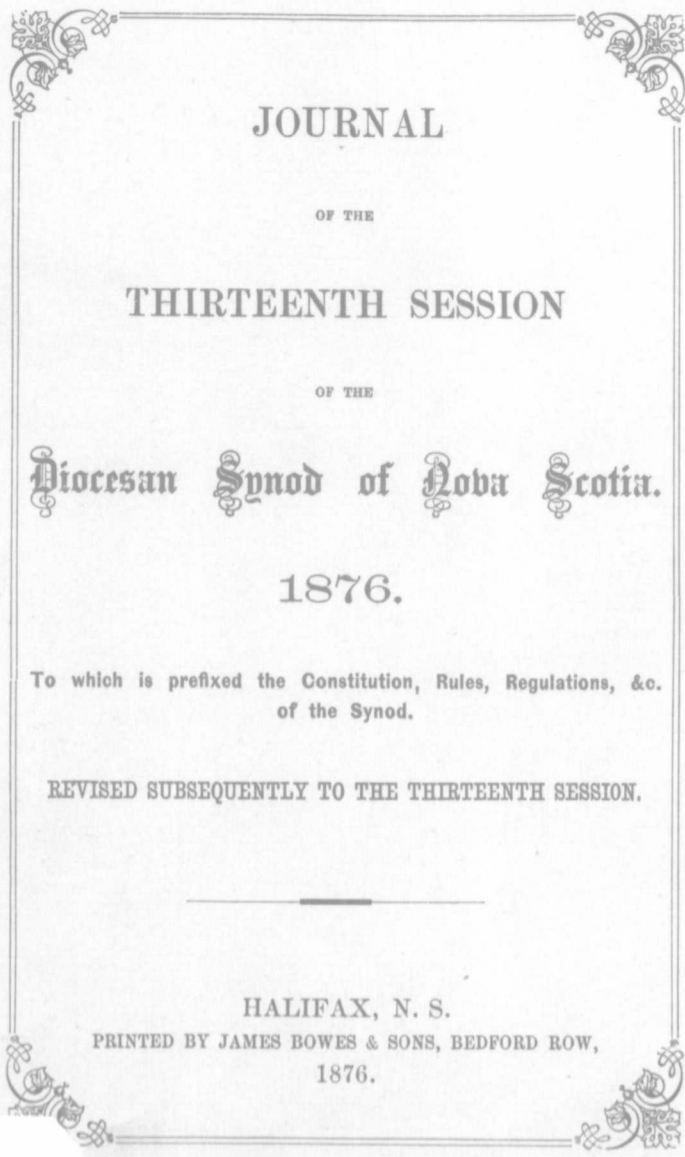


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A PRAYER,

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.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session :

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eleventh and confirmed at the Thirteenth Session :

"That within 30 days after election the Chairman send the names of the Delegates to the Registrar.

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

* "That at least one representative of each Parish shall be a communicant in the Parish he represents."

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

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

6th. The Representatives of the Laity must be at least twenty-one years of age, having been communicants for the twelve months preceding the election, and every adult male parishioner may vote for the Parish or District of which he is a member, upon subscribing the following declaration (if required by the chairman or any parishioner present), "I do declare that I am a member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and belong to no other religious denomination."

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

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

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

The above, passed at the Eleventh Session, was confirmed at the Thirteenth Session.

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

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

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

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 the Diocese.

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

14th. The ordinary meetings of the 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 was propos-

* "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."

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The following resolution, passed at the Twelfth, was confirmed at the Thirteenth Session :

“ That 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.”

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

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

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

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

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

* With reference to Rule 15 the following Resolution was adopted at the Thirteenth Session :

“ That such rule shall be held to mean two-thirds of the clergy and laity present and voting.”

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

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

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

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

4th. After this the order of business shall be as follows :
Reading, correcting and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports on Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

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

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

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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.

* 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.

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.

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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.

The following Resolution, adopted at the Twelfth, was confirmed at the Thirteenth Session :

"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."

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.

IV. 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.

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**An Act declaratory of the Act to Incorporate the Diocesan
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(Passed the 7th day of May, A. D., 1874.)

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

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

I. Nothing in Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1863, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," shall be construed to interfere with, alter or circumscribe in any way the property, whether real or personal, which may now or which may hereafter belong to the several respective Parishes, Church 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.

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

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

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act to incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, the clergy and laity of the Church of England in the Province of Prince Edward Island (who before the passing of such Act of Incorporation were represented in the Synod of 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.

**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

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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 clergymen 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, shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more churches in one parish, the congregation of each church, other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens,

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

5. If in consequence of a vacancy, or for any other reason, no Easter meeting shall be held in any parish, the Church Wardens and Vestry of the previous year shall continue in office, provided that any Warden or Vestryman may resign his office, by a notice in writing sent to the Bishop, or to his Commissary administering the Diocese, who, upon 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 Vestrymen, 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, and to 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

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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, 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. 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.

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

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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 heretefore 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.

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 proceedings, the Bishop, with the written consent of the party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

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

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

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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. Canon Maynard, A. M., 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 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.

* 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."

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

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

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

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

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

ADDENDA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also, the following form of letters Dimissory :

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

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

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

Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP.

B, SECRETARY.

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

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

CANON II.

ON SUBMISSION OF CLERGY TO THE CANONS OF THE PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN SYNODS.

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 officiate in another without the license of the Bishop of the Diocese in which he so officiates, nor shall any Bishop officiate in another Diocese except by instruction of his Diocese, from

When a Priest is transferred from one Diocese to another, it shall be the duty of the Bishop of the Diocese to which he is transferred to issue the usual "Letters Testimonium" which shall continue subject to the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese from which he is transferred; and such Letters shall be transferred; and within three months after the date of their issue, whence they proceed, within six months.

OF OFFICIALS.

When a Bishop is transferred from one Diocese to another, he shall have good and sufficient cause for so doing, and shall have good Clergyman's orders, and shall have good standing in the Bishop's Diocese, and shall have good standing in any clerical function, and shall have good standing against by the Bishop.

No Canon shall be altered or amended by the Secretaries of Synod at least one year before the same has been let into effect, and the previous

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

CANON VII.

OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

When a Priest or Deacon in good standing is desirous of leaving a Diocese, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to give him, on his request, the usual "Letters Testimonial," but the Clergyman receiving the same, shall continue subject to the Episcopal Jurisdiction of the Bishop till the Letters Testimonial shall have been presented according to their address, and accepted by the Bishop to whose Diocese the Clergyman wishes to be transferred; provided always that if they be not presented within three months after date, they may be considered as void 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 the 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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Lunenburg	" H. L. Owen	Henry S. Jost, C. E. Kaulbach.
Mahone Bay	*W. H. Snyder	Benj. Zwicker, *Henry Schnare.
Maitland	" A. D. Jamieson	G. Hennigar, Hon. A.M. Cochran.
Manchester	" H. H. Hamilton	Wm. Gossip.
Melford, N. S.	*J. Tremain	Richard Tremain.
Milton, P.E.I.	Ven. Archdeacon Read	*Otto Curtis, *Arthur Holroyd.
Newport	Rev. B. McKay	J. F. Cochran, C. D. Mumford.
New Ross	" T. W. Norwood	M. Kiddy, W. H. Wiswell.
Parrsboro	" R. F. Brine	Dr. A. Townshend, Saml. Satter.
Petite Riviere	" J. S. Smith	*John Y. Payzant, *John Teel.
Pictou	" J. P. Sheraton	*John H. Lane, Richd. Tanner.
Port Medway	" C. Groser	*Jacob Wagner.
Pugwash	" D. C. Moore	D. C. Crane, Dr. A. J. Cowie.
Rawdon	" J. P. Sargent	Henry A. Smith, *Thos. Moxon.
River John	" J. L. Downing	John W. Marling, C. B. Bullock.
Rosette	" W. S. Gray	George Whitman, Chas. Spurr.
Rossway & Sdy Cove	*A. D. Merkel	*Chas. Stubbing.
Sackville	" W. Ellis	Jas. Grove, Bennett D. Fultz.
Seaforth	" F. W. Agissiz	Wm. M. Brown, *J. Gaetz.
Shelburne	" Dr. White	*Robert Bolman, *N. W. White.
Ship Harbor	*R. Jamieson	*Chas. Dean, *Henry Stevens.
Springfield P.E.I.	*Wm. Haslam.
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Wallace	" D. C. Moore	George H. Davies.
Walton	No Return.
Weymouth	" P. J. Filleul	A. G. Jones, *G. D. Campbell.
Windsor	" Canon Maynard	Col. Poyntz, John E. Oram.
Windsor Forks	" Canon Dart
Yarmouth	" J. T. Moody	Thos. W. Johns, T. C. Moody.

Rev. *W. J. Ancient	Trinity Church, Halifax.
" Alfred Brown	Bishop's Chapel, Halifax.
" J. R. Campbell	Yarmouth.
" Dr. Cochran	Halifax.
" R. Dobie	Port Hill, P. E. I.
" G. B. Dodwell	Halifax.
" *W. H. Dyer	Cascumpeque, P. E. I.
" T. Ellis	Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" *J. D. Fitzgerald	"
" *J. Forsythe	Liverpool.
" O. M. Grindon	St. Mark's, Halifax.
" A. F. Hiltz	Falmouth.
" E. B. Kitson	Garrison Chapel, Halifax.

Rev. T. B. McLean.....	Summerside, P. E. I.
" *G. Maynard	Mahone Bay.
" *O. S. Newnham.....	New London, P. E. I.
" Alfred Osborne.....	St. Paul's, Charlottetown.
" *F. Parkinson	Liverpool.
" C. M. Sills.....	St. Luke's, Halifax.
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" H. Sterns	Wolfville.
" C. Wiggins	Shelburne.
" W. E. Wilson	King's College, Windsor.
" *J. B. Unisacke.....	St. George's, Halifax.
" Dr. Almon.....	Windsor.
" H. B. DeBlois.....	Annapolis.
" G. E. W. Morris.....	Halifax.

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FIRST DAY.

THE Diocesan Synod met on the day appointed by the Lord Bishop, Tuesday July 4th, 1876, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke.

Prayers were said at 10 a. m., and were followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being celebrant.

The Synod assembled for the transaction of business at 2.15 p. m.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries and there were present 71 of the Clergy and 55 Lay-Representatives.

The certificates of Lay-Representatives were referred to a committee consisting of Dr. DeWolfe, Dr. Slayter, and the Lay-Secretary.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Cochran, and *Resolved* :—

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

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

“ That in case it shall appear that the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions are unappropriated that they be divided between the S. P. G. and C. M. S.

The Bishop delivered his opening address, alluding to the passage of the Church Act, suggesting some few changes in

it, and referring to the business about to engage the attention of the Synod.

To-morrow afternoon's Session was appointed time for the consideration of changes proposed in the Constitution standing over for Confirmation.

A doubt having arisen as to the meaning of Rule 15 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Synod, it was moved by Mr. W. M. Brown, seconded by Mr. W. Gossip, and *Resolved*:

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

Rev. Alfred Brown was appointed Clerical Secretary.

Motions standing over from last Session were considered in order:

"That by Mr. J. G. Foster (No. 2) relative to Parish Grievances was with the permission of the Synod withdrawn."

"That by the late Very Rev. Dean Bullock (No. 4) relative to the appointment of a Standing Committee to form an Advisory Council on the reception of candidates for orders and of clergymen coming from abroad, was after some consideration dropped."

The motion made by Rev. Dr. Almon was in his absence taken up by Mr. W. C. Silver, seconded by Mr. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C., and passed in the following form:

"That at least one Representative of each Parish shall be a Communicant in the Parish he represents."

The Committee on Lay-Representative's Credentials reported by the Lay-Secretary:—

The Committee on Delegate's Credentials have examined 144 Certificates all of which are correct, except 30 who are not yet certified as Communicants, being for the most part non-resident. This defect can be remedied in nearly every case while the Synod is in Session. We recommend a more general use of the printed form of Certificate.

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St. Luke's Hall having been offered as a place of meeting for the Synod by the Rector of St. Luke's, Rev. J. Abbott, in a communication addressed to the Secretary, it was moved by the Rev. G. W. Hill, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Cochran, and *Resolved*:

"That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Rector of St. Luke's for his offer, but that with his permission the Synod prefers to remain where it is."

