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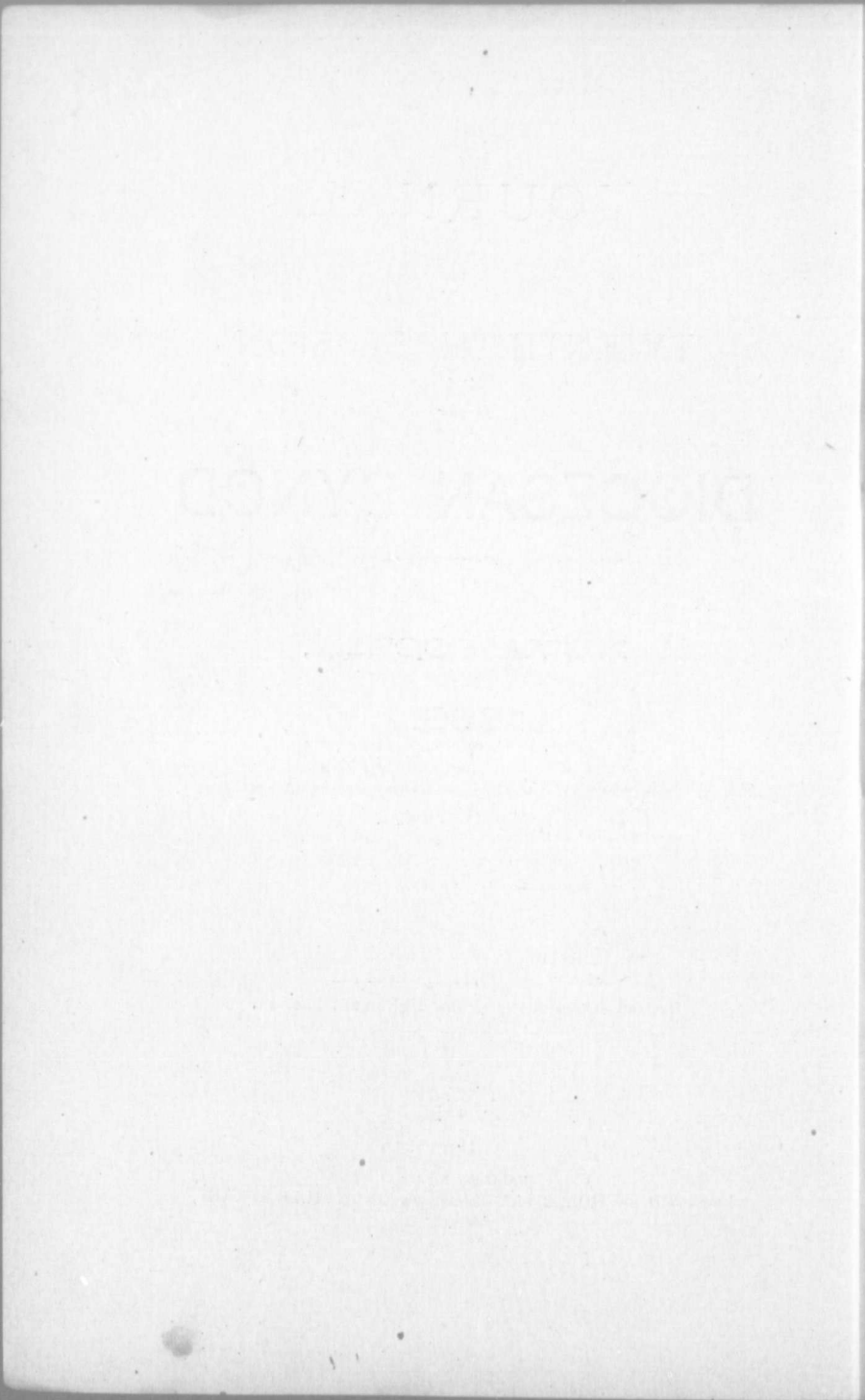
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DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Original Declaration of Principles.

(ADOPTED OCT., 1855.)

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

which may from time to time be made by the Synod of the Diocese of _____ and the Provincial Synod of _____ or either of them [and in consideration of being appointed

I hereby undertake immediately after final judgment to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had by the tribunal appointed by the Synods of the aforesaid Province and Diocese for the trial of a clergyman; saving all rights of appeal."]

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports of Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

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

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

RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH ACT.

(PASSED IN 1876, AND AMENDED 1879.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

CANON I.

REGULATIONS FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF THE CLERGY.

PREAMBLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANON II.

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, or in the absence of both, the senior Presby-

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

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

CANON III.

OF DIVINITY STUDENTS.

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

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

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

CANON IV.

OF ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES INTO THE MINISTRY.

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

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

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

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

CANON V.

OF DEACONESSSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANON VI.

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

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

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

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

3. That every Licensed Lay-Reader shall also furnish to the Incumbent or in the case of a vacant Parish or of a

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANONS OF PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

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

CANON II.

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

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

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

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

CANON III.

ON THE POWERS OF THE METROPOLITAN.

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

CANON V.

COURT OF APPEAL OF THE METROPOLITAN—HOW CONSTITUTED.

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

WHEN APPEAL SHALL LIE.

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

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

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

CANON VI.

OF MINISTERING IN PARISHES.

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

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

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

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

3. No Clergyman shall officiate in any Mission or Parish either as a substitute for the Incumbent or as his assistant

for more than one month without the written license of the Bishop or the Bishop's Commissary.

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

CANON VII.

OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

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

CANON X.

OF OFFICIATING OF STRANGE CLERGYMEN IN A DIOCESE.

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

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RURAL DEANERIES.

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

Deanery of Shelburne.—(Rev. S. Gibbons, R.D.)—Port Medway, Liverpool, Shelburne, Barrington, Tusket, Yarmouth, Lockeport.

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

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

Deanery of Amherst.—(Rev. D. C. Moore, R.D.)—Maitland, Truro, Stewiacke, Londonderry, Parrsboro', Amherst, Pictou, River John, Pugwash, Wallace, Albion Mines.

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

Deanery of Tangier.—(Rev. W. Ellis, R.D.)—Beaver Harbor, Ship Harbor, Three Fathom Harbor, Dartmouth, Sackville, Tangier, Falkland.

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

Deanery of Halifax.—(Rev. F. Partridge, D.D., U.D.)—The city of Halifax.

1. 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.

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

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

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

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

ADDENDA.

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

The Clergyman of each Parish is required to keep a register of the number of 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.

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

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

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

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted :

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

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

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

Also, the following form of letters Commendatory :

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

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

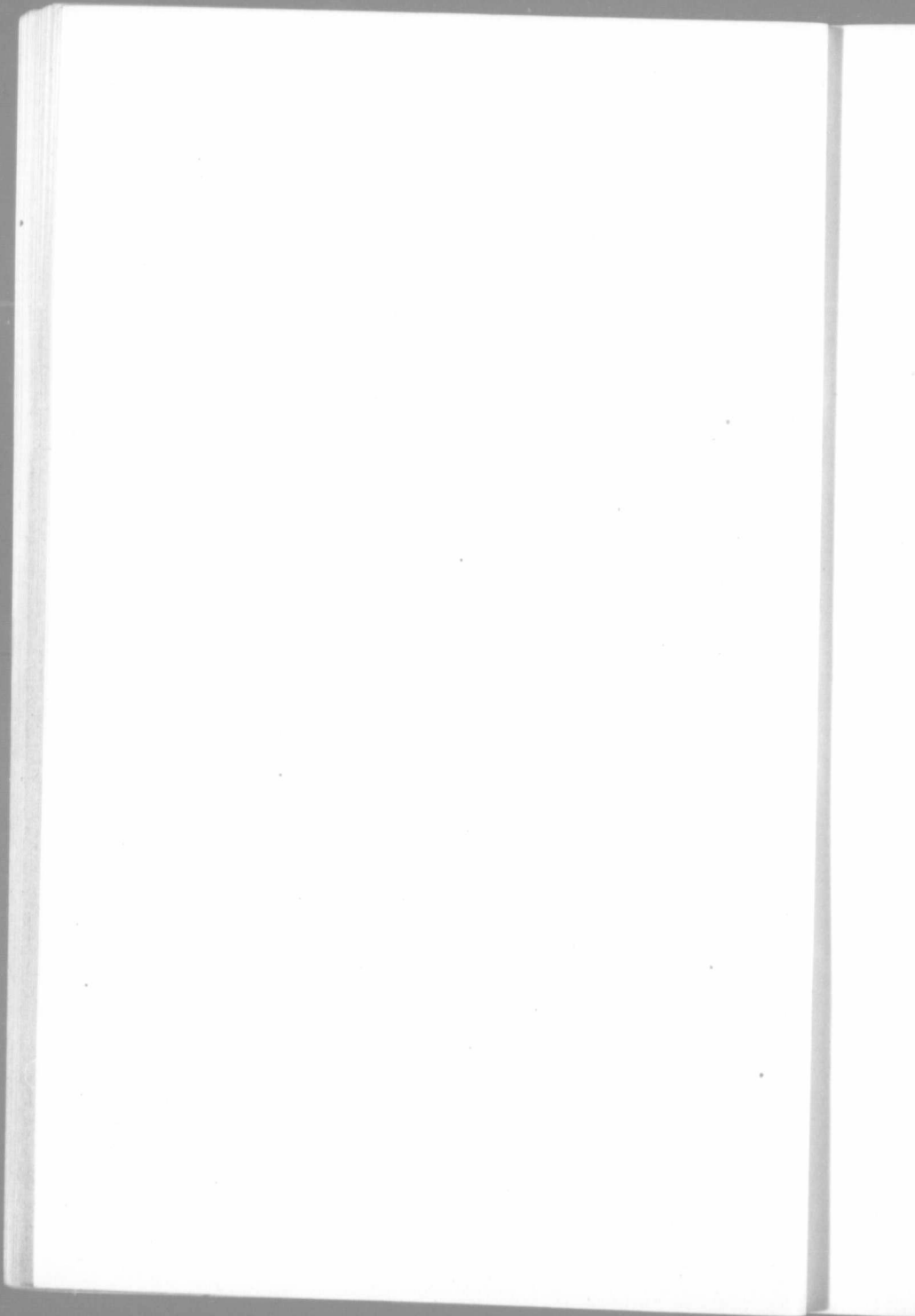
We commend to your brotherly kindness, by these our letters, D. E., Priest [or Deacon] of our own Diocese, beseeching you to receive him in the Lord as a brother, sound in the faith, of a well-ordered and religious life, and worthy of all Christian fellowship, and to tender him any assistance of which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

Witness our hand.

A., BISHOP,

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



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FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, June 29th, 1888.

THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA met on the day appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with the resolution of the Eighteenth Session, (see p. 45, of Journal) on Friday, June 29th, 1888, being the Festival of St. Peter, in St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax.

The Holy Communion was administered at 9 a. m., the Lord Bishop being celebrant. A sermon was preached to the Synod, by Rev. V. E. Harris, M.A., Vicar of Amherst.

The Synod assembled for business at 10.30, a. m.

The Chair was taken by the Lord Bishop, who opened the proceedings with prayer.

