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A PRAYER,

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

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

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

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It is our earnest desire that our deliberations to the temporal extensions of our jurisdiction be extended.

Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS OF SYNOD.

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

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

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

The following Resolution was adopted at the Eighth Session :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16th. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitutions, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it was proposed, and if approved by a majority shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if then again approved by majorities consisting of not less than two-thirds of both Clergy and Lay Represen-

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Further information, see Page 48, Journal of 14th Session.)

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

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

appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had, by the tribunal appointed by the Synods of the aforesaid province and diocese for the trial of a clergyman; saving all rights of Appeal.]

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

19th. Every Parish or Mission in the Diocese is expected to make at least an annual offering both to its Home and Foreign Missions, and not later than on the second day of each Session of this Synod, at such hour as the Bishop or chairman shall see fit, the Secretary shall read out the names of all Parishes and Missions, with the amount (if any) paid by them into the respective Treasurer's hands.

20th. The following regulations shall be observed in the election of Delegates to the Provincial Synod:

If more than the required number of Delegates has been nominated, then the clergy shall ballot for the clerical delegates, and the laity for the lay delegates. The required number of candidates having the highest number of votes shall then be put, the clerical delegates to the laity and *vice versa*; and each house must accept or reject the election of the other as a whole.

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

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appointing Committees.

Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.

Presenting reports on Committees.

Giving notices of motions.

Taking up unfinished business.

Considerations of motions.

5th. All notices of motion 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.

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

RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES REGARDING COMMITTEES.

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

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

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

4th. All reports of Committees recommending any

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

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Acts of 1863, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia," shall be construed to interfere with, alter or circumscribe in any way the property, whether real or personal, which may now, or which may hereafter belong to the several respective Parishes, Church Corporations or Church Congregations in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, or other rights secured to such Parishes, Corporations or Congregations, or any of them, by any Act of the Legislature of this Province, or otherwise howsoever.

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

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

I. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act to incorporate the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia, the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Province of Prince Edward Island (who before the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. The Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the parishioners of every parish, shall meet annually on Monday in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the Rector or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the parishioners. And the Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the church, and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective parishes

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shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector, or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more churches in one parish, the congregation of each church, other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens, who, subject to the control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of said church or chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with the right of the parishioners included in the said congregation, or congregations, to take part in the Easter meeting for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen, for the whole Parish.

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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

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7. If at any time the Bishop has reason to believe, in consequence of information received, that the property of any parish is not rightly administered, he may institute legal proceedings against the corporation, or any officers, of the said Parish, through whose default or neglect any loss may have been occasioned.

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

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

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

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

11. No person shall be elected a Church Warden or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHURCH ACT.

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

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

2. The Parishes already established shall remain as heretofore, and when any church shall be erected for divine service, according to the rites of the Church of England, the Bishop of the Diocese may allot a district which shall be the parish of such Church. The Bishop may also divide and sub-divide any parish now established, or hereafter to be established; but no parish shall be divided or sub-divided unless on the application of a majority of the parishioners present at any public meeting of the parish, called for the consideration of such a measure.

3. When any rectory shall be vacant, a meeting of the parishioners shall be summoned either by the Church Wardens or by any five parishioners, either by notice given in the church, or churches if there be more than one, during the time of divine service; or if there be no public service in the parish, then by

notice affixed to the door or doors of the church or churches, such notice to be given in any case not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days before the day of meeting, at which meeting a clergyman in full orders of the Church of England, or of any branch of the Church of England, may be elected rector by a majority of the parishioners then present. A copy of the resolution containing the name of the person elected, shall be forthwith forwarded to the Bishop, attested by the signature of the chairman and two other parishioners; and the clergyman so elected, when he shall have obtained the Bishop's Letters of Institution, shall be inducted by the Bishop into the said parish. If no election be made within twelve months after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Bishop shall be at liberty to appoint a rector.

4. The Rector or Clergyman officiating as Rector, and the parishioners of every parish, shall meet annually on Monday in Easter week, notice of the hour and place of meeting having been first given by the Rector or officiating Clergyman, at which meeting two Church Wardens and twelve Vestrymen shall be chosen by the parishioners, and any parish business may be transacted. The Rector, with the Church Wardens and Vestry so elected, in all matters connected with the church, and persons usually attending its services and ordinances within their respective parishes shall have the like powers as they have heretofore exercised in this Province. In the absence of the Rector, or Clergyman officiating as Rector or as a duly licensed Curate, the parishioners may at any meeting elect their own chairman. Where there are two or more churches in one parish, the congregation of each church, other than the Parish Church, may meet together annually to appoint two Chapel Wardens, who, subject to the control of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, shall have the charge of said church or chapel; and the exercise of this right shall not interfere with the right of the parishioners included in the said congregation, or congregations, to take part in the Easter

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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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

X.—Advocates shall be allowed on both sides, at the pleasure of the parties, provided they are clergymen resident in the Diocese,

or Laymen who declare themselves to be members of the Church of England within the Diocese, and to belong to no other Communion.*

XI.—In case at any time when the services of the Board of Discipline are required, there should be vacancies therein in consequence of death, absence or other cause, or if the person accused shall be a member of the Board, the Executive committee shall at once fill up all such vacancies, so that in all cases there may be 13 Presbyters and 13 Lay members available for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

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

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

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

XV.—Whenever a clergyman is so deposed or degraded from the holy ministry, the Bishop who pronounces the sentence shall,

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XVI.—All proceedings under these regulations must be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence. But when proceedings are brought in respect to an offence for which a judgment or conviction has been obtained from a civil or a criminal tribunal, the suit under this Canon may be commenced at any time within six months after such judgment or conviction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

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

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

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

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Pictou, River John

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When a vacancy occurs by the death of the Bishop, the Senior Presbyter and the clergy together shall elect one of the Bishops for the

* At the Twelfth Session of the Synod, the Dean from the Diocese was "vacant."

RURAL DEANERIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

to do this, the Bishop may make an appointment, and the Bishop may attach new districts to what existing Deanery he may choose.

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

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

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

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

ADDENDA.

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

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

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

Also, (at the 7th Canon, adopted by this Synod)

"That the 29th Canon of Canterbury be not altered."

The following Resolutions were adopted at the Conference were

That, as a general principle, missionaries and church ministers should be appointed to ministerial duty with the Missionary Bishop, and that the authority of the same should be maintained.

That every clergyman of any diocese or district should send him letters testimonial when he leaves whose diocese or district he is leaving.

That no person should be appointed to a diocese in England or Wales, or serving under the Foreign Bishop, without producing a testimonial from the Scottish, Colonial, or other diocese he has been serving.

Also, the following

To the Right Rev. the Bishop of the faithfulness

We, B, by Divine authority, the Lord.

We commend D E, Priest [or Deacon] to receive him in the fellowship, and to stand in need; and to

It was Resolved,—"That the Resolutions be referred to the Synod be delivered to the Synod."

