

the Lord. Your own minds will readily recur in this connection to the warm interest and earnest efforts he made to promote the assembling, and further the objects contemplated by the great council which met at Lambeth. I will relate an incident of a different kind which illustrates, I think, the same fact. By the late war eleven dioceses of the United States for a while believed, and acted on the belief, that the Federal Union was broken, and therefore organized themselves under a senior Bishop of their own. When the war terminated no small anxiety was felt as to the mode in which the rupture should be healed, and harmony restored. Bishop Fulford was invited by one of the American Bishops to preach in his place at the opening of the General Council of 1865. He did preach that sermon. It is not too much to say that no sermon was ever preached on this continent before a more august Council of the Church, or on an occasion surrounded with interest of a more solemn and momentous character to the race which speaks the English language. And when I say that the wisdom of that sermon was equal to the occasion, that the Holy Ghost gave our departed Diocesan grace to meet the delicate responsibility he assumed, and that all hearts in the great Republic beat lovingly toward him, and with warm sympathy for the Church in Canada, you will be prepared to believe what I personally know to be a fact, that he gratefully acknowledged God's mercy in thus making him the honoured instrument of promoting that object dearest to his heart—the unity, the harmony and the prosperity of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

Were the Bishop preaching here to-day, as his mortal remains did, so solemnly and silently, yesterday, it would be not to deal only with the past, except to extract fresh lessons for greater diligence in the future. He would bid us not to linger in delight over the blessed death so soon to be the believer's portion, nor the joy of the saints' rest in heaven, because the blessings of the Christian's death we can neither alter nor improve. The rest that remaineth for the people of God we do not provide, nor can we adorn. But the number and character of the works and labours which are to follow us into that world of glory we can materially increase and affect. Mary Magdalene, who, as the proxy for the human race, welcomed our Lord on the morning of