The Chairman laid on the table the Report of the Committee on Credentials, having also furnished a list of the Clergy.

The Clerical Secretary called the roll of the Clergy, when 75 were found to be present.

The Lay Secretary called the roll of the lay representatives, when 70 answered to their names.

Excuses had been rendered to the Bishop for the absence of Rev. Rural Dean Gibbons, H. How, Rural Dean Snyder, and Rev. C. F. Lowe.

On motion of Rev. Rural Dean Moody, seconded by Dr. Bowman, Rev. Dr. Partridge was unanimously re-elected Clerical Secretary.

The Lord Bishop then delivered the opening address.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

It is, as you may suppose, with no ordinary feelings, that I commence this, my first address to you. The Diocese was, rather more than a year ago, suddenly deprived of the Bishop who had been its head for thirty-six years. There are comparatively few, in the whole

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history of the Church of Christ, who have held that high, honored and responsible office for so long a period. Bishop Binney came at an interesting and eventful time. In England was to be seen what looked to the eye of many almost the fairy palace created by the genius of Joseph Paxton for the first International Exhibition, within the crystal walls of which were gathered the varied products and manufactures of many of the nations of the world, exhibited as in friendly rivalry in the development of the Fine Arts and the peaceful materials of commerce. The originators of the Great Exhibition hoped that by such a display there might not only be given a great impetus to the artistic manufactures of England, but also that a kindlier feeling towards one another, and a recognition of both the mutual dependence of each upon all, and of all upon each, among the peoples thus represented, together with a sense of the brotherhood of nations, and so the abolition of war and the coming of the time when nation should not lift up sword against nation, but they should beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, might be not unreasonably anticipated. And though these noble and Christian aims of the Prince Consort were rudely thrust aside by the Crimean war three years later, and their realization has been postponed by subsequent European conflicts, yet the International Exhibitions have served to bring together, from time to time, those whom animosities had embittered, and the end is appreciably nearer than when the first attempt was made.

In that same year the colony of Australia was just beginning to attract notice, and, the California gold fever of 1849 having expended itself, it broke out in that distant land, which has since furnished the largest supply of the precious metal. The departure for Australia during the following years, of many thousands of Englishmen, drew the eyes and the heart of the nation after them, giving a widened thought of empire, a deepened sense of responsibility, a nobler consciousness of duty, to the people of England, constituting a very evident advance in the character of the people, helping it out of selfish narrowness, into broad and deep sympathy with Imperial rather than Insular interests.

But the time was also a deeply interesting one in religious matters. The leaders of what was then called the Tractarian movement had gathered round them a band of younger men, whom they were training in their principles, - to whom the Church of England was something more than an ancient Institution, chiefly valuable because it was capable of maintaining and perpetuating the religious ideas and thoughts which were the outcome of the controversies, movements and persecutions of the sixteenth century. To these men the Church of England was to be prized because she was a branch of the Catholic Church—that divinely constituted Body, the Kingdom of God—of whose things the risen Lord spake to His Disciples during the Great Forty Days, and which those same Apostles, under the guidance and teaching of the Holy Spirit, organized, and to which was given the promise of Christ's abiding presence, and the help of the Spirit to guide her into all truth. To them the truths enshrined in the Creeds were all-important, while those deductions made from the facts of Christianity which were preserved in the Thirty-nine Articles were by no means a complete epitome of what it is well for Christian people to attend to, nor a final settlement of all the subjects pronounced upon.

Such a position, together with a revival of the practice of Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, the observance of Saints' Days, and Days of Fasting and Abstinence, the frequent administration of the Lord's Supper, and the calling attention to the sacrificial aspect of the Celebration, not unnaturally raised a strong antagonism on the part of the vast majority of Church people, who had been brought up to think only of the subjective side of Christianity, and to whom the Church was little more than any of the many forms of non-conformity in which the Gospel, as it was called, was preached. Controversy and strife were rampant. Mutual charges of being traitors to the Church, the one seeking to Romanize, the other to degrade it to the level of Dissent, were made by the two parties. The Gorham judgment was the victory of the Low Church party; many years later, the Bennett judgment was the victory of their opponents. Exeter Hall rang with plaudits accorded to the utterances of Protestant Champions, while Pusey was silenced at Oxford, and Miss Sellon's Sisterhood was stoned by a mob at Plymouth. Then a few years later came the publication of the volume entitled, "Essays and Reviews," and the Colenso controversy, which so changed the aspect of affairs, that High and Low united to denounce the new and unpopular theories, and the trial of Rowland Williams and some of his fellow-essayists was the result.

Such were some of the important, intensely interesting and exciting matters which were occupying public attention when Hibbert Binney was consecrated fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia, and during the first years of his Episcopate. Of little more than canonical age to be consecrated, in sympathy with the revived ideas of Churchmanship, deeply impressed with the importance of grafting them upon the Church life of the Diocese, with the prospect of a long life in which he might "see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied," what wonder is it that he found his task a hard and difficult one? That he succeeded so far, that he made for himself a name and reputation, that to those who knew him best he was a loving and tender friend, ready at all times with sweet sympathy and generous help; that the longer any one was associated with him the more he was respected and his character revered, must be to those who most mourn his loss, a deep satisfaction and an enduring comfort. A strong character, striving to express and impress itself in all ways open to it, he gained credit for high minded integrity, strict conscientiousness, the acting always upon Christian principles, the endeavor to obtain by lawful means what he regarded as laudable ends; and therefore, he secured the admiration of those who were animated by his spirit and agreed with his views; while those who opposed him, gladly acknowledged the blamelessness of his christian life and the purity of the motives by which he was actuated. Of his unceasing watchfulness for the welfare of the Diocese, his anxious endeavor to discharge his duty in the sight of God and with the approval of his conscience, his abundant labor, his unsparing giving of himself, his thought and study and prayer to prove himself "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," a faithful Shepherd and Bishop of the souls committed to him, a wise counsellor, a courageous leader, — you all know better than I, for you were the witnesses of his actions, the objects of his care, his "fellow-laborers unto the Kingdom of God." He is of the number of those of whom it is said, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

"And when the Lord shall summon us,
Whom thou hast left behind,
May we, untainted by the world,
As sure a welcome find!

May each, like thee, depart in peace,
To be a joyful guest,
Where the wicked cease from troubling,
And the weary are at rest."

To follow such a man is, you will perceive, no easy thing. Well might I seek to lay down again, as soon as I have grasped it, the Pastoral Staff, did not experience shew that the promise spoken of old, is good still: "As I was with Moses so I will be with thee: I will not leave thee nor forsake thee."

But neither is my expectation of ability to fulfil my office and work, any more than my willingness to assume it when you offered it me, dependent upon the promise of God's strength and grace alone. To you, my brethren, to you, I look for sympathy, for counsel, for co-operation, for thought, for prayer; nor, I feel certain, shall I look in vain. With a common enemy to fight, a common end to work for, sharers in a common salvation, animated by one spirit, servants of one common Lord, the children in the one family of Him who is the one God and Father of us all, we shall gain a victory in which we shall all share, and do a work which will bring glory to God and advance the cause of His Church. In order to this, it becomes us, taught by the experience of the past, to devise prudent measures, destined to be realized, notwithstanding the antagonism of the powers of evil, and the opposition of those who conscientiously differ from us. A wise forecast, frank statement of our intentions, honest and open dealing, the avoidance of every tortuous or subterranean path, respect for one another's opinions, a pure intention, patience and perseverance, together with the spirit which thankfully accepts the possibly attainable when unable to reach the ideally perfect, these qualities will be needed in our mutual endeavor to do our duty to Christ and His Church, in the relations which we sustain towards one another, and corporately towards the whole body whose representatives we are.

I have too recently come among you, and my information respecting the state of the Church and the conditions of life in Nova Scotia is too scanty for me, as yet, to bring definite projects before you. But one thing I may legitimately do, and that is to call your attention to the new phase of what may be called Churchmanship, which is, I think, the outcome of the controversies of the present century.

It would seem to be a necessary condition to the cohesion of a party, that its members should not only hold tenaciously the tenets of its creed, but that the supreme importance of these should make them either indifferent, or altogether blind, to other and larger aspects of the whole truth. But the inevitable, though generally slow, result always arrives when men who constitute the fringes of the party, begin to doubt the absolute perfectness of its Shibboleths, and to see something valuable in the views of the opposite side. Then the leaders cry out on such as traitors, and the gradual disintegration of the party is regarded by them as the dissolution of the truth itself. It is, how-

ever, impossible to arrest the movement which has begun, which detaches from the place of supreme importance some of the things which had previously been so regarded, and brings into view and into place in the system, those which were either ignored or antagonized. Hence it is that the Low Churchman comes to see the value of objective truth, and his High Church brother that of subjective experience; the one learns the lessons of the meaning, as well as the reality, of the Church and the Sacraments, and the other that of the absolute necessity for faith to the apprehension and efficacy of both. Hence, we see, what is called in England, a Neo-Evangelical party, building seemingly Churches, teaching Sacramentarian doctrine, practising Retreats and Weekly Celebration; and hear of High Churchmen and even Ultra-Ritualists, who preach the most pronounced Evangelical sermons. To this result, so far as æstheticism is concerned, the improvement in house architecture, furnishing and interior decoration has, doubtless, largely contributed; but what has done so in a far larger degree is the Church Congress, and the Diocesan Synods and Conferences, which have all allowed of the members of parties becoming acquainted with one another, as well as with each other's views.

It is too much to say that the heresies of one generation become the orthodoxies of the next, but certainly many of the conclusions which were thought to be most revolutionary and subversive of established doctrine, are calmly accepted and find a place on the shelves of patient students, in the lectures of professors, and the sermons of those who are accounted orthodox preachers. And, because these are facts of the Church history of the present century, it is surely not unreasonable to hope that we may see a churchmanship arise, which shall combine in itself the better elements of the High, the Low, and the Broad Church parties, holding the truths for which each of these has striven and is striving, in their true relation to the whole body of the Church's system; and, while claiming to be free from all party ties, and to pay an allegiance only to the Church as a whole rejoicing in the existence of all these within the circumference of the Church, feeling that her life is enriched by each and all, and that through them she preserves the valuable acquisitions of the past, seizes with avidity upon the new teaching of the present, and looks hopefully out upon the future. Such a Churchmanship will know better than to charge a zealous Ritualist with Romanizing, to say that an equally zealous Low Churchman is no better than a Dissenter, or to assert that the reverent disciple of the latest discoveries of science, or of the last conclusion of Biblical criticism, abandons the inspiration of the Bible, and places it upon the level of any other human compilation.

Some persons are, I suppose, so constituted that they cannot but be party men and yet from such I bespeak at least and endeavor to appreciate and honor such a phase of Churchmanship as I have attempted to describe and instead of labelling it Latitudinarian, give it their thoughtful consideration; for I trust that it will harmonize their differences by conserving the truths for which they severally contend.

