

dwell no longer on them. I fear indeed that my letter is already too long, though certainly not long enough to make out my case as effectively as may be done. My object has been to show that Mr. Dawson is in error in stating that the Canons of Nicea are Canons of consecration and not of election, and that there is no foundation for his assertion that in ante-Nicene times, the "Clergy and Laity were alone concerned in Episcopal elections." His statement too, that in those days "there is no trace, even in ordinations, of the assembly of the Bishops and Metropolitan upon such occasions," I have been obliged to deny, for the reasons given, though the 23rd Canon of the Council of Antioch should be a sufficient reason in itself. "Let the ecclesiastical constitution be observed which enjoins that a Bishop be not made otherwise than with (by) a Synod, and the judgment of the Bishops who have the power of promoting a worthy man after the sleep (death) of him who has ceased from his labours." *Servetur autem statutum ecclesiasticum qui continet non aliter fieri debere quam cum Synodo et iudicio Episcoporum qui post defuncti dormitationem, protestatem habent dignum provehendi.* In the original Greek the Canon is even stronger than in the Latin translation of Zonaras, and when it is considered that the Canons of this Council (A.D.341) were based upon, and embody the Apostolical Canons, I think we have a disproof of Mr. Dawson's position. I have nothing to do with his arguments drawn from Modern Canonists, or from Mediceval authorities, all I wish to do is to rescue the House of Bishops, the majority of the Clerical, and almost a majority of the Lay delegates of the Provincial Synod, from the reproach that they are an "innovating party," who "under cover of the proposed Canon (of Confirmation) claim a new election in the House of Bishops, over the Diocesan Synod."

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