

—which amongst other not worthy events in its history, has since we met together last year, held its first Provincial Synod, and received another addition to its Episcopate, making the fifth in that District, where a few years ago the Bishop of Quebec held the sole and undivided jurisdiction—but also amongst ourselves in this Diocese of Montreal, with which we are more specially connected. A few facts will place this more clearly before you, and convey information which may perhaps create some additional interest, as well as be suggestive of future modes of action. First, then, as to the clergy officiating here. In 1850, when this Diocese was first constituted, there were 49 clergymen and 1 catechist holding cures; of these two have died; (and I may mention, that they are the only two that have died of all who have been connected with this Diocese during the last twelve years,)—13 have left the Diocese, 4 have been allowed to retire on pensions, and 30 are still remaining. We have now 60 clergymen and 7 catechists officiating; but what marks the progress made still more, than the mere increase of numbers, are the efforts made during this period to render the Church more self-supporting here. In 1850 there were only 7 clergymen who were not receiving some assistance from funds raised in England; but of the sixty-seven clergymen and catechists now engaged, there are thirty wholly supported from within the Diocese,—either from the partial endowments we have been striving to raise, the annual contributions of their respective congregations, or the funds disbursed by our Diocesan Church Society. Then, again, with respect to Church edifices and parsonages. We have now 64 consecrated churches, 13 others in use, but for various reasons not yet consecrated, making 77—and five still in course of erection. Thirty of the above churches have been consecrated since September, 1850; and we have also 34 consecrated grave yards. There are 36 parsonage houses, of which 19 have been built or purchased since 1850; and two others are in course of erection. The general funds raised for all purposes within the Diocese during the year 1861, as given in the last Annual Report of the Church Society, amounted very nearly to \$60,000, being \$15,000 more than the previous year. By the census which was taken last year, the members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Montreal, are returned as being 35,170, an increase over the former census of 9,621. But there are some particulars connected with these returns which I cannot understand. According to the former census, in 1851, the Church of England was returned in the City of Montreal at 3,393; in 1861 at 9,739—being an addition of 6,316. In 1851 there was not one Church of England person returned for the whole County of Huntingdon, (a great error, as we all knew,) in 1861 they are returned as 2,658. Now if these 2,658, the increase in Huntingdon, are added to the 6,346, the increase in the City of Montreal, they