Since my consecration on S. Mark's Day I have endeavored to inform myself as to the nature of the various Trust Funds in existence, and to gain some knowledge of the condition of the working force of the Diocese. Besides holding Confirmation in the neighborhood of

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Halifax, in the Annapolis Valley, and at Truro, Stellarton and New Glasgow, I have given somewhat more than three weeks to a thorough visitation of Prince Edward Island. I had been told that the state of the Church there was nothing less than deplorable, and that from various causes something approaching collapse was almost inevitable. I am thankful to be able to report to the Synod a very different state of affairs. The corner-stone laid of a Memorial Chapel to that devoted and faithful Minister of the Church, the late Rev. George Hodgson, Priest-Incumbent for sixteen years of St. Peter's, Charlottetown; a new and beautiful Church at Port Hill; another, well appointed and commodious, consecrated at Kensington; one approaching completion through private liberality at Long Creek; others being erected, and almost ready for Consecration, at Alma and O'Leary; the people of St. Paul's, Charlottetown building a stone rectory, and collecting funds for a new church of handsome proportions, and already seeing their way to about half of the sum required; the energetic priest arousing the parishioners to rebuild the Churches at Rustico and Milton, while he is cheered by a fine rectory just being finished as I write: more than three hundred persons confirmed; a curate ordained on St. John Baptist's Day for St. Paul's; a candidate looking to be admitted Deacon in December and to work in St. Peter's, Charlottetown; er-wed churches wherever I went, on week days as well as Sundays, in many cases with a very large proportion of men; and a general feeling of hopefulness manifested by all;— these are the things which I have seen and heard, and they have gladdened and encouraged me greatly. It now becomes the clergy of the Island, as I doubt not they will, to take advantage of this interest on the part of church people, to draw them together that all may feel they are parts of the one Church, every parish interested not only in its own welfare and prosperity, but in that of the whole Island; and to evoke, if possible, a spirit of liberality, which is as yet, only struggling painfully into existence. And this mention of liberality leads me to remark that it is very necessary for the Church people of the whole Diocese to adopt the practice of regular and systematic giving—systematic in the sense of a definite proportion of a man's income being set aside for the sole purpose of benevolence, no man venturing to consider himself liberal, no matter how much he gives, until he has gone beyond the amount which he thus devoted to God; and regular, so that week by week the same amount is given, varied only in the direction of excess for some object in which he feels a peculiar interest. And this practice should be not only adopted by heads of families, but their children should be taught it, until the principle is established in their minds and they have learned to act upon it. I am sure that *all* persons, with only a very few exceptions, would be astonished, if they would scrupulously keep a record of their expenditure, to find how small and trifling a sum they give to God and His cause in the world—altogether out of proportion to that which they spend upon themselves, and nowhere near the tithe which, given from time immemorial, was adopted into the Mosaic Code, and made a law for the people of God. Were only this tenth universally given, all sufficient funds would be provided for the work of the Church; Parochial, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign; while the givers themselves would find giving a pleasure, and receive both temporal and spiritual blessings from Him "who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

The University of Kings' College, Windsor, is an institution which

ought to be dear to the hearts of all who are interested in the cause of sound learning, not in Nova Scotia alone, but throughout the Dominion of Canada. Planted in a commanding situation, with buildings of historic interest, and possessed of a Royal Charter, conferring advantages possessed by but one other College in Canada, the Alma Mater of many whose names are on the roll of Colonial honor, it should be able to look forward to a future of peculiar and distinguished glory. How this may be secured is a problem which ought to occupy the minds of all of us. Not only increased endowments and the founding of new chairs, together with a perfect equipment in all departments of study are needed:—something else is required, if students from all parts are to be attracted to its walls, and enthusiasm is to be aroused in its behalf. Might not some scheme be devised, by which many, if not all, of the Colleges of the Dominion, might be affiliated with King's, so that an uniform system of study should be adopted in all, the examinations being conducted and the degrees conferred in its name? In this way the principle of the University of Oxford (or Cambridge) would be preserved, only adapted to the changed conditions of life obtaining in the New World; the Colleges instead of being all in one place, scattered throughout the land, each a self-governing centre of instruction and knowledge, yet all united with and participating in the benefits of the Royally-Chartered University. Thought, prayer, pains, consultation, patience and perseverance, all are needed, if we are to hope for a satisfactory issue.

The project of building a Cathedral, to commemorate the completion of a century of existence of this the oldest Diocese of the Colonial Empire of Great Britain, is no longer in the realm of speculative possibility. Last year the corner stone was laid, subscriptions of a comparatively small total have been secured, and recently a large quantity of prepared stone has been purchased, very advantageously. It is a most serious question, whether the best site has been fixed upon for the building, seeing that there are several churches in the city not over-well filled, from which a portion of their congregations would need to be drawn, to be added to that of the Bishop's Chapel, unless we should be content with having the Cathedral, when completed, something more than half empty. I have not had the privilege of meeting with the Cathedral Committee, so that I do not know whether they are open to a suggestion looking to a change of site. If they are, and the matter could be arranged without hurting those whose wishes ought to be regarded, I would respectfully suggest the pulling down of St. Luke's Church, and rebuilding it as the permanent Cathedral of the Diocese, removing the School-house and making the entrance on Queen Street, thus securing the orientation of the building, and through the fall of the land on Morris Street, furnishing ample School and choir room space beneath the main floor. But, whether this, or the present, or some other plan be finally adopted, I look to the Churchmen of Nova Scotia to carry to a glorious completion, during my incumbency of the See, a purpose which originated solely with themselves. In this work all must have a part, old and young, rich and poor, clergy and laity; and when completed, the building, as the centre and representative of the of the Diocese, must be free to all and open at all times, so that any of God's children may feel and know the welcome given him to his Father's house. Different parts of the work might be undertaken by different portions of the people, and I am happy to announce that I have received from the Sunday School children of Truro, a

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The meeting of the Pan-Anglican Conference at Lambeth calls me to England, where I hope to arrive in time to profit by the debates on the important subjects which are to be discussed on 23rd July and following days; and to return to you with a deepened sense of the vastness of the work in which we are all engaged of so believing the truth which the Church has received from her Lord through the Holy Spirit, and so using the means of grace, that she may advance and go forward continually, ever extending her borders, until they shall be coterminous with the world, and that—

“One, far off, divine event,
To which the whole creation moves,”

shall arrive, when “the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.”

That we may be faithful to the trust committed to us, and work together, “endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace,” until our day is done, and then “be numbered with God's saints in glory everlasting,” is, I am confident, our mutual desire for the realization of which we will faithfully pray and strive.

The Minutes of the last day of Eighteenth Session were, on motion, taken as read, and confirmed.

Moved by Rev. Canon Brock, seconded by Rev. Rural Moore,

That the Rev. Archdeacon Stevens, D.C.L., of Brooklyn, be invited to a seat on the right of the Chairman.

The motion was carried, and the Ven. Archdeacon addressed the Synod in a pointed and vigorous manner, which was well received by the Synod.

Moved by Rev. H. A. Harley, seconded by Hon. Justice Townshend,

That the Address just delivered by the Lord Bishop be immediately published for circulation through the Diocese. *Carried.*

The appointment of Committees was proceeded with.

The question being raised by the Secretary as to replacing certain members of the Church Endowment Fund Committee, it was

Moved by Hon. Justice Townshend, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hole,

That the appointment of Committees be postponed, and that a Committee be appointed to examine into the constitution of the Committee of Management of the Church Endowment Fund, and report to the present Session of the Synod.

That the said Committee be five in number, and that the said Committee also be empowered to report upon the usual custom of the Synod in the appointment of Committees, and to recommend any change that may be thought advisable. *Carried.*

The following gentlemen were then, on motion of Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by W. C. Silver, named the Committee:

Hon. Judge Townshend,	C. S. Harrington, Esq., Q. C.
" A. G. Jones,	Rev. J. J. Ritchie.
" W. B. Vail,	

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by

That the Lord Bishop be requested to leave the Chair, and that Rev. Dr. Nichols do take the same.

Which being done, it was moved by Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Smith,

That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to prepare the address to be presented to the Lord Bishop:—

Rev. Dr. Hole,	Hon. Judge Townshend,
" J. J. Ritchie,	" L. E. Baker,
" J. A. Kaulbach,	Mr. W. C. Silver.

Carried.

The Synod took recess until 2.30, p. m.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Clerical Secretary

Moved by Rev. W. J. Ancient, seconded by Rev. H. D. DeBlois,

That the Report be taken as read and received. *Carried.*

Report.

The Executive Committee of Synod, having met from time to time, as business demanded, beg to present the following Report:—

The time of meeting and the duration of Synod having been recommended by resolution of the last Synod, (see p. 77 of Journal of 18th Session), the Executive Committee have carried out the wishes of Synod by assembling the Synod on this day.

The Committee recommend that the Annual Meeting of the Board of Home Missions be held on Saturday, June 30th, at 3 P. M.

That the Synod resolve itself into a Conference on the State of the Church on Saturday evening, June 30th.

That the usual Missionary Meeting be held on the evening of Monday, July 2nd.

The following Committees are expected to report :—

Board of Home Missions.

Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Church Endowment Fund.

W. & O. Fund.

Special Committee on Superannuation Fund.

On Temperance.

On Sunday Schools.

On S. P. C. K. Depository.

Representatives, Clerical and Lay, to the Provincial Synod of 1889 are to be elected

One Governor of King's College to be elected to serve for a period of four years.

The Executive Committee recommends that the following resolution of Rev. H. D. DeBlois be confirmed and that provision be made in such cases for assessment.

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

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

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

The following motions were deferred from last session :—

By Mr. T. R. Jolly,—

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

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

By Rev. S. Gibbons,—

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

By Rev. F. R. Murray,—

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

By Rev. Dr. Bowman,—

To extend the Parochial Franchise to Women.

The following motions were referred to this Committee :—

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

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

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

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

3. Mr. Thomas Brown's motion on Parish registers.

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

4. Rev. J. O. Ruggles' motion,—

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

5. The motion of the Lord Bishop,—

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

The Committee recommend with reference to these :—

1. That in the opinion of this Committee this motion is *ultra vires*.

2. That the motion be referred to the Special Committee on Superannuation Fund to be included in their Report.

3. The Committee have appointed a Sub-Committee to carry out the resolution of Synod.

4. The Executive Committee is not prepared to recommend any change in the tenure of Rectories.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Report with reference to Lay Representatives:

Recommendations of the Special Committee on Precedence of Provisional Representatives, &c. :—

1. When the precedence of Provisional Representatives is not regulated by the certificate of appointment it shall be regulated as follows :—

(1.) If more than one person is named in any certificate, then in the order in which they are named.

(2.) If there is more than one certificate, then according to the alphabetical order of the initials of the surname.

2. When a Provisional Representative shall have been called and taken his seat, he shall retain it during the session to the exclusion of the regular Representative; but if the Synod adjourns for over a week the Representatives shall be entitled to take their seats after the adjournment as at the commencement of a new session.

3. That "Representative" be substituted for "Delegate in Article II. of the Constitution.

The following Resolution is recommended for the consideration of Synod:—

That Whereas, The Provincial Synod did, at its session in September last, pass the following resolution, and did also at the same time appoint a Committee of two from each of the Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, to consider the whole purport of the Resolution and report thereon at the next meeting of the said Provincial Synod.

