

house, outbuildings, fences and gates shall be put in his possession, in good and substantial repair, as certified to by the Archdeacon or other Commissary of the Bishop.

During the occupancy of any parsonage house, it shall be the duty of the Incumbent to keep it and all outbuildings, fences and gates in efficient order and repair, ordinary wear and tear, and accidents by fire, flood or tempest, excepted; provided that the expense of any improvements or repairs, such as new roofing, external or internal painting, new fencing, and matters affecting the stability or safety of the building, rendered necessary by the lapse of time, and not arising from wilful negligence or any act of omission or commission on the part of the Incumbent, shall be borne by the Parish.

When there is more than one congregation in a Parish, it shall be the duty of each congregation to bear its proper share of the expense of repairs or improvements to the parsonage house, outbuildings, fences, etc.

All questions arising between an Incumbent and his Parishioners, with respect to the repairs of the parsonage house, etc., shall be determined by a Commission, to be appointed by the Bishop, on application of either party, and the expenses of the Commission shall be defrayed by the party against whom the decision shall be given, or otherwise, as the Commission may determine, subject to appeal to the Synod.

The word "Incumbent" in this Canon shall be held to signify the Rector, or Vicar, or Missionary, or other clergyman in charge of any Parish or Missionary District.

VII.

CANON ON PATRONAGE.

On the vacancy of any Rectory, Incumbency, or Mission within the Diocese, with the exception of Parishes sustained wholly by grants from without the Diocese (the mode of appointment to which shall remain as heretofore), the appointment to the vacancy shall rest with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, it being, however, provided that, before making such appointment, the Bishop shall consult with the Churchwardens and Lay Delegates of such Parish or Mission; provided also that the Parish or Mission may leave the Bishop to make such appointment without consultation.