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ARMSTRONG TRIAL.

The argument concluded and evidence being considered.

The court reviewing the evidence and trying to detemmine whether Dr. Armstrong is guilty of the charges brought against him.- The trial to resume this morning.

One week ago yesterday the ecclesiastical court convened in session for the purpose of trying Rev. Dr. J. G. Armstrong, charged with conduct unbecomin a minister.

The evidence was all in by Tuesday and the argument began. Both the prosecution and the defense contested every inch of ground. Mr. Hoke Smith, for the defense, spoke for more than five hours. The argument was concluded yesterday afternoon at half past two o'clock, and the court at once took the dvidence under consideration. A stenographic reporter has taken down every syllable of evidence, and he was instructed by the court to employ assistance to write it out so that there would be no trouble in finding any part of the evidence they might desire to refer to during their deliberations.

Last night the court held a session from seven to ten o'clock. What was done is not known, bhere being no one present except the five gentlemen who are to say whether Dr. Armstrong is guilty or innocent.

After the session last night a Constitution man met Rev. Dr. Hunter, president of the court, at the Markham house, and in reply to a question, the doctor said:

"I suppose there is nothing wrong in sayintg that the court has not yet concluded their deliberations."

"How long before you will," asked the reporter.

"I think we will arrive at a conclusion tomorrow, and our decision will be given to the bishop. Of course what we do will not be made public; that will be left for the bishop."

"The trial has been a long one."

"Yes, sir; and if Dr. Armstrong should be found guilty, no one can say that he has not had a fair trial. In every particular the trial has been a fair one."

"Will the evidence and argument be printed in book form?"

"I cannot say. That is a matter for the bishop to decide upon, but I think it probable that it will."

The court meets again this morning at nine o'clock in the chapel.
