

charge, and thus to procure for *both* portions of the late Diocese of Quebec, the benefit of closer and more exact supervision, and for the portion to which you belong, the comfort and advantage of having a resident Bishop with whom you can the more frequently and easily be in contact and communication. And it is a happiness to me to place under his direction, so many faithful brethren who will strengthen his hands and comfort his heart in all the anxieties and responsibilities of his charge.

May God prosper us all, Bishops and Clergy, in our labours, and guide us to do all things for His glory, the enlargement of the kingdom of His blessed Son, and the good of the souls committed to our care!—and may His blessing, in things temporal as well as spiritual, rest ever upon the head of you and yours!

I thank you in an especial manner for the promise of your prayers, and *God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.*

#### ARRIVAL OF THE LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal and family, accompanied by the Lord Bishop of Quebec and the Rev. A. W. Mountain, arrived in Montreal on the afternoon of Sept. 11. About twenty Clergymen, in their robes, and a very large number of the laity had assembled upon the wharf to welcome his Lordship, to whom the Clergy and others were introduced by the Bishop of Quebec. The two Prelates and the Clergy having entered carriages provided for them proceeded, in a body, to the Ottawa Hotel, accompanied by the Church wardens and many of the leading parishioners, who withdrew upon his Lordship's arriving at the Hotel. The long wharves as well as the streets through which it was expected that the Bishops would pass, were crowded with spectators, all appearing to take the greatest interest in the arrangements made for welcoming their new Diocesan.

The Bishop had arrived at St. John in the morning, and was met, upon landing there, by the Bishop of Quebec, with several of the neighbouring Clergy, all of whom were presented to his Lordship by their late Diocesan, as well as by most of the leading inhabitants of St. John, who were introduced by the Rector of the Parish. The Bishops and Clergy breakfasted with the Rector, the Rev. C. Bancroft, and Divine Service was afterwards held in the Parish Church, the Rector and the Revds. M. Townsend and A. W. Mountain officiating. The Holy Communion was afterwards administered by the two Bishops to the Clergy present, and to nearly fifty of the laity.

At half-past eleven, the following Address was presented by the Rev. Mr. Townsend, on behalf of the Clergy and Churchwardens of the District, a large number of whom were present:—

*To the Right Reverend Father in God, Francis, Lord Bishop of Montreal.*

We, the Clergy and Church Wardens of the Richelieu District, gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of tendering to your Lordship our respectful and affectionate welcome on your first landing within the limits of this newly formed Diocese.

Deeply as we regret parting from our late venerated and beloved Diocesan, we cannot but regard the division of his extensive charge as an auspicious event for the Church in Canada.

It is our earnest prayer that the Divine blessing may attend your Lordship in the responsible and arduous trust to which you have been called; that you may enjoy the hearty co-operation and attachment of all the members of the Church in the Diocese; and that abundant fruit may follow your labours to the praise of God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ,—and to the comfort of your own soul.

We beg that your Lordship will kindly convey to Mrs. Fulford the expression of our welcome and regard.

Believe us to be, your Lordship's faithful servants in Christ.

(Signed)

MICHAEL TOWNSEND, Rector of St. George and St. Thomas, Chairman of the Richelieu District of the Church Society.

A. CHAPMAN, } Church Wardens.  
CHARLES STEWART, }

CHS. MORICE, Missionary at Lacolle and Acting Chaplain, Isle aux Noix

MERRITT HOTCHKISS, } Church Wardens at Lacolle

PAIRCK O'CONNOR, }

CHARLES BANCROFT, Rector of St. John and Acting Chaplain

WILLIAM LEGGETT, } Church Wardens St. James' Church, St.

CHARLES WHEELER, } John

FRANCIS E. JUDD, Assistant Minister at St. John and officiating at L'Acadie and the Savannah

GEO. SHORTLEY, } Church Wardens, L'Acadie

GEO. TROAMBLAY, }

JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, Rector of Chambly

J. P. WHITE, Assistant Minister at Chambly, and Acting Chaplain.

R. B. HATT, }

WM. WILSON, } Church Wardens, St. Stephen's Church, Chambly.

C. L. F. HAENSEL, Clerk, St. John

G. M. ARMSTRONG, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Christieville

WM. MCGINNIS, } Church Wardens of Trinity Church, Chris-

TIOS. COUSINS, } tieville

RICHARD LONSDALL, Missionary at Laprairie and Longueuil

A. ALEXANDER, }

W. KERPUT, } Church Wardens, St. Mark's, Laprairie

DANIEL GAVIN, Missionary at Sabrevois

CHARLES ROY, Church Warden, Sabrevois

St. Johns, September, 1850.

To which his Lordship made the following answer:—

MR. TOWNSEND.—You have been selected as the senior clergyman to present me with this address from the Clergy and Churchwardens of the Richelieu District. Allow me to return you all my warmest thanks for this expression of your respect and kind feelings towards me as your future Diocesan. It is not without the deepest interest that I now, for the first time, find myself called upon to act in my new character, as Bishop of this still large and most important Diocese.—It is my constant prayer, that my heavenly Master, by Whose Providence and gracious will it is, as I trust, that I have been chosen to fill this holy office, will support me in my humble endeavours to discharge the arduous duties devolving upon me,—and I hope that the increased facilities for the administration of the affairs of the See of Montreal, by its recent separation from the old Diocese of Quebec, will prevent your feeling so deeply the loss you must sustain in having been transferred from the able and experienced care of your late most estimable and respected Diocesan, to my charge.

Your kind reference to Mrs. Fulford is, I can assure you, most fully appreciated by me. She is here as my ready and cheerful companion in our separation from our native country, and from so many old and valued relations and friends. It is most pleasing, then, to receive so kind a welcome on our first appearance amongst you, as strangers; and I trust that increased intercourse and ripening friendships will produce an increase of mutual esteem and regard between us and those inhabitants of this Province amongst whom we have come to seek our future occupations, our friends and our home.

After the reception of this address, their Lordships, with Mrs. Fulford and the Clergy, as well as a considerable number of the laity, partook of a sumptuous repast at the house of J. C. Pierce, Esq., and in the afternoon proceeded to Montreal.

It is a somewhat singular coincidence that the Bishop of Montreal should have arrived at his See on the same day of the year on which the present Bishop of Quebec (bearing the then new title of Montreal) arrived at Quebec, to enter upon the duties of the Episcopate, in 1836.

On Thursday morning, Aug. 8, a large number of the nobility and gentry residing in and about Mayfair assembled at Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, for the purpose of bidding farewell to the Right Rev. Dr. Fulford, formerly minister of the Chapel, recently consecrated Bishop of the new diocese of Montreal. Prayers having been said by the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, B. D., (Dr. Fulford's successor in the ministry of the chapel,) a sermon was preached by the Rev. Henry Howarth, B. D., rector of St. George's Hanover-square. At the close of the sermon the holy communion was administered by the Bishop, Mr.