An amendment to appoint a Committee of six gentlemen from the country to examine the Hall and report thereon, was put and lost.

Mr. W. C. Silver's resolution (No. 8) standing over from last Session relative to collections for Home and Foreign Missions, was, on motion of Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bowman, deferred till the question of union with D. C. S. should be decided upon.

No. 9 by Rev. Canon Townshend was not taken up, as the Church Act had passed the last Session of the Legislature.

No. 10 was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, and seconded by Rev. D. C. Moore:

"That in the opinion of the Synod it is desirable that it should meet in the afternoon and evening and not in the morning."

The resolution was lost by non-concurrence of orders.

It was announced that the business to-morrow morning would be the Church Discipline Act, and the union of the Synod with the Diocesan Church Society.

The election of Representatives to the Provincial Synod of Canada, was fixed for 4 p. m., to-morrow.

The usual rule of limitation of time to speakers was on motion adopted.

An amendment moved by Mr. E. J. Hodgson, and seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient, to allow no speaker to speak more than twice, and in no case to exceed 20 minutes was put and lost.

The Synod adjourned to 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

JULY 5TH, 1876.

Mattins were said at 9 o'clock and at 10 o'clock the Synod proceeded to business.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries and 70 of the Clergy and 50 Lay-representatives were present.

The names of the retired clergy of the Diocese not having been called, on motion of the Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Dr. DeWolfe, it was *Resolved*:

“That the names of the retired clergymen of the Diocese be called separately, after the names of the other clergy have been called.”

The Minutes of yesterdays proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Nichols, it was *Resolved*:

“That a Committee of Clergymen and Laymen be appointed to nominate Representatives to the Provincial Synod of Canada.”

The following committee was appointed:—Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rev. Dr. Bowman, Rev. J. Ambrose, Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Mr. T. C. Moody, Mr. C. B. Bullock, Mr. T. A. Brown, and Mr. E. J. Hodgson.

The report of the Committee on a Church Seminary for Females, was read by the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Wiswell:

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON A CHURCH SEMINARY FOR FEMALES.

The above named Committee submitted as the result of their deliberations a Report to the Twelfth Session of the Diocesan Synod, embodying a constitution for the Institution contemplated and therein called Victoria College to be located at Halifax.

The Synod adopted the report and by Resolution referred it back to the same committee to take steps for effecting the objects proposed.

The committee, though not limited to any stated time, deemed it advisable to devise at once such initiatory arrangements as would bring the matter before the members of the Church, and favour the establishment of the College at an early period.

They therefore prepared and had printed for distribution the Constitution and a prospectus stating the basis and leading features of the proposed College, also a stock list to be signed by the subscribers, and nominated the Chairman, Rev. A. Gray, as the accredited agent, to solicit subscriptions to the Stock. Edward Binney, Esq., was appointed Treasurer, and W. H. Wiswell, Secretary pro tem., and a Sub-committee was nominated to examine and report upon several properties offered as sites and Buildings for the College in different parts of the city.

Having so far arranged matters, the committee were next desirous of ascertaining to what extent they would be sustained financially, and otherwise, in making substantial arrangements for the inception of the College. The Rev. the Chairman, prior to removing from the province reported no sales of Stock, and the members of the committee at Halifax having personally conferred with leading members of the Church and capitalists decided after consultation that immediate action in regard to agreement for the purchase of a site or building, &c. would be premature, as the sales of stock owing to the depression of commercial affairs, must be very limited. No change for the better has since followed.

By the lamented decease of the Rev. Canon Hensley, and the absence from the province of the Rev. A. Gray, two vacancies are now to be filled in the membership of the committee.

Some expenses were necessarily incurred, the chief of which being for books and printing, amounting to \$13 in all, will form a part of the expenses of the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, N. S.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance, was presented by Rev. W. J. Ancient :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee believe intemperance to be one of the greatest hinderances to the work of the church in the present day. They also believe that this specific evil requires a specific remedy. And they further believe that the church ought to take the lead in this work, and the Church of England Temperance Society to be one of the best means within our reach for the suppression of the monster evil. They therefore desire to report as follows:

1.—The Committee recommend the formation of a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society for this Diocese, and that a Committee be appointed by the Synod to take the necessary steps for its organization.

2.—They further recommend that the Synod request the clergy of the Diocese to preach sermons advocating the claims of the Society on some Sunday to be named by the Synod, and to make collections to raise a fund for the necessary preliminary expenses.

3.—That a public meeting be held during the Session of the Synod, or as soon after as possible for the purpose of bringing it before the public and for the formation of the Society.

4.—That a Standing Committee on Temperance be appointed by the Synod to report at each session on the state, and progress of the Church of England Temperance Society, and of the progress of Temperance in the Diocese.

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

“That the Report of the Committee on Temperance be adopted and a Standing Committee appointed to carry out the recommendations therein contained.”

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Hodgson, and seconded by Dr. DeWolfe :

“That the resolution of yesterday as to the meaning of Rule 15 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Synod be reconsidered.”

The motion was put and lost by non-concurrence of orders.

Notice of motion was given by Mr. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C. :

“That the interpretation of Rule 15 be taken to mean two-thirds of the whole number of clergymen and lay-representatives.”

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DIOCESAN SYNOD TO
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With reference to the Report of the Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline the Executive Committee make the following recommendations:—

That in Clause I. the words in lines 3 and 4 from “ of the Diocese ” to “ Committed ” be omitted.

That in Clause V. the blanks be filled with the numbers 12, 10, 12.

That Clause VII. shall stand thus—“ The Secretary shall also at the same time give notice to the defendant and complainant to attend before him either in person or by their respective agents at a time and place to be mentioned in the notice not less than 15 days from the service of such notice when the said parties shall challenge alternately from the above named Board of Discipline.”

But if the defendant shall refuse or neglect to challenge then, the Bishop, on receiving notice from the Secretary of such refusal or neglect shall himself select the Assessors as aforesaid from the Board of Discipline.

After Clause X. the Committee recommend the insertion of the following:

XI. The following sentences 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.

XII. 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 functions 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. 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.

XIII. When the sentence of deprivation, or removal from his office is pronounced, the connection between the minister so deposed 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 removed, shall wholly cease and determine.