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

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

The following recommendations from the Lambeth Conference were adopted :

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

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

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

Also, the following form of letters Dimissory :

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

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

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

Witness our hand,

A, BISHOP.

B, SECRETARY.

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

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

CANON II.

ON SUBMISSION OF CLERGY TO THE CANONS OF THE PROVINCIAL AND DIOCESAN 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 or more assessors, shall have the said House of Bishops, or the judgment of any Diocesan

An Appeal shall lie from any judgment or proceeding in the Diocese, or proceeding in the Diocese.

There shall be no appeal from any proceeding in the Diocese.

An Appeal shall lie from the decision of the Bishop.

1. No Clergyman shall officiate more than four weeks at any one place, or in the Bishop ; or, in his absence,

2. No person shall perform any office of the Clergy, except he shall have been licensed, and it shall be the duty of the Church Wardens, to see that the good standing of the Clergy be maintained, and that no person shall officiate.

No person shall perform any office, or shall hold the Bishop's license, or officiate.

This Canon shall not apply to the College so as to prevent the use of the Chapel, or to Laymen of necessity for it.

3. No clergyman shall officiate as a substitute for the Incumbent, for one month, without the license of the Bishop's Commissary.

4. No Bishop of one Diocese shall perform any Functions in another Diocese, save in the case provided for in the Canon of the Metropolitan, nor in any vacant Diocese, or in case of the Metropolitan, or, in case of the Senior Bishop of the Province.

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

WHEN APPEAL SHALL LIE.

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

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

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

CANON VI.

OF MINISTERING IN PARISHES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CANON VII.

OF LETTERS TESTIMONIAL.

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

CANON X.

OF OFFICIATING OF STRANGE CLERGYMEN IN A DIOCESE.

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

RULE OF ORDER—No. 33.

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

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Harrietsfield.....	" J. C. Cox.....	John Menger, John Yeaden.
Horton.....	" J. O. Ruggles.....	*John Aldons, Colonel Tuzo.
Hubbard's Cove.....	" H. Stamer.....	Henry Pryor, C. J. Wylde.
LaHave.....		Hon. P. C. Hill, Peter Lynch.
Liverpool.....	" Dr. E. E. B. Nichols.....	John G. Pyke, J. A. Leslie.

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Manchester.....	" H. Hamilton.....	William Gossip.
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St. Margaret's Bay.....	" Phillip Brown.....	A. G. Hiltz, J. F. Sherman.
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St. Mary's.....	" *S. A. White, Robert Taylor.	
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Windsor Forks.....	" *J. T. Moody,.....	J. W. K. Rowley, T. C. Moody.

Rev. Charles E. Churchward.....	Mahone Bay.
" Canon J. Dart, D.C.L.....	President King's College, Windsor.
" Henry deBlois.....	Annapolis.
" *L. W. Hill, (retired).....	Antigonish.
" *Joseph Forsyth.....	Truro.
" *G. E. W. Morris (retired).....	Halifax.
" Riddall Morrison.....	Chaplain Forces, Halifax.
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" J. D. H. Browne.....	Editor "Church Guardian," Halifax.
" G. D. Harris.....	Parrsboro'.
" W. M. Ogle.....	Ship Harbor.
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" Richmond Shreve.....	Yarmouth.
" *Fred. Skinner.....	Lunenburg.
" *David Smith.....	Sydney, C. B.
" *A. J. Townend.....	Chaplain Forces, Halifax.

Rev. G. Osborne Troop	Halifax.
" R. Wainwright	Diocesan Secretary, "
" *C. E. Willets	College School, Windsor.
" W. E. Wilson	King's College, "
" R. Wyllie	Bishop's Chaplain, Halifax.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. R. D. Bambrick	Charlottetown.
" *R. T. Dobie	Port Hill.
" *H. Dyer	Cascumpeque.
" *L. C. Jenkins D.C.L. (retired)	Charlottetown.
" Alfred Osborne	Charlottetown.

*Those marked with an asterisk were *not* present at the Session of the Synod of 1880.

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FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

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FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, July 6th, 1880.

The Fifteenth Session of Synod opened with celebration of Holy Communion, in St. Luke's Cathedral, at 9.15 A.M. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, celebrant, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, Canon Dart, and Rev. R. J. Uniacke, D. D.

After celebration, the Secretaries called the rolls of the Clergy and Delegates, and a quorum being present, His Lordship declared the Synod opened.

His Lordship read a letter from the Lay Secretary, asking that Mr. Selwyn Shreve be appointed assistant Lay Secretary, his duties preventing his attendance at this Session.

The request being granted, Mr. Selwyn Shreve was appointed assistant Lay Secretary, and entered on his duties as substitute.

The assistant Lay Secretary, W. C. Silver, and W. Gossip, Esqs., were appointed Committee on Credentials.

His Lordship then read his Address to the Synod, as follows :

In meeting again the Clergy and representatives of the Laity of the Diocese at the opening of the Fifteenth Session of our Synod, I have to observe with satisfaction that there is no longer any Parish separating itself from the Synod, the Parishes of St. George, in this City, and that of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, having elected and sent representatives since our last Session. It is now exactly a quarter of a century since we adopted our Constitution, which we have retained essentially, as it was at the first, and although at the commencement our movement was thought to be illegal and unnecessary, I suppose that all are now convinced by the "irreparable logic of facts," that owing to the change in our relations to the Crown, resulting from decisions of the English Courts and other circumstances, Synods are essential. In fact, since the Crown has ceased to appoint Bishops for the Colonies, there is no mode of filling a vacant Diocese except through the action of a Synod.

The necessity for the establishment of Synods, both Diocesan and Provincial, was declared in the minutes of a Conference of the Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, Newfoundland, Fredericton and Montreal, held in Quebec in 1851. In that same year the expediency of establishing a Synod was considered in the Diocese of Toronto, and in 1853 the first Synod assembled for the transaction of business. In the following year, foreseeing the changes which have since come to pass, and which were then, to my mind, clearly foreshadowed, I consulted the assembled clergy and representatives of the laity sent by the several Parishes at my request, and it was determined, by a large majority, that a Synod should be established, and in 1855 we adopted a Constitution and Rules of Order similar to those which had been previously adopted in Toronto. The Canadian Dioceses obtained, in 1856, an Act of the Legislature, which was then supposed to be necessary to sanction their proceedings, and in 1863 we applied for a similar Act to our own Legislature, but the application was refused by the Council, although granted by the Assembly, and only an Incorporating Act was passed, which is, in reality, all that is required. In order to be admitted into the Provincial Synod, which sits under the authority of an Act of Parliament, we were obliged to obtain an Act empowering that Synod, as then constituted, to receive us, and in 1874 we were duly admitted, and took our seats as an integral part of that important Assembly, which is, in fact, the chief legislative body of this Branch of the Church. You are aware that we petitioned, but in vain, to have a reduc-

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tion made in the number of representatives to be sent to the Provincial Synod from each Diocese, and I shall again submit to you a proposition to the same effect, for so long as the Synod meets in Montreal, we must be at a disadvantage in consequence of our great distance from the centre; and since 4 clerical and 4 lay representatives from each Diocese in the United States are found to be sufficient, I do not know why 12 should be required here, and as new Dioceses are created from time to time, even 8 of each order from each Diocese will constitute an Assembly inconveniently large.

