

## LET US BE TOLERANT.

We are grasping at a Phantom when we expect that all men will see eye to eye, and form the same opinions and do precisely the same things; and this appears to be the sober judgment of our Canadian Bishop, when in reply to a pamphlet published and circulated by a Church Association in his Diocese, he gives the advice "Let us be Tolerant." This Association has been organized in Toronto, with the avowed purpose to restrain the liberty of the Clergy, and to stay the progress of Ritualism. How far these self-constituted "Defenders of the Faith" have a right to be aggrieved, we may judge by the nature of the offences alleged against the accused, and which are so gently and generously met by the good Bishop, who seems to be about as extravagant a Ritualist as our own Rector, and we gladly transfer his letter to the PARISH POST, as a fair vindication of the use and order in our own Cathedral. But whatever be our opinions upon the order and reverence of worship; upon the opinions and practices of our brethren "Let us be tolerant."

THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

To the Churchwardens Delegates and other Lay members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—

There has recently been published and distributed an address to the members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto, emanating from a body designated the "Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto." upon which I feel myself required to offer some remarks

This address assumes that the principles asserted, and the practices adopted, by a party of considerable magnitude and influence in the mother Church in England have such prevalence in this Diocese as to demand

the watchful care and fraternal monitions of a Church Association of clergymen and laymen. But in reply to this, I have ventured already to declare to them my conviction that we have not, in a single instance in this Diocese, an approach to the extravagancies in Ritual which, in many cases, are so painfully exhibited in the mother country. And I may add that I have never received from any congregation in this Diocese a complaint that unsound doctrine was preached by the clergyman set over them.

And, on this point, I would reiterate a declaration already made, that should any deviation from the sober and prescribed form of public service which we are privileged to possess, be complained of, the individual chargeable with this would be more effectually and successfully dealt with by private monitions from his Bishop, than through any intermediate agency supplied by a voluntary association for Church defence.

There are quotations in this address from a Roman Catholic paper in England, entitled the *Catholic Register*, which triumphantly asserts a large gain of converts to Romanism in London through the preaching and practices of the Ritualistic party. I deplore, as much as any one can do, the excesses and errors into which this party have drifted, and the serious injury they are inflicting upon the Church to which they owe allegiance. But I consider it to be neither wise nor just to spread a needless alarm by the unqualified repetition of the statements like these. Those cited by the *Catholic Register* have been publicly questioned and denied; and there can be no doubt that they are exaggerated and magnified probably tenfold. The conductors of such publications are found to be very reckless and unscrupulous; and there are good grounds for believing it to be their policy, through these exaggerated statements, so to