

petent to interpret the written word of God, there would be little or no danger in allowing, or recommending, private interpretation to the fullest extent. But that this is *not* the case, is too evident to require proof; and so long as this use is made of the Bible, it will be perverted; and heresies and schisms will continue to multiply from year to year."

General Intelligence.

(From the Boston Pilot.)

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE BISHOP OF TORONTO.

We have been favored with a copy of the Pastoral Letter of the learned and zealous Bishop of Toronto, Upper Canada, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Power. It is addressed to the clergy and faithful of his Diocese, on the occasion of the organization of the Ecclesiastical province of Canada, in connection with the Metropolitan See of Quebec, whose Bishop, by a recent brief of the Holy See has been raised to the rank of Archbishop, and as such received the *Pallium* from his Holiness, Gregory the 16th.

We copy the following remarks on this subject, from the Pastoral of Bishop Power:

"As far back as the year eighteen hundred and nineteen, Pius VII. of glorious memory, expressed the desire of effecting in the British Provinces of North America this regular Ecclesiastical organization, so conformable to the spirit of the Church and to the practice of Antiquity, but obstacles which at that time appeared almost insuperable prevented that immortal Pontiff from carrying out the measures which he then contemplated and thereby assimilating these dioceses to the more regularly organized churches of the Christian world. These obstacles having at length been removed, the illustrious Pontiff, who now occupies with such renown the Chair of Peter, by Apostolical Letters under the Ring of the Fisherman, bearing date the 12th of last July, a copy of which we have, this day, caused to be published in our Cathedral Church, in Toronto, has been graciously pleased to unite the four dioceses of Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Toronto, into one ecclesiastical province, under the name and title of the Metropolitan Province of Quebec, without including in this arrangement the other dioceses of British North America, which will probably receive, at no distant day, a similar organization. His Holiness has likewise appointed the venerable prelate who now so worthily fills the See of Quebec, first Archbishop of the new province, and as a mark of his metropolitan jurisdiction and pre-eminence, he has transmitted to him the *Pallium*, the badge of his new dignity, with which

he was solemnly and canonically invested in the Cathedral Church of Quebec, on the twenty-fourth day of last November."

We rejoice with the venerable prelate and with our Catholic brethren of Canada, at this evidence of the progress of religion in that province, and at the distinguished evidence by which it is acknowledged and approved by the Holy See.—Looking on the course of events in Canada, as we have done from a distance, for the past eight or ten years, we cannot but regard it as auspicious of good, that distinguished Bishops are thus brought into a more intimate union of deliberation and council, for all things appertaining to piety and the more perfect organization of the Church in its external discipline. The changes that are progressive in the civil relations of Canada, evidently require a corresponding vigilance on the part of the authorities of the Church. The happy results that may be anticipated from the organization of the several dioceses into one metropolitan province, will be as it has been in the United States, the opportunity for wise and united deliberation, the increase of ecclesiastical discipline in the direction of uniformity, and imparting to the Church wherever it may not yet have received them in that extensive province, those laws and regulations which will bring it most into harmony with universal and canonical rules.

We have not been unconcerned spectators of what seemed to us at various times the manifestations of deep hostility against the rights of the Catholic population, especially of Lower Canada. And we rejoice in the happy intelligence conveyed by this Pastoral Letter. That the means for detecting the evil designs of its enemies, and of defeating their efforts, are increased by organizing its estimable Bishops into a regular hierarchy in conjunction with the Metropolitan See of Quebec.

(From the Tablet)

THE PUSEYITES, ANGLICANS, &c.

THE CASE OF THE REV. MR. WARD.—The following was published in Oxford, on Tuesday:—"Balliol College, Dec. 3, 1844.—Mr. Vice-Chancellor—False impressions seem to have gone abroad as to what passed on Saturday, when I appeared before you on the subject of a work entitled, 'The Ideal of a Christian Church considered,' &c., which bears my name in its title-page; and as impressions equally false may possibly prevail in respect to the proceedings of this day on the same subject, it seems the simple and right course to address you thus publicly at once. I was summoned on Saturday, not as before a tribunal which claimed the power of authoritatively putting questions, but merely that I might have the