

that action is now being taken in England in order to arrive at an authoritative and just interpretation of the law of the Church in these particulars, your Memorialists conceive that any attempted alteration at present of the existing uses in Canada, would certainly produce in our midst serious differences and a needless diversity between the Canadian branch of the Church and the Church in the mother country, in respect of rites and ceremonies and ornaments.

Your Memorialists furthermore desire to express their firm and most decided protest against any action on the part of the Synod which would seem to countenance or introduce alterations in the Book of Common Prayer in any of its parts, or which would tend to lay a restraint upon the comprehensive spirit of the Church in regard to its rites, ceremonies and ornaments, until the Church in Canada shall first have had the benefit of the authoritative decision upon disputed points which there is reason to believe will, ere long, be attained in England.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that the Provincial Synod will, for the present, forbear to enact any rule or canon of the nature referred to, or to introduce any alteration in the Book of Common Prayer, or any direction or rubric therein contained.

And your Memorialists will ever pray.

(68 signatures attached.)

To the Lower House of the Provincial Synod of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada :

The Memorial of The Young Men's Christian Association, in connection with the Church of England and Ireland, in the city of Montreal, humbly sheweth :

That they believe that the innovations introduced into our beloved Church by the Ritualistic party therein, all tending to close assimilation to that of the Church of Rome, have already borne their natural fruit, by leading many of her members, both Clerical and Lay, to apostatize from her communion ;

That they cannot disguise from themselves, that Ritualism has obtained a foothold in the Church in Canada, both in this and other Dioceses. And as one amongst other proofs thereof, they refer to its open avowal at the late meeting of the Synod of this Diocese ;