



CITY OF QUEBEC.

the society, now has a capital of \$35,000, under which pensions varying from \$400 to \$600 per annum, according to length of service, are now being paid. A prosperous fund has been established for helping the clergy to educate their children. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund is in a most satisfactory condition, but this was mainly built up under Bishop Mountain. The endowment of Bishop's College has been about doubled, almost extensively from contributions within the Diocese. Still more satisfactory is it that side by side with this splendid provision for the material prosperity of the Diocese itself, has grown the missionary spirit. Abundant proofs of this might be offered, but let one suffice: no less than \$3,500 has been sent out of this poor Diocese to help in the missionary work of the church during the last year.

Turning now to the progress of the Diocese under Bishop Williams in higher things; one feature at once suggests itself—its religious unity and freedom from party spirit. The two addresses presented to the bishop at his anniversary celebration, both of them drawn up by laymen, made reference to this happy state of things, and traced it directly to the bishop. The address from the laity of Quebec gives the following admirable expression to what is universally felt: "The brotherly union and harmony amid inevitable differences, so conspicuous in the Diocese of Quebec, testify to your Lordship's administrative capacity, compre-

hensive sympathy and fatherly kindness; while the spirit of diligence in church work which exists among us is the result, in a great measure, of this absence of party spirit, and of your own influential example."

The supreme importance of spiritual and personal religion was stamped, it may be hoped indelibly, upon the Diocese of Quebec by its saintly pastor, Bishop Mountain, and Bishop Williams has ever followed closely in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor in urging upon his clergy to make the progress of their people in spiritual things ever first in their thoughts and efforts. Moving expression is given to this view in the bishop's sermon, or rather charge, delivered to his clergy at the opening of the late synod, a sermon which it could be wished were in the hands of every clergyman in the Dominion. Towards promoting the revival of personal religion and deepening the religious life, much use has been made of parochial Missions in the Diocese of Quebec of late years. The marvellous effect produced by Archdeacon Wilberforce's Mission, in the City of Quebec, in 1880, led to the appointment of the Rev. Isaac Thompson as Diocesan Missioner for the three years following with the happiest results. It is perhaps chiefly this character of the church, as evidently seeking first spiritual results, which has made her work in winning the American and Americanized sectarians of the Eastern Townships so successful. These