Resolved, That the Upper House be respectfully requested to concur with the Lower House in the appointment of a Special Committee to consider the advisability of procuring the incorporation of the Provincial Synod, and also to consider the whole subject of the relative positions of the various Dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province of Canada with the Provincial Synod, and, if required, recommend such Legislation as shall so extend the powers of the Provincial Synod that it may be enabled to legislate for the Canadian Church as a whole in all matters pertaining to Church Government, uniformity of Canons and of discipline of the Clergy and Laity. And further to consider and advise what Legislation may be necessary in the several Dioceses to bring about the beneficial result of an entire and united Church in the Dominion of Canada. The Committee to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

And Whereas, it is advisable to facilitate the work of the said Committee of the Provincial Synod by ascertaining the views of the various Diocesan Synods on this important matter,

Be it therefore resolved, That this Synod do now appoint a Committee of 15 to fully consider the relations now existing between the various Dioceses and the Provincial Synod; and also the possibility of uniting the whole Church of British North America under one Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and further consider how far the interests of the Church in this Diocese may be affected by the objects embraced in the resolution of the Provincial Synod.

The said Committee shall be also authorized to confer with any similar Committees that may be appointed by the other Dioceses. The Committee to report at next meeting of the Synod.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was presented and read by the Clerical Secretary, and on motion of the same, was received. (See Appx. A.)

The Report of the Church Endowment Fund was presented and read by the Clerical Secretary, and on motion of the same, was received. (See Appx. E.)

The following notice of motion was given by Rev. P. H. Brown :—

That it is the opinion of this Synod that Metropolitans of Provinces, should, in accordance with ancient precedent, be Archbishops; and that the claims of this, the Mother City of Canada, be placed before the Council of Bishops at Lambeth.

Business deferred from the last Session was taken up.

The Resolution of Rev. H. D. DeBlois,

That the Constitution of this Synod be altered so as to allow Churches, or Missions, or Ecclesiastical districts, under the charge of a clergyman other than the Rector, to elect representatives to this Synod, *provided* that no such Church, or Mission, or Ecclesiastical district shall elect more than two representatives, and *provided also*, that the consent of any Rectors interested shall have been first obtained.

Was put to the Synod and *confirmed*.

The Resolution of Mr. T. R. Jolly, seconded by Mr. J. W. H. Rowley.

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

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

Was put to the Synod and carried.

The Executive Committee is therefore at liberty to summon the Synod at Yarmouth for its next Session.

Rev. Rural Dean Gibbons's motion respecting permutation scheme for the Clergy, was *dropped*, as was also Rev. Minor Canon Murray's motion as to the education of the children of the clergy.

Rev. Dr. Bowman, by consent of the Synod, withdrew his resolution relative to extending the franchise to women.

Motions which had been referred by the Synod to the Executive Committee were next taken up.

1. Mr. Thos. Brown's motion respecting parish monies.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Bowman, seconded by Dr. Hunt,

That the report of the Executive Committee that this resolution is *ultra vires* be adopted. *Carried.*

2. Archdeacon Read's motion respecting Superannuation Fund for Clergy in P. E. Island.

Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Moore,

That the Report of the Executive Committee on the Resolution be adopted. *Carried.*

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Moved by the Clerical Secretary, seconded by Dr. Hunt,
That the hour for Morning Prayer to-morrow be 9 a. m., and that the
Synod meet for business at 10.30. *Carried.*

The Synod adjourned for the purpose of attending the
funeral of the late Selwyn H. Shreve.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, June 30.

The Synod assembled for prayers at 9 a. m, the busi-
ness of the Session being resumed at 10.30.

The Lord Bishop, Chairman, opened the proceedings
with prayer.

The roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secre-
tary, when 65 were present.

The roll of the Laity was called by the Lay Secretary,
when 57 were present.

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

The Credentials Committee reported Herring Cove as
having sent in returns.

The Hon. Judge Townshend read report of the Com-
mittee on appointment of Committees, and moved, seconded
by Mr. Joseph Whitford, that the Report be received.

Carried.

Report.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of examining into the
mode of constitution of the Committee of Management of the
Church Endowment Fund, and of other Committees of this Synod
beg to report as follows:

1. The Church Endowment Fund was originally vested in the
Diocesan Church Society, and the fund was managed under a stand-
ing Committee appointed by that Society for the purpose.
2. That by an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, the resolu-
tions of the said Society, and of the Diocesan Synod of Nova
Scotia were carried into effect by virtue of which all moneys, funds,
&c., held in trust by said Society were vested in the Synod subject to
the same trusts, and investing the Synod with the whole management
and control of the same.
3. That it was the custom of the D. C. S. to appoint a perman-
ent or standing Committee who undertook the entire management
of the Endowment Fund, and that in case of vacancies occurring, the
Committee reported the same to the Society, and the Society filled
up such vacancy by appointment.
4. That since the Synod has had the control of such trust, the
same course has been followed.
5. That the Committee are of opinion that it is the most
advisable course to pursue in future.

6. The Committee, however, think that the Synod should pass regulations specifying what shall constitute a vacancy in the Committee, and that some of the causes should be death, resignation, removal from the Diocese, incapacity, ceasing to be a member of the Church, or habitual non-attendance at the meetings of such Committee.

7. With respect to other Committees it has been the habit hitherto of the Synod simply to fill up vacancies in the respective Committees, but we are of opinion that all Committees except those having the management of trust funds should be appointed at each meeting of the Synod.

CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND,
JAMES J. RITCHIE,

A. G. JONES,
W. B. VAIL.

The report was taken up clause by clause and discussed. Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, were passed.

Moved by Hon. W. B. Vail and duly seconded,

That the last Clause be adopted, in order to settle the general principle.

Moved in amendment by Mr. J. H. Balcan, seconded by Mr. Himmelman, that the words "except those having the management of trust funds" be omitted.

Which was declared *lost*.

A division being called for, the vote stood as follows:—

Clergy.—For, 28; against, 33.

Laity.—For, 19; against, 29.

Mr. Vail's motion was then put and carried.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, seconded by Hon. W. B. Vail,

That the election of Representatives to Provincial Synod be made the order of the day at half-past twelve.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, the order of business was suspended, that the Synod might present an address to the Lord Bishop.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. Hole, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare the address, it was read on behalf of the Synod by Rev. James J. Ritchie.

His Lordship was pleased to reply to the address in eloquent and appropriate terms.

The hour of 12.30 having arrived, the Chairman called for nominations of Representatives to the Provincial Synod.

The following members were nominated:—

CLERGY.—Revs. J. Simpson, T. B. Reagh, V. E. Harris, S. Weston Jones, Canon Brock, Rural Dean Moore, J. A. Kaulbach, W. J. Ancient, Rural Dean Smith, J. Lockward, J. J. Ritchie, Dr. Ambrose, Dr. Nichols, J. B. Uniacke, J. R. S. Parkinson, Dr. Hole, Dr. Partridge, F. H. Almon, Dr. Bowman, H. Stamer,

The Chairman appointed Rev. W. B. King, and Mr. H. Y. Hind, tellers, to assist the Secretaries in counting the ballots.

While the ballots were being counted, discussion was resumed on the report of the Committee on the appointment of Committees.

Clause 5 was passed as subdivision (a) of clause 4, clause 6 as subdivision (b).

The following was passed on motion of Judge Townshend, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, as subdivision (c).

That the Synod shall have power to remove from the Endowment Committee any member for sufficient cause in the opinion of the Synod, and fill up the vacancy by appointment.

On motion of the same, the following was carried as subdivision (d).

That if in the opinion of the Executive Committee legislation is necessary to carry out the recommendation of the Committee in this report, the Executive are hereby empowered to apply for an act.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Smith, seconded by Rev. Canon Maynard,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare a resolution on the death of the late Rev. Dr. Uniacke, and that the Committee consist of the mover and seconder, together with Rev. Rural Dean Filleul, Rev. Rural Dean Moore and Rev. J. J. Ritchie. *Carried.*

Rev. Dr. Ambrose presented and read the Report of the Committee on appointments to Parishes.

Report.

Your Committee recommend that on the occurrence of a vacancy in any Parish in this Diocese, the names of suitable clergymen shall be presented to the electors by the Bishop, and also by the corporation of the Parish, and from those thus named a selection shall be made by the parishioners.

Signed, JOHN AMBROSE, Chairman.
D. C. MOORE.
A. G. JONES.
CHARLES J. TOWNSHEND.
FRANCIS PARTRIDGE.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, that the report be received. *Carried.*

The scrutineers of the vote on Representatives to the Provincial Synod reported the result as follows, in the order of the number of votes cast:—

Rev. J. A. Kaulbach,	Rev. J. Simpson,
“ Dr. Partridge,	“ Rural Dean Smith,
“ Dr. Ambrose	“ V. E. Harris,
“ Rural Dean Moore,	“ S. Weston Jones,
“ W. J. Ancient,	“ Dr. Bowman,
“ Dr. Nichols	“ J. R. S. Parkinson.

The names were then put to the Synod as a whole, and the Chair declared them duly elected.

Moved by Rev. F. H. Almon, seconded by Rural Dean Smith,

That the election of Substitutes be the order of the day at 11 o'clock on Monday. *Carried.*

Moved by Rev. G. F. Maynard, seconded by Rev. S. Weston Jones,

That the Synod adjourn till 7.30 o'clock this evening. *Carried.*

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30, p. m.

The discussion was resumed on the Report of the Committee on appointments to Parishes.

Moved by Hon. L. E. Baker, seconded by Hon. Judge Townshend,

That the further consideration of this Resolution be deferred to this day twelve months. *Carried.*

The Clerical Secretary presented and read the Report of the Widows and Orphans' Fund Committee.

Report.

To the Board of Home Missions. The Committee on Widows' and Orphans' Fund beg to submit their Annual Report.

There are at present on the Fund thirteen widows who have each received £185 for the year 1887. The Fund is only pledged to pay \$100 a year. The proportion of the second \$100 is paid so far as the funds will allow.

The list of Clergy upon the Fund is as follows, three clergy having joined, one having left the Diocese, and one having died.

Almon, F. H.
 Almon, H. L. A.
 Ambrose J.
 Ansell, E.
 Avery, R.
 Axford, F. J. H.
 Bambrick, R. D.
 Ball, E. H.
 Bell, J. L.
 Brine, R. F.
 Brown, A. (Ont.)
 Brown, P. H.
 Bullock, R. H.
 Davies, S.
 DeBlois, H.
 Dodwell, G. B.

Ellis, W.
 Forsythe, J.
 Gelling, W. E.
 Gibbons, S.
 Gilpin, E.
 Greatorex, F. P.
 Grindon, O. M. (Eng.)
 Groser, W. H.
 Harrison, J.
 Hill, G. W.
 Hole, C.
 How, H.
 Johnson, R.
 Johnstone, T. W. (P. E. I.)
 Kaulbach, J. A.
 Lockward, J.

Maynard, T.	Richey, T. S. (U. S.)
Maynard, G. F.	Ruggles, J. O.
Metzler, G.	Sargent, J. P. (Man.)
Morris, W. S. H.	Sheraton, J. P. (Ont.)
Murray, F. R.	Spencer, J.
Moore, D. C.	Stamer, H.
Newnham, O. S. (N. B.)	Smith, J. S.
Nichols, E. E. B.	Wilkins, L. M.
Partridge, F.	Wilson, W. C.
Padfield, J.	Wood, A. C. F. (N. F.)
Richardson, J. B. (Ont.)	

