

After this the House took up the consideration of sundry canons, to the second of which an amendment was proposed by the Rev. S. Givins, which introduced at an earlier stage of the proceedings than was expected a debate upon the ornaments of the Church and of the ministers thereof.

On the resumption of the debate the following day, proceedings had not advanced far, when the Prolocutor read the following resolutions, which had been unanimously passed in the Upper House, and on the subject matter of which they requested a conference with the Lower House:

Whereas the Rubric on the ornaments of the Church and the ministers thereof being part of the Act of Uniformity, received as a Statute of Upper Canada by the Constitutional Act of 1791, and believed by many to be still in force so far as it is applicable to the condition of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada; and, whereas, in the Act enabling members of the Church to meet in Synod, it is enacted that nothing in the regulations of this Synod shall be contrary to any Statute in force in this Province; and, whereas, doubts have existed regarding the construction and meaning of the aforesaid Rubric, and as there is danger lest this Synod should unwittingly enact any Canon which should contravene said Act of Uniformity, and so sever the Church in this Province from the said United Church of England and Ireland, of which we have solemnly declared ourselves an integral part: therefore, be it resolved, that this Synod accepts such interpretations of said Rubric as have been given by Her Majesty's highest Courts of Law; and, whereas, the Court of Arches has determined that the *elevation* of the elements in the celebration of the Holy Communion, the use of *incense* during Divine Service, and the *mixing of water* with the sacramental wine, are illegal, it is resolved by this Synod that we accept such judicial decision, and that the above mentioned practices are hereby forbidden in the Church of this Province; and, whereas, the Rubric at the end of the Communion office enacts that the bread shall be "such as is usual to be eaten," the use of wafer bread is hereby forbidden.

And, whereas, the question of altar lights is at this moment before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, it is hereby resolved, that we await the decision of said Committee before legislating on the matter of altar lights; and, whereas, the question of vestments is now a subject of Royal Commission and enquiry, and a Bill has been introduced touching the same into the House of Lords, it is the opinion of this House that we should defer legislation until action be taken in the Mother Church and Parliament affecting such vestments; but that, pending such action, this Synod would express their disapprobation of the use of altar lights and vestments, and their determination to prevent, by every lawful means, their introduction into the Church of this Province.

Discussion of considerable length, and which was unfortunately made to hinge upon party faction, followed upon the proper course to be taken. It was therefore late in the day when the Bishops, having consented to meet the whole of the Lower House in their place of meeting, arrived,