

madness by which Rome is destroying what remains of the catholic inheritance within herself?

And as to the laity, it will be an evil day for them when they are set against the clergy. It often happens that the laity take more advice from the world, in consequence of being in constant communication with it. They will do well to sift and examine this advice, and see if it is always sound and good, or such as a Christian may, with a good conscience, follow. They may even sometimes venture to consult their clergy, and it may be found that, because the clergy are brought more into contact with sacred things, their advice may contain an element which is not heard among the voices of the world, and which it may not be against the interests of a layman to hear. At any rate, the clergy are not, and cannot be, the enemies of the laity. Whoever suggests this is an evil counsellor. They may at least urge, that to be in the position of clergy at all, they have made sacrifices which have proved the sincerity of their devotion to their holy calling. If this cannot be accepted as a proof of their good will and devotion to the laity, it seems quite in vain to urge any other claim.

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II.

The following is from the Circular of the Secretary to the Synod :—

The Eleventh Annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will be held in the Synod House, at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, the 21st of June. Divine Service, with sermon and administration of the Holy Communion at half-past ten o'clock a.m., in the Cathedral. The Secretary has received the following notices of motion :

To the Reverend LEWIS P. W. BALCH, D.D., Clerical Secretary of " The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal : "

I hereby give notice, that at the Annual Meeting of the Synod, to be held on Tuesday, the 15th day of June next, I shall move that it be resolved :—

1.—That this Synod renounces, and it hereby doth renounce, henceforth and forever, to all right, claim or title to which the City of Montreal, in this