

## CANON 13—SECTION 2.

“Every Bishop elect, before his consecration, shall produce to the House of Bishops, from the Convention by whom he is elected, evidence of such election; and from the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in General Convention, evidence of their approbation of his testimonials, and of their assent to his consecration; and also certificates, respectively; such certificates, in both cases, to be signed by a constitutional majority of the members of the Diocesan Convention or of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, as the case may be. The same evidence of election by, and the same certificate from, the members of the Diocesan Convention, shall be presented to the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in General Convention.

“If the House of Bishops consent to the consecration, the presiding Bishop with any two Bishops may proceed to perform the same, or any three Bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.”

There is, as regards the clergy of this Diocese, an undoubted hardship in the probable difficulty which our Canon throws in the way of the nomination of any one of their number; and the noble self-denial of the clergy, as shown by the debate re-printed as Appendix B of Mr. Sanborn's pamphlet, is beyond all praise. The debate is worthy of careful perusal; the clergy do not assert any claim, and their chief anxiety seemed to be lest the Bishops of the Province might bashfully refuse to send down their own names; but the Metropolitan calmed their fears on that point.

The question, however, is not one for the clergy alone; every layman of this Diocese has an interest in the dignity of the See to which he individually belongs. Still, the present contract between this Diocese and the Church at large is not irrevocable at any future time. If it be found on cool reflection that the honour accorded to us has been too dearly purchased, our constitution provides a remedy without resort to revolutionary measures. The Provincial Synod will not be likely to stand in our way. If our honours are too oppressive, there is a method of resigning them; but, fortunately, our constitution will not allow us to break in six months a compact which it has cost