

to strangers and to the members of the Synod, while the ladies shewed their appreciation of fine intellect by attending the debates, but in less numbers than the high character of Toronto for cultivation and refinement had caused us to expect.

There was one feeling which seemed to enter into the actions of every member of that honourable and intellectual body, which filled the heart of the Editor with profound respect, and will always be remembered by him as an evidence of great merit,—it was the veneration with which the wisenes of the aged chief Pastor were always regarded. In our ideas of a high, moral and Christian character, respect for age and worth can never be omitted. The venerable and venerated Lord Bishop of Toronto, having nearly accomplished his four score and ten, was firm in health, active in mind, and just in his "*ruling*," so much so that we heard no falting of his decisions.

All together, our visit to the city of Toronto taught us that while men are allowed to live, and permitted to enjoy even rheumatic health, they can do something for the benefit of others.

We have been promised a full account of the care, which the Protestant churches are taking of orphans in that city, and we believe it will cause a blush of shame to cover the face of this fair city. With probably five times the population of that city, we think it will be found that they have more orphans in hand than we.

We added a very large number to our list of subscribers, and hope in a few months more to increase the amount of reading matter in the *Church of Old England*. We spent

three pleasant days in the Diocese of Ontario, where we procured many subscribers.

#### THE BUCKINGHAM INQUEST

Some one has sent us the *Aylmer Times*, with a very clear account of the status of the Rev. Jer. Babin, who stands charged with the murder of his sister. The Court released him on bail, after he had remained in custody for a long time. So far from being surprised or offended at receiving this account of his situation, we take it as a compliment to be appealed to, and can assure the Rev. gentleman that the clergy and church here, from his Lordship down to the laity, feel nothing but sympathy and sorrow for his unfortunate and trying condition; and we beg leave to assure him and his family and friends, that this sympathy will never desert him until he is *proven* to be guilty of the horrible crime alleged.

A fair trial is all that he, as a Christian man and minister, should expect, and we see plainly enough that Mr. McCleod is quite able to guarantee that to the unfortunate man.

Our advice to our brother,—who has a good character here, being innocent, is to quiet his mind as much as he can, and hold full and confiding consultations with his counsel,—confess everything that is true, conceal nothing, and patiently allow his lawyers to unravel the mysterious web that seems likely to destroy him. We give this advice from the heart, having nothing else to give, believing him to be innocent, and praying at the same time that for his sake, and for the honour of the dear old Catho-