

case, the Committee of Council said, "the Lord Bishop has been involved in the difficulties, by which he has been embarrassed, in a great measure by the doubtful state of the law."

I further claimed a favorable reception of our Bill, on the ground that all other denominations have obtained such powers as were deemed requisite for the management of their own affairs. I showed that the application was made by a body fairly representing the Church in this Province, and that there was in reality no actual opposition before the House, except from one parish, which was exempted from the operation of the Bill, and had represented that it would be satisfied with such exemption. If the novel theory is adopted that no Act is to be passed, without the *unanimous* assent of all who are to be affected by it, Legislation will be confined within very narrow limits.

It was gratifying to find that all the religious papers manifested a good feeling towards us, and, in accordance with the golden rule, urged that such powers as we required ought to be granted.

Nevertheless, the influence exerted against us was so powerful, that our claims were rejected in the Council, by an overwhelming majority, and I think that the names of the minority, who nobly and generously supported us and voted for us, ought to be gratefully remembered by Churchmen, seeing that they were not of our communion. They were two on each side of the House, and, I believe, that in both Houses, our supporters and opponents were pretty equally divided between the two political parties. The leaders of the late government, being in favour of liberal measures, were disposed to grant us the liberty we desired, but the then Receiver General, and some other members of the Executive Council, opposed us, one of the latter moving the rejection of the Bill in the Assembly. On the other hand, the leaders of the opposition were one for, and the other against, us.

After this rejection, I should certainly have felt bound to summon a special meeting of the Synod, last October,

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