Since our last Session, a change in the nominal condition of the Church has been effected in Prince Edward Island, and the only obstacle has been removed which might have been supposed to affect in any way their position in the Synod. An Act has been passed similar to the Nova Scotia Church Act, repealing the old Act by which the Church of England was nominally established in the Island, and recognizing the right to license, institute and induct of the Bishop exercising jurisdiction there. It differs from our Act, in that the previous system is continued under which each Church is a separate Parish, and there are no Districts assigned; and, I think that it may be well to consider the terms of Rule 9 with reference to this peculiarity. There are conventional Parishes recognized by the Bishop containing sometimes two or more Churches, so that there may sometimes be three or four legal Parishes within one Ecclesiastical District, and it should be determined how the representation is to be arranged, whether according to the Ecclesiastical or the legal division. I endeavored to obtain the recognition of these Ecclesiastical Districts as Parishes for the purposes of Incorporation, but there appears to me an unwillingness to allow any one Church of those committed to the care of my clergymen to be the Parish Church or in any way superior to the others.

One feature of the Island Act is better than ours, that only communicants can be Wardens or Vestrymen.

As the Provincial Synod is to meet in Montreal next September, it will be your duty to elect twelve representatives of each Order with substitutes to fill the places of any who may be unable to attend. Our representation will not be as satisfactory as it might be until you are able to devise some means of paying the heavy travelling expenses of your representatives, for it must sometimes happen that the very men whom we would especially desire to send will be unable to pay their own expenses without serious inconvenience.

There are some motions standing over from last Session, upon which it will suffice to speak when they come before us. In ad-

dition to these, your attention will be particularly called to the attempt made in the last Session of the Dominion Parliament to render valid marriages which our Church affirms to be contrary to the Law of God, and you will be asked to petition Parliament not to tamper with the Marriage Law, and to make arrangements for sending petitions from the women as well as the men of our congregations throughout the Diocese. I am happy to inform you that the Fredericton Synod has unanimously adopted a resolution to this effect. I will not detain you with this subject now, far I purpose to treat of it at length in my Charge this afternoon.

You may expect from me some report of the great Conference at Lambeth, to which I was about to proceed at our last Session, but for this also I refer you to my Charge, with the further statement that I shall be happy during our Session to answer any questions, and to give any information concerning its proceedings that may be asked or desired. The Acts of the Conference do not bind any Diocese which does not formally accept them, and I do not know that any were of such a nature as to demand action on your part.

At our last Session a resolution was passed recognizing St. Margaret's Hall as a Diocesan School for Young Ladies, and, as Visitor, I am happy to report that a good work has been done there, and that the enterprising Principal is helping to supply a serious defect in our Church organization. But I feel that this ought not merely to be left to private enterprise, and that we ought to do as much to secure a good education for the girls as for the boys. We have erected a suitable house for the Collegiate Academy at Windsor, and we ought to provide one for our girls here in Halifax. I, therefore, call your attention to the last paragraph but one of the report of Committee on a Church Seminary for Females, presented by the Chairman, Dr. Hill, at our last session, (page 46 of Journal). It is a serious reproach to us that when a need is thus recognized there is still a want of energy and determination sufficient to remedy it. The value of a thoroughly sound and complete education is little understood by our people, otherwise parents would make any sacrifice necessary in order to secure for their children the most valuable heritage that they can bestow upon them.

We shall miss in this Synod the Rev. Dr. Cochran, who was wont to give us his interesting reminiscences of the past, and who has lately been taken from us. He labored most abundantly while strength remained, and, having passed the limit of fourscore years, he gradually became weaker, until obliged altogether to withdraw from active work, and he now rests from his labors. We are also deprived, by his ill health of another of our generous

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clergy, who has never failed to take an active part in our proceedings—Dr. White. We are in want of men, and equally in want of funds, in order that the work of the Lord may be carried on efficiently in some destitute places, and now that the Missionary work is a branch of the operations of the Synod I hope that some means may be devised for securing more general and substantial support for the Board by which the funds contributed for this purpose are administered. The S. P. G. has reduced its grant for next year by another £100, and we have previously received notice that on the death of certain persons specified the amount granted for them will lapse, so that there must be a considerable increase in subscriptions if even our present work is to be maintained. It is to be observed, for I doubt whether this is clearly understood, that the place of the old D. C. S. is taken by the Synod, *not*, as some appear to suppose, by the B. H. M., which only occupies the place of the former Executive Committee of the Society, and every member of the Church having, by his representative in the Synod, a voice in the appointment of the Board, and in the general control of the funds, should consider himself bound in honour to aid its work to the utmost of his ability, and, as a matter of course, to be a subscriber to those funds. In P. E. I. the old organization has been continued, and there would be a practical difficulty in the way of merging that Society in, or placing its funds under the control of the Synod, but it would be *possible* for the Synod to nominate a separate Board of Missions for the Island, and the anomaly would not differ in character from that which exists at present, since Island members may vote with reference to the Nova Scotia Mission Funds to which they do not contribute. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund has always been common to the two parts of the Diocese.

In conformity with your instructions to the Executive Committee, (page 52 of Journal), a sub-Committee was appointed by them to examine and report so as to enable the Committee to prepare the desired outline, but the terms of the resolution were found to be too indefinite to admit of a satisfactory compliance with it. If information is required, the particular points supposed to be doubtful should be specified, for the omission of any such point in a report supposed to be exhaustive might lead to serious confusion.

I have to call your attention to the state of the Law with respect to grants to Denominational Colleges, as under the Acts of 1876 (page 46). They will all expire some time in the course of next year. We receive \$2400 for King's College; and as we can barely maintain our staff and carry on our work with that assistance, the loss of it will be most disastrous. The limitation

to 5 years of these Educational Grants, which have been long enjoyed, was connected with the endeavour to establish a Provincial University intended to swallow up all others. But, I think, that you will agree with me, and, I believe, the feeling to be general, that the separation of religion from the education of our youths would be an unmixed evil, and that these separate Colleges of the leading denominations should be maintained as the only agencies whereby the religious instruction of the young men can be secured.

I would suggest, therefore, that you adopt a Petition to the Government to provide by Legislation in the next Session for a renewal of the Collegiate Grants, which will otherwise cease and determine in the middle of next year. I hope that the other religious denominations interested in the maintenance of their several Colleges will also bring their influence to bear upon the Government for the continuance of the Grants, the loss of which would, more or less, impair their efficiency.

