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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: 1865**

# Proceedings of the Synod

OF THE

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

At a meeting of the clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton, held during the Bishop's Visitation, on September 14, 1865, on the motion of the Rev. S. D. Lee Street, seconded by the Rev. Canon Gray, it was determined, "That whereas it has been stated by his lordship in his late Charge to the Clergy, that the clergy and laity should express an opinion as to whether it is desirable to have the organization of a Synod in this diocese, therefore *resolved*, That his lordship be requested to call a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates of the church to take into consideration the question whether it be desirable to have a Synod or not; and if so, under what particular organization."

In pursuance of a letter issued by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on March 12, 1866, a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates from the various parishes, to discuss the question of Synodical action, was held in the school room of Trinity Church in the city of St. John, on July 5, 1866. There were present thirty-one clergymen and thirty-two lay delegates. At this meeting it was unanimously decided that, in the opinion of those present, it was most desirable that a Synod should be formed, and that preliminary steps should be at once taken for its organization. A Committee was appointed to consult with the Bishop and prepare a scheme for the organization of the Synod, to be submitted to a special meeting of the clergy and laity to be called for this purpose. It was also ordered that the proposed scheme should be printed and circulated throughout the Diocese at least two months before the time appointed for the meeting.

On July 4, 1867, after Holy Communion in the Cathedral at half-past seven, A. M., a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates was held in Fredericton, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee appointed the previous year. At this meeting thirty clergymen and thirty-five lay delegates were present, when the following Constitution, together with the Declaration, was adopted as the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton:—

## DECLARATION.

We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon all 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, to make a declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue to be, as it has been, in full communion with the United Church of England and Ireland. We recognize the Canon of Holy Scripture, as received by that Church, to be the Word of God. We acknowledge the Book of Common Prayer, together with the Thirty-nine Articles of religion, to be a true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture. And we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and to transmit them, unimpaired, to our posterity.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Priests and Deacons of the same, duly licensed by the Bishop, and of lay representatives, to be elected as hereinafter provided.
2. The lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, and of the age of twenty-one years. They shall present to the Secretary of the Synod a certificate of their election, signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they were appointed, according to the following form: "Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby certify that at a meeting of the members of the Church in this Parish, held on \_\_\_\_\_, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was duly elected a representative in Synod. Dated \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman."
3. The lay representatives shall be elected every year at a meeting to be summoned by the Incumbent, and to be held in each parish, civil or ecclesiastical, upon Easter Monday, or within thirty days after, and they shall continue in office until other representatives are appointed.
4. In the case of a vacancy occurring in the representation of any parish, by death, resignation, refusal to act, or otherwise, such vacancy may be filled at a special meeting called for that purpose by the Incumbent.
5. The Rector or Incumbent shall preside at every such meeting; but if he shall be unable to attend, the persons qualified to vote may appoint a Chairman and proceed to the election.
6. Public notice of every such meeting, whether ordinary or special, shall be given at the next previous Sunday Service, and also by a notice, written or printed, affixed to the door of each church or chapel-of-case in such parish, at least ten days before the day of such meeting, specifying the time and place of such meeting.
7. All male persons of the age of twenty-one years, being either pew-holders or stated attendants at the public worship of the Church of England in some church or chapel-of-case within the parish for which the election is held, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote for lay representatives: provided that before any person shall be entitled to vote, he shall, if required by the Chairman or any parishioner present, make and subscribe the following declaration: "I, N., do declare that I am a member of the Church of England, resident in this parish, and belong to no other religious denomination."
8. Every parish shall be entitled to elect one representative; but when the number of pew-holders or stated attendants in a parish,

entitled to vote, shall exceed forty, such parish shall elect two representatives; and in such case the Chairman of the meeting at which they were elected shall certify that such parish is entitled to elect two representatives.

9. The quorum required for the transaction of any business in the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of qualified clergymen of the Diocese, and of a like number of lay representatives whose election shall have been certified to the Secretary of the Synod; but any lesser number shall have power to adjourn from day to day until a quorum can be obtained.

