

of a mission-priest at \$800. We are also glad to notice that every obstruction to the immediate organization of the new Diocese of Niagara is now removed, so far as the action of the Synod of Toronto is concerned. They may begin with a stipend of \$2000 per annum, which is secured, engaging at an early date to complete the endowment, as originally determined, by raising it to \$3000. The formal consent of the House of Bishops is all that is now wanting. It is matter for congratulation that the Synod showed so good a spirit in regard to the proposed Temperance Association, on the basis of the Church of England Temperance Association, now so extensively patronized by the dignitaries of the Church at home. The vulgar fanaticism, the Biblical ignorance, and the profane heresies which have heretofore discredited "Temperance societies" and marred their well-meant endeavours, will find no countenance in our Church; but it may well be doubted if the approbation of so large and mixed a body as the Synod can be counted on for the details of any scheme, or for more than the objects contemplated; so that here, as in England, individual action must be relied on to do the work which both Convocation and Synod indeed have commended but perhaps cannot undertake.

It was impossible to look forward to the late Synod without a feeling of considerable anxiety, knowing what persistent, unscrupulous, and violent efforts the "Church Association" had made

during the preceding year to kindle suspicions, and inflame party-feeling. However our good Bishop's address, at the opening of the Synod, was a ground of real comfort, whatever the result may be; as we saw a venerable prelate doing the noblest part of a bishop's work by standing forth in defence of the faith with a fearless eloquence. We make no quotations from it now as our readers by this time have become acquainted with its contents. The delivery of it was received with such irrepressible applause as must have convinced his Lordship that the majority of his diocese went heartily with him.

The malignant Puritan clique have assiduously laboured to represent the bulk of the clergy of this diocese as so many spiritual tyrants recklessly obtruding their Papistical fancies in doctrine and ritual upon aggrieved parishioners, or Jesuitically insinuating them and the latter as in a chronic state of outrageous antagonism. Those outside our diocese might imagine that we were the victims of universal discord; and many a parish in our midst, knowing nothing but harmony, has no doubt been concerned at the flaming pictures daubed by the Associationists, and has trembled for the Ark of God. But what are the facts, as shewn by the acts of the Synod? Why, that our Laity—all honour to them! have emphatically given their contradiction to these shameful slanders. In every vote they have sustained their clergy, and rebuked the disturbers of our Zion. One