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Poetry.

THE VISION OF A DREAM. (From the Philadelphia Banner of the Cross.)

In silent watches of the night, When sleep had lulled my weary frame, I dreamed a dream so beautiful, Methought from heaven it came.

Before my eyes up-rose a Church, Of weather-stained and mossy stone, And sweet-toned bells chimed from its tower, So old and ivy-grown.

Its oaken doors were never closed From balmy morn till dewy eve; And rustic folk went out and in— Nor ever asked for leave.

A white-robed priest, in meet array, Within the hallowed chancel stood; And there he spake the word of life, And dealt out angel's food.

And one I saw-a lady fair-Of sober mien, and nameless grace; And, like a heavenly Bride she seemed, Of more than royal race.

With winning voice, and pensive smile,

She freely beckoned all to come; But, though her blessing was for all, It seemed in vain for some. Behold !- an infant, child of sin,

To you pure Font she gently leads; While from a radiant Golden Book, A prayer the Pastor reads.

Again, as there a youthful group Around the lowly chancel bend, A Bishop, from the Golden Book, Prays strength unto the end. From out that Book, the word of hope

To wedded hearts is freely given: There, too, are found those sweet old prayers That waft the soul to heaven

An ardent wish then o'er me stole That such a precious Book were mine, To guide my pilgrim footsteps up Where endless day-beams shine. With sudden start, my sleep was gone:— No time-stained Church—no Bride was there:

But, clasped in fondness to my he I held THE BOOK OF PRAYER! Lancaster, May 24th, 1842.

THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO'S PASTORAL

TO ALL FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH IN WESTERN CANADA,
The Bishop of Toronto Greeting:

Dearly beloved in the Lord,—

The Clergy and many Lay members of the Church, moved by a pious desire to promote the glory of God, and the welfare of the flock of this Diocese, over which, however unworthy, He hath made me Overseer, have represented unto me that the Church is suffering from the want of greater unity of action: that her future progress will be much impeded unless steps are speedily taken to provide for her growing strength and efficiency as the population increases; and that even already great difficulty is found in maintaining and extending the decent administration of God's Word and Sacraments, more cent administration of God's Word and Sacraments, more and the due education of the Candidates for Holy Orders, as well as the promotion among our people of a better as well as the promotion among our people of a better Dearly beloved in the Lord,and the due education of the Candidates for Holy Orders, as well as the promotion among our people of a better acquaintance with the Evangelical truths and Apostolic order of the Church of England, the increase of a charitable attachment to her doctrines, her ritual, and her ministry, on the part of those professing to be her children, and the knitting together of pastors and people in closer bonds of mutual affection and regard: and for remedy of these evils have suggested that a Society be formed, to be denominated "The Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto," the great objects of which will be:—The Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians and Destitute

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Highly approving of these objects, and feeling the warmest gratitude to those with whom the proposed remedy originated, and above all, to God, who hath put it into their hearts to attempt the supply of wants, the reality and urgency of which we have long painfully experienced, I recommended in my Charge to my Clergy, in September last, the expediency of establishing a County of take an interest in it beyond our parish or immediate neighbourhood. In this diocese, there are many districts, with a scattered population of such command of ittle probability of their parative poverty as to admit of little probability of their parative poverty as to admit

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liness to the inhabitants of this Diocese, present and to come, in the holiness of her descent, in the completeness of her ministry, in the beauty of her services, and the salutary strength of her discipline?

Haşten, O Lord, the happy time when every township in this Diocese shall possess at least two Churches, served by two faithful and zealous Clergymen! Such a blessed consummation I dare not, at my advanced period of life, hope to behold; yet I firmly believe in its full accomplishment, through the vigorous exertions of this Society, at no distant period; and I pray that I may be permitted, through the divine blessing, to see the good work not merely commencing, but in successful operation. Then might I raise the glorious song of Simeon, "Lord, now "lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to "thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!"

In thus endeavouring to awaken your zeal and charity in behalf of that portion of the holy Catholic and Apostolic Church committed to my charge, I deem it right to state explicitly that I am moved by no desire to interfere in the slightest degree with any of the religious communities which surround us. They are undoubtedly at liberty to follow their own plans and objects as they think fit, and my earnest and only wish in this letter is, to stir you up, my brethren, to supply the wants of our own communion, and thereby to fulfil a duty implied in the first principles of the Christian Church.

And what a source of happy reflexion will it be to yon, in all future time, not only while you remain here but through all eternity, that you have done your part to establish on a lasting footing our national Church in this extensive Diocese,—a Church built upon the foundation of the Apostolic times, more pure and numerous than any other branch of the Church Catholic in the world,—a Church in doctrine pure, in morals incorrupt, in precept simple, in sanction strong,—whose rites and services are