

the Synod which the Canadian Church asked for should be called, and further suggested that it should be composed of the Bishops not only of the English, Irish, and Colonial Churches, but also of the American and Scottish Episcopal Churches. When the report came before the Lower House of Convocation in February last for consideration, the whole subject was viewed in all its bearings in a long and earnest and most able debate. The adoption of the report was opposed by the very few of the advanced liberal school who found a place in that assembly, headed by Dean Stanley, but it was carried by a large majority. The sceptical school may well oppose it, for a general council of the English Church will be certain to deal them a deadly blow. The extreme Ritualists also have everything to fear from it. They have been pronounced against by everybody in authority almost everywhere without effect. It is hard to see how they will be able to hold up their heads if they are condemned, as they certainly will be, by the whole Anglican Communion in Synod assembled. The Bishop of Montreal, now in England, gave a considerable impetus to the movement in favour of the Pan-Anglican Synod by printing a sermon which his Lordship preached at Oxford on this subject, with an appendix, containing a number of documents, forming a history of the events which led to it. His Lordship suggests the following as the subjects to be considered by the Synod:—1. A general declaration of common principles; 2. Terms of intercommunion with other branches of the Church to be settled; 3. Some plan of joint action in Missionary work to be agreed upon; 4. The present authorized version of the Bible to be maintained without alteration; 5. The Ritual relations of the Church at home and the Churches in the Colonies to be readjusted. To these we cannot doubt there must be added some measures for the defence of the Faith where it is assailed.

A most important announcement has been made by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the House of Lords, that the Bishops have made up their minds to introduce a bill into Parliament on the subject of Ritualism. Until it is known what the measures to be proposed are, the anxiety of the Church will be intense. The probability is, that it will seek to enforce, by some simple legal process, the judgment given unanimously by both Houses of Convocation, a few weeks ago, that no changes in Ritual should be made in any Church without the consent of the Bishop. It is but fair that the Church should be in a position to enforce her decisions on her own members; and it is probable that if such a measure is proposed, it will pass into law.

The Report of the Church Society of Quebec for 1866 is out, and is full of interest. Judging from the reports of the clergy, the Church must be in a very prosperous condition. They are all cheerful and thankful. Besides the town Churches, eleven rural Missions have endowment funds established, and growing rapidly. These endowments become available as soon as the income of each reaches \$200 a year.

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