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Your petitioners earnestly, though respectfully, pray at the hands of the Provincial Synod of our Church, such prompt, wise, and vigorous interference as may allay suspicion, quiet the growing discord raised by the introduction of these practices, restore peace, and turn the strength of our Church into its legitimate channel of labour, for the glory of God and the good of man.

That God may grant to the Synod the spirit of wisdom to know what it ought to do in the present emergency, is the prayer of your petitioners.

(Sixty-four signatures attached.)

Dated at Kingston, August 31st, 1868.

By permission of the HOUSE, the following minutes of a Vestry meeting at St. Paul's Church, Lanark, were read by the CLERICAL SECRETARY.

On Monday evening, the 7th of September, a special Vestry meeting was holden in St. Paul's Church, Lanark, Rev. J. K. McMorine, the Incumbent, in the Chair, Thos. Watchcorn, Esq., Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Jas. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Oswald Montgomery, and Resolved,

That this Vestry views with no small degree of alarm the efforts of a certain party in the Church of England to introduce forms of doctrine and worship, repugnant to the principles of the Reformation and closely allied to the errors of Rome, and that those practices now existing under the most extreme forms in England, seem to be gradually seeking for admittance in Canada ; that the invariable result of these innovations at present is to unsettle the minds, and weaken the affection of multitudes in the Church, while their ultimate and avowed tendency is to unprotestantize the Church.

That this Vestry, therefore, realizing that it is within the power of the Provincial Synod to regulate the forms of worship of the Church in these Provinces, desires respectfully to petition the Synod to pass such canons as shall effectually prevent the introduction of ceremonies unknown to the Church for the last three hundred years, and preserve, unchanged, our present scriptural worship and doc-