

than an occasional visitor in the Cathedral Church of his Diocese, having not even a consulting voice as regards the arrangement of the Services, or the selection of the Assistant Minister; and that when he wishes to occupy the pulpit, he must do so merely by sufferance, and as an act of courtesy on the part of the Rector. What I claim is—not that the existing rights of the Rector should be abridged—but that such just and equitable concessions should be made to the Bishop as would place him in a right position in his own Cathedral. A correspondence has taken place on the subject; but I regret to say without success. The consequence is that, so long as the present state of things continues, my presence in the Cathedral cannot be otherwise than most anomalous. I have no wish that more time should be occupied at this Synod by the subject to which I have alluded; but I have felt it right that the Diocese should know thus much, in order that the position of their Bishop in his own Cathedral may be fully understood. Happily, when I look around me, I see no other cause of dissatisfaction: rather I have reason to thank God for His goodness in making me feel that my lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, and that the goodness and mercy which followed me in my ministerial course for thirty-three years, have continued with me in my more responsible career as a Bishop.

Before closing my address I must call your special attention to two important matters of routine, which occupy us at each Synod, namely, the usual election by ballot of members to serve on the Executive Committee, and also as delegates to the Provincial Synod. With regard to the former, it is of the greatest importance that such men should be placed upon the Board as will wisely and impartially administer the income of the church, and will have the full confidence of both clergy and laity. With a view of securing this end, a plan will be suggested to you by a Committee appointed at the last Synod, according to which plan it is proposed that a certain number shall always be selected from each of the four Rural Deaneries. With regard to the other matter, the choice of Delegates to the ensuing Provincial Synod, notice has been given of an arrangement by which the evil which has hitherto existed, and which we all deplore, may possibly be remedied. I earnestly hope that in both cases our election may be made less in the interests of one party or the other, and more in the interests of the Church generally. In the course of the present session a proposal will, I believe, be made that we shall in some way show our interest in the good work which is going on in the sister Diocese of Rupert's Land. I cannot but think that it is our duty to do something to strengthen the hands of our brethren in that country, who are struggling against great difficulties and need our Christian sympathy, remembering, however, that our missionary Diocese of Algoma has the first claim upon us. We might perhaps be willing to devote an annual collection, that for instance which will be made on the Day of Intercession, to some branch of work in Rupert's Land which is of a purely missionary character. A clergyman from that Diocese, the Rev. J. O'Meara, is now among us, and will give any information that will be asked for.

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