

of this Diocese and the majority of its clergy were of a different opinion. In his charge to the Synod, the Lord Bishop denounced this Association for disturbing the peace of the Church, stating his conviction that the course pursued by its originators is one calculated only to "excite suspicion, create distrust, promote dissension, and embitter feelings that ought to be kindly and confiding."

Thus admonished, the Executive Committee were bound to give an earnest reconsideration to the course on which they had entered; and having fully weighed the question how far their "feelings ought to be kindly and confiding" towards those who, as it seemed, were doing the work of Rome under the guise of members of the Church of England: in Occasional Paper No. V. they asked the Church at large "*Is There Not a Cause?*" Unhappily, it was only too easy to show that in the very Diocese which was affirmed to be so free from Ritualism, and in a parish little beyond the bounds of Toronto, the "Mass" was openly celebrated, with wafer bread, elevation of the cup, &c., the Reformation was denounced, and fasting communion, the confessional, and much else most characteristic of advanced English Ritualism, were systematically practised. There, as in other parishes, books of the most pernicious character, inculcating the same Romish errors, were being placed—in some cases with Jesuitical reserve, and in others openly,—in the hands of children at Sunday and Church schools. In view of this, the members of the Church Association might well exclaim:—"How false is the plea of charity that would call upon us to close our eyes to such Romanizing tendencies and teachings, and to take for granted that they will die out. Does it not rather summon us in love for those who come after us, and for our Church, not to allow the well-known land-marks so to be effaced, but that our children may be enabled to walk with equal confidence and certainty in that path of sound Protestantism in which our fathers were led?"

Again, in Occasional Paper No. VI., entitled "*Read! Mark! Learn!*" in which a renewed effort was made to awaken the friends of the Church, and those in authority over it, to the real dangers to which it is exposed, special attention was directed to a work recently issued from the Canadian press, styled "*Vox DEI AUT VOX POPULI*," and its true character and most pernicious teachings were shown. To this the Lord Bishop referred in his address at the Episcopal Visitation in December last. He "grieved that the prejudice of party should override the bounds of Christian charity and truth," and thus proceeded:—"In consistent keeping with this is the purport of a tract issued by the