10. No act or resolution of the Synod shall become valid without the concurrence of the Bishop and of a majority of the clergy and laity present: provided that, ordinarily, the votes of the whole Synod shall be taken collectively; but that at the desire of the Bishop, or at the request of any three other members of the Synod, the votes of both orders shall be taken separately, and in this case a majority of each shall concur.

11. The Synod shall meet alternately at St. John and Fredericton once in every year, on a summons from the Bishop of the Diocese; and the Bishop, or in the absence of the Bishop, the Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Bishop's Commissary, shall have power to call a special meeting, on any occasion when he may deem it necessary for the welfare of the Diocese, at such time, either at St. John or Fredericton, as he may think proper.

12. The Bishop shall summon a special meeting of the Synod on a requisition in writing signed by ten of the clerical and a like number of lay members of the Synod, specifying the object of the meeting: provided that no such meeting shall be held until at least six months after the last preceding meeting.

13. When the Bishop is present he shall preside at all meetings of the Synod; when the Bishop is not present, the Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Bishop's Commissary shall preside; and in case of the absence of both the Archdeacon and the Bishop's Commissary, the clergy and lay representatives present shall elect a Chairman, who shall preside at the meeting.

14. A Secretary shall be chosen at the first meeting of the Synod, and he shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Synod. It shall be his duty to keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, and to record them in a book provided for that purpose; to preserve all records, papers, and other documents; to certify the public acts of the Synod; and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all property, books, and papers relating to the concerns of the Synod which may be in his possession.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the Constitution of the Synod, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority of each order, shall lie over till the next meeting of the Synod, at which it may be finally adopted.

A committee, consisting of the Hon. Judge Weldon, the Hon. Judge Allen, W. M. Jarvis, Esq., the Rev. W. E. Scovil, and the Rev. John Pearson, was appointed to consider all questions connected with the incorporation of, and powers to be given to, the Synod; to report upon the question of presentation to vacant parishes; and to prepare such measures to be submitted for approval at the next meeting to be

called under the Constitution now adopted as in their opinion may be required.

Due notice was issued by the Bishop of the Diocese, and on July 2, 1868, after Holy Communion at eight o'clock, A. M., the first meeting of the Synod, called together under the Constitution, was held in the school room attached to St. Paul's Church, Portland, St. John.

Special prayer, invoking the Divine Blessing upon the deliberations of the Synod, was offered by the Bishop; immediately after which his lordship delivered an address upon synodical action and government in the church.

The following clergy and lay representatives were present:

Rev. C. Coster,	Rev. E. S. Woodman,
Rev. T. E. Dowling,	Rev. W. Q. Ketchum.
Rev. W. Jaffrey,	Rev. J. H. Saturley.
Rev. C. Lee,	Rev. R. E. Smith,
Rev. H. Pollard,	Rev. J. S. Thomson,
Rev. John Pearson,	Rev. J. S. Williams,
Rev. W. H. DeVeber,	Rev. S. D. Lee Street,
Rev. William Scovil,	Rev. T. Hartin,
Rev. W. Walker,	Rev. J. Dinzey,
Rev. S. J. Hanford,	Rev. W. H. Street,
Rev. Charles Medley,	Rev. E. Hanington,
Rev. J. Neales,	Rev. H. W. Tippet,
Rev. D. Pickett,	Rev. S. Bacon,
Rev. G. Rogers,	Rev. W. S. Neales,
Rev. W. Elias Scovil,	Rev. N. A. Coster,
Rev. B. Shaw,	Rev. J. Hudson,
Rev. R. Simonds,	Rev. W. MacKiel,
Rev. E. Warneford,	Rev. G. S. Jarvis, D. D.,
Rev. W. W. Walker,	Rev. G. G. Roberts,
Rev. George Walker,	Rev. A. H. Weeks.
Rev. D. Wetmore,	
Mr. Arthur C. Fairweather,	Mr. R. F. Hazen,
Mr. G. H. Clements, Jr.,	Mr. N. H. DeVeber,
Hon. Judge Allen,	Mr. G. D. Street,
Hon. R. D. Wilmot,	Mr. J. Gillespie,
Mr. William Jack,	Mr. V. Tippet,
Mr. W. M. Jarvis,	Mr. John Wills,
Mr. John Clowes,	Mr. W. Towers,
Mr. Charles L. Richards,	Mr. W. L. Seely,
Mr. J. L. Wilmot,	Mr. Lewis Pickett,
Mr. W. B. Scovil,	Mr. James Henry,
Mr. P. W. Raymond,	Mr. A. Hanington,
Hon. W. B. Flewelling,	Mr. W. Wilkinson,
Mr. S. Foster,	Mr. G. S. Smith,
Mr. Edwin Sharp,	Major Robinson,
Mr. Charles Dixon,	Mr. James L. Price.*
Mr. J. B. S. Raymond,	

