

fact is enough,—the Head of the Church Association is but the tail of the Synod, the twelfth member of the Lay Delegation sent to the Provincial Synod! Had they been really sincere in their mis-persuasion, they surely would have rejoiced to find how little ground there was for the fears they affected to entertain and so industriously endeavoured to awaken in others. But no! the spirit of unkindness was intensified and later on broke out with exceeding violence.

A truly Christian motion was made by Rev. E. Cole, with a view to the promotion of unity between the English Church and other Christians. In support of it three most kind and conciliatory speeches were made, but the result only demonstrated the certainty of a well known phenomenon of the spiritual world,—that the more evil is brought into the presence of and contact with good, the more intense and antagonistic it becomes. The subject was one that would surely unite religious and loving minds of all classes; but a certain notorious Professor proceeded in his own person to illustrate the Psalmists deception—"their words are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword," every word he spoke was a dagger aimed at the breast of peace; for he outraged every principle on which the Church of England can stand as a part of the Catholic Church. Perfectly clear it is, that we have in the bosom of the Church a foreign element that can never be assimilated—

men who have no sympathy with her beliefs or practices, and who continually excite our amazement that they do not seek a more congenial home; though charity for their souls must ever keep us from desiring to secure our peace at the dreadful price of schismatic sin in others.

The climax of bitter strife was at last reached, when Mr. G. T. Denison made what was intended to be an anti-ritualistic motion, but which verbally was far more in accord with the convictions of those who were aimed at by this gentleman, as they are really more anxious to "maintain the faith and worship of the Church of England," than his Puritan friends.

This was no sooner read than it was carried with applause by all parties. But Mr. D. was not so to be defrauded by the eloquent demonstration he had no tended, and against the Bishop's ruling persisted in making a speech, and dragging on an irritating and useless discussion. The Synod, of course, would not hear him; and hence a scene of unseemly and most painful confusion. Thus an aged prelate is insulted, the feelings of faithful churchmen are outraged, even church is shamed in the eyes of her enemies, and men return to their parishes discouraged instead of edified; and all for what? Because a minority—Sectarians in everything but external communion—are not allowed to rule our Diocese, and mis-represent without control our religion.

We do not despair—far from