

much satisfaction, and I hope profit and enjoyment, in meeting so many friends and so many of my old associates in England, yet I can truly say that while absent I have been ever present with you in spirit; and I feel more and more that any continued absence from one's proper sphere of duty becomes irksome to one who has long been in the habit of discharging the important duties which such a charge as this devolves upon him. I left the diocese in peace, and had no doubt then that I should find you in peace at my return. I left you under the superintendence of the Dean of Montreal, who had on previous occasions occupied my place in my absence, and I felt sure he would have the confidence and co-operation of all of you in any matters he might have to transact in my absence. I owe him and you also my thanks for the satisfactory state of things I find on my return. Since we last met I held an ordination, and ordained four priests and four deacons,—the largest ordination I ever held since my appointment to this diocese. I have received since last session of this Synod, five clergymen ordained in other dioceses to officiate here. But we have lost some of our number; our Clerical secretary, who had so long acted in that capacity, and who possessed the confidence and good will of the great body of those for whom and with whom he worked; and I hope when we come to select a successor, we shall select one who will carry on the work no less satisfactorily than he did it. I cannot omit also to mention the loss of another friend removed by death, the Rev. Gerald DeCourcy O'Grady, who both in the Synod and Diocese at large and in his own peculiar work, had earned for himself a good name among us. He was as a scholar, also, most useful, having been appointed again and again to conduct the examinations at the University of Lennoxville, where his loss will be very much felt. We have lost also by death among the laity, one active member of our Synod, Captain Maitland, who ever since I have been in this diocese has been one of the most active and consistent laborers among us in all works connected with the Church and her various institutions, and who, as a man of consistent life and piety, deserves honorable mention here and elsewhere. We have much work now to do, and especially to complete the organization of our system, which is still most imperfect. We have to carry out into the various parts of the diocese, which I trust will be done through the efficient working of our Rural deaneries, a completely organized system. When I was in England I attended one of the largest meetings which took place of the Archbishops and Bishops of our Church, where important matters were brought up and discussed. A deputation, headed by Mr. Henry Hoare,—well known to you as one of the most able and active co-workers with the clergy in promoting the efficiency of the Church, and who has especially been active in promoting the lay agency in connection with the clergy,—came to that meeting with a deputation

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