one of the names, and the Church Advocate shall strike off another, and so alternately until the number shall be reduced to *five*, which five, or a majority of them, shall form the Court for the trial.

6. If the accused shall neglect to attend in person, or by an agent, the Clerical Secretary of the Synod shall strike the list with the Church Advocate, in place of the accused so absent.

7. The accused and Church Advocate may, by a written consent, fyled with the Clerical Secretary of the Synod, agree upon any five of the members of the Court, so elected as aforesaid, which five, or a majority of them, shall form the Court.

8. The Bishop shall issue a precept, addressed to the members of the Court, so struck or agreed upon, requiring them to proceed to the trial of the accused at the appointed time and place; which precept, together with a certified copy of the charges, shall be transmitted by the Bishop to the President of the Court (to be named by him), whose duty it shall be, on receipt thereof, to cause all the members of the Court, so struck or agreed upon, and the accused, to be summoned to meet at the prescribed time and place.

9. The Bishop shall, at the annual meeting of Synod, nominate a Church Advocate to conduct all prosecutions; he shall be a Priest belonging to the diocese, or a layman who is a practising advocate of the Province of Quebec, and has been a communicant of some church within the Diocese, at least *two* years before such nomination, and is such at the time of his appointment, and shall continue to be such during the time of his holding said office.

10. If on the day fixed for the trial, the accused shall appear, he shall, before proceeding to trial, be called upon by the Court to say whether he is guilty or not of the offence or offences charged against him; and on his neglect or refusal, the plea of not guilty shall be entered for him, and his trial shall proceed.

11. Exceptions to the form or substance, or any part thereof, or legal sufficiency of the charge or presentment, or any part thereof, or of the allegations or specifications therein, or to the jurisdiction of the Court or any member thereof may be taken by the accused, and shall be determined by the Court. But the Court may, with reference to exceptions as to form not affecting the substantial merits of the proceedings, order their Clerk to make such amendments as may be deemed necessary.

12. Such exceptions shall be made in writing, at the time of pleading.

13. If no such exceptions are taken, or, having been taken, are overruled, the accused shall be called upon to plead guilty or not guilty, as aforesaid, and the trial shall proceed.

14. If the accused neglect or refuse to appear, according to his summons, due notice having been served upon him as aforesaid, except for some sufficient or reasonable cause, the Court shall certify such default to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce him to be in contuma-