

rapid progress of extreme Ritualism in England, and pray the Synod to adopt such measures as shall effectually guard against the introduction into this Province of such Ritualistic practices as are, in the opinion of the Memorialists, of a dangerous tendency, and prejudicial to the purity of the doctrine and worship of our reformed Church. Of the Memorials just referred to, only one, viz., that from the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, specifies the particular Ritualistic practices objected against, which are :

The wearing of the chasuble, alb, cope, and tunicle,

Altar lights,

Incense,

The use of wafer bread,

The elevation of the elements after consecration, and the encouragement of non-communicants to remain during the celebration.

But your Committee learn from a resolution of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, now before them, that that Synod has expressed its concurrence with the Memorial of the Synod of Toronto, on the subject of ritual.

Among the documents referred to your Committee, they find a copy of a Resolution of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, which runs as follows :—

“ That the Provincial Synod be respectfully requested to take such steps as they may deem necessary to provide that the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer be maintained in their integrity, and make such alterations in the Rubrics as may remove any of those ambiguities which have caused such difficulties of interpretation as to their meaning and purpose.”

Other Memorials referred to your Committee, deprecate, in the strongest manner, any attempt to alter, in any respect, the Book of Common Prayer, or the Rubrics thereof, until the Church in Canada shall first have had the benefit of the authoritative decisions upon disputed points, which, there is reason to believe, will, ere long, be given by the tribunals in England.

With regard to the questions embraced in these several documents—the objection in regard to vestments would, in the opinion of your Committee, be dealt with by the Canon numbered 13, in the Report on Canons now before the Synod, were such report adopted ; and that as regards the other questions involved in said