

him (Mr. Cardwell); and in consequence of that letter her majesty had been pleased to issue a mandate to the Archbishop, authorizing him to consecrate a bishop, and no letters patent would be issued purporting to convey jurisdiction conferred by the crown." The appointment of a bishop without any authority seems to me most absurd. Fortunately, our bishop, by the establishment of our synod, has not acted upon the letters patent granted to him, and therefore there is not anything to undo; but we are left without any authorized government of our Church, with the exception of the Rules established by our Synod, and the power given by the Act of our Provincial legislature. It appears to me that it is left (as it ought to be) to our Synod to **draw up** a code of laws for the government of our Church, adapted to the times and to our situation; and that it is essential that it should be summoned to meet **with as little delay as possible**, to commence its labors to that effect, as the business to be brought before it will be of the utmost importance, and will take much time and serious deliberation. I consider this move as one in the right direction, and of the greatest consequence to the future well-being of our episcopal Church. There is a want of unity and energy in it that I believe can only be remedied by more frequent meetings of the Synod, and more time spent in its organization and management. There should not be any clashing powers and authorities. There are many apparently small things creeping into our Church, step by step, both here and at home, which, though of no apparent consequence in themselves, show a tendency to a wrong direction, which would be easiest checked at an early stage. The Church of England has been the great bulwark of the Reformation. It stands upon too strong a foundation to be upset by force, and therefore its enemies besiege it by sap and mine. We must not be too confident, and despise the sudden attacks of the enemy, and relax in our vigilance; there may be enemies in our camp, or part of the garrison may be careless and lukewarm; but above all we must not allow any defects in our walls, that may encourage attack. We must be found compact, and every point defensible. Our freedom from the slow proceedings of the convocation in England, from the interference of the government, will enable us to place our Church on a true and clear Protestant footing. At the Reformation, many things which were not considered of importance were left as they were, for the purpose of conciliation; but like all half measures it proved a failure. In the course of time, however, they were found objectionable, and discontinued; but are now being revised one after another, and causing more and more disturbance in the Church. By authoritatively rejecting these innovations, we shall resume our unity, and open the door to many dissenters, to whom they prove a stumbling block; and by resuming the primitive doctrine and simplicity of worship, the voice of our Church will no longer give an uncertain sound.

A PROTESTANT.

NEW ROSS, July, 1865.

Dear Sirs,—I hasten joyfully to bid you welcome to this parish, as chroniclers of the Church. Since the decease of the "Record" we have felt, in this inland spot, cut off from our brethren elsewhere: now, thanks to you, we are likely to know what is doing, and what is expected of us to do. Title, shield, motto, prospectus, and contents, are all just what was to be desired.

But I did not take my pen to offer alone our poor meed of thanks for the desiderata you are supplying, but also to respond to the call for parish information. We have several "irons in the fire."

Our parsonage house is now inhabited—at least the lower floor; but we need more help to complete the upper. The outward appearance and inward arrangement are very generally approved—while the site could not be better so far from a sea view.

Various contributions in labor and lumber are promised towards a sanctuary and new vestry for our church, whereby our accommodation will be increased—an increase (I am thankful to say) which is needed. The female part of our congre-