

tion for observing in the conduct of divine worship. Let us, one and all, honestly act up to these rules, supplementing what we have hitherto omitted, and receding where it is now plain that we have exceeded our limits. It is by thus acting that we can alone attain that uniformity which all must desire, and ensure the great blessing of a general similarity of service wherever we may chance to meet for God's worship. I earnestly pray that He may thus draw us closer together, by uniting us in our solemn acts of Common Prayer, and that our past divisions may be altogether obliterated. I would say to you in the words of the great Apostle to his Corinthian flock—"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment."

#### THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

But I pass on to another cause of thankfulness. I have this year to record no thinning of the ranks of our clergy by the hand of death; but on the other hand there has been such an accession to our number, that I am now enabled, for the first time since I have presided over this diocese, at length to feel that I have men enough at my disposal to meet our immediate wants. This is mainly owing to the supply afforded by our Theological College here in Montreal, which has enabled me to fill eight posts in the Diocese, and that with men who will, I feel sure, make their mark among the clergy, as well for their piety as their learning. The term of five years, for which the present subscriptions to the College were pledged, being now nearly expired, I trust that there will be no diminution, but rather an increase, in the support given to this which I consider one of the most important and successful institutions which has been set on foot during my Episcopate.

#### A NEW DIOCESE.

The proposed formation of a New Diocese, with the city of Ottawa as its centre, out of a portion of this diocese and that of Ontario, will be submitted to your consideration during the present session. It comes before us with the unanimous recommendation of the House of Bishops. You are aware that some Division of the Diocese has more than once been suggested as well during my Predecessor's rule as more recently. But the scheme met with no favor either from him or from myself, both because we could not approve of the matter in which the scheme was taken up, and also because we still less approved of the actual division contemplated: namely, the excision of the whole of the Deanery of Bedford, and the formation of it into a separate See—thus leaving Montreal as little more than a merely nominal diocese. The present project, however, commends it to me as most desirable. And though I can hardly suppose that it will be at once carried out, I shall be glad if you will give the subject your best consideration, and at least accede to the broad principle that some such abridge-

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