XIV. 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.

UNION WITH D. C. S.

The scheme of Union propounded by the Executive Committee of D. C. S. as follows was approved with the conditions annexed :

1st. That all the property and funds now under the control of the Diocesan Church Society, be transferred to the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, on condition that they be held and managed by one Board, appointed by the Synod, for the various purposes for which they are now held and managed by the Diocesan Church Society; and also that the several objects of the Society be carried on by that Board in accordance with the rules and regulations which now govern the actions of the Diocesan Church Society.

2nd. That the Board consist of all clergymen licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, and not less than twenty lay-men, to be elected by the Synod, and that the Bishop of Nova Scotia be *ex-officio* Chairman, and the Dean and the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia be *ex-officio* Vice Chairman of the Board; also—that provision be made for change, from time to time, in the members of the Board.

3rd. That all special funds, such as the Widows' and Orphans' fund, the Superannuation fund, and the fund for the Endowment of Parishes, be held, respectively, distinct and solely for the purposes for which they have been contributed, and no other; and that the bye-laws thereof may from time to time be amended, as has hitherto been done by the Diocesan Church Society.

4th. That recommendations 1st, 2nd and 3rd, as above, be held to be permanent conditions of the transfer.

5th. That the Vice Presidents of the D. C. S., now appointed, occupy the same position for life, on the above named Board.

6th. That a list of the life members of the D. C. S. be inserted in each printed record of the Synod.

7th. That the "Endowment Fund" be governed by its present Committee, under the prospectus; and that any vacancies in the Committee be filled up by the Diocesan Synod, to whom the Committee shall report annually.

8th. That the present Secretary and Treasurer continue (if willing) to fill those offices, until the Synod shall decide on a permanent course of action relative thereto, when it shall have full power to deal with the whole question, as may be deemed expedient.

9th. That encouragement should be given to the formation and

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That the 5th Clause be "No layman shall be elected a member of the Board who is not an annual contributor to its funds of at least one dollar, and at each annual meeting of the Synod the first five or if there are more than twenty then one fourth of the whole number of lay members of the Board shall go out of office but they or any of them shall be eligible for re-election. The new members having been proposed, seconded and then elected by ballot, shall be placed at the bottom of the list."

That the 8th Clause be "The Board shall meet monthly during the year with the exception of August and September, seven being a quorum for the transaction of business. And a general meeting thereof shall be held annually in July or at the time of the meeting of the Synod, to which matters may be referred from the ordinary meetings of the Board, and such appeals addressed as have hitherto been allowed to the general meeting of members of the D. C. S. A special meeting may be called any time by the Chairman, or in his absence by a Vice Chairman."

That Clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, as above, be *respectively* 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

Representatives are to be elected at this Session to attend the next Session of the Provincial Synod in September, 1877.

ALFRED BROWN, *Secretary.*

The Church Discipline Act (p. 48, Journal of 1875) was considered in connection with the Report of the Executive Committee.

The Ven. Archdeacon Read, of P. E. Island, having asked the question how far the clergy of P. E. Island would be affected by that Act, and whether if not affected by it, it would be right for them to vote upon it, a long discussion ensued on the position occupied in the Synod by the Clergy and Lay-Representatives from P. E. Island. It was decided by the Chairman that all legal obstructions to the admission of Representatives from P. E. Island had been removed by the amendment of the Act of Incorporation, and that the Island Representatives had full right to take part in the business of the Synod—all present or represented being bound

by its actions—the clergy in consequence of their submission to the Synod, and the Laity by electing Representatives.

The Preamble of the Church Discipline Act was adopted with the substitution of the words: “any ecclesiastical sentence,” for “ecclesiastical censure.”

In Clause 1, changes and omissions were adopted as follows:

“That the words in lines 3 and 4 from “of the Diocese” to “committed,” be omitted.

“That after the words “the party accused,” these words be added: “and said evidence shall be taken down by them in writing.”

“That after the words “said Commissioners,” the words “or any three of them,” be added, and the words “under the hand of at least three of them,” be struck out.”

“That after the words “shall report in writing,” this be added “within 20 days from the day of the date of the hearing, unless they or any three of them, should by a memorandum in writing extend such time.”

Clause 1 as thus amended was then adopted.

Clause 2 was adopted with the addition of the words “or any three of them,” after the word “Commissioners.”

Clause 3 was adopted with the addition of the words “or any three of them,” after the word “Commissioners.”

Clause 4 was adopted with the addition after the words “of the offence charged” of the following “the charge not being one of error in doctrine only.”

Clause 5 was adopted, the blanks being filled with the numbers 13, 10, 13.

Clause 6 was adopted without alteration.

The consideration of Clause 7 was deferred till to-morrow.

Clauses 8 and 9 passed without alteration.

Clause 10 was adopted with the addition of the words “within the Diocese,” after the words “members of the Church of England.”

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Notice of Motion was given by Rev. Dr. Nichols :

“That the accusing party shall pay in a sum sufficient to guarantee expenses.”

Also by Rev. J. P. Sheraton :

“That in Clause 10 the words “resident in the Province of Canada,” be put in after “Clergymen” and “Laymen.”

The time fixed for the election of Representatives to Provincial Synod of Canada having arrived, the further consideration of the Church Discipline Act was deferred.

The Committee appointed to nominate Representatives to the Provincial Synod of Canada submitted their nominations as follows, by Rev. Dr. Nichols :

Rev J. Abbott,	Hon. Judge Ritchie,
“ J. Ambrose,	Mr. A. W. Savary,
“ Dr. Bowman,	Mr. T. C. Moody,
“ G. W. Hill,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
“ A. D. Jamieson,	Col. Wood,
Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin,	Mr. W. Gossip,
Rev. Dr. Nichols,	Hon. P. C. Hill,
“ Canon Maynard,	Hon. Judge Hensley,
“ J. J. Ritchie,	Mr. T. A. Brown,
“ Canon Townshend,	Mr. E. P. Archbold,
“ Dr. White,	Mr. A. M. Cochran, M.L.C.
“ G. W. Hodgson.	Mr. E. J. Hodgson.

SUBSTITUTES.

