

Bishops of the Province, other than the accuser and accused, to attend at an appointed time and place, and it shall be the duty of every Bishop so summoned to attend unless he be excused for reasonable cause, to be approved by the Metropolitan, or by the Bishop senior by consecration. He shall also summon the accused Bishop by written notice, to be sent by mail, within two weeks from the receipt of the presentment, addressed to his usual or last place of residence in his diocese, to appear and answer at the time and place so appointed, and shall also give like notice to the complainants requiring them to attend at the said time and place to substantiate their charges.

18. The time appointed for trial shall be within three calendar months, and not less than one month from the day on which the summons was mailed, and the place shall be within the diocese of the accused Bishop.

19. The Bishops shall appoint a legal assessor at the time of trial, but such assessor shall not vote in any case whatever.

20. If the accused refuse or neglect to appear, then the Court shall proceed *ex parte* to pronounce him in contumacy, and after hearing the evidence adduced pronounce judgment in the case.

21. The accused and the accusers may appear by counsel.

22. The decision of the Court on all the charges shall be reduced to writing, and signed by a majority of those members of the Court by whom the case has been heard.

23. The sentence of the Court if the accused be found guilty shall be either admonition, suspension for a definite period, deposition or removal from office in the said church. And in case of such removal from office with a cessation of all right in the temporalities of his See.

24. The judgment of the Court shall be communicated to every Bishop of this Ecclesiastical Province, to the Provincial Synod, and to the Synod of the diocese of the accused Bishop, and the said Synods shall forthwith proceed to enter and record such judgment.

A full record of the proceedings of every such trial shall be kept by the House of Bishops.

C. J. Brydges, Chairman of the Committee of the Lower House.

Mr. Brydges moved that the canon as amended be sent up to the House of Bishops for their concurrence. Carried.

A message from the Upper House was received at a subsequent stage of the proceedings, concurring in the canon.

A message from the Upper House was received in which their Lordships did not concur in the report of the committee adopted by the Lower House, and which report recommended that at the discretion of a minister the services of a lay reader might be dispensed with, without reference to his Bishop. The reason for non-concurrence was not stated in the message.

A discussion ensued, and

Mr. S. Harman, seconded by Canon Brent, moved that this House do reconsider the canon with reference to the appointment of lay readers. Carried.

The discussion resulted in the appointment of a committee composed of Canons Dart, Lobley and Mr. C. J. Brydges to confer with their Lordships upon the matter.

The committee reported their Lordships were not prepared to withdraw the license of a lay reader at the request of a minister, but would take into consideration all facts touching the cause for such dismissal. The subject was therefore left over until next session.

The following letter which explains itself, read by the Clerical Secretary, was sent down in a message from the Upper House:—

City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Montreal, 18th September, 1877.

To His Lordship the Metropolitan, President of the Provincial Synod: Reverend Sir,—On Friday last His Worship the Mayor, some time before the meeting of Council took place, put in my hands a small note which he had received from you asking permission to lay down straw in the portion of the street adjacent to the building in which the Synod hold their sittings, and instructed me to inform your Lordship that the permission asked for was cheerfully granted. Pressure of business made me overlook the matter, which I

very much regret, and now beg to apologize to your Lordship. Trusting you will accept my apology for this omission of duty, which I can assure your Lordship was quite involuntary, I have the honor to be, your most humble servant, Chas. Glackmeyer, City Clerk.

Committee on the motion respecting amendments to Canons—Revs. G. W. Hodgson, Geo. W. Hill, D. C. L., Messrs. Thos. White, Clarkson Jones, and G. Schofield.

Committee appointed to confer with a committee of the House of Bishops and to report upon the functions, powers and duties of Deans, Archdeacons, Rural Deans and Canons—Revs. J. Langtry, J. G. Roberts, J. W. Burke, T. E. Dowling, E. J. Hemmings, D. C. L., Messrs. S. S. VanKoughnet, G. A. Blair.

Rev. Dr. Hill moved, seconded by Dr. Henderson, Q. C., that the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Prolocutor, the Venerable Archdeacon Whitaker, for his courteous, learned, impartial and able conduct in the chair, whereby the business of this session has been carried on to a satisfactory and harmonious conclusion. Carried.

The Prolocutor replied in happy terms, and congratulated the members of the Lower House upon the amicability which had characterized their proceedings.

Moved by Mr. George McCrae, seconded by Rev. Canon Brigstocke,

That the thanks of the House be given to the Secretaries for their able and efficient discharge of the duties of their office. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Rev. James Brook,

That the cordial thanks of the delegates are tendered to the citizens of Montreal for the hospitality and kindness they have received at their hands, and to the Rev. Canon Evans for the trouble he has taken in making arrangements. Carried.

