

the authority, and consider the needs and interests of the whole Anglican Communion in Canada. The work is only begun; there are plenty of difficulties; but let us pray that God's blessing may rest on it, and that it may be the beginning of a bright future for the Church among us. . .

II. The *Provincial Synod*.—This Synod met in Winnipeg in August. In connection with that meeting I would direct your attention to the alteration of the canon for the election of a Bishop. As matters stood, the election lay with the Diocesan Synod in Dioceses which contained twelve self-supporting parishes, and in other cases it was in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury. There was a very general, I may say unanimous, feeling that the Church in this Province has now come to years of discretion, and should take upon itself the work of appointing its own Bishops. In accordance with this feeling a new canon was proposed, changing the number twelve to six, and giving right of election in other cases to the Bishops of the Province in the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was agreed to, with the change of the number from twelve to six. I would make two remarks on this change:

(1) That, it seems to me, with the assumption by Province or Diocese of power to elect Bishops, comes a like responsibility in provision of funds. There was no change in election in regard to missionary Dioceses, that is, those supported by C.M.S., and so the change here assumes that we, *i.e.*, Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, and Calgary, are not missionary Dioceses, yet I find that last year the whole of the stipend of the Bishop and more than two-thirds that of the Clergy came from England. In face of these facts, when we talk of independence it behoves us to do it with some humility. I hope these remarks will not be taken to imply that I was against the change; it had my hearty support, and I feel it is calculated to increase the efficiency and dignity of the Church in the Province. All I wish to do is to point out that coming of age brings burdens as well as privileges, and that we must not fail to recognise our duties while we claim our rights.

(2) I would point out clearly the present position as it concerns this Diocese. When the See is vacant the election of a Bishop rests with the Bishops of the Province until such time as there shall be six self-supporting parishes. There are now three—Regina, Moosomin, and the parish of Craven and Pense. How long, I would ask, will it be before we have the necessary six?

III. The *Diocesan Synod*.—I need not dwell on the acts and resolutions of that Synod, but I have one matter of some importance as to Synod meetings to lay before you. The Synod is, as you know, called by the Bishop at what place and time he may choose. It has always hitherto met in Church, but in deference to a resolution of last Synod