Rev. Dr. Uniacke,	Mr. G. Whitman.
“ J. A. Kaulbach,	Mr. C. B. Bullock,
“ W. S. Gray,	Mr. J. G. Foster,
“ J. L. Bell,	Mr. J. W. Marling,
“ T. Ritchey,	Mr. N. W. White,
“ T. B. McLean,	Hon. Senator Haviland.

A motion to adopt the report was put to the House, and *lost* by non-concurrence of orders.

Additional nominations were made as follows :

Rev. Canon Dart, Rev. Dr. Almon, Rev. D. C. Moore, Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, Rev. H. L. Owen, and Hon. Senator Haveland,

Mr. C. B. Bullock, Mr. J. T. Wylde, Mr. P. Lynch, Mr. J. N. Ritchie and Mr. Thomas Brown.

The Secretaries and Rev. J. Padfield, Rev. D. Smith, Dr. Crane, and Mr. G. Reading were appointed scrutineers of the ballot.

Notice of motion was given by Rev. J. Norwood :

“That this Synod practically discountenance the pew system ; that the placing of parties according to rank and wealth is destructive to the Catholic truth of equality of membership in the body of Christ, and that it is in direct opposition to Scripture and the primitive usage of the apostolic Church.”

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was with permission of the House, read by the Secretary of the Board - Rev. J. R. Campbell :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Board respectfully reports to this Synod, that the work in this Diocese on behalf of Foreign Missions, shows some little progress and increase ; but the improvement is altogether too insignificant to justify the assertion that the work has an adequate hold on the hearts of the Clergy and Laity in this Diocese.

We have now, in common with the other Dioceses in this Ecclesiastical Province, a direct interest in the Missionary Field of Algoma : and the Board earnestly hopes that this interest will develop and increase until we shall all feel that as we have ourselves freely received, so we are also constrained to freely give.

The Treasurer's statement has been duly audited by Messrs. Silver and Reading. It shows that the balance remaining at the end of June 1875, was \$663.13 ; that the amount received from June 1875 till July 1876, was \$398.74 ; and the total expenditure during the same period has been \$413.45,—leaving a balance in hand of \$648.42.

The increase during 1875-6 is \$171.98 on the previous year ; and of the whole year's income viz : \$398.74, \$238.96 was special for ALGOMA—a feature in the offerings, which the Board hopes to see developed.

The Secretary having suggested that his out of the way position in the Diocese operates unfavorably, the Board has elected the former secretary, the Rev. D. C. Moore, to fill that office.

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The Board wishes to express the hope that the meeting which is to be held this evening in Argyle Hall, will receive the large and sympathetic attendance of the members of Synod, as well as of all others who are interested in the missionary work of the Church.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Secretary.*

Notices of motion with reference to the above were given by Rev. J. J. Ritchie and Rev. Canon Townshend.

It was moved by Rev. G. W. Hill, and seconded by Rev. Dr. White:

“That the following changes in the Constitution standing over for confirmation be confirmed.”

No. 1.—“That 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 again be 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.”

An amendment by Rev. J. Abbott, to lay the matter on the table was put to the House and *lost* by non-concurrence of orders.

The Secretaries reported the following names as having received the greatest number of votes as Representatives to the provincial Synod of Canada:

Rev. Dr. Nichols,	Mr. T. C. Moody,
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“ Canon Maynard,	“ W. C. Silver,
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“ J. Ambrose,	Mr. E. J. Hodgson,
“ G. W. Hodgson,	Hon. Senator Haviland,
“ G. W. Hill,	Mr. C. B. Bullock,
“ J. A. Kaulbach.	“ J. T. Wyld.

The following additional nominations were made for substitute Representatives to Provincial Synod :

Rev. Dr. Almon, Rev. A. D. Jamieson, Rev. D. C. Moore, Rev. A. Brown, Capt. Tuzo, Mr. G. Reading, and Mr. A. W. Savary.

The election of Substitutes was appointed to take place to-morrow morning.

The further consideration of resolution No. 1 was deferred to the morning of Thursday.

Synod adjourned till 10 a. m. Thursday.

THIRD DAY.

JULY 6TH, 1876.

Mattins were said at nine o'clock, and at ten o'clock the Synod re-assembled for business.

The rolls were called by the Secretaries and 71 of the Clergy and 58 Lay-Representatives were present.

The Minutes of yesterdays proceedings were read and approved.

Notices of motion were given :—

By Rev. Canon Townshend,—

“ With reference to a change in the definition of a Parishioner in the Church Act.”

By Rev. G. W. Hodgson,—

“ With reference to the mode of electing Representatives to Provincial Synod of Canada.”

The Church Discipline Act being next in order, was taken up. Clause 6, as adopted yesterday, was amended to read as follows :

“ The Clerical Secretary of the Synod, or if he should be absent from the Diocese, or be the person accused, the Lay-Secretary of the Synod, shall be Registrar of the Court hereafter provided.”

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Clause 7 was amended to read as follows :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clause VIII, as adopted yesterday, was amended by the omission of the word “ then,” before the words be pronounced by the Bishop.

Clause XI was adopted as follows :

“ 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 Bishop 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 purposes hereinafter mentioned.”

Clause XII was adopted as follows :

The following sentences 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.

Clause XIII was adopted as follows :

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 functions 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.

Clause XIV was adopted as follows :

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, rent, 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.

Clause XV was adopted as follows :

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.

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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 judgement 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 judgement or conviction.

Clause XVII was adopted as follows :

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

Clause XVIII was adopted as follows :

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 to which the party charged is answerable, 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 of 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.

Clause XIX was adopted as follows :

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

Clause XX was adopted as follows :

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

Clause XXI was adopted as follows :

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

Clause XXII was adopted as follows :

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.

The Regulations "of the Discipline of the Laity" were adopted as recommended by the committee, the blank before "days" being filled with the number 14.

The Act as amended was then adopted.

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 year's 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~~ 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.

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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 10 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 Commissioner's 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.

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.

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OF THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LAITY.

