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MEETING OF SYNOD.

The XLIX. Session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the second Tuesday of this month, (June). Since the last session closed in November, the friends of the Church have not been idle, and a large amount of work has been done. But there still remains much to be accomplished. It is not only that we are widely scattered and separated from each other by immense distances. There have been other serious impediments in the way, causing hindrances to the work of consolidation and reorganization. So well contrived were the schemes of those who seceded that the whole framework of the Church appeared to have been broken up. It was like a stately tree so shattered that not a hope remained of its ever renewing its life. Yet, like our own national emblem, the Thistle, it was not to be killed; its roots are yet firm and deep; its vitality unimpaired, and the words are as true now as they were, "*Nemo me impune lacessit.*" Or, like the emblem of the Church of Scotland flaunted by those who have reviled and left her, and who have neither art nor part with her,—like the Burning Bush, fiery have been our trials, "*Nec tamen consumescatur.*" Under colour of law we have been despoiled, and ridicule has been heaped upon us at our having the presumption to imagine we could oppose the will of the new body, which had secured support in every quarter. Yet, still we live, and those who have despised us will find, to their sorrow, that there is a Nemesis which pursues the evildoer, and that even the weak things of this earth are not so helpless as they may seem. As Frederick Douglass said, speaking on behalf of the slave, then apparently in hopeless case, "One, with God, is a majority."

But there must not only be confidence in this hope; there must be still more