

affairs of the Church.—This is the charge, and a Lay Association is formed, denouncing the conduct of the Bishop and his immediate followers ; letter follows letter in the public press, and a pamphlet is issued, warning the laity that their rights are being invaded and that they must come forward in defence of their religious freedom.

Surely this must be considered as 'somewhat violent conduct, and to the outside observer, would tend to shew the wisdom of not allowing Quebec, en masse, to legislate for the whole Diocese.

To us, resident at a distance from the scene of trouble, the conduct of the Bishop in securing the rights of the Church in the Diocese in general, by allowing representation in fair proportion by delegates from every parish, seems the most liberal policy.

Mass meetings are not the place for calm discussion, and the vital questions at issue can only be met by quiet temperate conduct on the part of all.

We are clearly of opinion that the Bishop has in this instance, shown a promptitude and energy of character in applying an immediate remedy to the evil felt, and acknowledged by all, which ought to earn for him the thanks of the diocese at large.

No doubt he felt that time and discussion, instead of allaying the spirit of discord, was only exciting it, and he would naturally think that another exhibition, similar to that of the June meeting, would do incalculable harm to the cause of the Church over which he presided.

Again, in the appointment of delegates he has only carried out the wishes of both parties. The extremest reformer could not call for more, for the choice of delegates is left entirely in the hands of the Laity themselves.

We have felt it our duty thus to allude to this pamphlet, and we earnestly hope that the good sense of the people in the townships, to whom we more particularly address ourselves, will lead them to avoid joining any exclusive party in the Church ; and when the time for action arrives, let another Christian maxim overrule all their actions, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."