

persons leading members of the Diocesan Society? Were not many of these large subscribers to the Endowment Fund, but only on condition that the Fund should be managed by the Diocesan Church Society? of which Society they had the control? and have they not succeeded in this, and thus by grasping the Funds of the Church rendered the Synod powerless? the very thing they urged against its establishment.

And what is the position of the Bishop? By the decision of the Privy Council and the Law Officers of the Crown, he has not any authority from the Queen. I appeal to the Churchmen of the Province at large. Is it their wish and intention that the Bishop should become a cypher or a mere puppet to be worked by a small party in the Church, through the medium of the Diocesan Church Society; if so let it be known that the Episcopal Church in this Province has been on sale and been knocked down to the highest bidder; if they repudiate this monstrous simony, let all those who abhor it withdraw their subscriptions from the Endowment Fund, unless it is transferred to the control and management of the Synod, the proper representative of the whole body of the Church, by which body it will be administered impartially under proper regulation and supervision. If the majority of the Church wish that the Bishop should occupy his proper and legitimate place as responsible Overseer of the Church, let them support the Synod, the now only legitimate source from which he can derive the necessary power to perform the proper functions of his office. The Synod is now established by the voice of a large majority of the members of the Church and recognized by the Legislature. The union of the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates, constitute the voice of the Church, and therefore let those who will not acknowledge the Synod, or submit to its decisions, depart from among us. It will be better to be united than that the Church should contain within it the elements of continual strife and contention.

The writer states that it is impossible that the Western section of the Province, "who are conscientiously opposed to a Synodical Church can derive any spiritual benefit or ecclesiastical advantage from a system of government which deliberately ignores our rights, and privileges, and tramples our feelings in the dust." I should be glad to be informed by whom these atrocities have been committed, and in what manner. I am sure the great body of our Church are not aware of the fact—if it is a fact. As the writer seems to confine this feeling of oppression to the western section of the Province, it seems to indicate another source of division in our Church—that of the Bishopric. This is a very serious affair indeed—that of dividing the Diocese into two; his only difficulty seems to be the want of endowment for the Western Bishop. This, however, need not stand in the way of this excellent way of healing differences: the Bishop of all Nova Scotia, I understand, has the handsome stipend of £400 a year. This he could well afford to divide with the new Bishop, and would also bear re-division on the proposed establishment of a Bishopric in Prince Edward Island. To put an end to all ill feeling, perhaps Anti-Synod would accept the onerous office of the Western Bishop. I believe I have already trespassed on your space, and must therefore defer further remarks upon Anti-Synod.

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[We insert this letter as we received it, but we think that one or two errors must have crept into the manuscript sent us, perhaps in transcribing from the rough copy. We draw the attention of the writer to the notice at the head of our Correspondence. —*Editors of the Church Chronicle.*]

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

WE may premise that there is a remarkable dearth of news, whether religious or secular. Among the few matters of general interest we may mention the Report of the Bishop of London's Fund. The total receipts up to August 1st were \$675,180 and \$500,000, more had been promised. The total expenditure had been \$637,630; the leading items in which were \$184,140, in building 34 Churches: \$117,120, in