

that the subjects which are ordinarily referred to a Provincial Synod are such as laymen ought not to meddle with, or such as they are likely in concert with the Bishops and clergy, to handle with any want of fidelity to the true interests of the Church.

Time has been when we in England looked somewhat superciliously on the Colonial Church ; time will come, perhaps, when we shall have need of her support. Provincial Synods in North America, New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia, may have it in their power to protect by their independent orthodoxy the threatened Church from whom they had their birth. And if—to take the gloomiest view—our doctrine and discipline at home should be revolutionised by latitudinarian foes, it will be no small consolation to have in many parts of the globe Churches one in faith with our own, complete in constitution, and independent in power of action; whose welfare English factions will have no ability to disturb. Alike for the future and the present, for the sake of Canada and of England, we congratulate the Canadian Church, its Metropolitan and his venerable comprovincial Bishops, on the work to which, with God's help, they have put their hands.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS.

A meeting of the Clergy and Churchwardens of the Church of England Missions in Abbotsford, Granby, Milton, Brome and Frost Village, met at Waterloo on Friday the 25th, pursuant to the summons of the Rural Dean, for the purpose of conferring upon a proposition made by the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel—for assisting the formation of Permanent Endowments, as well as other matters connected with the Missions of the Church. The attendance was general, and a lively interest was manifested in the important matters brought before the meeting. After consideration of the Society's proposal, and careful discussion of the subject, in which the necessity for united action amongst the different Parishes was strongly insisted upon, the following rule was agreed to :—"That satisfactorily guaranteed payments, without interest, extending over a period not exceeding seven years, shall be regarded as the Endowment Fund of each Mission ; and that the proportionate grant from the S. P. G. be invested under the direction of the Central Board of the Church Society, the interest accruing thereupon annually to be paid to the General Sustentation Fund until the expiration of the above mentioned period. Excepting always that each Parish or Mission shall be entitled to receive annually a sum equal to *one-fifth* of all monies actually invested and bearing interest ; such investments to be made by the local Church Corporation, subject nevertheless to such approval as shall be determined upon at a general Meeting of the Deanery." In explanation of the above it may be necessary to state that the proposition of the S. P. G. engaged that Society which has hitherto mainly sustained the Church Missions in this country—to grant £1 for every £5 raised and secured for an Endowment