Moved by Rural Dean Cole, seconded by Chief Justice Allen:—That the House of Bishops be requested, through the Metropolitan, to represent to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury the earnest desire of this Provincial Synod that, before the assembly of the Pan-Anglican Synod next year, steps be taken to cause a day of humiliation and fasting to be observed throughout the Anglican Church, to pray to Almighty God to pardon and heal the divisions of Christendom. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Canon Dart, seconded by Mr. C. J. Brydges:—That a committee of this House be appointed to make, at the proper time, in conjunction with the Metropolitan, such arrangements in regard to the convenient meeting of this House, and the accommodation of its members, as they may deem necessary for the holding of the next Provincial Synod.

Moved by Rev. H. Holland, seconded by Judge Kingsmill:—That in No. 31 of the Rules of Order, for the words "one clerical and one lay member from each Diocese," in lines one and two, be substituted the words "three clerical and three lay members of the Synod." Carried.

Rev. Canon Preston, seconded by Chief Justice Allen, moved the adoption of the report of the Diaconate. Carried.

Moved by Rev. R. W. Norman, seconded by Rev. Canon Lobley:—That all notices of motion not yet disposed off, be placed under the head of unfinished business. Carried.

The Clerical Secretary informed the House that (naming the motions) only five notices remained on the orders of the day which were not disposed off.

The minutes of the seventh days proceedings were read and confirmed.

The Closing Proceedings.—His Lordship the Metropolitan, accompanied by their Lordships the Bishops of the various dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province, entered the House and occupied the platform. The Metropolitan then addressed the House as follows:—REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY.—In closing this session of our Provincial Synod I have great pleasure in congratulating you on the singularly peaceful and harmonious spirit which has prevailed during the past days of our meeting together. This session will be specially marked by the introduction of a very important canon which has been submitted to our deliberation; and although the subject was

one of considerably delicacy and beset with some difficulties, I rejoice to think that it has called out such an amount of good feeling and unanimity as rarely characterize so large an assembly.

I have to state that the following Acts having been concurred in by both Houses, have passed the Synod, viz.:—1. The confirmation of amendment of Article XII of the Constitution. 2. The confirmation of amendment of Article VII of the Constitution. 3. The confirmation and amendment of Article IX of the Constitution. 4. The confirmation of a Report on Intercommunion with the Church in the United States. 5. The adoption of a resolution concerning the appointment of a delegation to the next General Convention. 6. The adoption of a Canon on the consecration of a Bishop. 7. The adoption of a Canon on the oaths and subscriptions of the clergy. 8. The adoption of a resolution concerning the Table of Kindred and Affinity. 9. The adoption of an amendment of Canon IX. 10. The adoption of an amendment of Canon XII. 11. The adoption of an amendment of Canon XXVIII. 12. The concurrence of both Houses in the appointment of St. Andrew's Day, or any one of the following days, as a day of Intercession.

I earnestly pray that as you go back to your respective Dioceses you may be animated by the same spirit of brotherly love, and also by a desire to throw yourselves with increased heartiness into the blessed work of Christ and of His Church.

Brethren, may God's presence and blessing be with you.

I have now to declare that this Synod is prorogued.

The members then sung the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by the Metropolitan, all kneeling, and the ninth session of the Provincial Synod was brought to a close.

[We have made considerable use of the report in the Montreal Gazette in our account of the proceedings of Synod.]

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—At a vestry meeting of Trinity Church, held on Monday, Sept. 24, Messrs. T. Cole, P. A. Crosby, were elected churchwardens, and measures were discussed, having in view the reorganization of the church. A reduction of twenty-five per cent. was made on the pew rents. It is hoped, that, under the pastoral care of the new rector, the Rev. W. Craig, the church will resume its former position, and that most of its old friends and many new ones will rally round the new pastor, who has already won the reputation of an able preacher, and zealous parish worker. Sunday, the 30th, was observed in this diocese as a day of Thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest, and special collections taken up in most of the city churches, on behalf of the poor; several churches were appropriately decorated.

#### TORONTO.

We have been requested to give notice that a box will be made up for the *Shingwauk Home* on the 20th inst. and any parcels left at Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison's will be forwarded therein.

The address of the Rev. Rural Dean Givins is Toronto, not Yorkville.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending September 29th, 1877.

MISSION FUND.—Special Appeal.—Hon. Wm. Cayley, on account of subscription \$50.00; Rev. J. D. Cayley, on account of subscription \$20.00.

July Collection.—Lloydtown, \$2.10; Alliston, \$2.30; West Essa, \$2.00; Fisher's School House, 70 cents; St. Paul's Toronto, \$23.50.

Thanksgiving Collection.—Shanty Bay, \$5.45; Berkeley (Harvest Home Collection), \$9.30; Holland Landing, (Harvest Home Collection), \$2.00.

"R," Orillia, donation, \$20.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—"R," Orillia (donation), \$5.00.

TORONTO.—St. George's.—The Lord Bishop of Fredericton preached in St. George's Church last Sunday morning to a large and attentive congregation. The Lord Bishop of Toronto was also