The available funds for 1887 were derived from the following sources :—

	1887.	1-86.
Premiums of Clergy	467.72	436.23
Collections and Donations.....	888.42	324.08
Investments.....	1-60.98	893.73

Shewing an increase on premiums of \$31.49 ; of collections and donations of \$564.34 ; and in interest on Investments of \$967.25. The increase in collections, &c., is partly accounted for by the fact of their being from some parishes two collections during the year one for 1886, and one for 1887. But there has been a greater effort made to raise the subscriptions, and arrears of interest on investments have been paid off.

The following is a list of Parishes with their contributions to the Fund during the year, 1887 :

Annapolis (2)	\$20 25	Maitland	\$ 5 61
Albion Mines	10 68	Newport	7 00
Amherst	5 00	New Ross	6 25
Baddeck	7 72	North Sydney	12 00
Bridgewater	5 50	Pugwash	1 15
Bridgetown	2 50	Parrsboro (2)	13 35
Clementsport (2)	18 99	Petite Riviere	2 25
Cow Bay (2)	20 60	Port Medway	3 83
Cornwallis	11 25	Rawdon	3 00
Chester	8 22	River John	2 47
Dartmouth	3 30	Shelburne	10 05
Digby	8 43	Ship Harbor	8 24
Falkland	2 00	St. Margaret's	6 31
Granville	3 55	Sackville	22 00
Halifax—St. Luke's (3)	173 01	Sydney (2)	15 11
“ St. Paul's	106 13	Sydney Mines	5 00
“ St. George's	15 00	Springhill	3 00
“ St. Stephen's (2)	103 72	Tangier	7 72
“ St. Mark's (2)	44 60	Truro	23 00
Hubbard's Cove	6 00	Windsor	35 63
Horton	8 00	Wilmot	1 25
Liverpool (2)	16 00	Weymouth	23 55
Lockeport (2)	17 76	Yarmouth (2)	29 00
Louisburg	15 54		
Liverpool Road	2 50		
Mahone Bay	8 00		
		DONATION.	
		H. S. Creighton	1 00

Every Clergyman upon the Fund is required by Rule 7, to make at least one collection annually in its behalf.

The Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, are herewith submitted.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Smith, and duly seconded,
That the Report be received and adopted. *Carried.*

Dr. Ambrose received extension of time for Special
Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Moved by Hon. W. B. Vail, seconded by Rev. Canon
Maynard,

That the Synod proceed to the election of a Governor of King's Col-
lege for 4 years. *Carried.*

Moved by Hon. Judge Townshend, seconded by Hon. L. E.
Baker,

That Dr. D. H. Muir be elected said Governor of King's College in
place of Mr. F. C. Sumichrast.

No other nomination being made, the Chair declared Dr.
Muir duly elected.

The Chair appointed the following members of the Board
of Discipline :—

The Ven. the Archdeacon,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
Rev. J. J. Ritchie,	“ E. J. Hodgson,
“ Rural Dean Moore,	“ Thos. Brown,
“ Dr. Ambrose,	“ J. T. Wylde,
“ Dr. Nichols,	Hon. Judge Ritchie,
“ Dr. Hole,	“ Judge Townshend,
“ W. J. Ancient,	“ A. G. Jones,
“ S. W. Jones,	Mr. C. S. Harrington,
“ J. A. Kaulbach,	Dr. Hunt,
“ Dr. Bowman,	Capt. Tuzo,
“ H. D. deBlois,	Mr. J. W. Allison,
“ Rural Dean Smith.	“ T. R. Jolly.

Moved by Rev. F. H. Almon, seconded by Rev. S. W.
Jones,

That the resolution making the election of the Substitute Delegates to
Provincial Synod the order of the day at 11 o'clock on Monday, be rescinded.

Lost on a division, 23 to 26.

The following notices of motion were given :—

2. By Rev. S. Weston Jones—

Respecting a form of service for Ember Days.

3. By Rev. Dr. Ambrose—

Respecting annual collection for King's College.

4. By Rev. Dr. Ambrose—

Respecting Special Committee on Superannuation Fund.

The Report of the Executive Committee was again taken
up.

On motion, the action of the Committee relative to Parish Registers, was *adopted*.

On motion, the action of the Committee relative to the Tenure of Rectories in this Diocese, was *adopted*.

Moved by Mr. E. L. Fenerty, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bowman,

That the report of the Special Committee of the Executive Committee on Lay Representatives, be adopted. *Carried.*

The resolution of Provincial Synod respecting the unification of the Church in the Dominion of Canada, was then on motion *adopted*; and the following were appointed a Committee in accordance therewith.

CLERGY,

Rev. Rural Dean Moore,
 " Dr. Nichols,
 " W. J. Ancient,
 " Dr. Bowman,
 " J. A. Kaulbach,
 " Dr. Ambrose,
 " Rural Dean Filleul,
 Hon. Judge Townshend.

LAITY.

Hon. Judge Ritchie,
 " Judge Desbrisay,
 " A. G. Jones,
 Mr. J. J. Hunt,
 Hon. W. B. Vail,
 Mr. C. B. Bullock,
 Mr. W. R. Foster.

The motions of which notice had been given.

1. Moved by Rev. P. H. Brown, seconded by Mr. E. J. Hodgson,

That it is the opinion of this Synod, that Metropolitans of Provinces should in accordance with ancient precedent be Archbishops, and that the claims of this, the Mother City of Canada, should be placed before the Council of Bishops at Lambeth.

By consent of the Synod, this motion was *withdrawn*.

2. Moved by Rev. S. Weston Jones, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hole,

That his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to frame or caused to be framed, forms of services to be used in this Diocese on Ember Days, appropriate to the special purposes for which those days were appointed to be observed and with special reference to the great Missionary work in the Home, Domestic and Foreign fields, which our Blessed Lord commissioned His Church to do.

Lost on a division 25 to 27 of the Clergy.

3. Moved by Rev. Dr. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Dr. Partridge,

That an annual collection be taken up in each Parish in this Diocese for King's College on the Sunday before Michaelmas, and that previous notice of the same be sent to the Incumbent or Wardens by the Clerical Secretary of the Synod. *Carried.*

On motion, the Synod then adjourned until 10.30, a. m. on Monday next.

Third Day.

MONDAY, July 2, 1888.

The Synod met for business at 10.30 a.m.

The Lord Bishop in the Chair. Prayers.

The roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, when 59 were found to be present.

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

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

By permission of the Synod, Rev. Canon Brock moved, seconded by Rev. V. E. Harris,

That W. C. Silver, Esq., and Hon. Judge Townshend, together with the Hon. A. G. Jones, M.P., be a committee to act in conjunction with the Lord Bishop and the Executive Committee of this Synod, to take such steps as they may deem best to secure a suitable See house for this Diocese.

Carried.

The hour of 11 having arrived, the election of Substitutes to the Provincial Synod was proceeded with. The following members were nominated:

Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	Hon. Judge Townshend,
“ Dr. Hole,	“ Judge Desbrisay,
“ T. B. Reagh,	Mr. E. J. Hodgson,
“ Canon Brock,	“ J. Lyle,
“ P. H. Brown,	“ J. T. Wylde,
“ G. F. Maynard,	“ E. P. Archbold,
“ Geo. Haslam,	“ J. T. Haviland,
“ W. B. King,	“ C. B. Bullock,
“ T. F. Draper,	“ A. Vizard.
“ J. J. Ritchie,	
“ J. B. Uniacke,	
“ J. O. Ruggles,	
“ W. J. Arnold,	
“ E. A. Harris,	
“ H. L. Almon.	

The Chair appointed Rev. T. R. Gwillim and Rev. C. W. McCully, tellers of the Clerical vote, and Messrs. T. R. Jolly and C. M. Creed as tellers of the Lay vote.

The appointment of Committees was taken up.

Executive Committee.—The Archdeacon of Nova Scotia and Hon. Judge Ritchie, who retire in accordance with the rule, were re-elected. Rev. C. W. McCully was elected in place of Rev. F. R. Murray, and Rev. F. H. Almon in place of Rev. J. J. Ritchie, who resigned. Mr. J. G. Foster was re-elected.

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Board of Home Missions.—Andrew Vizard, re-elected; Thos. Brown, A. C. Johnston, W. C. Silver, R. J. Wilson, John Rutherford, Hon. A. G. Jones, J. T. Wylde, J. W. Allison, T. Ritchie, E. P. Archbold.

W. & O. Fund Committee.—Rev. Dr. Bowman elected in place of Rev. F. R. Murray.

Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions.—The Archdeacon in place of Rev. F. R. Murray; Mr. D. H. Whiston in place of Mr. F. C. Sumichrast.

Temperance Committee.—Rev. T. C. Mellor was elected in place of Rev. H. J. Winterbourne. Rev. K. C. Hind was elected in place of Rev. F. R. Murray. Messrs. J. H. Balcum, Joseph Himmelman, C. C. Blackadar, and W. H. Wiswell, in place of late W. M. Brown, F. C. Sumichrast, late S. H. Shreve, and Rev. T. C. Mellor.

The Lord Bishop laid on the table a list of the clergy ordained since the last session of Synod.

BY THE LATE BISHOP.

DEACONS.

Henry G. Lancaster,
Thomas Crowe Mellor,
Frank Woolcott. } By the late Bishop.

PRIEST.

Rev. C. F. Lowe.

PRIESTS.

DURING VACANCY OF THE SEE.

Thomas R. Gwillim,
Alfred W. M. Harley, B.A.,
Rushforth A. Heath,
Robert W. Hudgell,
Henry G. Lancaster,
C. T. Easton,
Frank Woolcott
Thomas C. Mellor. } Ordained by the Coadjutor Bishop of
Fredericton.

EDWIN GILPIN, *Administrator.*

DEACONS.

Charles LeV. Brine, B.A.,
Arthur T. Tucker, B.A.,
Charles P. Mellor,
Arthur Slipper. } By the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton.

Tertius Poole, } By the Metropolitan of Canada.

EDWIN GILPIN, *Administrator.*

DEACONS ORDAINED BY THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Subscribers to testimonials.

Edward Thomas Woollard, Sidney Boulter, Incumbent of Fordington.
J. Hugh Pearson, " Imber.
H. Frank Johnson, " Chelmsford
and Archdeacon.
Charles Henry Fullerton, B.A., Isaac Brock, President of King's College.
Thos. Maynard, Rector of Windsor.
J. O. Ruggles, Rector of Horton.
William Albert Frost, M.A., Septimus Jones,
Rector Ch. of Redeemer, Toronto.
A. C. Miller, Incumbent of St. John's,
W. Toronto Junction.

F. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, July 2, 1888.

The tellers reported the result of Clerical vote for Substitutes to Provincial Synod as follows :—

Rev. Canon Brock,	Rev. W. B. King,
“ T. B. Reagh,	“ G. F. Maynard,
“ E. A. Harris,	“ R. D. Bambrick.

