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Matters being in so forward a state, it is contemplated, should not difficulty intervene, to call together the Clergy and Lay Delegates within the proposed Diocese of London, for the Election of the Bishop, on Wednesday, the 8th of July next. And here it may be proper to remind you that the territory which will be comprised in the proposed London or Huron Bishopric, will remain under the same Episcopal authority as at present, till the new Bishop receive<sup>d</sup> consecration. In respect to the proposed Bishopric of Kingston, the Church members also began with great alacrity, but their proceedings were unfortunately disturbed by various disputes into which I do not enter. It is nevertheless hoped and believed that the unhappy causes of such are now entirely removed, and that the necessary exertions for completing the Endowment will be successfully renewed. To effect this desired object, I am ready and have indeed promised to do every thing in my power in promoting it; at the same time it must be recollected that the proposed Kingston Diocese does not comprise a country so rich in population as that of London; and this fact I thought it my duty to press upon the attention of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the hope that a larger donation would have been granted in aid of the Episcopal endowment—but a great diminution of their disposable funds was pleaded in excuse; nevertheless, to show that the Society took a warm interest in the object, £500 was granted towards the endowment of the See of Kingston. I would very willingly pass on from this portion of my address to some other matters; but, however reluctant, I feel it is my duty to express, at this time, and in this public manner, my disapprobation of the reckless manner in which the press has been employed in the question of selecting our bishops. The subscriptions for endowments should be freely given, without any conditions whatever, and no improper influence through the press, or obtrusive canvassing ought to be used. Every elector should vote, in a case so very sacred and important, in the most conscientious disposition of mind, and as before God. We may not be able to do away with all the evil which has been done, but an expression of decided condemnation may still do something; and a resolution may be adopted to prevent the recurrence of the like scandal to the Church in future. The most simple, and perhaps effectual remedy that