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THE SYNOD

THE Seventh Session of the Synod of Nova Scotia has come and gone, leaving a fragrance and noble purpose which we trust may not soon pass away. The attendance of both clergy and laity was unusually large, the latter comparing most favourably with any deliberative assembly in the province, and influencing many wise counsels and unflagging zeal have, from the first session, been assisted in bringing our Synod to its present state of efficiency.

The spirit of harmony which pervaded all the deliberations was far from being the result of listless apathy or slavish servility. From the Right Rev. chairman—suffering from severe but temporary indisposition—to the humblest member, the whole assembly behaved, with most exemplary patience, views apparently the most contradictory. No man could complain of a want of opportunity to air his peculiar views, nor of the manner in which indulgence was extended. Indeed so apparent was this spirit of fairness, that many former opponents, both within and without the assembly, hesitated no longer to give it their unqualified adhesion, and we feel persuaded that since its legality is now beyond doubt, and its charity so clearly discernible, our remaining hesitating brethren will soon give the Synod and the Church the benefit of their experience and wisdom.

The abstract of work done, which will be found under its proper head, will show that our church is fully awakening to her true position amidst the theological difficulties and the civil disruptions of these wonderfully changing times. Viewing from afar the bold ravages of blatant and shameless Infidelity, with her mammon-loving handmaiden, Erastianism,—seeing clearly the dangers of excess or defect, in these days when doubt so soon degenerates into disloyalty and insubordination, the Synod of Nova Scotia has unmistakeably shown its unalterable determination to seek the unity of the Catholic faith with the Anglican branch of Christ's church on pure and primitive principles.

Thus, besides giving full attention to the more restricted business of the Diocese, the Synod, after hearing with profound respect the Encyclical letter of the Pan-Anglican Council, proceeded to the discussion of the resolutions of that Conference, which had been brought before them by the executive committee. Generally speaking, these resolutions were accepted as they stood; but some modifications were introduced, as it was felt that though great respect was due to the recommendations of that august assembly, yet it was the duty of every diocesan synod to give them the best examination in their