

CAP. IV.

An Act to incorporate the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick.

Passed 14th April 1853.

Preamble reciting
Constitution, Bye
Laws, Rules and
Regulations of the
Society.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Legislature of this Province, that certain persons hereinafter named, and divers others inhabitants of New Brunswick, Members of the Church of England, have associated themselves together as a Society under the following Constitution, Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations, that is to say:—

1st. The Society shall be called the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick:

2d. No Constitution, Bye Law, Rule or Regulation of the Society, or any abrogation, repeal, change or alteration of the same, shall be of any force until it shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the Bishop of and administering the Diocese for the time being, by writing under his hand: 3d. The payment at any one time of a sum not less than ten pounds shall constitute a life Member; and the payment annually of any sum however small, shall constitute the person paying the same a Member of the Society: 4th. The Society shall have a President, who shall be the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; two or more Vice Presidents, of whom the Archdeacon shall be the first; one or more Treasurers; one or more Secretaries; two Auditors of Accounts; and an Executive Committee of twenty four Lay Members of the Society, being life Members thereof, or subscribers of at least one pound to the Funds of the Society, who, with the exception of the President and Vice Presidents, shall be annually elected at the Anniversary Meeting: 5th. The officers of the Society and the Clergy of the Diocese, shall be *ex officio* Members of the Committee; five to be a quorum, and three of the five Laymen: 6th. The Society shall embrace the following objects, and none other, viz:—

1. Missionary visits to places where there is no settled Clergyman, and aid to new and poor Missions:

2. The establishment of Divinity Scholarships at King's College, Fredericton; and assistance where necessary to those who may be under preparation for the Ministry, especially sons of Clergymen;

3. Aid to Sunday and other Schools in which Church principles are taught; and the training and encouraging of Schoolmasters and Catechists;

4. The supply of Books and Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church of England;

5. Aid to the building and enlarging of Churches and Chapels;

6. Aid to the building of Parsonage Houses;

7. The creation of a fund towards the augmentation of the stipends of Clergymen who are poor; and towards the education of the children of such Clergymen; and towards the making a provision for those who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity;

8. The creation of a Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy:

7th. The Society will employ no Clergyman on Missionary services without the Bishop's licence and appointment, and will submit its choice of Divinity Scholarships to His Lordship's approbation: 8th. The Society will circulate no Books which are not in the Catalogue of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, except such as the Bishop shall approve:

9th. It shall be competent to any Member of the Society to limit his subscription to any one or more of the objects above recited, which he may be most anxious to promote: 10th. The Members of the Society in each Mission or in each Parish of each Mission, at the discretion of the Missionary, shall constitute a local Committee: 11th. It shall be competent to each Committee to recommend any of the above recited objects to the special consideration of the General Committee, in the appropriation of the Funds of the Society: 12th. The Society shall hold its Anniversary Meeting at Fredericton and Saint John alternately; at the latter place on the Thursday after the third Tuesday in January, and at the former place on the Thursday after the second Tuesday in February, in each year: 13th. The Committee of each Parish or Mission shall hold an annual meeting, on some convenient day, previous to the Anniversary Meeting, when the recommendation to the General Committee of special objects shall be determined on: 14th. Each local Committee shall be empowered to depute two Lay Members of the Society to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Committee, to assist the Missionary in submitting the recommendations of the Committee to the consideration of the General Committee: 15th. For this purpose the Missionaries and Lay Deputies shall meet in General Committee on the two days or more if need be, previous to the Anniversary Meeting, to

The Diocesan
Church Society of
New Brunswick
Incorporated

Constitution, &c.
before recited to be
the Constitution,
&c. but may be
amended.

Property in houses
and or expectancy
vested in Corpora-
tion.

Act not to have
effect till accepted

Preamble