In this and in all matters in which it may be necessary to instruct and to arouse the members of the Church, we have a valuable agent in the *Church Guardian*, and I heartily congratulate you, as the representative body of the Church of England, that such a paper has been provided for you. Our warm thanks are due to the Editors, who, for the sake of the Church, undertook the serious responsibility and risk, as well as the heavy labour of publishing and editing the paper. It is issued at such a low price, that a very large circulation must be obtained in order to secure them against loss; and, I am sure, that the same amount of useful information and profitable reading matter for a Churchman's family cannot be obtained at the same cost—2 cents per week—in any other way. We have had similar efforts for the benefit of the Church heretofore, but I fear they have always resulted in serious pecuniary losses to those who have undertaken the work; and it has been stated that no paper costing more than \$1 per annum would be generally taken by our people. The experiment of this low charge is now made, and, inasmuch as the value or even the necessity of some organ of communication upon the affairs of the Church is self-evident, I sincerely hope that it may be successful. It appears to me to be characterized by an earnest, loving spirit, and while some would like a more decided party tone, on one side or the other, I think that he must be very narrow-minded indeed, who, having any regard at all for the interests of the Church, of which he is a member, refuses to support the only available agency through which a fair exposition of her principles can be circulated, and a general interest in her work throughout the world awakened.

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Session, expressing a hope that any member intending to introduce any subject which will give notice of motion as soon as possible, and as the time during which members can stay in town is limited, I recommend you to adopt again the restriction as to time allowed to each speaker.

Our Sessions have been remarkable for the absence of all bitterness, and for the general prevalence of brotherly kindness and of mutual regard for the feelings of persons taking different sides in our discussions, and I trust that this will be no exception, and that we may all be influenced by an earnest desire to promote the prosperity and efficiency of the Branch of the Church of which we are members.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Rev D. C. Moore :

"That Rev. R. Wainwright be appointed Clerical Secretary."

Carried.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hill, and seconded by Rev. Canon Dart :

"That the Secretary be requested to look among the papers handed to him by the late Secretary, for the address of the Executive Committee of Synod, to His Lordship on his leaving for England, and His Lordship's reply."

Carried.

The Clerical Secretary then read report of Executive Committee of Synod, on rights and duties of Rectors, Wardens, and Vestry, as follows :

OF RECTORS.

The Rector, according to the Church of England Act, may summon meetings of the Church Wardens and Vestry at his discretion, and is bound to give public notice of such meetings when called upon by other persons as provided by the Act.

The Rector has the right to hold the Keys of the Church, and even the Church Wardens have no right to duplicate keys without his permission.

He is to control and direct the mode of conducting the Services held in the Church, and every part thereof.

No clergyman of the Church of England may officiate at any Baptism, Marriage, Funeral, or other service, without the permission of the Rector or Minister in charge of the Parish or District in which such service is held.

It is the duty of the Minister in charge of each District to keep a Register of Births, Marriages, and Burials, and to enter therein as soon as possible the names of every person for whom any such service shall have been performed within his Parish or Mission, and to submit the said Register to the inspection of the Bishop when required so to do.

DUTIES OF CHURCH WARDENS.

Under the authority of the Church Act, the Wardens, in case of the vacancy of any Parish, may summon a meeting for the election of a Rector.

They are responsible for the moveable furniture and property of the Church, and have the charge of property of all kinds belonging to the Parish, and they are to make a Return every year to the Registrar of the Diocese of the property and investments of the Parish.

They are to collect, and if necessary, enforce the payment of all subscriptions to the Stipend of the officiating Minister or other dues payable by the Parishioners.

They should take care that the fabric is kept in repair, clean, and fit for Divine Service, and that the Church is provided with all things needed for the performance of Public Worship, including a suitable linen Surplice in each Church within the Parish.

They should also provide proper Registers for the use of the Officiating Minister.

They are to prevent everything that may disturb the congregation assembled for worship, and to take care to provide accommodation, as far as possible, for transient worshippers and strangers.

VESTRIES.

To the Vestry it appertains to provide ways and means for raising the amounts voted or required by the Parish, and to support and assist the Rector and Wardens when their services are required in all Parochial work.

Notice of motion was given by Col. Rowley :

"That the Synod take up the Report of the Committee on the Rights and Duties of Rectors, Wardens, and Vestry, and discuss each Section of said report, and adopt, or otherwise, the statements made therein."

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

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Notice of motion by the deacon, relating to the following words

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Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie :

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Constitution of the Provincial Synod, by which the number of Delegates from the various Dioceses should be proportioned to the population, would be unjust and unfair to the smaller and more distant Dioceses, unless accompanied by a Provision permitting vote by Dioceses."

Notice of motion was given by the Ven. the Arch-deacon, relating to Resolution No. 5, page 49, the following words shall be added :

"And that previous to each regular Session of the Synod, the Assessment be paid to the Treasurer of the Synod, and also that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat until such dues be paid."

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie :

"That Clause 10, Canon, of Discipline, be confirmed."

Carried.

In absence of Rev. J. W. Norwood, it was moved by the Rev. P. Brown, seconded by the Rev. W. S. Gray :

"That this Synod practically discountenance the Pew System, that the placing of parties according to rank and wealth is destructive to the Catholic truth of equality of membership in the Body of Christ, and that it is in direct opposition to Scripture and the primitive usage of the Apostolic Church."

An amendment was moved by the Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by the Rev. J. J. Ritchie :

"That this Synod approve of the principle of Free Churches, and the substitution, as far as practicable, of offertory for pew rents."

Amendment carried.

The Committee on Credentials of Delegates reported as follows :

"The committee appointed to examine the Delegates' papers report that they find a number of Delegates properly elected, but who have produced no Communicants' certificates ; these it is presumed, can be made good by the clergymen present. The following places have sent in no names of delegates, viz :—

"Beaver Harbour, Bridgetown, Cherry Valley, P. E. I., Lunenburg, Chester, Digby Neck, Kentville, Louisburg, C. B., Seaforth, Sherbrooke, Stewiacke, Wilmot, Windsor Forks.

"The Committee think that a great deal of trouble might be saved to the Examining Committee of Delegates' Papers, if proper attention was paid to the filling up of the papers before they were presented to the Synod."

The report was adopted.

Moved by the Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by the Rev. P. Brown :

"That a committee be appointed to consider what is the best mode of Appointment to Parishes, with a view of consultation with the Synods of other Dioceses, so as to bring about, if possible, a uniform system in all the Dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province."

Carried.

The Rev. Canon Dart gave notice of motion, as follows :

"That in the judgment of this Synod, it is advisable to limit the number of representatives to the Provincial Synod, to eight of each Order, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a petition to the Provincial Synod to this effect."

Canon Townshend gave notice of motion relative to the Endowment of Algoma.