If any member of the church in this Diocese shall offend by any wickedness of life, such person so offending shall be repelled from the Holy Communion, agreeably to the rubric, and the Rector, Curate, or Minister so repelling any such person shall within 14 days thereafter notify the Bishop thereof, with his reasons for so doing; but the Bishop need not institute any enquiry thereunder, unless the party repelled shall make a complaint in writing to the Bishop, whereupon a court of appeal shall be formed as in clause 7, for trial of clerks for offences other than doctrinal, who shall investigate and decide upon such complaint; and the said Court shall either restore the person repelled, to the Holy Communion, or confirm the act of repulsion, as shall be deemed right; the continuance of the repulsion to be subject to the conditions and provisions of the rubric. In case the Clergyman of the Parish or Mission, on application being made to him to restore the repelled person on profession of repentance, shall refuse to do so, on the ground that no sufficient evidence of such repentance has been given; or shall not set forth any ground of refusal; or shall state

an insufficient ground; such repelled person may again make a complaint in writing to the Bishop, who shall deal with it in the manner hereinbefore directed.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Discipline was on motion, discharged.

The consideration of the confirmation of the proposed change in Rule XI of Constitution and Regulations of the Synod was proceeded with.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. E. J. Hodgson, and seconded by Mr. W. Gossip:

“That it is inexpedient to assent to the proposed change of the Constitution, relative to the Bishop withholding his assent to any measure passed by the clergy and laity, because—

1. It is not clear that the House of Bishop's possesses the legal right to exercise the authority proposed to be delegated to them, and
2. Even suppose such legal right to exist there is no evidence before this Synod that the House of Bishops have consented to exercise it.”

The following was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, and seconded by Rev. John Abbott, as a substitute for the whole matter:

“That it is inexpedient during the present Session of the Synod to come to any decision upon the resolution.”

After a lengthy discussion Mr. E. J. Hodgson, with the consent of his seconder, added to his amendment these words:

“And for the reasons hereinbefore set forth, this matter shall be postponed to another Session.”

Rev. G. W. Hodgson thereupon with the consent of the House withdrew his substitute and Mr. E. J. Hodgson's amendment was adopted by the almost unanimous vote of both orders.

The scrutineers reported the result of the ballot for the election of substitute representatives to Provincial Synod:

Rev. A. D. Jamieson,
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Notice of motion was given by the Lord Bishop relative to the definition of a parishioner in Church Act, and also for change in the time of annual Parish meeting from Easter Monday to May 1st.

The Lord Bishop moved the following resolution relative to the death of the late Bishop of Newfoundland, which was seconded by Col. Poyntz, and passed unanimously :

" This Synod, having received intelligence of the death of the Bishop of Newfoundland; the Right Rev. Edward Feild, D. D., desires to record its sense of the grievous loss sustained by the Church, and to express its sympathy with the neighboring Diocese under its bereavement. The reputation of the late Bishop reached far beyond the limits of his own Diocese, and wherever there is any acquaintance with the history of the Colonial Church, he is known, and will be remembered, as one who was in labors most abundant, and was eminently qualified for the perilous work which he had to perform, in visiting the rock-bound coasts of his extensive Diocese.

" The Synod, heartily condoling with the bereaved Diocese, feels that, with reference to the future, it can offer no better wish than that the successor of the deceased Bishop may have grace and ability to labor as he labored, who has now entered into his rest, and who being dead, will yet not cease to speak to those among whom he ministered, ' for thus the memory of the just is blessed.' "

Resolved:

" That the above resolution be communicated to the Synod of Newfoundland, and to Mrs. Feild."

Motions standing over from previous Sessions were considered in order.

Resolution No. 3 (in Appendix of Journal, 1875) was confirmed as follows :

" Within 30 days after election, the Chairman shall send the names of the delegates to the Registrar."

No. 5 was confirmed as follows :

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

In connection with the above resolution, it was, on motion, *Resolved*:

“That each Parish represented in this Synod be assessed for the purpose 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 his Parish or District shall be one year or upwards in arrears.”

No. 6 was confirmed as follows:

“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 the consent of the Synod a longer time to do so be granted.”

No. 11 by the Lord Bishop relative to confirmation of Bishops elect by the House of Bishops was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. Canon Townshend, it was *Resolved*:

“That the Executive Committee be desired to prepare a petition to Provincial Synod of Canada 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 union of the Synod with the Diocesan Church Society was next taken up.

Clause 1 of proposed conditions of union was adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. J. Ancient, seconded by Rev. W. S. Gray, it was *Resolved*:

“That the consideration of the subject be deferred till to-morrow morning, in order to leave time to obtain legal opinion upon the proposed basis union.”

No. 12 by Mr. W. Silver relative to the appointment of a General Clerical Secretary, was on motion, deferred till the union of the Synod with the D. C. S. should be consummated.

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Nos. 13 and 15 by Rev. J. Ambrose and Mr. T. Brown, were combined and passed in the following form :

"That the clergyman of each Parish be 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."

No. 14 by Rev. G. W. Hodgson was confirmed :

"That 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."

No. 16 by Rural Dean Filleul, was passed as follows :

"That a statement of the Finances of the Synod, Dr. and Cr., be published in the Journal, each Session of the Synod."

On motion of Rev. D. C. Moore, it was *Resolved* :

"That the name of the Parish of Wallace be added to the list of Parishes in the Rural Deanery of Amherst."

The motion of Mr. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C. :

"That the meaning of Rule 15 be "two-thirds of the Clergy and Laity" was adopted with the addition of the words "present and voting."

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

"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."

The Synod adjourned till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

JULY 7, 1876.

Mattins were said at 9 o'clock and at 10 o'clock the Synod resumed business.

The Rolls were called by the Secretaries, and fifty-six clergy and thirty-eight lay Representatives were present.

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

Notices of motion were given:—

By Mr. W. C. Silver,—

“That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an outline of the duties and rights of Rectors, Church Wardens and vestries within their parishes; also the rights and privileges of the Bishop of the Diocese in the pulpits and otherwise of the parishes under his jurisdiction, 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.”

By Mr. W. H. Wiswell,—

“That any Committee appointed by the Synod shall be considered a Standing Committee until discharged by the usual vote.”

On motion of Rev. W. J. Ancient the following additions were made to the Committee on Temperance. Rev. G. W. Hodgson in place of Rev. Dr. Cochran, resigned, and Rev. T. Dobie, Rev. A. Osborne, Mr. C. C. Freston and Mr. W. Sanderson.

