

which they were now called upon to discharge, and I trust that I am justified in believing that something of the grace prayed for was imparted.

Permit me on this occasion, when the division of the diocese is in a fair way (if we do our duty) to be soon accomplished, to recapitulate briefly the steps of our happy progress, as matter of future reference.

Finding, from eleven years' experience, that the largeness of this diocese and the rapid increase of its episcopal duties would very soon prove too much for any individual, I considered it right, as a preliminary step, to address, on the 5th October, 1850, being then in London, a memorial to the Most Reverend and Right Reverends the Archbishop and Bishops forming the Council, to arrange measures in concert with her Majesty's government for the erection and endowment of additional Bishoprics in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain.

The memorial was favorably received, but as assistance could not be expected at once for each of the three sees into which it was proposed to divide the diocese, I respectfully recommended the Kingston bishopric to be first established, having, as I believed, a prior claim, because comprising the older settlements, and also because the Western Division was less distant and more easy of access.

Soon after presenting this memorial I returned to Canada, but the division of the diocese has been constantly kept alive in my correspondence with the proper authorities. With the view of strengthening our case on this and other Church objects, a conference of the Clergy and Laity was assembled on the 1st of May, 1851, to which the Bishop proposed two questions:

1st—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, take any steps to protect her property and endowments?

2nd—Shall we, the Church of the Diocese of Toronto, apply for permission from the Crown to hold Diocesan Synods or Convocations?