His Lordship announced that his Charge would be delivered at 3 p. m., to-day, after Evensong ; also that unfinished business in Appendix of Synod Journal of Fourteenth Session be the order of the day to-morrow. He also named 5 o'clock as the hour for nominating and electing delegates to the Provincial Synod.

The Secretary was requested to furnish to the daily papers, a synopsis of the business of each day.

His Lordship then announced the Synod adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow.

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SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, July 7th, 1880.

The Synod met immediately after Litany in St. Luke's Cathedral, at 10 a.m.

The roll of Clergy was called by the Clerical Secretary, 60 Clergymen being present.

The Assistant Lay Secretary then called the roll of the Laity, 40 Lay Delegates were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, with a few alterations, adopted.

Rev. P. J. Filleul presented Report of B. F. M., which was adopted.

The following gentlemen were appointed the Committee "on Assessment to Parishes":

Rev. D. C. Moore.	Rev. Dr. Nichols.
Rev. John Abbott.	Hon. Judge Savary.
Hon. W. B. Vail.	

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

"That His Lordship be requested to appoint a member, or members of the Synod, to prepare a resolution, expressive of respect and affection for the late Rev. Dr. Cochran, and of sympathy with his widow and family."

Moved by Mr. Richard Starr, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill:

"That a Committee be appointed to draw up a resolution, and submit it to the Synod, regulating the Assessment of Parishes for the expenses of this Synod."

Carried.

The following were appointed on the Committee :

J. N. Ritchie, Esq. Hon. N. W. White.
Hon. C. J. Townshend.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. C. Croucher :

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

Carried.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Hon. A. M. Cochran :

"That in the opinion of this Synod, it is desirable that it should meet in the afternoon and evening, and not in the morning, provision being made for the missionary meeting Monday evening."

Carried.

Moved by the Hon. A. M. Cochran, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Bowman :

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

"Whereas, The great demand for men to serve in the ministry is a strong inducement to admit men without due preparation ;

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

Carried.

In accordance with Regulation 19, p. 8, Lists of Parishes and their contributions were read.

The Synod adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Hill, in accordance with Regulation 14, defining the Bishop's Clergy :

"If the Bishop's Court shall consist of some Bishop of Nova Scotia be the Senior Bishop. or Senior Bishop member of the Board in the suit."

Carried.

Moved by J. Ritchie :

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill, in accordance with notice of motion given at Fourteenth Session of Synod, an amendment to the Regulations for the Discipline of the Clergy, defining the Bishop's position in any suit against the Clergy :

" 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."

Carried.

Moved by Rev. P. J. Filleul, seconded by Rev. J. J. Ritchie :

" That at the time of making the Assessment for the Synod, immediately preceding the Session of the Provincial Synod, a sum equal to one-half as much as is now assessed by the Synod for its own purposes shall, in addition to that amount, be assessed by the Executive Committee, in order to ensure a sufficient representation from this Diocese at the Provincial Synod."

Carried.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill :

" That the present mode of enforcing the Rubrics of Discipline shall suffice at present, or till such time as the Provincial Synod shall enact a Canon in respect thereof."

Carried.

The Bishop then called for report of Executive Committee respecting the duties of Rector, Wardens, and Vestry.

The Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hill :

" That the report of the Executive Committee of the Synod be received, printed, and laid on the table."

Carried.

His Lordship the Bishop then asked for a committee to watch legislation during the next session, regarding a change in the Marriage Law, and to petition against it.

After brief discussion, W. C. Silver moved, seconded by Rev. C. Croucher :

" That the question be put, and such a committee be appointed."

Carried.

The following five names were appointed on the Committee :

His Lordship the Bishop,	W. C. Silver, Esq.,
Rev. Canon Dart,	Edw. Hodgson, Esq.
Rev. John Abbott.	

His Lordship the Bishop asked for the appointment of a Board of Discipline.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Hill, seconded by Rev. W. J. Ancient :

" That the Clerical side of the Board remain the same, and that the Lay side be the same with the the substitution of the names of J. Norman Ritchie for the Hon. Judge Ritchie, and A. G. Jones for E. Kaulbach."

Carried.

The hour of five having arrived, the order of the day being the nomination of delegates to the Provincial Synod, the nominations were made, the ballot taken, and scrutineers appointed.

During the examination of the ballot the Synod proceeded to the election of Committees.

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The Report of the Principal of St. Margaret's Hall was then read as follows:—

“Since the School was recognized by the Synod as the Diocesan School for Girls, it has been removed to Halifax. Although the financial and commercial depression has prevented many parents sending their children to school, yet the number in attendance has been sufficient to more than pay all expenses, and at the same time allow the Institution to be worked in an efficient and liberal manner. At the close of the year just ended, there were 46 pupils in attendance.

“We have availed ourselves of the facilities afforded by King's College, Windsor, and have presented pupils for the Local Examinations. Altogether thirteen have passed these examinations, three having obtained the title “Associate of Arts.” This has been of great value, placing the School in a high position as an Educational Institution.

“Although the School was established for the daughters of Churchmen, it is a remarkable fact that it has received a very large amount of support from members of other denominations; and that whilst it has eminently succeeded as a School, yet those for whose especial benefit it was established have not availed themselves of it as they might have done. It is due to the country clergy to record that they have manifested an interest in its welfare, and have exerted their influence to get their young people sent here instead of to Roman and other Schools. In the city this has not been the case, and quite half of the pupils from Halifax are children of other than Churchmen. I feel it nothing but just to say that some of the warmest supporters of the School, and those who have taken the greatest interest in its welfare, have been dissenters.

“The School is now so large, and the prospects for the future are such as to render it imperative to provide a more suitable School-building, I would suggest that a Company be formed to carry out this work, and that a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Synod the best means of accomplishing this work.

“It is with pleasure that I add that the Most Reverend the Metropolitan has become ‘Patron’ of the School.

“All of which is respectfully submitted.

“JOHN PADFIELD.”

The report was received, read, and ordered to be printed.

The Rev. John Ambrose moved, seconded by the Rev. D. C. Moore:—

“That St. Margaret's Hall, under the management of the Rev. J. Padfield, has the full confidence and approbation of this Synod, and that the Committee asked for by the Rev. Mr. Padfield be appointed, with a view to the greater encouragement of this School as the Female Seminary of the Diocese.”

Carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the Committee:—

Rev. Dr. Hill,	Rev. John Ambrose,
Rev. Dr. Nichols,	Hon. N. W. White,
Rev. Canon Dart,	T. C. Moody, Esq.,
Rev. Dr. Bowman,	W. C. Silver, Esq.,
Rev. W. H. Snider,	Hon. W. B. Vail.

His Lordship the Bishop then announced that the Declaration of Clerical and Lay Delegates, and the Election of Substitutes to the Provincial Synod, would be the order of the day at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

His Lordship then declared the Synod adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30, and Matins said at 9 o'clock.

The Synod re-assembled for business at 10 o'clock.

