

Foremost in the memory of all who attended the session will be the figure of our Right Reverend Father in God, the dearly beloved Bishop of Montreal, who, though in the 81st year of his age, and the nineteenth of his episcopate, told us that by the mercy of God he had been permitted to hold more confirmation services during the preceding twelve months than in any previous year; and the power both physical and spiritual which he exhibited in delivering his charge and in presiding at the other meetings, will call forth from churchmen of all shades of opinion only one note of heartfelt thankfulness to God, for the great blessing of such a spiritual Father, and an earnest prayer that he may long be spared all the powers of mind and body necessary for his arduous work.

The same spirit of unanimity which was such a marked feature of last year prevailed again, so that while there were many differences of opinion it was evident that the desire for the glory of God and the welfare of the church prevailed with all.

But while we have so much cause of thankfulness for the abundant blessings vouchsafed to the church in this Diocese, we feel that there is need also for great searchings of heart and greater effort both on the part of the clergy and laity.

The culpable negligence in the keeping of parish records, and the carelessness and indifference with regard to many matters pertaining to the general welfare, and not at first sight seriously affecting the individual good, cannot be too severely condemned. We certainly believe and we most earnestly pray that all who are directly responsible for keeping records and making returns will be faithful in this which is perhaps to many only one of the things which is *least*, but which will if disregarded put a stumbling block in the way of some weaker brethren, and bring discredit on the fair name of the Church of God.

These most important matters in connection with education should not be lost sight of. In a most able speech, Rev. Principal D, Larivière pleaded for the establishment of a French summer school, to which students and others would be sent with a view to acquiring a practical knowledge of the French tongue, that the everlasting Gospel of Truth might be presented to enquirers dissatisfied with the Roman Catholic communion.

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