On motion of Mr. W. Wilkinson, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, the Rev. John Pearson was appointed Secretary of the Synod.

\*Three clergymen, who have given in their adhesion to the Synod, and twelve lay representatives, whose election had been certified to the Secretary, were absent.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on July 4, 1867, were read and approved.

Read, the Report of the Committee appointed on the 4th July, 1867, to consider all questions connected with the incorporation of, and powers to be given to, the Synod, and to prepare measures to be submitted for its approval, with the several schedules thereto annexed.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The following order of proceedings and rules for the preservation of order were then adopted:

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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

II. After prayer the Secretary of the Synod shall call over the Roll of the Clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance, and shall then call over the names of the several parishes entitled to send lay representatives, when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary, and a Committee of two to be appointed for the purpose; and where found satisfactory the names shall be recorded, and the attendance, if present, marked by the Secretary.

III. The order of business on each day shall be as follows:

1. Calling the Rolls.
2. Reading, correcting, and approving the Minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Appointing Committees.
4. Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.
5. Presenting Reports of Committees.
6. Giving notice of motions.
7. Taking up unfinished business.
8. Consideration of motions.

IV. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

V. Notices of motion, if any, given by a member of the Synod, for proceeding at a subsequent meeting, shall be read over at such meeting, and may be taken up by any member present, in the same manner as if he had himself given the notice.

#### RULES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ORDER.

1. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.
2. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair.
3. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod, unless seconded and reduced to writing.
4. No member, save the mover of a motion, who is entitled to reply, shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Synod, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misunderstood, and then he is not to introduce new matter.
5. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it,

or to divide upon it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

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

7. When a motion shall be before the Synod, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the Synod.

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

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

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

11. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made, but no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order; yet a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

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

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

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

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

16. 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.

17. All Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, unless named by the Synod, and the names shall be publicly announced while the Synod is in session.

18. The Reports of Committees shall be in writing signed by the members of the Committee or a majority thereof; and if such Reports shall recommend any action or expression of opinion, they shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of that part of the Report of the Committee which relates to the presentation of Rectors to vacant Parishes; when the following was agreed to:

*A Bill intitled "An Act relating to Presentations to Rectories of the Church of England in the Province of New Brunswick."*

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the presentation to ecclesiastical Rectories of the Church of England in the Diocese of Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, therefore enacts as follows:

1. No person shall be capable to be admitted to any parsonage, or other ecclesiastical benefice, or promotion in the Church of England, within the Province of New Brunswick, but such as shall be duly licensed by the Bishop of the said Diocese, and shall also conform to and consent in writing to be bound by the liturgy and articles of the said Church.

2. On the death, resignation, deprivation, or removal from the Diocese of any Rector, or other vacancy in the rectory of any Church within the said Province, it shall be the duty of the Church Wardens of the said Church, within ten days thereafter, to signify such vacancy to the Bishop of the diocese.

3. It shall be the duty of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the said Church, within one month after such vacancy shall have occurred, to appoint a day when the nomination to fill such vacancy shall be made by the Parishioners by a two-thirds majority of votes of those present at the meeting so convened therefor, or some adjournment thereof: provided that the time for such nomination shall not exceed six months from the day when such vacancy shall have occurred.

4. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given by the Church Wardens by affixing a written or printed notice on the door of the church, churches, and chapels-of-ease within the parish, at least twenty days before the time appointed therefor.

5. The parishioners entitled to vote shall consist of male persons over the age of twenty-one years, and being pew owners, or lessees from the church of pews; and of male persons over such age who shall have been for a period of six months next preceding such choice for presentation stated attendants at the public worship of the said church, or some chapel-of-ease connected therewith, and who shall not belong to any other religious denomination; and who shall at the time of the meeting produce a receipt from one of the Church Wardens or the Vestry Clerk of the said church for the payment of the sum of one dollar or upwards in aid of the said church or chapel-of-ease for the year preceding such choice: provided that not more than one person shall be entitled to vote on any one pew-ownership or leasing in respect thereof.

6. Should no nomination be made by the parishioners, and notified to the Bishop of the Diocese within six months after the vacancy shall have occurred, it shall be lawful for the Bishop of the Diocese to collate to such vacant church.

7. It shall be the duty of the Church Wardens, within ten days after such meeting and choice, to notify the same in writing, and to present the person so chosen to the Bishop of the Diocese; whereupon the Bishop shall institute the person so presented to the vacant benefice, unless some lawful impediment exist to his so doing, and cause him to be inducted.

8. Should institution be refused, the cause or causes of such refusal shall be signified in writing by the Bishop to the person presented.

9. No nomination or presentation to any Church, Rectory, or Ecclesiastical Benefice of the Church of England, within New Brunswick, shall hereafter be made by the Governor General of Canada, or by the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick; and so much of the first, second, and third sections of chapter 107, title xxvii. of the Revised Statutes of New Brunswick "of the Church of England," as shall conflict with this Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion of Mr. W. M. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. G. S. Smith, it was resolved, That a copy of the Bill now agreed to be furnished to the Lord Bishop, to be forwarded immediately to the Governor General of Canada; and that the Committee appointed last year to prepare the draft of the measure have authority to petition the Legislature in its favor, and to transmit the measure to Parliament, and to take any proceedings that may be necessary to secure its enactment,

or to prevent the enactment of any measure conflicting with the action of the Synod, so far as the parishes represented by it are concerned.

Adjourned until to morrow.

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 1868.

After Divine Service in the Church, at half-past nine o'clock, the Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

On motion of Rev. W. Scovil, seconded by Rev. W. MacKiel,

*Resolved*, That this Synod do confer with those clergymen who have not joined the Synod as to the causes which prevent them from doing so.

By permission of the Bishop, the Rev. J. J. Hill, Rector of Trinity Church, St. John, then addressed the Synod, in connexion with the preceding resolution.

It was then proposed for consideration by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, That the Declaration of Principles in the Constitution of the Synod be amended so that the concluding part thereof shall read as follows:

"We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue to be, as it has been, in full communion with the United Church of England and Ireland. We believe the Canon of Holy Scripture as received by that Church to be the Word of God. We hold the Book of Common Prayer, together with the thirty-nine articles of religion, to be a true and faithful declaration of the doctrines contained in Holy Scripture. And we solemnly pledge ourselves, in dependence on Divine aid, to preserve those doctrines, and to transmit them unimpaired to our posterity."

And further, that the following clause or section be added to the Constitution of the Synod:

"16. No change or alteration shall be made in the declaration of principles prefixed to this Constitution without the unanimous consent of the Synod assembled."

After some discussion, Mr. Jarvis expressed his desire to withdraw the preceding proposition; whereupon it was moved by Rev. C. Lee, and seconded by Mr. A. Hanington,

That Mr. Jarvis be permitted to withdraw the proposition; and this being put to the meeting, was decided in the negative.