On the rolls being called by the Clerical Secretary and Assistant Lay Secretary, 54 of the Clergy and 36 Lay Representatives were present.

The Minutes of the previous Session were read, and, with a few alterations, adopted.

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His Lordship the Bishop called attention to a letter in this morning's *Herald* signed "A Delegate," complaining of not having received reduced fares.

The Clerical Secretary explained the matter.

It was moved by J. Harris, Esq., seconded by T. C. Moody, Esq.—

"That the name of J. Norman Ritchie, Esq., be substituted for that of Judge Ritchie on the Executive Committee of the Synod."

Carried.

The Report of the Temperance Committee was read and handed in by Rev. F. J. H. Axford, as follows:—

"Your Committee beg leave to report that the Society has extended its labours since the meeting of the Synod of 1878. In the Summer of 1879, a Branch was organized in St. George's Parish, Sydney, C. B., and a Juvenile Branch has since been established. In Halifax, meetings of the Society are not held weekly as formerly, in consequence of so many similar organizations. However, Temperance work is being advanced in the way of counter attractions, and the Coffee-Barrow and Coffee Rooms are doing a continuous and good work in this way, even surpassing our most sanguine expectations.

"All of which is humbly submitted.

"FRED. J. H. AXFORD."

It was moved by W. C. Silver, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. W. J. Ancient—

"That the Report be adopted and printed."

Carried.

The result of the Ballot for the Delegates to the Provincial Synod was then announced. The following were elected:—

Clergy.

Rev. Canon Dart.
Rev. Canon Maynard.
The Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin.
Rev. G. W. Hodgson.

Laity.

Hon. W. B. Vail.
W. C. Silver, Esq.
His Honor. Lt. Gov. Haviland.
Hon. A. M. Cochran.

Rev. Dr. Nichols.	Dr. Cowie.
" John Ambrose.	E. J. Hodgson, Esq.
" Canon Townshend.	W. Gossip, Esq.
" Dr. Bowman.	Hon. P. C. Hill.
" John Abbott.	C. B. Bullock, Esq.
" J. A. Kaulbach.	Hon. N. W. White.
" Dr. Hill.	J. Johnstone Hunt, Esq.
" D. C. Moore.	T. C. Moody, Esq.

In accordance with Rule 20, the above names were submitted to both sides of the House, and were accepted.

Moved by the Rev. John Abbott, seconded by the Hon. W. B. Vail—

"That the scrutineers appointed yesterday, act to-day, Mr. C. Sydney Harrington taking the place of Mr. R. J. Wilson."

Carried.

The Synod then proceeded to nominate and ballot for Substitutes to the Provincial Synod.

After the ballot was taken, Rev. J. Abbott moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon Dart—

"That this Synod desires to record its expression of thanks to His Lordship the Bishop for his very able and instructive Charge, and to request that His Lordship will kindly consent to have the same printed."

Carried.

The following notice of motion was given by the Rev. J. J. Ritchie—

"That the Election of Representatives to the Provincial Synod be made by a vote of the whole House for each individual member nominated, and not by Orders as at present."

The following Resolution was moved by the Rev. Rev. Dr. Nichols, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Hill—

"Whereas, It is of the greatest importance that every precaution be taken to ensure an unimpeachable standard of morals in candidates for Holy Orders,

"Therefore Resolved, That His Lordship be respectfully

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requested to require, before the Ordination of any such candidates, a declaration from the majority of the Executive Committee that they are satisfied as to his good character."

The Rev. Canon Dart moved in amendment, seconded by Col. Poyntz—

"That in the opinion of this Synod, attention should be directed to the existing safeguards against the admission of unfit persons into the Ministry, and that it is desirable that the subject of these safeguards be introduced into the Provincial Synod with a view to the adoption of more stringent regulations.

The amendment was lost. The original motion being put, was carried

The declaration of the Election of Substitutes to the Provincial Synod was made. The following gentlemen were elected:—

<i>Clergy.</i>	<i>Laity.</i>
Rev. J. D. H. Browne.	E. P. Archbold, Esq.
" R. Shreve.	Hon. C. J. Townshend.
" D. Fitzgerald.	Col. Stewart
" Theophilus Richey.	J. N. Ritchie, Esq., Q. C.
" A. McDonald.	J. G. Pyke, Esq.
" R. Avery.	Hon. Fred. de St. C. Brecken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Synod re-assembled at 2.30 p. m.

Moved by the Rev. John Abbott, seconded by the Rev. D. C. Moore—

"That the Provincial Synod be respectfully requested, at its next meeting, to consider the best method whereby the necessary funds for carrying on the work of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma may be raised, and that thereby the present Bishop may be relieved of much harassing and anxious labour, which alike occupies his time, and lessens the energy which should be devoted directly to his spiritual duties. It is in this connection respectfully suggested that this end would be the best attained through

the appointment by the Provincial Synod of a Central Mission Board."

Carried.

The Committee appointed to draw up a resolution in reference to the death of the late Rev. Dr. Cochran, reported, through the Rev. H. L. Owen, as follows:—

"That this Synod desires to express its respectful remembrance of the many works of religion and humanity performed by the late Rev. J. C. Cochran, D. D., as well as its affectionate regret that the Synod will no more be cheered and strengthened by the words of him who was one of the oldest clerical members; and the Synod also desires to offer to his bereaved widow and family their warmest and most sincere sympathy; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his widow and family."

The Report was adopted.

It was moved by W. Gossip, Esq., seconded by the Rev. P. Brown—

"That a Committee be appointed to draft a resolution relative to the death of the late Rev. J. Stannage, formerly of St. Margaret's Bay."

Carried.

The Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved the resolution, of which he gave notice on the first day, as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this Synod, any change in the Constitution of the Provincial Synod, by which the number of delegates from the various Dioceses should be proportioned to the population, would be unjust and unfair to the smaller and more distant Dioceses, unless accompanied by a provision permitting vote by Diocese."

The resolution was seconded by the Hon. W. B. Vail, and was carried.

His Lordship the Bishop made a suggestion regarding Delegates from P. E. I., acting on which suggestion the Rev. G. W. Hodgson moved, seconded by the Hon. W. B. Vail, the following resolution:—

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"Therefore Resolved, That it be so interpreted that each district under the charge of a clergyman or clergymen thereto licensed by the Bishop, may send two representatives."

Carried.

The following Amendment of Resolution 5, page 49, relative to assessments, was moved by the Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, and seconded by the Hon. A. M. Cochran :

"That the following words be added to said resolution : 'And that previous to each regular session of the Synod the assessment be paid to the Treasurer of the Synod, and also that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat until all dues, including any arrears, be paid.'"

Carried.

