

hereinafter provided, shall be taken; such election shall be next in order after the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod; provided always that if two or more vacancies occur, such vacancies shall be filled up, respectively, by the Bishop or by the Clergy, as the case may be, at the next meeting of the Synod.

**SECTION III.**—Of offences for which the Clergy may be tried. Every Clergyman shall be liable to trial for any crime or immorality, or for any scandalous or disorderly conduct, for teaching or maintaining doctrines contrary to the teaching of Holy Scripture, as set forth in the Liturgy and articles of the Church of England, such teaching or maintaining being by way of writing, or printing, or preaching, or teaching, or circulating books containing unsound doctrines; for holding service in any other Clergyman's Church or Parish without his consent; for irregularity or indecorum in the performance of divine offices; for contumacy or disrespectful conduct towards the Bishop; for the introduction of innovations and novelties in the performance of divine worship; for schism or separating himself from the communion of the Church; for discontinuing the exercise of the Ministry without lawful cause; for exercising any lay profession or occupation inconsistent with his sacred calling; for living in the habitual disuse of public worship, or of the Holy Communion, or for the violation of the constitution or Canons of this Diocese.

Provided always, that no proceedings shall be instituted under this Canon unless the same be commenced within six months of the time when the offence complained of was brought to the knowledge of the person or persons making the complaint; provided that no such complaint shall be entertained under this Canon, after three years from the term of the alleged commission of the offence. Nevertheless, when proceedings are taken under this Canon, in respect of any matter which has been the subject of inquiry and adjudication in a court of justice, the proceedings under this Canon may be commenced against a Clergyman in respect of the same matter, or of any matter arising out of the same or connected therewith, within three months of the period when the knowledge thereof shall have reached the Bishop, or the person or persons complaining to him.

**SECTION IV.**—1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances, which presentment may be made by three communicants of the Church, or by any three Presbyters, or whenever the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation. 2. The Bishop

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