

22. The trial shall be presided over by the Assessor, who shall note down all objections raised to the admission of evidence, or otherwise, and all questions determined by the Court. When only four members of the Board are present, if any interlocutory question shall arise, such as the admission of evidence, mode of proceeding, adjournment, or other interlocutory matter, the Assessor shall have a casting vote; but he shall not vote in any other case — the immediate duties of his office being for the preservation of order, regulating the proceedings, and informing and advising the Court on any question of a legal character that may arise, and generally aiding the Court in their deliberations, interlocutory and final.

23. It shall be the duty of the Assessor to cause a correct record of all the proceedings of the said Court to be kept, and at the conclusion of the trial, to transmit the same, under seal, with the evidence, and all papers and documents connected therewith, to the Bishop of the Diocese.

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24. If on the day fixed for the trial the accused shall appear, he shall be called upon to plead to the charge, and if he refuse to plead, a plea of "*Not Guilty*" shall be entered for him, and the trial shall proceed, unless he take exception to the jurisdiction; in which case the question of jurisdiction shall be determined by the Court, and if it be overruled, the trial shall proceed.

25. If the accused do not appear, then, on proof to the satisfaction of the Board and the Assessor, that thirty days' notice of trial had been served on the accused, the trial may proceed in his absence, and evidence adduced of the charge.

26. Before any person shall be allowed to give evidence, he shall make and subscribe a solemn declaration that he will truly answer all such questions as may be put to him respecting the matter in question, without any equivocation, evasion, or mental reservation, and that he will speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The evidence given by each witness shall be read over to and signed by him, and he shall also subscribe a declaration of its truth, and that according to the best of his knowledge and belief he has withheld nothing bearing on the matter in issue which ought legally and properly to have been disclosed.

27. All evidence shall be taken down in writing by the Assessor, or by some member of the Board of Triers, or by a Clerk appointed for that purpose, and if taken by a Clerk he

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