

benefit of the body at large. From the manner in which this movement has been inaugurated, there is reason to believe that it will be productive of advantage in many ways, to the Congregational cause in Toronto and elsewhere.

Election of a Metropolitan.—After many unsuccessful attempts, the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal have at last elected a Bishop—the Rev. Ashley Oxenden, of Pluckley, Kent. He is the author of many popular works, is about sixty years of age, and evangelical in opinion. His election is considered quite a triumph for the Low Church party.

There was a strong desire felt by some members of the Synod to elect a Canadian,—a very reasonable and sensible idea, we think ;—but the Bishops feeling sore, probably, that none of their own number had been accepted, they determined that no presbyter of the Diocese of Montreal should be elected ; and so, after several conferences, and almost endless ballottings, the above named gentleman was nominated, and received the requisite number of votes. The Synod then adjourned till September to await Mr. Oxenden's reply.

Rev. Robert Hay.—We regret to learn, as we are going to press, that this brother is about to leave Ontario and remove to Illinois, having accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Crystal Lake, in McHenry county. The Dominion can ill afford to lose such a man, who has acquired the esteem and confidence of all the brethren. We trust that the church at Pine Grove, which he leaves, may be directed to another pastor, equally devoted and zealous, and that Mr. Hay, in his new charge, may be blessed in his work.

Obituary.

MR. JOHN McCLELLAN.

The Congregational Church in Alton has just experienced a great loss, in the removal by death of the above named gentleman, who has been connected with it since its establishment, and was (until old age came upon him) one of its most active deacons. Although incapable of discharging any public duty for a long time, he retained his office until his death. He was a man of good judgment, of a very quiet disposition, seldom meddling with other people's matters, but attending to his own affairs, and seeking to have his own house in order for the coming of the Lord. During his sickness, which was very short, he seemed to be happy, and at his death left behind him unmistakable evidence that he departed at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and also with his fellow men.

Mr. McClellan was born in Cherry Valley, N. Y., on the 17th February, 1774, where his parents resided. On the breaking out of the war in 1776, he, and the other members of the family, removed to Lower Canada, where they remained four years, enduring many hardships at the hands of the Indians ; on one occasion having been compelled to stand and see their house burned to the ground. In 1780 they made their way up to Niagara district, where he resided for nearly fifty years, during which he served as first lieutenant in the British army in the war of 1812, having been engaged in the battles of Niagara, Stoney Creek, Lundy's Lane, Chippawa, and several others. In 1831, Mr. McClellan removed with his family, numbering ten, to the Township of Caledon, where he remained until his death ; and now he leaves behind him as mourners seven children, fifty grand-children, ninety-one great-grand-children, and one great-great-grand child, making in all one hundred and forty-nine.—*Communicated.*