

it advisable to publish this, that all may be aware of the measures which have been adopted, and of the light in which they are viewed by some of their brethren.

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*Extract from an Article in "The Echo" of Jan. 12, 1854.*

That we are not merely doing the work of a party, in our opposition to the means which have been made use of in canvassing with reference to the Kingston Bishopric, appears from the fact that even those who look upon the *Echo* as an affliction and a misfortune to the Church, are not more favorable to the "Circular" proceeding than we are.

Several, to our own knowledge, who agree with the Rev. Adam Townley in other matters, agree with him also most fully in the following paragraph taken from a letter to which the *Church* has given a "prominent position":

"Yea, I am quite willing to confess that in my opinion, Mr. Wilson committed a mistake in sending his circulars; for the threefold reason that the election of a chief overseer of the flock of CHRIST should not be made the subject of a canvass; that so long as the colonies have not the right of electing their bishops formally conceded to them, to attempt to do so is both *premature* and *undignified*; and that until we have ourselves made provision for securing suitable incomes for our bishops, it is *unseemly*, to say the least, to strive to take their appointment out of the hands of those to whose benevolent zeal we shall probably have to be indebted for that boon also, in addition to our past innumerable obligations."

Now, such disclaimer seems absolutely called for on the part of all who desire Synodical self-government, or else they must be content to appear inconsistent and insincere. When can we ever expect to find a better attended meeting, in proportion to our numbers, than that which so solemnly declared itself a Synod at Toronto? An attempt was made to get a declaration from that Synod recommending the filling up of the proposed new Sees from among the clergy resident in them. The resolution, being submitted to a preparatory committee and brought forward by them, was almost unanimously expunged; and now, in the very teeth of this Synodical action, we have Rural Deans canvassing by circulars addressed to the clergy; and