

of this Province; and, whereas the Rubric at the end of the Communion office enacts that the bread shall be such as is usual to be eaten, the use of wafer bread is hereby forbidden.

And this Synod would express their disapprobation of the use of lights on the Lord's table, and vestments in saying the public prayers and ministering the sacraments and other rites of the Church, except the surplice, stole or scarf, and academic hood pertaining to the degree of any graduate, and their determination to prevent by every lawful means their introduction into the Church of this Province.

Subsequently, after the resolution had been returned from the House of Bishops, in accordance with an arrangement made between them and a committee of the Lower House, the terms of the resolution were altered. —The first part of the resolution now commences with the words: "It is resolved by this Synod that the elevation of the elements during the celebration," &c., and after the word "enacts" there are added the words, "that it shall suffice," making the sentence run, "whereas the Rubric at the end of the Communion office enacts that it shall suffice that the bread," &c. This latter charge is one merely of form, but the former one is, we think, one much to be regretted, inasmuch as it appears to form a precedent for legislation independently of the Mother Church, which legislation, though it may be legal and hereafter necessary, yet should be very carefully weighed, and only carried under circumstances of real necessity. The act of uniformity may not bind the Church in the land, but it is contrary to the holiest wishes of the most devoted members of the Church to sever themselves from the Church into which they were baptised and ordained. Many prefer to preserve the link, though that link they may acknowledge it is in their power to sever.

Such is the termination of a weary contest, and a debate which threatened sometimes to cause a very terrible disruption; and we have reason to congratulate the Synod on having passed a moderate resolution, in which all members could heartily join and vote unanimously. No member of the Canadian Church uses extreme ritual; nor can its sincerest friend, or those who heartily join in the prayer that the kingdom of Christ should be extended in this realm, seek its introduction. The vestments may be the legal right of the Church, but none are more earnest in deprecating their use, than those to whom the malice of the world has endeavoured to affix the stigma of the name of Ritualist; and this good, at least, has, we believe, resulted from the Synod, that it has proved the moderation and true Christian earnestness of many who had been suspected of seeking rather the propagation of their own individual views, than the spread of Christ's truth. And the Synod of 1868 will