

“ In Canada we rest not merely on the patent of the Queen, but on that patent supplemented by our own Acts of Synod passed with the authority and under Acts of Parliament. Hence it is that the Canadian Church is placed in a position very different from that of any other ; and it has for this reason been recently brought prominently forward by our brethren at home. In all the discussions which have taken place on these matters, constant allusion has been made to our proceedings. I would, therefore, impress upon every member of this Synod, clergy and laity, the high responsibility that rests upon us ; and that we should not, by ill-judged, ill-advised, or hasty acts, bring discredit on the Church to which we belong, and so fling back the progressive action of that Church which is now struggling for its substantive existence throughout the world.”

In the same address the Bishop gave instances of outside criticism upon our system, and quotes the following passage from the Dean of Westminster, “ not,” he explains, “ that we should accept all that the Dean says, but that we should hear what others think of us” :—

“ For some years past, as you know, the Bishops of Canada have not been appointed by the Crown, but have been elected by mixed Synods, partly of clergy and partly of laity. It is not unnatural that the Bishops of Canada feel very much the effect of these Synods of election. There is no doubt whatever, it is patent in Canada, that the elections of their Bishops are like ordinary elections elsewhere, and are accompanied with the scandals which attend hotly contested elections here. Almost every one (I fully admit there are excellent exceptions) of the Bishops of Canada, since this change took place, have been violently contested, and some of them have been won by very small majorities. It has become a matter of discussion in the newspapers in a way that has never taken place with our appointments in England. Such a point has it