The consideration of Mr. Jarvis's proposition was then resumed; and Rev. B. Shaw moved, and Mr. S. Foster seconded,

That the words "the unanimous consent of the Synod assembled" be struck out of the proposed section 16 of the Constitution, and that the words "a majority of two-thirds of each order of the assembled Synod" be substituted for them; and on the question being put it passed in the affirmative.

Moved by Rev. C. Lee, seconded by Rev. E. Hanington,

That the proposition of Mr. Jarvis be not at present entertained, but that the whole subject thereof be referred to a Committee, who shall also confer with the rev. gentlemen who are not members of the Synod with a view of removing any objection they may have to joining the Synod; and on the question being taken thereon it was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken as to the approval of the proposition; and as it related to an alteration of the Constitution it became necessary, according to the fifteenth clause of the Constitution, for each order to vote separately; when the clerical vote being taken, it was found that eleven voted for and thirteen against the motion, so that it was decided in the negative.

Moved by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, seconded by the Hon. Judge Allen, and

*Resolved*, That the Synod will willingly consider any proposition which may be made for alteration in any part of its Constitution which may be felt by any parish to be an objection to its joining therein; that a Committee be appointed to confer with the clergy or representatives of such parish or parishes thereon; and that any delegates elected by any such parish for the express purpose of supporting such modification or alteration, or clergy attending for the like purpose, shall not be considered to have pledged themselves by such action to the continued support of the Synod, should the views advocated by them not meet with general assent.

The Bishop named as the Committee, the Rev. W. Scovil, the Hon. Judge Allen, Major Robinson, Mr. W. M. Jarvis, and the Rev. W. Q. Ketchum.

On motion of the Hon. Judge Allen, seconded by the Rev. W. Q. Ketchum, it was

*Resolved*, That the Synod proceed to consider that part of the Report of the Committee which relates to the incorporation of the Synod.

The Synod then proceeded to consider that part of the Report of the Committee [C and D] which relates to the incorporation of the Synod; whereupon, on motion of the Rev. W. Q. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. P. L. Raymond, it was

*Resolved*, That the question of incorporation of the Synod be deferred till the next meeting of the same.

Moved by the Rev. W. Scovil, seconded by Major Robinson, and

*Resolved*, unanimously, That this Synod fully concurs in the sentence of excommunication passed on Dr. Colenso, and solemnly declares that the Church in this diocese is not in communion with him.

[NOTE.—During the discussion of the preceding resolution the Hon. Judge Allen and Mr. Jarvis retired.]

The Synod then proceeded to consider schedule F of the Report of the Committee relating to the election of a bishop in case of a vacancy in the see, when the following was agreed to:

#### CANON: OF THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the succession of the Episcopate in the diocese of Fredericton, and whereas in accordance with the ancient usages of the church, the election should be made by the Synod of the diocese, the form of election shall be as follows:—

1. The Archdeacon, or if there be no Archdeacon, the Commissary of the late Bishop, or if there be no Archdeacon or Commissary, or if they shall refuse, or shall neglect for thirty days or more after a vacancy in the See shall have occurred to act, then the Rural Dean senior in Priest's orders within the Diocese for the time being, shall summon a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of

a Bishop, to be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such vacancy shall have occurred, at which meeting no other business but such election shall be proceeded with.

2. The person who shall be chosen by the votes, taken by ballot of at least two-thirds of the clergy and two-thirds of the lay delegates present at such meeting, or some adjournment thereof, shall be deemed elected to the office of Bishop of this Diocese. And this election shall not be vitiated by the absence of any of the parties summoned, or by the failure of any parish to elect a lay representative.

3. Any question as to the validity of the election to the vacant See shall be submitted, prior to the consecration of the person elected, to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being, or other Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton, whose decision shall be final.

4. The Synod may at such meeting, by a like majority of clergy and lay delegates as hereinbefore mentioned, delegate to the Archbishop of Canterbury, or other Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, the power of choosing a Bishop for the vacant See; and such choice shall thereupon be final.

