

mountain. "She weepeth yet," they said with moistened eyes, and went their way. "What, asleep?" said a loud voice at my feet. Unclosing my eyes I beheld a play-mate looking down into my face with a smile. I had slept and woven into a dream the murmuring of the sunny, silver stream babbling by, and one of my waking fancies about fairies. Nevertheless it may all have been true.

DAVID DORAN.

### CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

It is much to be regretted that the proceedings of the Synod of this Diocese which took place in the City of Quebec on the second and three following days of last month, were not reported, at length, in the newspapers of the City, for the information of the Churchmen of the country parishes. It may not be amiss to mention the most important acts of the Session, which were, 1. A Canon on discipline for the Clergy and laity of the Diocese. 2. A Canon to provide for an enquiry when any Congregation fails to meet its engagements towards the support of the Clergyman in charge. 3. The adoption of a scale of payment for the Clergy, regulated by the length of their Service in the ministry. 4. The appointment of a Committee, with power to take practical steps to induce the immigration of Church families into the Diocese. A lively and highly interesting discussion followed the proposal of each of these measures. Their importance can hardly be overrated by Churchmen. The question of "ritualism" was discussed with a warmth which that much vexed question naturally called forth; but, on the whole, it was disposed of in a more kindly spirit than was at first anticipated.

The composition of the Royal Commission on Ritual calls forth the strong language of disapproval from various parties in the Church.

It is objected that there are extreme men on the Commission.

One would think that would be rather a recommendation. For how can that important question be thoroughly sifted except by those earnest and fearless men who are the leaders of the various religious schools within the Church?

Neither party will allow the other quietly to slip round the corner of their arguments and appear with the uttermost boldness on the other side, loudly declaring that they have arrived at legitimate conclusions.

If the Church at large is to entertain a respect for the result which may be arrived at, that result must be brought about by bringing in contact the sharpest intellects in the different religious parties. All the members of the Commission are men of such a high order of intellect that they cannot fail to entertain respect for one another, they cannot fail to approach the discussion of the subject with a certain relish—with

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In foemen worthy of their steel."

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