Vacancies in the Committee on Church Seminary for females were filled by the appointment of Rev. Canon Dart, Rev. Dr. Bowman, Mr. W. C. Silver and Mr. E. Binney.

Vacancies in the Executive Committee were filled by the re-election of Rev. J. Abbott and Mr. W. C. Silver, and by

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The Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin having inquired as to the right of the Lay Secretary to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Chairman ruled that the Clerical and Lay Secretaries were Joint Secretaries of the Executive Committee.

Rev. H. L. Owen was appointed a member of the Education Committee in place of the Rev. Dr. Robertson, retired.

The motion of which notice was given last session by the Lord Bishop, was next considered and was unanimously adopted as follows:—

Resolved:

“That this Synod is of opinion that the consent of the majority of the Bishops of the Province should be required previous to the consecration of the person elected by any Diocese to that important office, provided that in case the consent of the required majority shall not be obtained, then the dissentient Bishops shall severally in writing communicate to the Synod of the Diocese whose election has not been confirmed, their reasons for their dissent within some specified time.”

On motion of the Lord Bishop, it was *Resolved:*

“That the Executive Committee be authorized and desired to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Provincial Synod in favor of the above resolution”

Union of D. C. S. with Synod—

A legal opinion having been obtained to the effect that there was nothing in the proposed basis of union of the Diocesan Church Society with the Synod to prevent its consummation the consideration of the subject was proceeded with.

The following copy of the proceedings of the Diocesan Church Society was laid before the Synod:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society July 4th, 1876. The proposal to unite the Society with the Synod was reaffirmed. The basis of union was amended and adopted in the following form:—

1st. That all the property and funds now under the control of the Diocesan Church Society, be transferred to the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, on condition that they be held and managed by one Board, appointed by the Synod, for the various purposes for which they are now held and managed by the Diocesan Church Society; and also that the several objects of the Society be carried on by that Board in accordance with the rules and regulations which now govern the actions of the Diocesan Church Society.

2nd. That the Board to be called the Board of Diocesan Missions, consist of all clergymen licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese, and not less than twenty lay-men, to be elected by the Synod, and that the Bishop of Nova Scotia be *ex-officio* Chairman, and the Dean and the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia be *ex-officio* Vice Chairmen of the Board; also—that provision be made for change, from time to time, in the members of the Board.

3rd. That all special funds, such as the Widow's and Orphans' fund, the Superannuation fund, and the fund for the endowment of Parishes, be held, respectively, distinct and solely for the purposes for which they have been contributed, and no other; and that the bye-laws, thereof may from time to time be amended by the Synod, as has hitherto been done by the Diocesan Church Society.

4th. That recommendations 1st, 2nd and 3rd, as above, be held to be permanent conditions of the transfer.

5th. No layman shall be elected a member of the Board who is not an annual contributor to its funds of at least one dollar, and at each ordinary meeting of the Synod one half of the whole number of lay members of the Board shall go out of office but they or any of them shall be eligible for re-election. The new members having been proposed, seconded and then elected by ballot, shall be placed at the bottom of the list.

6th. That a list of life members of the D. C. S. be inserted in each printed record of the Synod.

7th. That the "Endowment Fund" be governed by its present Committee, under the prospectus; and that any vacancies in the Committee be filled up by the Diocesan Synod, to whom the Committee shall report annually.

8th. That the present Secretary and Treasurer continue (if willing) to fill those offices, until the Synod shall decide on a permanent course of action relative thereto, when it shall have full

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9th. That encouragement should be given to the formation and action of local committees in connection with the Board of Synod, as hitherto with the Diocesan Church Society.

10th. The Board shall meet monthly during the year with the exception of August and September, seven being a quorum for the transaction of business; and a general meeting thereof shall be held annually in July or at the time of the meeting of the Synod, to which matters may be referred from the ordinary meetings of the Board, and such appeals addressed as have hitherto been allowed to the general meeting of members of the D. C. S. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman, or in his absence by a Vice Chairman.

On motion of the Lord Bishop, it was *Resolved*:

1. "That the offer of the Diocesan Church Society to transfer its funds to this Synod be accepted on the terms, and under the conditions approved by the general meeting of the said Society, held Tuesday, July 4th."

2. "That the Executive Committee prepare such a bill as may be required to give effect to the foregoing resolution, enabling the Church Society to transfer all monies held in trust by it, to this Synod as proposed."

3. "That 20 Laymen be now elected as a portion of the Board of Diocesan Missions which shall come into office if the proposed bill enacted and shall accept the transfer of the property of the said Society from the Executive Committee thereof on or immediately after the 2nd day of July next, ensuing."

The Board of Diocesan Missions, as provided for above, was appointed as follows:

Mr. H. Pryor,
 " E. Archbold,
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 " T. A. Brown,
 " R. J. Wilson,
 " J. T. Wyld,
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 " W. M. Brown,
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 " J. W. Marling,
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Motions, of which notice had previously been given, with reference to change proposed in Clause VIII of Church Act, in definition of a parishioner, and in Clause IV to change the time of the Annual Parish Meeting from Easter Monday to May 1st, was next considered.

A motion made by Mr. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C., as follows, was put and *lost* :

"That the further consideration of the Church Act be deferred till next Session of the Synod."

On motion of Mr. A. M. Cochran, M. L. C., it was *Resolved* :

"That three Laymen, one of whom shall be learned in the law, and two clergymen, be a committee to consider and report at the next Session of the Synod upon such amendments as may be necessary in the Church Act."

The following Committee was appointed :

Mr. A. W. Savary, Mr. J. N. Ritchie, Dr. DeWolfe, Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. Dr. Nichols.

Rev. J. J. Ritchie withdrew his motion relative to the disposal of the funds in hand of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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

"The Board of Foreign Missions pay annually to the Diocese of Algoma a total not less than \$400, inclusive of special donations for the Diocese, and \$200 for the Bishop's salary, and not less than \$200 for Missions as above."

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hill, it was *Resolved* :

"That the funds for Missions of the Board of Foreign Missions be reserved till such time as the contributions from the Churches of the Diocese will enable the Board to send a Missionary from some part of the Diocese into the Mission field."

On motion of Rev. W. J. Ancient, the report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted. (Vide page 40.)

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A motion by Rev. J. Norwood relative to the pew system, was deferred till next Session of the Synod.

