

Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto.

OCCASIONAL PAPER, No VI. 1874

READ! MARK! LEARN!

The manner in which the Address of this Association was received by the friends of Ritualism must be still fresh in the memory of the Churchmen of this Diocese.

In answer to the general statement there made of the existence and growth of innovations in our services, and of the Romanizing tendency of the teaching of some professing to be members of the Church of England, it was insisted that such a state of things did not exist. The Association was vehemently attacked for daring to say that matters in this country warranted it in calling the attention of the members of our Church to the work that was going on. Our opponents freely accused us of overstating the case; they called our assaults libellous, and alleged that they had no disposition to go beyond the laws. In the Occasional Papers thereafter issued, attention was called to particular instances in which attempts were being made to introduce systematically the disguised Popery of Ritualists and Tractarians. Thereupon a general plan of repudiation was commenced on the part of the accused. Romish books were freely circulated, but nobody could be found to father these publications; strange services and societies were inaugurated, but suddenly they ceased to have either followers or members. Hands were uplifted in holy horror at those and the like charges being brought against any member of the Church of England in Canada. An attempt was made to create the impression that all that we complained of in our Church happened by chance, and that no one was responsible for it. "The officers are, for the most part, strangers in this country, and have established themselves in this parish; and, *in opposition to the expressed wishes and protests of the clergy thereof, have instituted lay services and*