

of the names of those, who have not been afraid or ashamed to avow themselves defenders of the true doctrine and discipline of this reformed and Protestant branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

Most heartily do I join in your prayer that unity and concord may be entirely restored amongst us. No price is too great to pay for it, if it can be purchased without the sacrifice of truth. Nevertheless our Lord has warned us that He came not to send peace but a sword, and so long as human nature retains its identity the truth declared in its integrity will always excite opposition. Only let us be careful to give no just cause of offence, and as far as possible to follow peace with all men. To this end I especially request you to use your influence, that no notice be taken of letters published in the secular papers, for although some persons may be misled by slanders and misrepresentations allowed to pass without contradiction, much more harm than good is likely to be done by a controversy conducted by anonymous irresponsible correspondents in these papers. At all events it is better to leave to our opponents the whole of the responsibility, for the continuance as well as for the commencement of the strife which they have originated.

That our God will overrule all to His glory and the good of the Church, we cannot doubt, and we may confidently commit our cause unto Him, praying continually for his preventing and co-operating grace. That He may grant unto you by His Holy Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His Holy comfort, and that He may abundantly bless your labours for Christ's sake, is the heartfelt prayer of your affectionate Brother and fellow-labourer,

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

LETTERS PATENT.

The Church of England in her deliberative capacity excommunicates Dr. Colenso Patent Bishop of Natal, for deadly heresy. The ecclesiastical law of England, on the strength of his "letters patent" as interpreted by Lords Westbury and Romilly maintained him in his official position and awarded him his official salary from a fund raised for the support of the gospel, which he was doing his best to deny and subvert. But, as will be seen by the subjoined extract, the truth is rapidly vindicating itself, and at the beginning of this year we in the Colonies, may congratulate ourselves on having attained the fully acknowledged boon of self-government in ecclesiastical matters. Convocation and Synod—and not "letters patent" are now the legally recognised interpreters of church doctrine with us, as they have long been with our neighbours of all religious persuasions.

The Bishop of Montreal, as Metropolitan of Canada, applies to the Earl of Carnarvon, for a royal mandate for the consecration of the Bishop of Niagara. The answer is that the Queen will no longer embarrass the Colonial Church, by interfering with such appointments. The Bishop of Montreal thereupon orders the consecration in the primitive manner. The following documents have been published :—

"Downing-street, 21st November, 1866.

"My Lord,—I have received your lordship's letter of the 10th of October, relating to the proposed appointment of the Archdeacon of Toronto to be Coadjutor of that diocese under the title of Bishop of Niagara, and his consecration in Canada with as little delay as possible.

"It appears by the recent decision of the Judicial Committee in the case of the Bishop of Natal, that her Majesty has not the power to create a diocese, or assign a