It was moved by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. T. B. McLean, and *Resolved*:

“That the assessment prepared by the present assessment committee be approved by the Executive Committee before it be sent out, and that the amount to be assessed on P. E. Island be in a lump sum and that it be left to a sub-committee of the Island to apportion it.”

The following motion by Rev. J. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. F. M. Young, was put to the House and *lost*:

“That previous to the time of meeting of the Provincial Synod a collection be taken up in all the Churches of the Diocese to defray the road expenses of the Representatives.”

It was moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. R. Campbell, and *Resolved*:

“That the Executive Committee devise some means if possible to provide for the road expenses of Representatives to the Provincial Synod.”

On motion of Mr. Thomas Brown, seconded by Rural Dean Filleul, it was *Resolved*:

“That the Synod desires to recommend to the Board of Missions the consideration of the wisdom of sending an Agent this season to visit the various Parishes through the Diocese with the view to create an interest in that important work, especially to raise a fund for sending the living voice into the Mission field.”

No. 12, by Mr. W. C. Silver, was partially considered and deferred till next Session:

“That the Executive Committee be instructed to engage the services of a suitable person to act as Secretary, or Secretary and Treasurer, to the Synod and the various schemes connected with it, such as the boards of missions, the proposed Church Paper, of which he may be Editor or sub-Editor, as well as general business manager, under the Committee, who shall also visit such different parts of the Diocese as may be deemed advisable, on behalf of such Missions or Paper, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Committee, relative to Church work.

“That a sum not exceeding ——— dollars per annum be appropriated for his salary, to be provided from the funds of the Boards of Missions, and from the several funds of this Synod, in such proportion as the Executive Committee shall see fit. Should he be made Treasurer, bonds must be given in due proportion to the amount passing through his hands.”

An abstract of Sunday School and Rural Deanery Returns was read by the Secretary. The thanks of the Synod were given to the Secretary for his care in preparing the abstract and that of the Sunday School was ordered to be printed. (Vide Appendix.)

On motion of Col. Poyntz, the Bishop vacated the chair which was taken by Ven. the Archdeacon.

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

“That the thanks of the Synod be given to his Lordship the Bishop for his very able and impartial conduct while in the Chair.”

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.

On motion of Mr. A. M. Cochran, M.L.C., seconded by Rev. J. Ambrose, 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 ‘Morning Chronicle’ and ‘Herald’ for full and satisfactory reports of the proceedings of the Synod published in those papers, and to the other city papers for kindly notices relating to the business and Public Meetings :

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

ABSTRACT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS.

Returns have been received from 53 Parishes. In the 98 Sunday Schools in the above number of Parishes there are 460 Teachers and 4295 scholars. The average attendance is 2948.

The amount collected in 34 schools is, \$968.74. A large number of schools are reported as having been kept open only in the summer season.

The age at which children leave school is for the most part between the ages of 14 and 18 ; the girls generally leaving school at a later age than the boys.

18 Parishes report having used the Toronto scheme of lessons : 1. The Army Scheme. 1. The Church of England Institute of London Scheme, and 2. The International Series of Lessons,

In reply to the question as to whether a S. S. library is beneficial or otherwise :—

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The following motions, &c., are reserved for consideration at the next session :—

No. 1. By MR. W. C. SILVER,—

“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 Treasurer's hands.”

No. 2. By REV. J. P. SHERATON,

“That in Clause 10,—(Ecclesiastical Discipline Act) the words “resident in the Province of Canada” be put in after “clergy-men” and “laymen.”

No. 3. By REV. J. NORWOOD,—

“That this Synod practically discountenance the pew system, that the placing of parties according to rank and wealth is destructive to the Catholic truth of equality of membership in the body of Christ, and that it is in direct opposition to Scripture and the primitive usage of the Apostolic Church.”

No. 4. Passed, but standing over for confirmation,

“That 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 again be dissented from by the Bishop, such majority shall have the right to appeal to the House of Bishops in General Assembly in Canada, whose decision shall be final.”

No. 5. Passed, but standing over for confirmation,

“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, as long as the dues of his Parish or District shall be one year or upwards in arrears.”

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“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.”

No. 7. By MR. W. C. SILVER,—

“That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an outline of the duties and rights of Rectors, Church Wardens and Vestries within their parishes; also the rights and privileges of the Bishop of the Diocese in the pulpits, and otherwise of the parishes under his jurisdiction, 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. By MR. W. H. WISWELL,—

“That any Committee appointed by the Synod shall be considered a Standing Committee, unless discharged by the usual vote.”

No. 9. By MR. W. C. SILVER,—

“That the Executive Committee be instructed to engage the services of a suitable person to act as Secretary, or Secretary and Treasurer, to the Synod and the various schemes connected with it, such as the boards of missions, the proposed Church Paper, of which he may be Editor or sub Editor, as well as general business

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“That a sum not exceeding —— dollars per annum be appropriated for his salary, to be provided from the funds of the Boards of Missions, and from the several funds of this Synod, in such proportion as the Executive Committee shall see fit. Should he be made Treasurer, bonds must be given in due proportion to the amount passing through his hands.”

Also—Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy and Laity, standing over for confirmation.

BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

To the Executive Committee.

“To prepare a petition to Provincial Synod of Canada, 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.”

“To prepare a form of Parochial Register in compliance with terms of resolution passed at the 13th Session.”

“To prepare a memorial to be presented to the Provincial Synod asking for the enactment of a Canon requiring the consent of a majority of the Bishops of the Province to the consecration of a Bishop elect.”

“To prepare such a bill as may be required to be presented to the Legislature to give effect to the resolution, enabling the Church Society to transfer all monies held in trust by it to the Synod as proposed.”

“To devise some means if possible to provide for the road expenses of Representatives to the Provincial Synod.”

To the Committee on Church Seminary for Females.

“To take steps to give effect to the report on that subject adopted by the Synod.”

To the Committee on Temperance.

“To take steps to give effect to the report on that subject adopted by the Synod.”

To the Committee on Church Act.

“To consider and report at the next session of the Synod, upon such amendments as may be necessary in Church Act.”

To the Committee on Education.

“To place themselves in communication with the Board of Governors of King's College, and report to the Synod.”

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