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The proceedings of the Episcopal Synod of Canada, which lately sat at Montreal, are fitted to interest not merely the Christian, who is ever concerned and anxious about the state and prospects of the Church of Christ in all her branches, but also the man who is merely a politician, and whose chief solicitude is that political authority should keep within its own well-defined sphere, and be ever righteously wielded therein. The official acts of this Protestant sect, in Synod assembled, were of a markedly mixed character, embracing not only sacred or spiritual matters, legitimate subjects for ecclesiastical action, but also matters purely secular and political, which Church Courts should religiously abjure, if they would honour the Church's Head, and commend Christianity to the acceptance of an unbelieving world.

Preliminary to Synodical business, a sermon was preached by the Bishop of Quebec, from Isaiah xxxiii. 20. "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken." In the limited report of the discourse that lies before us we find some very sensible remarks on the advantage of admitting a portion of the lay element into the government of the Church. But he is sufficiently careful to guard the superiority of his order, and to urge his brethren to see to the safety of the "*distinctive principle*" of their Church, viz.. Episcopacy. He says "none of us, whatever position he may occupy, ought, from any false personal delicacy, to suffer, without seeking to prevent the distinctive principle of our own system to be either assailed or undermined—the principle linked inseparably as a safeguard with the preservation of our order, unity, stability and soundness in the Church, that the supreme government in the Church, and the channel for the conveyance of ministerial