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Her Foundations are upon the Holy Hills.

Quod Semper, quod  
Etsi, quod ab Omnibus  
Credendum est tenemus



In necessariis Unitas,  
In dubiis Libertas,  
In omnibus Caritas.

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## Church News.

CANADA.—Again we have suffered disappointment, although this time it can hardly be termed a subject for regret. The election of a Bishop for the new Western Diocese has been postponed, but postponed only because it has been intimated that the Royal Assent will be given to the Synod Bill of last year, and it seems no less proper than desirable to wait till that event has taken place. The Bishop of Toronto has also announced that he proposes to convoke the Synod of the entire Diocese previously to the election, for the purpose of framing a constitution. We perceive that some objections have been raised to this course, as unnecessary. We, says a western clergyman, can adopt the constitution of Toronto, if we like it; and if we don't like it, we won't have it. What! are we already become so independent and self-confident that we wish to sever rashly all the ties that bind us to our Mother Church, and to our fellow-churchmen, with whom, as yet, we constitute one body? Are we conscious that the forty clergymen, and the lay delegates who represent their forty parishes included within the new diocese, possess so much talent and wisdom, so much coolness and sound judgment, such an amount of experience and learning, such a thorough knowledge of Church history and of the records of past ages, that we

can afford to spurn the assistance of the remainder of the Diocese, and undertake, unaided, the most difficult and important task which it has ever fallen to the lot of uninspired men to execute? Happily for ourselves we are yet under a Bishop whose judgment and sagacity have only been improved by years of labor; and we have no fear but that, under his wise guidance, the result of our approaching deliberations will be a constitution so much in harmony with the institutions of the Church, and so well adapted to the particular circumstances of this country, that the separate dioceses will have little inclination to depart from its spirit, and that for generations to come it will remain a monument of wisdom, and an example to be copied.

The relative fitness of the two candidates for the Western Bishoprick has been a subject of very extensive and somewhat warm discussion, and has elicited some strong expressions of opinion in the local press, from laymen as well as clergymen. We commend to the attention of our readers the following admirable remarks from a communication in the Brantford Courier, signed 'A Churchman':

I would further add a word also to your able remarks concerning the venerable Archdeacon. The way in which he was so unscrupulously assailed, at the late vestry meeting, strongly reminds me of the story of the Quaker and the dog of which he wished to rid himself. "I will