

“ Church and of the Ministers thereof, at all times of their ministrations, shall be retained and be in use, as were in this Church of England by the authority of Parliament, in the second year of the reign of King Edward the Sixth,”—has been found liable to diverse interpretations, and been alleged to justify the resumption of various obsolete vestments and ornaments contrary to the Canons and usage of the Church of England ;—for the removal of all doubts or diversity of orders, rites and ceremonies, of the Church of England—the 58th Canon of A.D. 1603, is hereby declared to be the authority for the practice of the Church, in so far as relates to vestments within this Province,—and also, that special prayers and forms of thanksgiving or humiliation may be added by order of the Metropolitan, and a psalm or hymn may be sung between the prayers and the communion service and before and after the sermon.

In offering this amendment he did so with a due sense of their responsibility as members of the Church of Christ. He hoped that every sincere and devout member of this Synod would endeavour to avoid all error, pride and prejudice upon this occasion. (Hear, hear.) He was no party man, but he had a duty to discharge, and wished to discharge that duty faithfully, and to declare his sentiments fearlessly. They were in danger of divisions. They might attribute this fear to senile timidity if they pleased, or to any other cause, but the fact was, there was danger. He had the honour of being one of the Chaplains of the late Bishop of Toronto, and in that capacity he travelled over much of this country, and many earnest thinking men spoke to him about this subject, to see whether something could not be done to prevent the division which was likely to take place. There was a wide spread apprehension on the part of many of the members of the Church, and many of them threatened to forsake her communion rather than be subject to the annoyance and humiliation in consequence of the riskness of — he would not finish the sentence ; they knew what he meant. (Laughter.) There were numerous desertions taking place from their ranks in consequence of these things, and the remedy must be applied. (Hear). It was high time that steps should be taken to prevent the spread of Ritualistic practices. He had a heartfelt sympathy for all Christian efforts. His love went out towards all denominations, and he was not the worse churchman for that (hear), because the grand thing was the salvation of men. (Hear, hear.) It was a delightful thing to hear from Col. Lowry that the Synod of Nova Scotia desired to be one with them. Why should they not ? They professed great Catholicity and Apostolicity, but not as