

surpassed and seldom equalled in legislation of any kind.

The proceedings have been published by the excellent dailies of Toronto, which leaves us nothing but the general impression of one man's mind,—and that man a stranger to these bodies and to most of their members,—with which to hold communion with our readers.

One of the great questions which agitated the minds of all, was the legal union of these bodies through an Act of Parliament, which, of course, will be obtained in time, when all the means and men will combine to push forward the advantages which, it is hoped, will flow from their combined influence and money. We most ardently desire that all the good hoped for and none of the ills predicted may follow this popular measure. Some of the most experienced and best informed men in the diocese, with the unyielding qualities of granite, opposed it to the last.

Sympathising deeply with the rank and file, we could not be otherwise than pleased with the lay representation. Quick, strong, clear, and skilful, they were a full match for the logical strength of the most accomplished Theologians. In truth and justice, after having heard the debates in the Diocese of Huron and in the Diocese of Montreal, we reluctantly decide that the Synod of Toronto is the ablest body of men (numbers considered) we have ever seen in this or any other country. It would be thankless and ungrateful to point out faults in a body of men, all of whom laboured with such commendable zeal for the good of the Church. The unparalleled rapidity with which they pro-

posed, amended, and carried measures, was the fruitful source of all, with which we felt inclined to find fault, and might easily be avoided in the future by greater deliberation, a word that is not always well understood even by deliberative bodies.

The *Denominational* School question was carried after a warm debate, with only one dissenting voice, as we were informed. We hope the Synod, with all her grasp of mind and power of reasoning, may not have cause of deep regret that she did not heed the counsels of that *one man*. It is the most difficult question that we have heard discussed in the Province, and as is usual with questions of vital import, the least understood. Of all the measures exciting the attention and interest of Canadians, we would prefer a full, searching, and frank investigation of this; but we do not feel at liberty to create burthens for others that we cannot be made to bear ourselves. The beginning of a school system to be of any use to the whole community, is money,—the middle of it is money, and the end of it is more money.

Not having anything to encumber with taxation, the Editor does not wish to discuss others into measures which he cannot be made to support. Yet this Magazine is devoted to the cause of education, and entreats all who have interests of citizenship and property to use its pages for the benefit of Church schools, State schools, Catholic schools, Denominational, or ragged schools. Horrible word,—“ragged schools!” The sound of it gives the mind an upward tendency.

The hospitalities of a refined society were pretty generally extended