

may hope to accomplish something commensurate with our duties and the exigencies of the case.

The Bishop then referred to the appointment of Rural Deans in the Diocese and the meetings which had been held in the several Deaneries. He also expressed his satisfaction at the able reports received, and anticipated much benefit from this organization. He then referred to the increase of funds necessary for the permanence and extension of the Missions in the Diocese.

But it is not with respect to the Diocese of Montreal alone that we are to look to the adapting of our constitution to the work of our Church. We are to look at it in the Province at large. Since we last met here, I have, as you know, received the appointment of Metropolitan for Canada.

The Bishop then mentioned his visit to the other Dioceses in the Province, and stated that he had consulted with the respective Bishops and many of their clergy and laity, who were invited to meet him, respecting the promotion of the important objects contemplated in the appointment of a Metropolitan for the Province, and also respecting the time for holding the first Provincial Synod, which he announced was fixed for the 10th of September.

The election of the new Bishop of Ontario was announced, and a hope expressed that his consecration might take place in the Cathedral of Montreal at the session of the Provincial Synod.

The Bishop concluded his address in the following words:—"It will be an important era in the history of the Church in Canada; and if the temper of this Synod be such as we hope it may be, it will diffuse an energy and life among us, and give token and witness to all around us of the unity of this body in Canada, a proof that we are working together with one body and one spirit; and I trust that it will re-act among ourselves, and that this infusion of new blood, as it were, into the body, will circulate with increased life and power amongst us. I have just begun my fourth annual confirmation tour. The confirmation in this city, a short time since, was a most auspicious commencement. It was by far the largest in proportion to the time and the numbers represented I have ever held, and the number of communicants who attended on Easter Day, being the Sunday following, also shewed an immense increase of the number of those who are uniting themselves to the holiest ordinance of our Church. But beyond numbers, beyond any pride or self satisfaction at any apparent growing extension of our body, I do hope we may see a personal growing holiness amongst ourselves, which will do more than anything else to give power to all we do and all we preach, and will tend more than any worldly means, or any apparent increase in a numerical body to spread abroad the knowledge of that truth which we profess, and to maintain the purity of that Gospel which it has been the privilege of our church to hand down to those that come after. I feel pleased to see so large a body of clergy and laity on this occasion, and I trust and suppose that everything to be considered will