

though he might, if he pleased, still appeal to the grand synod, which will be presently described. It would be most desirable that each synod should be an incorporated body, and that the title deeds of all churches and parsonages throughout the diocese, as also the control of the bishopric endowment, should be in its hands; nor, though a measure undoubtedly requiring very careful preparation, does the writer think much difficulty would be found in obtaining parliamentary sanction; while on the other hand, it would supply a much needed material check, in the event of a minister or congregation defying the authority of the synod, as he or they could then, if the matter was pushed to extremities, be not only expelled from the communion of the church, but deprived of their place of worship and parsonage. The justice of such a proceeding would be undeniable; and few, moreover, either of those who have already erected such edifices or may do so hereafter, would hesitate to entrust them to an assembly constituted as the one proposed, who would never have recourse to compulsory measures, except when a minister, after having been solemnly adjudged an unfit person for his office, should refuse to quit his parsonage, or to cease officiating in his church, and should be abetted by his congregation in such refusal. It might be prudent, too, to insist on every clergyman's signing a declaration before he is allowed to enter his name on the synod's list, that he will obey the rules laid down in the constitution of the church.

Such would be the form and functions of the diocesan synods, while, as for the grand synod above alluded to, it is proposed to compose this of all the bishops in Upper Canada, the bishop of Toronto, as head of the oldest diocese, presiding, and of delegates from the various synods, elected by the clergy and lay representatives, in the proportion of one for every ten, each separate ten, of course, sending one, and every clergyman possessing a double vote counting for two. Its business would be simply to issue a general report of the condition, material and otherwise, of the church in Upper Canada, the necessary statistics being furnished by the minor synods; to decide finally in all appeals made by clergymen, who had been struck off their list by one of these; and, if it saw fit, to order, but only by virtue of an absolute two-thirds vote, that the appellant should also be struck off the list of