

In 1854 the Bishop of the Diocese, after due deliberation and counsel, announced his intention of introducing Synodical action into Nova Scotia. With some exceptions, the intention was heartily endorsed, but the Parish of S. Paul's from the beginning viewed the movement with unqualified dislike, and sounded the first note of antagonism at a meeting called in compliance with the Bishop's Circular, in the form of a resolution: — "It is not judicious to establish Synods or periodical meetings of a deliberative character in this Diocese."

One step in advance of this was reached at the Easter Meeting in 1855, when it was resolved, "that the Parish of S. Paul's, having expressed by a resolution that it is not desirable that a Synod or Convocation be held in this Province, this Parish will not be represented at any such meeting, and the parishioners declare they will not be bound by any of its acts."

The next move, in the following year, made it imperative on the clergy of the parish to show their colours, and take sides; for to each of them was sent this result of the Parish Meeting: — "Resolved, that application be made to the clergy now officiating in the Parish of S. Paul's to ascertain whether it is their intention to attend the Synod as members of that body while so officiating, and if so whether it is their intention to carry out, or assist in carrying out within this Parish, the resolutions or canons, or any of the regulations passed at any meeting of the Synod."

Mr. Bullock saw at once this was a situation in which there was no place for compromise; he made up his mind that only by wounding his conscience, and