

which were binding on the Church; and although its decrees did not bear directly on temporal matters, yet doubtless it has suggested the Convocations and Synods since held in various parts of the Church at various times.

Our brethren in other colonies have for many years adopted this plan; and I would suggest as a remedy for our present unsatisfactory position, the assembling a Synod or Council of the Church at stated intervals, such Synod being incorporated and sanctioned by the Legislature and its acts having the force of law.

This Synod, having of course the Bishop for its acknowledged head, would make regulations for the governance of the Church in this diocese, its extension, its discipline, the management of its funds, and such other matters as may conduce to its welfare. No society can really progress without an efficient organisation, and whilst direct benefits would follow upon the establishment of this Church Council, indirectly its influence would be felt throughout the diocese in uniting clergy and laity in one continued effort for the good of our Holy Religion.

I have confined myself to a simple statement

of the matter without entering into details, but I most fervently pray that ere long our wish may be realised, and our Church take its proper place as a religious body possessing its full organisation, and increased vitality. F

We are glad to insert the letter of our esteemed correspondent, but think it only right to say that in the opinion of those whom we should expect to be best versed in the legal bearings of the case, the temporal powers conferred by the Crown at the erection of the see—whatever they were—are not affected by the recent decision of the Privy Council, as there has been sufficient legislation by the Provincial Assembly to place the episcopal jurisdiction beyond question. At the same time we would urge (and this we think our correspondent would be one of the first to admit,) that the true recognition of the episcopal authority must be found in the love and reverence of the members of the Church for that sacred office which we all believe to have been divinely instituted. Without this recognition, laws supporting episcopacy are almost useless; with it, they become almost unnecessary.—Ed. C. M.

## "NOW IS SALVATION COME TO THIS HOUSE."

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY A LADY.

O blessed House! which for Christ's Presence  
longing

Invites, Thee, Lord! with gates set wide  
apart:

Where amid many guests who there are  
thronging,

Thou the most honored and most cherished  
art;

Where every heart in love to Thee is beating,  
And every eye in gladness searcheth Thine;

Where Thy commands each lip is seen entreating,  
And all obedient wait Thy guiding sign.

O blessed House! where man and wife combining  
In love to Thee, one spirit are become;

And for a blest hereafter still refining,  
In thought, and creed, and hope are also one;

Ever to Thee indissolubly clinging,  
Alike, though smooth or rugged be their  
way;

On Thy Heart still their own hearts' burthen  
flinging,

As in the good, so in the evil day.

O blessed House! where hands of prayer are  
bearing

The little ones to lay them on Thy Breast:—  
Thou, who for each, as for Thine own, art  
caring,

Soothing with more than Mother's love to  
rest;

Where to Thy feet the babes they're gladly  
calling,

Prompting Thy praises, though in hisping  
word;

Training their ear to catch Thine accents  
falling,

Their hearts to gladden in Thy love, O Lord!

O blessed House! were man and maiden  
knowing

Thine, their true Master's eye upon them  
still,

With one desire in all their work are  
glowing,—

That it be done according to Thy will—  
All as Thy servants and Thy household  
dwelling

In meekness willing, and in kindness free,  
Their humble, cheerful service this truth  
telling:—

In little things great faithfulness may be.

O blessed House! where Thou each pleasure  
scalest,

And in no hour of joy forgotten art:  
O blessed House! whose every wound Thou  
healest,

Physician and consolator of each heart!  
Till life's task duly ended, night close o'er  
them,

And one by one lies gently down to die,  
To pass, where Thou, dear Lord, hast passed  
before them,

Within Thy Father's glorious Home on high.

## CHURCH NEWS.

ON WEDNESDAY and Thursday, September 13th and 14th, the Lord Bishop of Fredericton held his triennial visitation in the Cathedral at Fredericton. The first service was a celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. The Bishop officiated on this occasion, assisted by three of the clergy, who read the Epistle, Gospel, and Confession. A large number of the laity were present, and communicated with the clergy. At 11 o'clock the morning prayer was said, and an excellent sermon afterwards preached by the Rev. the Rector of Frederic-

ton. The evening service began at 7 o'clock, and was intoned, after the manner of the English Cathedrals, the responses being chorally given according to the festival arrangement of Tallis. After the prayers the Bishop delivered his Charge to the clergy, in which, after alluding to his deep anxiety for the welfare of the missions in this diocese, after the warnings repeatedly given of the coming reduction of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Bishop entered into the question of the reductions absolutely determined on, and showed how seriously