

ments, reference to the Council of Trent; but we will not now speak of them, only they lead us to say with the apostle, "I stand in doubt of you."

Another thing which strikes us as very strange is the establishing of two houses, the house of Bishops or Lords Spiritual, and the house of Presbyters and Laymen, and the reasons given for so doing appear to us very weak as well as unscriptural. We turn to Acts, fifteenth chapter, and we find a synod of apostles, presbyters and brethren. Fancy Peter and James and the other apostles allowing it to be said, "It is not seemly that the apostles should be dragged down to mingle in the heat of debate on that floor!" How differently do they act! they all deliberate together, and send a united greeting from the apostles, elders and brethren. But the successors of the apostles cannot do what the apostles did,—it would not be fair to the bishops, nor the representatives of the dioceses; perhaps not, these are *Lords* but the apostles were *servants*; and yet the servants possessed a dignity which carried them over difficulties, which their lordly successors are afraid to face.

Many other things we should like to notice; but we must conclude, and we do so with the prayer, that the men now so energetically engaged in seeking the full reformation of the Church of England may prevail, and meanwhile that the Church may prosper, and thus thousands of our fellow countrymen whom we cannot reach, may be taught the way of eternal life, and trained in morality and righteousness, which alone can exalt our noble Province.

Official Notices.

STATED COLLECTIONS APPOINTED BY THE SYNOD.—For Synod Fund, on the third Sabbath of July.

For Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, on the third Sabbath of October.

For Foreign Mission, on the third Sabbath of January.

For Home Mission, on the third Sabbath of April.

The Synod also recommended a collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the third Sabbath of September, or any other convenient day.

Contributions for Knox's College are to be taken up by congregations as early as possible, say during November.

WIDOWS' FUND.—Ministers who are connected with the Widows' Fund are reminded that their annual rate should be paid on or before 1st November. The graduated scale does not apply to those already connected with the fund, nor to ministers of the former United Presbyterian Church, who may become connected with it.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGE.—Ministers are reminded of the appointment of the first Sabbath in November as a day of special prayer in behalf of the Theological Institute of the church. It is most important that the rich and effectual blessing of the Great Head of the Church should be earnestly sought in behalf of the