

"All truth is one. No two truths can clash with each other, for all truth comes from God, and where, through the ignorance of the interpreter or other causes, the word of God in the Bible or elsewhere is made to seem to clash with some of the indisputable truths of nature, it is not that the word of God is wrong, but that it has been falsely represented, and it is this misrepresentation that has driven multitudes of individuals, aye and whole nations, out of the Catholic church. Everything claiming a right to teach must show its credentials or not speak at all. The credentials are truth, and truth is faith. Now it is necessary that hearts hungering for religion must learn the difference between the essentials of religion and the countless abuses, errors and stupidities with which the church has been filled for a thousand years or more. Unless any one says there are inconsistencies in my actions I need not now begin to prove my consistency. I defy any man to prove I have been inconsistent. I may have thought it right and dutiful in a Catholic priest to have concealed and defended the human wrongs and weaknesses of the church, even as Schem attempted to conceal the weaknesses of his father. I might and would have tolerated much to be allowed to retain the pastorship over the poor and needy of my flock, to which I was devoted, and in which I was so happy in endeavoring to do good. And if I now speak as I have never spoken in the past, it is not because of inconsistency that I have changed my style, but because the times require it. (Cheers.) I am compelled to speak as I do to show you the difference between faith and reverence, to teach you the difference between the falsehoods, crimes and chicaneries of a mere ecclesiastical machine and that ideal church of which CHRIST is the sponsor and the master. We must learn to distinguish between men and CHRIST, the reverence due to an authority which edifies and a mere machine. It is a notorious fact that religion is vanishing fast from among us—that in Roman Catholic countries we find a bigoted hatred of religion and the Pope in a marked degree that is not to be seen elsewhere. Here in America if a Catholic priest only knows how to behave himself half like a gentleman, he is honored and respected as much on his own account as for being a moral force in the community. Even those differing from him in religion are proud of his friendship, and are glad to have his influence; but go into a so-called Roman Catholic country, and a priest is hated even to his gown and collar. He is shunned and avoided, and people flee his presence. It is because they hate him, not because they revere him. If you want to see true devotion to the Catholic church, go where it is in a minority and with little power, as in Ireland and Germany. As long as Catholics continue to let the Pope do as he pleases in politics as well as in religion, allowing Cardinals to be elected to the assemblies, and daring to forbid an American priest from making any political speeches, or attend any political meeting in future without the permission of the Propaganda, which thinks that Florida is a suburb of New York, and Mobile a street in San Francisco—so long as such is allowed, so long will the Irish, German and American poor be sold out for any price that Rome can get in return. The papacy is a machine with nothing but the cupidity and lust for money and power, and it is the knowledge of this condition of things that has ruined all Catholic countries and plunged them into atheism."

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## MINUTES OF SYNOD.

St. Andrew's Church,  
New Glasgow, June 28, 1887.

THE SYNOD of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland met here this evening, according to appointment; and, after Divine service conducted (in the absence of the retiring Moderator) by the Rev. Mr. Melville, who preached from this text, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," (Rev. ii. 10), was constituted with prayer by the Rev. George Murray, ex-Moderator.

The minutes of last sederunt of meeting at Stellarton, 30th June, 1886, were read and sustained.