

With this last proviso concludes the author's plan for the establishment and organisation of an Episcopalian Church in Canada; and though, before laying down his pen, he could have wished to have made a few remarks upon one or two matters of general interest,—such as the expediency of somewhat lengthening the period of the deaconate, the appointment of travelling missionaries, &c., yet as this would be foreign to his subject, which is simply the setting forth of a sketch of a church constitution, and as these questions will fall within the peculiar jurisdiction of the synods, he will not tax the patience of his readers with anything beyond a brief recapitulation of the leading features of his scheme, which may be condensed into these four postulates:

1st, That the Laity must have a controlling voice, directly or indirectly, in the government of the Church which they form.

2d, That, all things considered, the will of each congregation is best expressed by the vote of an absolute majority of its elect-holders.

3d, That every congregation is entitled to choose its own minister, provided they select him from among those whom the General Assemblies of their Church have certified to be all suitable persons for such a post; and that they are also entitled, by parity of reasoning, to dismiss him or allow him to exchange.

4th, That, in order to enable a Synod to exercise an effectual control over its own clergy and laity, it should, besides its moral influence, possess some material check upon them, such as or similar to that which has been suggested.

Except it recognises the principles implied in the above, no form of Church government, the writer believes, can ever be securely established in Canada; whether an organisation based upon them be theoretically perfect or not, wiser heads must decide; for himself he will only say that had he not considered the measures which he has proposed, just and feasible, he would never have advocated them, and that, as the more he reflects upon the apparently mysterious conduct of the Saviour and His Apostles, in leaving behind them neither a settled com-