

threatening to overwhelm the civilization of the world.

We seek not for the defence of our holy Church in penal enactments, or in depriving other denominations of equal rights and privileges; such a defence we refuse and disavow. Her defence, under God, is to be found in the purity of her teaching, speaking the truth in Jesus Christ boldly as she ought to speak, and in exercising freedom of synodical action, from which all she requires will naturally flow, such as the rapid spread of her catholic doctrine, the restoration of a healthy discipline, the establishment of proper tribunals for

the correction of offences, the control of the education of her children, &c. &c.

Remember, my Lord, that the principles of entire toleration are too well understood and established in the present age to admit of their infringement, and that the only way left of successfully combating the Papal or any other aggression, is to emancipate the Church from her present thralldom, in some such manner as has been indicated in this letter.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,
JOHN TORONTO.

KINGSTON BRANCH UNION.

(From the Kingston Chronicle.)

The first meeting of this association was held at the Court House, pursuant to notice, on Wednesday evening. John B. Marks, Esq., having been called to the Chair, and Mr. C. W. Cooper requested to act as Secretary, the Chairman addressed the meeting in explanation of the objects and purposes of the Society, and dwelt on the importance of that engaging their immediate attention—the preservation of that portion of the Clergy Reserves allotted to the Church. The Chairman in the course of his remarks read a letter he had written some dozen years ago to the late lamented Rev. Mr. Cartwright, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, when he (Mr. Marks) was a member of the Legislature, in which the question was then treated as a difficulty of long standing, and its unsettled state lamented, the writer little anticipating that at the present day it would be in no more satisfactory a condition. The speaker also reminded the meeting that by a strange coincidence the day fixed for the first meeting of the Kingston Branch of the Association was the Anniversary of the birth day of the good old King who had granted what he no doubt fondly believed would have formed a sufficient and handsome endowment for the Church in this Colony, as it would have done if not wrested from its original purpose.

It was moved by Dr. Peter Diehl, seconded by J. A. Henderson, Esq., and

Resolved,—That an association be established, to be called the Branch of the Church Union of the Diocese of Toronto for the United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox & Addington, to be composed of members of the United Church of England and Ireland within the said Counties.

Mr. Henderson in seconding the resolution, said that the members of the Church in these Counties were now following the good example which had been set them by the people of Toronto. That at no time did the Church stand in greater need of the exertions of her children than the present, and he trusted that in those exertions they would be unanimous; that the want of unanimity that too often existed even among members of the same congregation, and yet more frequently among members of different congregations, but who formed one universal and Catholic Church, was one great cause of the want of success that attended their efforts for the advancement of measures for their general good. It behoved every one to understand the objects the Union had in view; and that they might do this he would read to them the rules made by the Parent Society at Toronto. (The learned gentleman then read the published rules of the Church Union.) He had always been taught, he continued, to be true to his King and just to his country, and he felt that his present efforts to aid in carrying out the generous intention of a deceased Sovereign, and to prevent if possible an act of injustice to his adopted country, in despoiling a large proportion of its inhabitants, and those the members of the Church, in whose precepts he had been brought up, of their vested rights that he was acting in accordance with that principle he had learned in early youth.

The second resolution adopted was moved by Mr. Goodlove, and seconded by the Rev. H. Brent—

Resolved,—That the general business of this Branch of the Church Union be conducted by a Chairman, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee, to be chosen at this meeting.

Mr. Brent said that though the immediate subject of the resolution required no remarks to enforce, as the Society, to exist and carry on its duties, necessarily required officers, that he felt called on, in the present position of Church interests in Canada, to urge it as a duty on every one possessing influence, ability or talent to exert it to preserve to the Church that portion of the Clergy Reserves allotted to her by the Act of the Imperial Parliament, and to prevent the perversion of it to secular purposes, which he for his part looked on as nothing less than sacrilege. That, unhappily churchmen were unformed on the subject, and did not testify the interest in it they should do. Observe the energy with which other religious bodies aided in any undertaking for the maintenance of their rights or interests; but churchmen did not do so; they seemed to think their Clergy were provided for, and gave themselves little trouble on the subject; and even now, when the miserable pittance that the ministers of religion were in receipt of was in danger of being taken from them, no proportionate zeal was displayed. One object of the Church Union was to disseminate correct information touching Clergy and Church matters. Why is the Church attacked and defrauded? Why? because she is passive. Christians should be peaceable and submissive, and no one was a warmer advocate of the mild doctrine of that sacred creed than he; but there are circumstances in which resistance is justifiable; there is a point beyond which submission ceased to be a virtue. The rights and interests of 200,000 people ought not to be invaded without meeting with remonstrance and resistance. He called on every one possessing talent for the purpose, to exert it in conveying through the press correct views on church matters, church interests, and the objects of the association; and to urge the necessity and importance of organization, and he doubted not that success would attend their efforts, and we should have no reason to complain of supineness.

Mr. C. Brent moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved,—That this meeting believing the prosperity of a Christian country is mainly dependent on maintenance of religion, and the diffusion of Christian knowledge among its community, considers the alienation of the Clergy Reserves to other than religious uses calculated materially to retard the progress of religion in the Province, and to check the general prosperity of the country.

This resolution was seconded by the Rev. T. W. Allen, who said, that he was convinced that the welfare of any State was dependant on the extent to which religion was supported within its borders, and that the want of that support was the first step towards its downfall. That with respect to the Clergy Reserves,