The Lay vote stood thus :—

Hon. Judge Townshend,	Mr. T. H. Haviland,
Hon. Judge DesBrisay,	“ E. P. Archbold,
Mr. A. Vizard,	“ J. T. Wylde.

Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Rev. F. H. Almon,

That the Committees on appointments to parishes be discharged.

Carried.

The Committee on Sunday Schools was reconstituted as follows :—

Rev. Dr. Partridge, Chairman,	Rev. J. A. Kaulbach,
“ Dr. Hole,	Mr. C. C. Blackadar,
“ Rural Dean Moore.	

The Committee on S. P. C. K. Depository was reconstructed thus :—

Rev. Dr. Partridge,	The Ven. the Archdeacon,
“ J. O. Ruggles,	Rev. D. Neish,
“ N. LeMoine,	Mr. W. C. Silver,
Dr. Hunt,	Mr. C. S. Harrington.

The Committees on Church Property and on Sacramental Wine were discharged.

Messrs. Thos. Brown and W. H. Wiswell were re-elected Auditors. The Ven. the Archdeacon was re-elected Treasurer.

Moved by Rev. S. Weston Jones, seconded by Rev. C. W. McCully,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up a resolution relative to the death of the late Archdeacon Read.

Carried.

The Committee named was the mover, Rev. T. B. Reagh, Rev. J. Simpson.

Rev. Dr. Ambrose presented Report of Special Committee on Superannuation Fund, and was granted an extension of time so as to make it more perfect.

The Report of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions was read by the Clerical Secretary, and, on motion, was received and adopted.

Report.

THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONS beg to present the following Report :

The contributions from this Diocese for the past year are \$1193.27. This is a small increase on last year. It is gratifying to know that there is an improvement, though it comes but slowly ; yet a sure and steady progress is better than a spasmodic one, and is more likely to be permanent.

The establishment of the Central Board of Missions has given an impetus to Missionary endeavors throughout the Church in Canada. It is a distinct gain to have a Central Committee, in whom the Church has confidence, and who have the best acquaintance with the needs of the Mission field, sending the alms of the faithful where they will do most good and bring most relief. The half yearly appeals are a great help to the clergy, as they are thus provided with the latest information and the most pointed and timely arguments with which to arouse the zeal and liberality of their people. It may be confidently expected that this will become more and more appreciated.

The Board would earnestly urge the formation of Missionary Societies among the younger members of the Church, with regular monthly meetings, at which the collections could be made. There need be no difficulty about interesting the children at such gatherings. The S. P. C. K. publish Missionary scenes on linen in colours, with descriptive letter-press, at a very moderate cost which might be defrayed out of the contributions made. A monthly lecture of such a kind, or with a magic lantern exhibition of suitable subjects obtainable from any reputable dealer at a reasonable expense, and which might be exchanged among the country clergy, would do much towards creating a missionary zeal among the children. If it were objected that this would divert their attention from the needs of the Home Mission field, the answer would be that the amounts so obtained might fairly be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

The practice of sending amounts which are unappropriated by the donors, appears to be increasing. This is to be commended, as it leaves the Central Board quite free.

This Board would express their conviction that the more the Diocese gives to the furtherance of the general work of the church, the greater will be the blessing vouchsafed on the labours of our own missionaries. They trust the day is not far distant when Nova Scotia will rank much higher than at present in the amount given for Domestic and Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented and read by the chairman, Rev. Dr. Partridge, on whose motion it was received and adopted.

Report.

The Committee of Synod on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report :—

The question of utilizing the time now universally given to the religious instruction of our children on Sundays is engaging public attention more and more. Most of the Dioceses in Canada are now

uniting in a league for the better accomplishment of this object, and your Committee would respectfully recommend that they should be authorized by this Synod to join the same if deemed advisable.

Your Committee believe that much more could be done to interest the Sunday School children of the Diocese on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, and the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions by the distribution of collecting boxes as formerly used in the Diocese. The Committee have therefore made arrangements with a competent workman for the supply of these boxes, and they now ask the Synod authorize them to have the boxes made for distribution to the parishes at cost price.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the continued interest taken by the Sunday School Teachers of the Diocese in the examinations conducted by the Sunday School Institute of London, with which they are affiliated through the Halifax Branch. Since the last regular session of the Synod, several of the Teachers have successfully passed the Examination referred to, and have received the diploma of the Institute, some of them having attained first class, and several second class honors. This most useful and laudable desire has penetrated to the country parishes, and it is probable that at the next examination candidates may present themselves from one or more of the country Sunday Schools. Your Committee look forward hopefully to the time when the majority at least of our Sunday School Teachers will hold the certificate of the Institute.

The vexed question of helps for the Sunday School Teachers in their noble yet arduous work has engaged your Committee's attention. They are inclined to the belief that a book of systematic and regular instruction in accordance with the church's year is better than leaflets, and while not prepared at present to endorse any particular book, they would strongly recommend, wherever practicable, the careful guidance of the teachers by the pastor by means of teacher's meetings, believing that no portion of the clergyman's time can be more usefully employed than the hour weekly given to this object.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PARTRIDGE, Chairman.	} Committee.
JOHN AMBROSE,	
DAVID C. MOORE,	
CHARLES HOLE.	

The Report of the Temperance Committee was read by Rev. W. J. Axford, and, on motion, was received and adopted.

Report.

Your Committee have to report that the Church of England, since the last session of the Synod, has not put forth her energies in proportion to the importance of the cause of Temperance. We are glad to state the existence of an efficient Minor Temperance Guild in connection with the Cathedral of St. Luke's and St. George's Church, and that there are other branches of the Church of England Temperance Society within the Diocese in working order, but of which we are sorry we have learned no particulars.

The Coffee House in this city is doing a good work in the centre of the greatest business thoroughfares.

The Committee are glad to report that the efforts of the Church Army have met with decided and encouraging success in the direction of Temperance in different parts of the Diocese.

We are further assured that the habits of the members of the Church of England generally are temperate, and that in social life the use of intoxicants is gradually lessening.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FREDK. J. H. AXFORD,
Chairman.

The following notices of motion were given :—

5. By Rev. S. W. Jones,—
On Systematic giving.
 6. By Rev. F. H. Almon,—
On Widows' and Orphans' Fund.
 7. By Hon. W. B. Vail,—
On removal of Clergymen from Parishes.
 8. By Rev. George Haslam,—
On the report of Executive Committee.
 9. By Mr. J. T. Wylde,—
On King's College.
 10. By Rev. Rural Dean Smith,—
On amending Canon VI.
 11. By Rev. T. W. Johnston,—
On Superannuation Fund in P. E. I.
 12. By Rev. J. A. Kaulbach,—
Respecting Site of Cathedral.
 13. By the Lord Bishop,—
Resolution from Board of Home Mission on Canon VI.
- On motion the Synod took recess until 3 P.M.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee on the resolution on the death of the late Rev. R. J. Uniacke, D.D., presented the following

Report.

The Rev. RICHARD JOHN UNIACKE, D.D., late Rector of Sydney, and sometime Rural Dean of the Deanery of Sydney, sprung from a family ancient and of high repute, and, having received an Oxford training, did credit to the one and the other throughout his long and spotless life. He was well known as a most courteous christian gentleman, while all who ever came under his pastoral care bear witness how gentle and faithful he was as a Shepherd of Christ's flock. That such a man should be deeply regretted is but natural, and be it resolved that this Synod do place on record and communicate to Mrs. Uniacke and her children, with kindest sympathy, their profound sense of the loss sustained by Dr. Uniacke's removal to the Church at rest.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, seconded by Mr. John Rutherford,

That this Synod do express its sorrow at the early death of Mr. SELWYN H. SHREVE, (for several sessions a member of the Diocesan Synod) and desire that their sympathy be conveyed to his bereaved family.

Mr. Shreve rendered valuable services as a Lay Reader, throughout this Diocese, spending, indeed, all his leisure in work for the Church and this Synod prays that his noble example may stir other young Churchmen to "go and do likewise."

Moved by Mr. W. C. Silver seconded by Mr. C. M. Creed,

That the Synod place on record its sorrow at the loss the Church in this Diocese has sustained in the removal, by Him who doeth all things well, from his life, of the late W. M. BROWN, who for more than half a century was an active member of the body of Christ, living not for himself so much as for others; and who full of years, faith and good works, has gone to that resting place prepared for the saints of God.

Notices of motion were given:

14. By Rev. J. J. Ritchie,—

Respecting Fund for supporting a Foreign Missionary.

15. By Rev. Dr. Hole,—

Respecting death of late Rev. A. Jordan.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ambrose,—

That the discussion of the subject of the regulations and distribution of the Superannuated Clergy Fund be re-opened by rescinding the clause of the resolution of last Synod on the subject, requiring the employment of an actuary.

Carried.

On motion the Report of the Special Committee on Superannuation Fund was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning.

Moved by Rev. Weston Jones, seconded by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach,—

That this Synod thoroughly endorses the principles of Systematic Giving, enunciated by the Bishop in his address, and with a view to encouraging the spirit of self-denying generosity throughout the diocese requests his Lordship to appoint a Committee to bring forward some scheme at the next Session to give practical effect to his suggestion on that subject. *Carried.*

Committee appointed Rev. S. Weston Jones, Rev. T. B. Reagh, the Rural Deans, and one Lay delegate from each Deanery to be selected by the Rural Deans.

Moved by Rev. F. H. Almon, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ambrose,

That whereas the Widows' and Orphans' Fund requires a large increase of its Annual income, to enable it to make an adequate provision for the relief of the Widows' and Orphans of the Clergy of the Diocese; a committee of four laymen and three clergymen be appointed with power to add to their number—for the purpose of raising funds for this most desirable object, and that the following compose Committee: Rev. F. H. Almon, Rev. N. LeMoine, Rev. Dr. Ambrose, Rev. F. Archbold; Dr. Hunt, Hon. A. G. Jones, Mr. J. Y. Payzant. *Carried.*

Moved by Hon. W. B. Vail, seconded, by Rev. P. H. Brown,

That the Executive Committee of the Synod be requested to apply to the Legislature at its next session for an amendment of the Church Act authorizing the Bishop of Diocese to remove any Rector hereafter elected to a parish, from the position, on a petition, signed by two thirds of the parishioners of such parish, accompanied by a certificate of the Church Wardens that the signers of said petition are entitled to vote at church meetings, as provided by the 8th Sec. of the Church Act.

After much discussion, by permission of the House the following was substituted for Mr. Vails resolution,

That a Committee of five, with the Bishop as Chairman, be appointed to make full enquiry respecting the mode adopted by the Episcopal Church of the United States and elsewhere, respecting the removal of Rectors, and to report same to the next meeting of Synod.

Committee appointed; Rev. Dr. Nichols, Rural Dean Moore, Mr. John Lyle, Mr. C. B. Bullock.

Moved by Rev. Geo. Haslam, seconded by Rev. John Lockward,

That the Executive Committee be required to have their report printed and circulated amongst Clergy and Lay Representatives in the Diocese, at least two weeks before time appointed for meeting of Synod. *Carried.*

Moved by Mr. J. T. Wylde, seconded by Mr. J. Y. Payzant,

His Lordship the Bishop in his opening address having pointed out the peculiar position held by King's College, in consequence of its possessing a

Royal Charter; this Synod desires to express its approval of action being taken with a view of extending to other Colleges in the Dominion the advantages of such position, and would recommend the Board of Governors to endeavour its accomplishment.

