

with you always, even unto the end of the world." And none of His words will fail. We want the thing itself and we want it obtained after Apostolic example. Experience has already taught that there is serious ground of objection to our previous practice, and I humbly believe that it never will be remedied until we give back to God, his right in such an important selection. Choose out any number of persons whom men may think to have qualities requisite for the office, but presume not further, but pray and say, "Thou Lord which knoweth the hearts of all men, show whether of these *thou* hast chosen," and then, as in the case of the first successor of the Apostles, let their lots be given forth, remembering that "the lot is cast into the lap, and the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." If inspired Apostles themselves trusted not to their own judgments, but appealed to the seer and searcher of hearts, how much more have we reason to distrust our erring judgments and to leave to the decision of Heaven the final choice out of what are to us fit persons, and whose ministry pre-eminently is to become either the savour of life or death to so many immortal souls. We advocate, therefore, on principle, upon expediency, and for all the love of souls which occupied a Saviour's breast and is hence participated in by every Christian heart, the immediate and rapid multiplication of Chief Shepherds of the Fold of Christ, a restoration of the primitive ministry in all its purity and vigour. To have Episcopal supervision which shall be anything more than a name, at least two new Dioceses should be formed out of the present one of Montreal—one in these Eastern Townships and one in the Ottawa District, and each of these, even in their present weakness, would occupy the laborious attention of one Bishop who would spend a Sunday and greater part of a week annually in every mission and parish, and be the explorer himself of remote parts. But then the one great hindrance—the money, the means. If we have only faith and do our duty, God will provide the means. It is not a primitive or Apostolic requirement for a Bishop that he should have a luxurious salary: chiefest in honour, his duty is also frequently to be chiefest in suffering. A Bishop, therefore, I conceive, should be willing to go forth in his work as the inferior orders go forth in theirs, exercising suitable foresight and wisdom, but yet trusting God and looking not at the things which are seen but at the things which are unseen. In this part of the Diocese there is good ground for believing that