

Synod, in connection with the Church of Scotland, yields her no honour ; and their conviction, by argument, however conclusive, may be regarded as next to hopeless.

Among those, however, who allege that the disruption was uncalled for, there are, we believe, not a few with whom it is not altogether hopeless to reason,—whose opinion, if not based on a very careful and searching examination of the subject, has its origin in feelings which are far from being blame-worthy, and, with which, indeed, we heartily sympathise, and who have not yet parted with the honest desire to judge of the question at issue between us, upon a full and dispassionate consideration of the whole merits of the case. To such persons we are anxious to supply the materials, from which we conceive an enlightened and impartial judgment may be formed ; and we now respectfully address them, believing, as we do, that if they will only patiently listen to us, we shall be able to furnish them with reasons good and strong, for reversing the judgment to which, through partial information, they have come, and for concluding that, in so far at least as our separation from the Synod which they are supporting is concerned, the disruption, instead of being unnecessary, was imperatively called for, by a regard to the duty which we owed to Christ.

And, in entering upon the statement which we propose to submit to them, we are happy in being able to assure such persons, that, with the feelings under which chiefly we believe they have formed their opinions and are now acting, we can heartily sympathise.

You have a strong feeling that there *need not*, and *ought not* to have existed any occasion for a disruption in Canada, in consequence of the disruption of the Church of Scotland ; that so lamentable an event might easily have been prevented ; and that had only a little common sense, not to speak of principle, prevailed in the Synod, it could never have occurred. We cherish the very same feeling ! Nay ; we will even go the length of saying, that, *in this sense*, a more “uncalled for disruption” never occurred. What we object to is, the conclusion to which, under this feeling, you have come, and into which we believe your better judgment was hurried by it, before you had given to the subject that full and anxious consideration which its importance deserved,—the conclusion, we mean, *that occasion did not actually arise*, or that circumstances did not actually occur, which rendered our secession necessary, and that we are, therefore, the guilty cause of an “uncalled for disruption.” The feeling, under which you