The following rider to the resolution was moved by Hon. A. G. Jones, seconded by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin,

And that the Board of Governors of King's College, Windsor, be requested and are hereby authorized to confer with the Board of Governors of Dalhousie College with the object of carrying out a scheme of Consolidation of the respective Colleges.

On motion the Synod adjourned until 10 A.M., to-morrow.

Fourth Day,

TUESDAY, July, 3, 1888.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, after prayers at St. Luke's Cathedral at 11 A.M.

The Lord Bishop in the chair. Prayers were said by the Chairman.

The roll of the Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, when 40 were found to be present.

The names of the Lay representatives were taken by the Lay Secretary, when 30 were found to be present.

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

The Chairman laid on the table the report of the Stannage Trust Fund.

The order of the day at the opening of the Synod being the discussion of the report of the Special Committee on Superannuation Fund, that business was proceeded with.

The report having been printed for the information of the Synod it was read.

Report.

The Special Committee on the Superannuation Fund beg to report as follows:—

That the following amendments and additions be made to Superannuation Fund Rules in Board of Home Mission Report for 1887, page 14.

“It shall be one of the objects of the Board of Home Missions to provide for superannuated or incapacitated Clergymen; but no

part of the funds shall be appropriated to this object except such as shall be specifically given and paid into the Synod therefor."

1st. In accordance with the above, the Board of Home Missions will open a special account for this object, to be called "The Superannuation Fund." This fund shall be formed and consist of all subscriptions legacies premiums and other contributions given and paid to the Synod for this special object, and of all benefits arising therefrom; and this Fund shall be held and applied to and for the object, and none other.

2nd. A Standing Committee of four Laymen and two Clergymen shall be appointed in whom, together with the Bishop of the Diocese as chairman shall be vested the whole management of this Fund.

3rd. The Diocesan Synod undertakes to pay from the proceeds of this Fund the pensions which may become due under the following Rules.

4th. Every clergyman to participate in the benefits of this Fund, and being incapacitated by age or otherwise, shall make application to the Committee, who, on finding the claim to be in accordance with the rules governing this Fund, shall grant him a sum in proportion to the time he has served in the Diocese, and which shall be regulated by the following scale:—

	Per Annum.
If he have served less than 7 consecutive years.....	\$100 00
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Provided that no pension shall be granted to any incumbent until after the payment of his first half yearly premium.

NOTE.—Every application except in case of old age must be accompanied by a certificate of a regular medical practitioner as to the incapacity of the applicant.

5th. Every Clergyman entitled to participate in the benefits of this Fund, on attaining the age of 70 years, may retire from active duty, and, on so doing shall receive the amount of pension to which he is entitled in accordance with the foregoing scale; provided that he shall have served for a period of not less than 15 consecutive years in this Diocese.

6th. Every Clergyman of the Church of England in full orders within this Diocese shall with one year after taking Orders, or from his admission into the Diocese, apply to the Secretary for a Certificate of Pension, and shall pay the annual sum or premium as herein provided. Any applicant after such period or time shall only be permitted to receive such certificate on paying up

all back premiums. Any clergyman who may be expelled from the Ministry, shall thereby be excluded from all participation in this Fund.

7th. Every clergyman on being ordained or admitted into this Diocese, shall pay to the Treasurer of this Fund semi-annually as premium, a sum according to his age at the time of such ordination or admission, as follows:—

If under 30 years of age.....	\$3 00	each half year.
If over 30 and under 35 years..	3 50	"
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" 40 " 45 "	4 50	"
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8th. Every clergyman entitled to participate in the benefits of this Fund shall take an annual collection in its behalf.

9th. Any clergyman leaving this Diocese shall surrender his certificate and receive one half the amount of the premiums paid by him.

10th. The pension shall be for life unless circumstances should arise, either from the falling off of the Funds or otherwise, which may make a revision necessary.

11th. If the pensioner resides out of this Diocese, sufficient proof of his identity shall accompany each draft for his pension.

12th. The pension and premium shall be paid half yearly in advance, viz:—on the 1st of January and the 1st of July in each year, and the pension shall commence on the first of those days that shall happen after it is granted, and terminate on the first of those days after the death of the pensioner, or by the happening of any other event by which such pension is to cease.

13th. If any incapacitated clergyman should be so far relieved from his disability as to be able to resume the discharge of his full clerical duty, the pension shall be suspended during his relief from disability.

14th. None of the above rules or regulations shall be altered except at an ordinary meeting of the Synod, after a full year's notice of the proposed change.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
 JOHN AMBROSE, *Chairman.*

A discussion arose as to whether the report recommending change in the present rules of the Superannuation Fund could be decided on now, or should have a year's notice given.

The chair ruled that the action of last session is sufficient notice for action by this session.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Ambrose, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Filleul,

That the report be received and considered clause by clause. *Carried.*

The preamble was passed, substituting "or" for "and" in the old rules.

Clause 1 was passed, the word "premiums" being inserted, and the word "will" changed to "shall"

Clause 2. Moved by Hon. A. G. Jones, to strike out "standing," and add the words

"Of whom one clergyman and two laymen shall retire at each regular session of the Synod, but who shall be eligible for re-election; the members who are to retire for the first time being those whose attendance shall have been least regular. *Carried.*"

Clause 3 passed.

Clause 4. Moved by Rev. P. H. Brown, seconded by Rev. C. W. McCully,

To strike out the word "consecutive."

Lost.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Johnston, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hole,

That the line beginning "If he shall have served less than 7 consecutive years," &c., be struck out, and at the close of the clause be added, "Every case of service of less than 7 years shall be considered and determined by the Committee, which shall not assign a larger sum than one hundred dollars per annum."

Lost on a division 16—23 of the Clergy.

Moved by Dr. J. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. J. Y. Payzant,

That the further consideration of the Report be deferred till the report of the Actuary who has been consulted shall have been received; and that the report be printed in full together with the Report of the Executive Committee, to be placed in the hand of the members of Synod at least a fortnight before its next session. *Carried.*

Moved by the Clerical Secretary, that the Executive Committee be authorized to pay for the services of the Actuary. *Carried.*

Rev. Dr. Hole read the Report of the Committee on Education.

Report.

Your Committee regret that they have no report of work done in the furtherance of the great question of Church Education to present and they would hardly trouble the Synod with a report except that they have a recommendation to make, which, if acted upon, they believe, may reasonably be expected to have an important and favorable influence upon future efforts for the extension of our

educational work. They refer to the question of the consolidation of King's College with Dalhousie College in the city of Halifax. Looking at the comparatively straitened sphere embraced by King's College, in consequence chiefly of its lack of funds to provide the needed staff and apparatus for the extended work of a University, and at the liberal proposals made by the authorities of Dalhousie, they respectfully urge the great desirability of such consolidation, believing that it will result in a larger opportunity of educational influence upon the great body of our Church members, not only in the literary and intellectual advantages to be secured for them, but also in the religious training to be united with these. It appears probable that this consolidation would give to the Church the following among other advantages:—

A Hall, Chapel, and College buildings in Halifax, where the teaching and discipline of the Church would be carried on, making King's College bear the same relation to Dalhousie that Keble College does to Oxford University; with this advantage on the side of King's, that in so far as its students for the Ministry of the Church are concerned, it would confer its own Divinity degrees.

2. Its students would have all the advantages of attending the Dalhousie Arts Course, in which are comprised not only the educational appliances of a University fully equipped, but also that competition and social intercourse with numerous compeers, which form so large and beneficial an element in the training afforded by university life.

Your Committee, therefore, earnestly hope that the way to bring about this consolidation will be found, believing that among its collateral advantages, will be a very considerable stimulus to church education in the city of Halifax, but influencing the whole province, from which will probably result a much needed addition to our educational means, the establishment of Collegiate Schools for boys and girls.

JAMES J. RITCHIE,
CHARLES HOLE,
W. C. SILVER,
J. A. KAULBACH,
JNO. Y. PAYZANT,
J. J. HUNT,
C. B. BULLOCK.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, that the Report be received and adopted. *Carried.*

Moved by Rev. S. Weston Jones, seconded by Rev. James Simpson,

That this Synod would take this its first opportunity to place on record its appreciation of the many years of faithful ministerial work of the late Ven. Archdeacon Read, D.D., in the Province of Prince Edward Island. Of late years, owing to advanced age and somewhat impaired health, his duties as Archdeacon of P. E. I., and Rector of a large and scattered country parish, were fulfilled only at great personal effort. There are living to-day many churchmen in the Island and elsewhere, who can bear testimony to his faithful painstaking labors in the past, when as a Pioneer Clergyman his presence was required at widely separated villages and portions of the Island, at a time when travelling was more difficult than it is

to-day; and who would rejoice to see that the self-denying efforts of a much loved Pastor, by whom they were admitted into the Church at Baptism, and from whom they for years received the means of grace and regular and profitable instruction in religious truth, are not forgotten by the Synod of the Diocese of which he was for so long time a member.

Carried unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge read the Report of the Committee on S. P. C. K. Depository, and moved its adoption.

Carried.

Report.

The Committee on the S. P. C. K. Depository beg to submit the following report:—

The sales of S. P. C. K. publications and the anticipated benefit to the Church in this Diocese therefrom seriously suffers from the following causes:—

1. The granting by the S. P. C. K. to the trade generally, that is, to any bookseller apparently who applies therefor, of the same discount which is allowed to the Depository.
2. The difficulty of getting the publications pushed, while they are in the shop of a bookseller who naturally desires to sell his own stock first.
3. The sending out of publications to the clergy on credit, which credit is extended over too long a period to bring the proper profit to the Depository.
4. The tendency therefore to slow returns on part of the Depository managers.

Your Committee are of the opinion that this branch of the Synod's work cannot be as successful as is desired, unless *either* a larger commission be given to the bookseller who disposes of the Society's publications, so that he is thus induced to push their sale, *or* that the publications be sold in a separate store.

Your Committee therefore recommend that they should be authorized to make such arrangements as shall seem advisable to them in either of these ways, so that the work of disseminating sound and healthy church literature may be carried on with vigour.

The amount of stock in hand at the present time is about \$1200, chiefly in Bibles and prayer books, hymnals and Sunday School literature and periodicals.

The amount of book debts is in the neighbourhood of \$600.00. The capital is deposited on receipt in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Your Committee would also ask, that if in their discretion it seem advisable, the money at present in hand for a Colporteur Fund be utilized in the dissemination of such of the Society's publications as may be deemed saleable by that means.

Respectfully submitted,

F. PARTRIDGE, Secy.
J. J. HUNT,
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By Rev. T. C. Mellor,—

16. Respecting a memorial page in next Journal.

By Rev. S. Weston Jones,—

17. Respecting meetings of Executive Committee.

By Hon. Judge Townshend,—

18. Respecting the Endowment of the See.

On motion the Synod took recess until 2.30 P. M.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the consideration of the resolution on King's College was resumed.

