

to take refuge elsewhere. This was certainly not owing to the superabundance of clergymen in the Diocese of Montreal.

Each of these cases is sufficient, taken by itself, to startle the least prejudiced observer; but they have a curious feature in common. All these clergymen, who have been thus harassed, belong to the party in the Church, who, unlike Sydney Smith's clerical acquaintance, literally believe the whole 39 articles, and neither coil up a radiator under the altar table, nor make fun of the sign of the Cross.

The object of these pages is to draw the attention of the Provincial Synod to this attempt to make the Bishop an autocrat; not only sole dispenser of all the patronage of the Church; but the absolute and final judge as to matter of doctrine, and the arbitrary ruler over every clergyman in the Diocese. It will doubtless be attempted to blind the eyes of the public by turning Mr. Prime into ridicule; but the vagaries of Mr. Prime are mere accidents. They have nothing to do with the question so practically put by the Bishop in spite of his protestations of moderation. There was nothing eccentric about either Mr. Loosemore, Mr. Davidson or Mr. Early, and yet they got pretty much the same amount of protection and consideration from their Bishop as the Reverend Mr. Prime. All have been sacrificed to the persecution of a party.

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