes of the farmer. It would be desirable for the Church to have a form of prayers suitable for the farmers and fishermen before they commence their work in the spring of the year, and another at the gathering in of the harvest, irrespective of the call by Government authority. Let the call come from the proper source, the Church.

No. 3.—By the Rev. P. Filluel,—

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

No. 4.—By W. C. Silver, Esq,—

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

No. 5.—By Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

That the last clause of the third section of the constitution and regulations of Synod be struck out, and words "the election of representatives shall be confined to residents in the Parishes," be substituted in their place, and that the resolution immediately following the same be repealed.

No. 6.—By the Very Rev. The Dean.

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

No. 7.—By Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

That no Clergyman or Layman can be a member of this Synod under the Constitution and Act of Incorporation of the same, residing outside of the Diocese and Province of Nova Scotia.

No. 8.—By W. C. Silver, Esq.—

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

No. 9.—By W. C. Silver, Esq.—

That a Register be kept in every Parish and District of Sunday School Teachers and Scholars. Returns to be made to this Synod under an outline to be prepared by the Executive Committee.

10.—By Rev. H. Wainwright,—

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

11.—By W. H. Wiswell, Esq.—

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

BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

To the Executive Committee.

"That the Executive Committee having reported upon the admission of Prince Edward Island into this Synod, be respectfully requested to reconsider their Report with a view to the introduction of such alterations in the first section of the Constitution, and in the Act of Incorporation as will render them eligible to seats in this Assembly."

ALSO—"To have charge of the proposed Church Bill, and to watch its progress through the House of Assembly, allowing such minor alterations as shall meet with the approval of the Bishop."

ALSO—"To ascertain exactly what the concessions are which have been made to the Roman Catholics in this City or elsewhere, under the Education Act, and to obtain from official sources a declaration whether similar concessions will, in similar cases, be made to Churchmen."

ALSO—"To print and publish the Records of the present Session."

To the Committee relative to Union in Provincial Synod.

"To confer with the Synods of the Dioceses of Fredericton and Newfoundland with the primary view of effecting union with the Provincial Synod of Canada, in conjunction if possible with the before named Dioceses."

To the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline.

"To obtain all further information possible on the subject."