After a long and animated debate the resolution with rider was carried on a division.

Clerical vote, 23-11.

Laity, all but 1 in the affirmative.

The following motions were taken up, of which notice had been given.

13. Moved by Rev. Dr. Bowman, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient,

That the Synod reconsider the Canon on Parochial Statistics.

10. Moved by Rev. Rural Dean Smith, seconded by Rev. V. E. Harris,

That Canon VI (on Parochial Statistics) be amended.

(1.) By striking out in Section 1 every thing after "Schedules," and adding "prepared by the Secretary and Executive Committee, and approved by the Bishop."

(2.) By striking out in Section 4 the words "marked C," and substituting the words, "prepared by the Bishop."

(3.) By striking out in Section 7 the words "according to Schedules A and B."

(4.) By inserting in Section 6, after "Reports," the words, "according to Schedules prepared by the Secretary." *Passed for confirmation.*

Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hole,

14. That the Treasurer of the Fund for supporting a Foreign Missionary from this Diocese be requested to lay on the table of the House a statement of the Funds received for this purpose, and what amount is now in hand.

In reference to this, the Rev. Rural Dean Moore explained, that some years ago, at a meeting held at the house of

the late Bishop, a fund was originated for the purpose of sending a Foreign Missionary to some field of labour, amounting to about \$200, which sum was afterwards handed to the Board of Foreign Missions for its General Fund.

The motion was thereupon *dropped*.

Moved by Rev. T. W. Johnston, seconded by Rev. J. Simpson.

11. That the same privileges accorded to the Clergy of Nova Scotia in the Report of the Special Committee on the Superannuation Fund be extended to the Clergy of P. E. Island.

Referred to Special Committee on Superannuation Fund.

Moved by Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, and duly seconded,

12. That in view of the suggestion of the Bishop in his opening address to the Synod with respect to the alteration of the site of the proposed Cathedral, this Synod take the whole matter into consideration. *Carried*.

The Ven. The Archdeacon explained that the question of the site of the new Cathedral had occupied the attention of the Cathedral Committee at several meetings. That the late Bishop had strongly favored the present site, and that after carefully examining the various other proposed sites the present site had been selected; that the action of the Committee had been reconsidered and reaffirmed; that the plan had been prepared in reference to the present site, and had been deliberately accepted; and that finally the corner stone had been laid on the memorable date of August 12, 1877, the centenary of the foundation of the Colonial Episcopate by the consecration of Right Rev. Charles Inglis, D.D., to the See of Nova Scotia, by the most Rev. the Metropolitan of Canada, with appropriate ceremonies; and that on behalf of the Committee he deprecated any further alteration in view of the feelings of many interested parties, and the final decision of the Committee.

The Lord Bishop declared himself satisfied that he had brought the matter before the Synod, and stated that nothing now remained but to accept the site, and to combine the energies of all concerned in the attempt to build the Cathedral on the spot selected as soon as possible.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hole, seconded by Rev. H. Stamer,

15. That this Synod expresses its true appreciation of the labours of the late Rev. Abraham Jordan, whose decease occurred this year, after having worked devotedly and successfully in the Home Mission field in this Diocese for about forty years; the past few years having been spent in

the neighbourhood of his last charge, where he lived after his superannuation by the Colonial and Continental Church Society and the Synod of this Diocese. The Synod expresses its deep sympathy with his surviving family.

Carried.

Moved by Rev. T. C. Mellor, seconded by Rev. Dr. Ambrose,

16. That in the Journal of the proceedings of this Synod a memorial notice of each of the following deceased members of the Synod be inserted : viz. : The Ven. Archdeacon Read, the Rev. Dr. Uniacke, the Rev. Abraham Jordan, and Messrs. W. M. Brown, and Selwyn H. Shreve.

Carried.

Moved by Rev. S. Weston Jones, seconded by Dr. J. J. Hunt,

17. That the Committees of this Synod shall be called together in some central place to do their work at least twice during the time which intervenes between the adjournment of one Synod and the commencement of the next.

Lost.

Moved by Hon. Judge Townshend, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hole,

18. That the existing arrangement for making up the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese is not satisfactory and that immediate action should be taken by the Synod for the purpose of securing a principal sum sufficient when invested to yield the entire income of six thousand dollars.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The Lord Bishop moved,

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Rev. V. E. Harris, for his able and appropriate sermon at the opening service of this session.

Carried unanimously.

The Lord Bishop nominated Rev. J. A. Kaulbach as the preacher at the opening of the next session of the Synod, and the Rev. S. Weston Jones as substitute.

On motion of Rev. C. W. McCully, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Moore, the following votes of thanks were passed:—

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

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

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

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

To the Press for the careful reports of the proceedings.

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

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

Carried.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Silver, the Lord Bishop left the Chair and Rev. Dr. Nichols took the same.

Mr. Silver then moved a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his able and impartial conduct in the Chair, which was *carried unanimously by a standing vote*.

The Lord Bishop replied in choice and affectionate terms.

The Journal was ordered to be printed under the direction of the Executive Committee, although the minutes of this day's session are not now to be read.

The Doxology was sung. The Lord Bishop then pronounced the Benediction and the Twentieth Session came to an end.

FRANCIS PARTRIDGE,
Clerical Secretary.

ROBT. J. WILSON,
Lay Secretary.

APPENDIX.

(A.)

Report of the Board of Home Missions.

The Board of Home Missions in presenting its Annual Report, is able to congratulate the parishes on having raised a larger amount than usual this year. The receipts for the different Funds are as follows :

General Purposes.....	\$5453 35
W. & O. Fund.....	3102 02
Reserved Fund.....	300 75
Superannuation Fund.....	1659 23
Parish Endowment Fund.....	1070 52
Bishopric Endowment Fund.....	58 07
Travelling Missionary Fund.....	18 75
Cathedral Fund.....	64 71
College Fund.....	1 85
	\$11670 83

Against \$8920.80, last year.

A portion of this increase is accounted for by the fact that quite a number of the parishes did not send in their contributions for 1886-87 until after the beginning of 1887, and also that the Board passed a resolution at the meeting in October, that parishes not sending their subscriptions before 31st Dec., would not be acknowledged in the Report for 1887. This action of the Board has brought in subscriptions from nearly all the parishes.

The Board is glad to say, however, that nearly double the contributions have been made this year to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The circular issued by the Board has done good service in inducing the parishes to make greater efforts to raise the funds of the Board.

The Board desires to emphasize the duty of a personal canvass of all the parishioners by the Clergy, as it is convinced that that is the true way of procuring a personal interest in the Board's work.

F. PARTRIDGE, *Sec'y.*

(B.)

Report of the Church Endowment Fund Committee.

The Church Endowment Fund Committee beg to submit the following Report:—

The changes which have taken place during the year 1887 are as follows:—

Rev. W. H. Groser has been transferred from Class II. to Class I. Revs. H. How, and J. Partridge have retired from Class II. Rev. T. F. Draper, R. D. Bambrick, and D. S. Sutherland have been transferred from Class III. to Class II., and Rev. R. A. Heath has been placed upon Class III.

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

CLASS I.	CLASS II.	CLASS III.
Rev. John Ambrose,	Rev. J. L. Downing,	Rev. W. J. Lockyer,
“ C. Bowman,	“ P. H. Brown,	“ G. R. Martell,
“ D. C. Moore,	“ A. C. MacDonald,	“ J. Spencer,
“ J. O. Ruggles,	“ R. Smith,	“ John Harrison,
“ W. J. Ancient,	“ F. P. Greatorex,	“ W. S. H. Morris,
“ J. A. Richey,	“ G. F. Maynard,	“ A. M. Bent
“ W. Ellis,	“ G. H. Butler,	“ J. Lockward,
“ J. J. Ritchie,	“ R. D. Bambrick,	“ R. A. Heath,
“ F. H. J. Axford,	“ T. F. Draper,	“ K. C. Hind.
“ E. H. Ball.	“ D. S. Sutherland.	
“ G. B. Dodwell,		
“ W. H. Groser.		

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

F. PARTRIDGE, *Sec'y.*

(C.)

PASSED FOR CONFIRMATION.

CANON VI.

It was proposed and carried that Canon VI. on Parochial Statistics, should be amended and read as follows :

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

1. That every Clergyman in charge of a Parish or Mission, or if the Parish be vacant, the Wardens, shall furnish Statistical returns, according to Schedules prepared by the Secretary and the Executive Committee and approved by the Bishop.
2. That every Clergyman not regularly settled in a Parish or Church, and holding the Bishop's License, shall also make similar returns by filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may cover any occasional Services he may have performed.
3. That every Licensed Lay-Reader shall also furnish to the Incumbent or in the case of a vacant Parish or of a District separated from a Parish to the Rural Dean, similar returns for the Parish or District to which he is licensed, filling in clauses in foregoing Schedules which may apply to his office.
4. That every Rural Dean shall furnish statements concerning his chapter according to Schedule prepared by the Bishop.

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

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

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

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

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

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Judge Townshend's motion—

That the existing arrangement for making up the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese is not satisfactory and that immediate action should be taken by the Synod for the purpose of securing a principal sum sufficient when invested to yield the entire income of six thousand dollars.

(D.)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

REV. F. H. ALMON, CHAIRMAN,
 " N. LEMOINE, DR. J. J. HUNT,
 " DR. AMBROSE, HON. A. G. JONES,
 " F. ARCHBOLD, MR. J. Y. PAYZANT.

On Removal of Incapable Rectors.

THE LORD BISHOP, CHAIRMAN,
 REV. DR. NICHOLS, MR. J. LYLE,
 THE RURAL DEAN MOORE, MR. C. B. BULLOCK.

On Unification of the Church in Canada.

REV. RURAL DEAN MOORE, HON. JUDGE RITCHIE,
 " DR. NICHOLS, " JUDGE TOWNSHEND,
 " W. J. ANCIENT, " JUDGE DESBRISAY,
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 " DR. AMBROSE, MR. C. B. BULLOCK,
 " RURAL DEAN FILLEUL, " W. R. FOSTER,
 " J. J. HUNT.

On Systematic Giving.

REV. S. WESTON JONES, THE RURAL DEANS,
 REV. T. B. REAGH,

And one Lay delegate from each Deanery, to be elected by the Rural Deans.

On the See House.

HON. A. G. JONES, M.P., HON. JUDGE TOWNSHEND,
 MR. W. C. SILVER,

To act with the LORD BISHOP and the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the SYNOD.

IN MEMORIAM.



RIGHT REVEREND

Hibbert Binney, D. D.,

For 36 years

LORD BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA,

Died April 30, 1887.

IN MEMORIAM

Venerable Herbert G. Read, D.D.,

ARCHDEACON OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
AND RECTOR OF MILTON,

DIED, 1887.

Rev. Richard John Uniacke, D.D.,

RECTOR OF SYDNEY, C. B.,

DIED DEC. 16, 1887.

Rev. Abraham Jordan,

FORMERLY MISSIONARY AT NEW DUBLIN,

DIED FEB. 26, 1887.

William Marsters Brown,

DIED MAY 29, 1888.

Selwyn G. Shreve,

DIED JUNE 27, 1888.

"Thy Will be done."

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