

the Mother Church, a National Synod must ere long meet in London to settle the terms of Union; and I have ventured, during these late troubles, to urge His Grace the Archbishop to invite the attendance of all Bishops of our Communion, at a National Synod. The address of your Provincial Synod will, I trust, pave the way for so great and important a gathering.

I remain,

My dear Lord and Brother,

Your faithful servant in Christ,

R. CAPETOWN.

The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of  
Montreal, Metropolitan of Canada.

*Letter from the Lord Bishop of Capetown,  
acknowledging the receipt of the Address  
from the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal.*

BISHOP'S COURT,  
CAPETOWN, Dec. 16th, 1865.

MY DEAR LORD AND BROTHER,—I beg to acknowledge your letter conveying the resolution of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Montreal, unanimously agreed to by the Synod, and to express through you my sincere thanks both for the kind expressions therein contained towards myself personally, and for the approbation of the course which I have felt it to be my duty to pursue under circumstances peculiarly painful and trying,—of which it assures me. The interchange of brotherly communications between the various branches of the Church throughout the empire, which has arisen out of the sad defection from the faith of a Bishop of this Province, will, I trust, be continued after our present trials shall be over. Your Synod, in common with very many other Synods in various parts of the world, has shown how "If one member suffer, all suffer with it"; how sensitive each branch of the Church that is alive to God is to any assault upon the faith; how determined all our Churches throughout the world are to "keep the deposit," to hold fast to Christ and His

truth, even though, as of old, persecution should be the consequence.

It will be a comfort, I feel assured, to your Church to hear that the Clergy, Church-wardens, and Congregations generally in Natal will never again recognize Dr. Colenso as their Bishop. His supporters, I am informed, are chiefly Socinians, Dissenters (not the really religious, or their ministers), and men of no religion. Comparatively few Churchmen, I am informed, have cast in their lot with him.

Believe me,

My dear Lord and Brother,

Your faithful servant in Christ,

R. CAPETOWN.

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#### THE EXCOMMUNICATION.

We are compelled for the want of space to withhold most of the sentence of excommunication, and our readers must be content to have the main points:—

The time has arrived when it becomes my duty, in accordance with the decision of the Bishops of this Province in Synod assembled, to separate Dr. Colenso, by solemn sentence, from the communion of the Church. In taking this step, I feel that I ought to set before you the reasons which have constrained us to adopt this painful course; and the duties which it imposes upon us all. The heresies into which Doctor Colenso has fallen are no light or common errors. They touch the very life and being of the Christian Church: overthrow the faith of Christendom. It is not merely the distinctive teaching of the Church of England that he has impugned. He has assailed those fundamental truths of our common Christianity, which are equally cherished by the Churches of the east and west, and by every sect and denomination of Protestant