

Testament. All on the same terms—the secular subject, for which the Province pays, at £500 a-year, the theological for £0 0s. 0d. Many an ecclesiastical duty can be gratuitously performed during summer vacation by gentlemen whose names adorn the lists of Faculties and the ledgers of Bursars. Generous country! It will be an edifying spectacle to see our beloved Queen a “nursing mother” to all the happy family that will then be borne upon her knees and dandled at her sides. But she will hardly be able to keep the peace between them, admirable disciplinarian as she is. We fear that Toronto and Huron will not “kiss and be friends;” that St. Michael’s will build up what Knox destroys; and that Victoria and Queen’s will fall out upon the Five Points. And the worst of it will be that all these quarrelsome fellows must be kept in beef and broadcloth, to serve themselves and not Her Majesty, who would be very glad to have them go about their own business, and to have one sensible man to do hers.

It is cheering to notice that the new Governor General, in answer to the Wesleyan Conference, so distinctly recognises the principles, “*that the money appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of education should be applied without distinction of creed or class,*” and that “*every facility should be afforded to PARENTS and PASTORS to supply the religious element.*” The veteran Premier of the Imperial Cabinet has just refused to advise the granting of a Charter to the Catholic University of Ireland, on the ground that it would interfere with and injure the non-sectarian Queen’s University, and be a retrograde step, as even Oxford and Cambridge were being “reformed” by the removal of denominational restrictions. Such is, undoubtedly, “the spirit of the age.”

Once more:—We do not think the chances of success in the new proposal at all increased by the revelation of the kindred scheme for extending the Separate School System. It is well known that a party in the Episcopal Church have long desired to have “Church Schools” assisted by the Government as the Catholic Separate Schools are. A few years ago, propositions to this effect were voted down in the Synod of the Toronto Diocese by overwhelming majorities. In the Synod of 1856, for example, Rev. A. Townley proposed a resolution in favour of Separate Schools, on behalf of which the Bishop had also spoken strongly in his Charge; when Rev. A. Palmer moved an amendment, expressing a desire for religious instruction in the schools, but adding:—

“That this Synod does not deem it expedient to seek the establishment of any other Separate Schools, *except those which the members of the Church shall themselves be enabled to establish*, seeing that in contending for Separate Schools as part of the Common School System, *they would only be seconding the too successful efforts of the Roman Catholic Church to inculcate its system of intolerance and superstition at the public expense.*”

The original motion was withdrawn, by advice of the Bishop, as it had no chance of passing. At present, however, the Synod petitions in favor of Separate Schools by large majorities! Whence the change? Has the Diocese of Huron absorbed the liberal element? Or has Trinity College filled the parishes with sectarian zealots? The chief feature in the discussions of this year, was the report of a consultation between a Committee of Synod and the Chief Superinten-