

or two ago. Cordial recognition of one another, as fellow workers in the common cause of Temperance, instead of denunciation of those who have a different method from their own, is as necessary in this work as in that of the Church; and victory waits upon mutual co-operation in both.

Certainly there is no lack of subjects before the Church at large to engage the anxious consideration of thoughtful people, nor before us as a Synod to demand our painstaking effort and brotherly consultation. Honest endeavor to do the work of the Church, instead of each man insisting upon having his own way; equally honest expression of personal conviction, but without the uncharitable assertion that those who entertain a different opinion are either knaves or fools; mutual conciliation and the carrying on of debate with good temper and respect: above all, an endeavor on the part of each to realize the presence of God, and consciously to try to form the habit of subjecting his mind to the guidance of the Holy Spirit—if this can be attained, we may well believe that our consultations will be to the advancement of God's glory, the good of His Church, and the welfare of His people: that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.