5. The choice of the Synod, or the delegation of its choice, shall be notified in writing to the Archbishop of Canterbury, or other Metropolitan of the See of Fredericton for the time being, by the Chairman of the meeting and Secretary of the Synod, immediately after its decision.

6. The following declaration shall be made before the Archbishop of Canterbury, or other Metropolitan, or some person duly appointed by him, by the Bishop elect, before his consecration, or, if already consecrated, before exercising any episcopal functions in this diocese: "I, N., chosen bishop of the See of Fredericton, do promise that I will teach and maintain the doctrine and discipline of the United Church of England and Ireland; and I also 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 Fredericton; and in consideration of being appointed bishop of the said See of Fredericton, I hereby undertake immediately to resign the said appointment, together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto, if sentence requiring such resignation should at any time be passed upon me, after due examination had, by the tribunal acknowledged or appointed by the Synod of the said Diocese for the trial of a bishop; saving all rights of appeal allowed by the said Synod.

7. The above declaration in writing, signed by the Bishop elect, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Synod.

Moved by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, seconded by the Rev. W. Scovil, and Resolved, That the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to consider the propriety of framing a prayer for the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, and requesting the same to be used by the Clergy of the Church in this diocese, as it is understood such prayer is now used in the dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Huron, and Ontario, by request of the Lord Bishop, Metropolitan of Canada.

On motion of the Rev. T. E. Dowling, seconded by the Rev. W. Scovil, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, and that they be requested to prepare business for the next meeting of the Synod, and authorized to publish their report at least two months before the next meeting of the Synod.

The bishop named Mr. W. M. Jarvis, the Hon. Judge Allen, the Hon. Judge Weldon, the Rev. W. E. Scovil, and the Rev. John Pearson, it being understood that they will, as before, consult with the bishop.

On motion of Major Robinson, seconded by the Rev. W. Scovil, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to prepare as full a Report as possible of the proceedings of the present meeting of the Synod, and have the same printed for distribution; the expense of the publication of the same to be met by a subscription to be made at the next meeting of the Synod.

Moved by the Hon. Judge Allen, seconded by the Rev. W. Q. Ketchum, and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the rector, churchwardens and vestry of St. Paul's, Portland, for the use of the church and school-room on the present occasion.

A vote of thanks was given by acclamation to the Bishop for his able and kind conduct while presiding at the deliberations of the Synod. To this his lordship replied in a few words, congratulating the Synod upon the friendly way in which the business had been carried on by its various members, and expressing his earnest hope that all future meetings may be conducted with the same christian courtesy and forbearance.

At the bishop's suggestion the doxology was sung; after which the Synod was dismissed by him with his blessing.

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The Secretary takes this opportunity of respectfully informing the clergy and lay delegates that as the Report of the Business Committee will be published about April next, any proposition from any member of the Synod, to be discussed at the next meeting, can be printed at the same time, for general information, if desired, and if it be forwarded before March 31, 1869.

Frederickton, November 9, 1868.

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER,

Having obtained help from a friend in England, I am enabled to supply you with some valuable theological books at a very reduced rate, as you will see by the following scale. Any of you to whom this paper is sent, may purchase any number of the works mentioned for the sum proposed, to be delivered in Saint John or Frederickton, duties and carriage included; but no purchase must exceed the sum of ten dollars currency. Should you not desire to purchase, you need not reply to this letter; but those who desire to be purchasers should inform me of their wish, and of the names of the books they desire to obtain, *not later than the first week in January next*. No payment will be required till the delivery of the books, which cannot be until some time next spring. Any other similar work, not on my list, may be had at the same rate, if application be made at the same time; but it must not exceed in price the highest of those on the list.

You may see from this list how many useful books may be purchased for a small sum. In order further to assist you, I add, that if any be disposed to purchase books amounting in value to \$6.00 or more, and should not wish to pay the whole amount at once, they can do so in two payments; half on the delivery of one set of books, and half on the delivery of the remainder, within six months after.

I remain, Dear Brother,

Your Faithful Friend,

JOHN FREDERICTON.

P. S.—You will please to consider this letter as a private communication.



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