

CANON TO ENFORCE CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Archdeacon Whitaker introduced the proposed Canon to enforce Church Discipline (Appendix L.) and moved the adoption of the first clause.

The discussion on the Canon continued until 6 o'clock, when, after several notices of motion were handed in, the Synod adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 8 p.m. The consideration of the Canon on Church Discipline was then proceeded with; whereon it was moved in amendment by the Rev. A. J. Fidler, seconded by Mr. W. J. McLeary,

That this proposed Canon be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, with the following direction:—That provision be made for the enforcing of discipline against Lay as well as Clerical members of the Church, and for trial of Priests and Deacons in matters of Doctrine by Clerical members, only.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Rev. John Langtry, seconded by Mr. Clarkson Jones,—

That a Court of Discipline, to have jurisdiction in questions of Doctrine and Order, is hereby constituted and erected. That the Constitution of said Court shall be as follows: That when any charge of unsoundness of doctrine or irregularity in the conduct of Divine worship shall be preferred against any Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Clergymen as a Court of Preliminary Enquiry; and if the said Court shall report in favour of further proceedings, then if two Clergymen of the Diocese, of good standing, shall undertake to present, that then the Bishop shall send to the accused in writing the names of fifteen Clergymen from whom the accused shall, within fifteen days, choose five who shall act as a Court of Assessors, who shall take evidence and submit a finding to the Bishop, who shall act as Judge, and assign such punishment as he shall think fitting, in accordance with the finding of the Court of Assessors.

THIRD DAY.

Toronto, June 21st, 1877.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. J. D. Cayley at 9.30 a.m., the Lessons being read by the Rev. Dr. Hodgkin and Rev. R. Harrison.

On the re-assembling of the Synod in the School House, the customary prayers were said by the Archdeacon of Peterborough.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read and confirmed.

On motion it was ordered that the number of votes received by the Elected Members of the Executive Committee and the Delegates to the Provincial Synod, as also the Substitutes, be entered in the Journal.

One Notice of Motion was handed in, and the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Committee from Diocese of Niagara, was presented, together with that of the Committee to whom was referred the petition from the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St. Thomas Church, Toronto.