The following petition, proposed by His Lordship the Bishop, was, on motion of Rev. John Ambrose, unanimously adopted :

" To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor :

"The Petition of the Diocesan Synod, That for many years, grants of public money have been made in aid of the Collegiate Institutions of the several religious denominations in the Province of Nova Scotia, and that King's College at Windsor, the College of the Church of England, has received a share of these grants. That in the year 1876 an Act was passed renewing these grants for the limited period of five years, which period will terminate next year, so that the College will be deprived of so much of its income that it will be left in a crippled condition, and that the Governors will be unable to maintain the present efficient staff of Professors.

"Your petitioners respectfully submit that inasmuch, as no provision can be made for the religious instruction of the young men of the Province except through the agency of the several religious bodies, it is of great importance for the welfare of the country that public aid should be afforded in this way.

"They therefore humbly pray that your Honor will be pleased

to cause application to be made to the Legislature, at its next Session, for the continuance of the present grants "

The Hon N. W. White gave notice of motion for the next Session of the Synod—

" *Whereas*, The Diocesan Synod is the governing body of the Church, and King's College is one of our most important institutions, and its success is of vital interest ;

" *Therefore Resolved* That in the opinion of this Synod, it is desirable that a full and explicit statement of the affairs of the College—showing its endowments, investments, and revenue from every source, and a detailed account of all expenditures and payments—be laid before this Synod, and that a committee of five be appointed to obtain such information, and report to this Synod "

Moved by Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by W. Gossip, Esq.—

" That the order of business be suspended to allow the introduction of several resolutions relative to deceased members of the Synod "

Carried.

The Committee appointed to prepare a resolution relative to the death of the late Dr. McCawley, reported as follows :

" That this Synod wish to express their sincere regret for the memory of the late Dr. McCawley, whose labors for many years in the cause of education have been a benefit to the Church and to the Province at large, and to proffer to his widow and family their most respectful sympathy."

On motion of Rev. G. W. Hodgson, seconded by Rev. G. O. Troop, the resolution was adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a resolution relative to the death of the late Rev. John Stannage, reported as follows :

" That this Synod having heard of the death of the Rev. John Stannage, takes this opportunity of recording their sense of the high estimation in which his character is held in this Diocese, as a faithful, indefatigable, and successful missionary, and

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On motion of Rev. Canon Maynard, seconded by W. Gossip, Esq., the resolution was adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a report on a Seminary for the Education of Females, reported through the Rev. John Ambrose, as follows:

"That having heard explanations from the Rev. J. Padfield, in reference to the success that has so far attended his efforts, and having had submitted to them plans of a suitable building for continuing his school on a more enlarged scale, and believing that the same is practicable would recommend that a sufficient number of shares of \$25.00 each, and not to exceed \$20 000 in the whole, be issued, and that a committee of three be appointed to perfect the scheme for carrying the same into effect, it being understood that the said school shall, as far as practicable, be conducted on the lines of the scheme for the proposed Victoria College, published in the Journal (page 75 of 12th Session.)"

The report was adopted, and the following gentlemen were appointed a committee:

Rev. J. Padfield, T. C. Moody, Esq., Thos. Brown, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Nichols, (notice of motion being given yesterday)—

"That in the judgment of this Synod it is advisable to limit the number of Representatives to the Provincial Synod to eight of each Order, and that the Executive Committee prepare a petition to the Provincial Synod to this effect."

Carried.

The Report of the B. H. M. was then read by the Clerical Secretary.

Moved by the Rev. J. D. H. Browne, and seconded by the Rev. John Ambrose—

"That the Report be adopted."

Carried.

The Venerable Archdeacon Reid, of P. E. Island, gave notice of the following motion :

"I propose to bring before the Synod the status of P. E. I., and how the stipends of the clergy are to be paid when the S. P. G. grants be withdrawn, if P. E. I. be separated from the Diocese of N. S., as it is on the list of newly proposed Bishoprics."

The Report of the committee appointed to consider and report as to the payment of Assessments of different Parishes was handed in. It read as follows :

"The Committee appointed to consider and report as to the payment of the Assessment of the different Parishes, beg to suggest the following resolution on the subject for the consideration of the Synod :

"Resolved, That immediately after the opening of the Synod, a Committee of three Lay Delegates shall be appointed who, with the Treasurer and Lay Secretary, shall constitute the 'Committee on Credentials' It shall be the duty of such Committee to examine all the Certificates of the Lay Delegates, and ascertain what Parishes, if any, have not paid the assessments for which they are respectively liable, and report thereon in writing to the Synod within two hours. No delegate shall be allowed to take his seat or vote in the Synod, unless the certificates of his election and qualification, as required by the Constitution have been filed with the Secretary on or before the opening of the Synod, and unless the assessment for which the Parish he represents is liable has been fully paid up to that date

[Signed,]

"N. W. WHITE.

"J. N. RITCHIE.

"CHAS. J. TOWNSHEND."

The Report was adopted.

The notice of motion given by Rev. J. J. Ritchie was, in the absence of the proposer, deferred until next Session.

The notice of motion given by the Hon. N. W. White was also deferred until the next Session.

On motion of Col. Poyntz, His Lordship the Bishop vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin.

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It was moved by Col. Poyntz, seconded by the Rev. J. Ambrose :

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

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

His Lordship the Bishop returned thanks for the vote passed by the Synod.

On motion of Col. Poyntz, it was Resolved—

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

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

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

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

"To the Clerical Secretary and Lay Substitute of the Synod for the satisfactory fulfilment of their duties :

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

"To the Press for the full and accurate reports of the Proceedings of the Synod :

"To the W. & A, Intercolonial, and Eastern Extension Railways, and to the Steamboats, for having granted reduced fares."

It was also Resolved—

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

The Synod adjourned until 10 o'clock next morning.

FOURTH DAY.

The Synod opened for business at 10, A. M.

The Roll was called, 36 Clergy and 14 Lay Representatives being present.

The minutes of the previous day were read, amended, and approved.

The following notice of motion was given by the Rev. Canon Dart:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod attention should be directed to the existing safeguards against the admission of unfit persons into the Ministry, and that it is desirable that the subject of these safeguards be introduced into the Provincial Synod, with a view to the adoption of more stringent regulations."

The Rev. Dr. Nichols gave notice of motion as follows:

"That Candidates for Holy Orders be prepared with testimonials as to their moral and religious character, before being accepted as such, and that their names appear in the list of students at King's College as candidates for Holy Orders, and in the Journal of the Diocesan Synod."

The following resolution was moved by the Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Hon. N. W. White:

"Whereas, By the establishment of the *Church Guardian*, a great and long felt want has been supplied to the Church in the Maritime Provinces:

"And Whereas, This paper has been and is judiciously conducted by the enterprise of two clergymen at great pecuniary risk to themselves, and is issued at the lowest possible rate of subscription;

"It is therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this Synod the *Church Guardian* is deserving of encouragement and support. and

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Carried.

Moved by the Hon. W. B. Vail, seconded by the Hon. N. W. White—

"That the name of J. Norman Ritchie, Esq., be substituted for that of Judge Ritchie, on the Education Committee."

