



EDITORIAL

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

By the time the present number of the Magazine is in the hands of our readers, the dust raised by the Synod will have settled down, the barriers will have been removed, the hall swept, and the delegates have returned to their homes. What remains? The publication of the Synod Journal, and its distribution amongst the church people of the Diocese, to lie forgotten on the shelf or perchance even used to kindle a fire in the church? But is this all? Does this wordy war, this presentation of reports, this meeting of committees, mean nothing more? Surely it does.

Let us take a brief retrospect and try to distinguish somewhat more clearly the important features in the ecclesiastical landscape.

Foremost there will arise in every heart the picture of him who in God's mercy is still permitted to preside over this Diocese, with unimpaired faculties, with matured wisdom, with nearly sixty years experience of the practical work of the ministry, our reverend father in God, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and with that picture there will go up from every heart—a cry of thanksgiving to God for such great mercies vouchsafed to His Church in sparing such a devoted chief pastor to continued labours and usefulness, and a prayer that God's richest and most abundant blessings may rest upon him always.

And while that picture is in our mind's eye the echoes of his voice will be borne upon the ear urging his clergy to make the most of their opportunities as teachers, above all as teachers of the Word of God, urging them to study it as the fountain and source of truth, urging them to teach it, as the foundation of the very existence of the Church, as the charter of her liberties. We too will hear a word for our college urging us to make it the home of sound learning and religious education, a fountain and source of truth from which not only may go forth many faithful soldiers to wield the sword of the