

was located six hundred miles from a railroad. Old St. John's College, on the banks of the Red River, was but poorly equipped: and there were only eighteen Clergy in the huge tract of country over which he came to preside. His first care was to infuse fresh life into the College, and all through, it has had his beneficent care, his unstinted labours, and his munificent liberality.

The Primate is a firm believer in education on a religious basis: and, while he has not been able to get his ideal in respect of this, his efforts have ever been directed towards the attainment of it. The Chair of Ecclesiastical History was endowed by his splendid gift of \$10,000. He has all along taken a practical share in College tutorial work. In addition to his many duties as Bishop of the Diocese, Metropolitan of the Province, and Primate of all Canada, he has been lecturer in Ecclesiastical History, Liturgiology, and in Honor and Senior Mathematics. He has also been, from its inception, Chairman of the Provincial Advisory Board of Education. Well may the people of the Dominion pray that his stalwart form may long be spared to go in and out among them, aiding every good work by his wise counsel and able administration.

### Gratitude to the S. P. C. K.

It is a fact well recognised by all who have studied the growth of the Church of England in Canada, that with all our own energy and self-sacrifice, and with our own plans for good organisation, we owe an immense debt of gratitude to the two great sister Missionary Societies in England, the S. P. G. and the S. P. C. K. It is for this reason that our Congregations in the Diocese of Quebec have for many long years given their Collections for Foreign Missionary purposes to the S. P. G. and there has also always been a desire to do something practical in

the way of shewing forth our gratitude to the other great Society, the S. P. C. K. For several years different plans have been considered, and now at last the Society itself has agreed to devote £300 a year for three years to be spent upon the stipend and travelling expenses of an Agent to be chosen by the House of Bishops of the Province of Canada, an Agent whose duty it shall be to visit our ten Dioceses and make known the work of the S. P. C. K., and arouse the interest of our people in the Society's behalf. Accordingly the House of Bishops has chosen the Reverend Henry Gomery, a well known Clergyman of the Diocese of Montreal, who has been working most successfully for several years as an Agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to be the first Agent for the S. P. C. K., which, besides being a great Bible Society and a Society for the distribution of Prayer Books, Hymn Books and wholesome literature, helps us in Canada to build our Country Churches, and also gives Exhibitions to enable young Canadians to pursue their studies at our Church Universities, with a view to taking Holy Orders and replenishing the ranks of the Sacred Ministry. The Bishop of Quebec has been chosen by the House of Bishops to be their Executive Officer, and John Hamilton, Esq., of Quebec, has been appointed Honorary Treasurer. Committees are also being formed in all the ten Dioceses, with the duty, when they receive notice of the time that the Agent can bestow upon the particular Diocese, of arranging an itinerary for him, with engagements to preach in Churches and speak at Meetings in behalf of the S. P. C. K. We believe that the Reverend H. Gomery's work in our Diocese will cause the S. P. C. K. literature to become a great power in our midst and will lead to a great deal of profitable reading amongst our people. We also believe that the gratitude of Canada towards this noble Society will be ex-