Carried.

Moved by W. C. Silver Esq., seconded by the Rev. J. J. Ritchie—

"That the Committee on Education be requested to look after the interests of the contemplated Seminary for Females, and report at next regular Session."

Carried.

After a few general remarks from His Lordship the Bishop, the Episcopal Benediction was pronounced, and the Synod adjourned *sine die*.

The Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia in Account with the Treasurer.

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1878.	To Paid Disbursements, 14th Session.....		\$ 36 85
May.	" Deposited in Savings Bank.....		129 00
Dec.	" " Printing Journal.....		62 25
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1879.	" " " Salary to the Secretary.....		91 66
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BUSINESS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PASSED FOR CONFIRMATION :

The Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin—

Amendment to Resolution 5, page 49, Journal of Fourteenth Session, that the following words be added :

“And that previous to each regular Session of the Synod the Assessment be paid to the Treasurer of the Synod, and also that no representative shall be allowed to take his seat until all dues, including any arrears, be paid.”

Rev. G. W. Hodgson—

Relative to Evening Session :

“That in the opinion of this Synod it is desirable that it should meet in the afternoon and evening, and not in the morning, provision being made for the Missionary Meeting Monday evening.”

MOTIONS DEFERRED.

By Rev. J. J. Ritchie—

Relative to Election of Representatives :

“That the Election of Representatives to the Provincial Synod be made by a vote of the whole House for each individual member, and not by Orders as at present.”

By Hon. N. W. White—

Relative to King's College :

"Whereas, The Diocesan Synod is the governing body of the Church, and King's College is one of our most important institutions, and its success is of vital interest,—

"Therefore Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, it is desirable that a full and explicit statement of the affairs of the College—showing its endowments, investments, and revenue from every source, and a detailed account of all expenditures and payments—be laid before this Synod ; and that a Committee of five be appointed to obtain such information, and report to the Synod."

By the Ven. Archdeacon Read—

Relative to the proposed new Bishopric of P. E. I. :

"I propose to bring before the Synod the status of P. E. I., and how the stipends of the Clergy are to be paid when the S. P. G. grants be withdrawn, if P. E. I. be separated from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, as it is on the list of newly proposed Bishoprics."

By Rev. Canon Dart—

Relative to Admission to Ministry :

"Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, attention should be directed to the existing safeguards against the admission of unfit persons into the Ministry, and that it is desirable that the subject of these safeguards be introduced into the Provincial Synod with a view to the adoption of more stringent regulations."

By Rev. Dr. Nichols—

Relative to conferring Holy Orders :

"That candidates for Holy Orders be prepared with testimonials as to their moral and religious character before being accepted as such, and that their names appear in the list of students at King's College as candidates for Holy Orders, and in the Journal of the Diocesan Synod."

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The Address to His Lordship the Bishop, and His Lordship's Reply, previous to his leaving for England, to attend the Conference of Anglican Bishops at Lambeth.

"Whereas. The following Address and Reply were omitted from the Minutes and Journal of Proceedings of the Synod for 1878, (Fourteenth Session) it was therefore—

"Resolved, That the said Address and Reply be printed as an Appendix to the Journal of the Fifteenth Session."

ADDRESS.

To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia :

MY LORD,—We take the opportunity of our assembling in Synod to convey to your Lordship an expression of our respect and affection.

It seems to us that such an expression is peculiarly appropriate to this occasion, when your Lordship is about to leave the Diocese for the Mother Country, although we trust that your absence will not be of long duration.

Perhaps it would not become us to do more than refer to the marked ability with which your Lordship has always presided over our deliberations, and to the untiring zeal and devotion which your Lordship has displayed during the past twenty-seven years, in the discharge of the arduous duties of the Episcopate.

We rejoice to know that there prevails in the Diocese at the present moment the greatest harmony, and we cannot but feel that this is due in a great measure to the fairness and breadth of sympathy which have ever characterized your Lordship's administration.

The establishment of the Synod, the organization of the Church in the rural districts, the erection of numerous Churches in an improved style of architecture, and an increase in the numbers of the Clergy, are some of the outward tokens of the life and vigour with which the affairs of the Diocese have been directed during your Episcopate.

We hope and pray that the deliberations of the important Conference to which your Lordship is summoned may be guided to the welfare of the whole Church, that your Lordship may be preserved to return to your Diocese, and that it may continue to enjoy, for many years the benefits of your wisdom, zeal and influence.

REPLY.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, in Synod Assembled:

I heartily thank you, Brethren, for the affectionate Address which you have now presented to me, on the occasion of my approaching departure to attend the Second Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion at Lambeth. I feel that a heavy responsibility rests upon every member of such a Conference, and I desire your prayers that grace and wisdom may be vouchsafed to me as representing this Diocese, and that the results of the Conference may be generally beneficial.

It is gratifying to me to be assured that my administration of this Diocese, through a long series of years, is generally approved by this representative

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I rejoice with you that peace and harmony prevail among us, (the God of Peace grant that it may never be interrupted, and that as brethren ye may ever dwell together in unity,) and if, as you kindly suggest, this is to be attributed in any degree to my own courses of action, I am fully repaid for any misconception to which this course may at times have given occasion. I have conscientiously endeavored to act with strict impartiality, bearing in mind, that while there are, and ever will be, differing schools of thought in the Church, (and some, unhappily, are deeply imbued with party spirit,) all alike are included in the Charge committed to the Bishop, and all should be able to rely upon receiving fair and considerate treatment at his hands. I have no sympathy with the drones of any party, but I can honestly say that I heartily sympathize with every man who is earnestly striving to do his Master's work, with self-denying labors for the Lord's sake, and for the good of the flock committed to his care, provided only he keeps himself within the very comprehensive limits of our Branch of Christ's Church, remembering his responsibility as one of her officers.

You are pleased to refer to some of the improvements made during my Episcopate, and I am thankful for what has been accomplished by God's blessing, but I feel that it is little, considering the long period during which I have been entrusted with this Charge. I trust, however, that what has been done, more particularly in the establishment of the Synod, has prepared the way for more decided progress hereafter.

I thank you for the warm expression of your good wishes, and of your desire that I may be restored to you. And intending to embark June 11th, I beg to be remembered, together with my family, among those who are travelling by water, at that time, in the public prayers. So long as God shall be pleased to continue his goodness in preserving my health and strength, I

hope to remain among you, but I cannot forget that years are increasing, and that my ministry among you must ere long be prevented, either by the termination of this mortal life, or at least by the failure of the strength required for the labours of this extensive Diocese.

I pray that the Divine blessing may continually and more abundantly be vouchsafed to you, brethren, beloved in the Lord, and God of His infinite mercy grant, that, whether or not we are again permitted to meet here on earth, we may together be partakers of the rest which remains to His people, and of the fulness of joy at His right hand for evermore."

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