

usual quarterly payments to our missionaries on the first day of July.

It is my intention (D.V.) immediately on my return from England, to commence holding confirmations, beginning with Kingston, and westward, of which I shall, of course, give more particular notice hereafter.

And now, my reverend brethren, requesting your prayers in my behalf, that the Great Head of the church may give a favourable issue to the journey I am about to undertake for the church's interest.

Believe me to remain

Affectionately and faithfully

Your Diocesan,

J. T. ONTARIO.

NOTICE.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario notifies all whom it may concern, that he has appointed the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ontario to be his "official" during his absence from the Diocese.

(A CIRCULAR.)

To the Rev. the Clergy of the Diocese of Ontario:—

REFEREND and DEAR BROTHERS,—Allow me to recommend that at Morning Prayer, when the litany is used, after the words, "That it may please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water," should be added, "especially Thy servant, the Bishop of this Diocese."

I have the honour to be,

Your faithful humble servant,

W. BERNARD LAUDER, LL.D.,

Archdeacon of Ontario and official of the diocese.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Letters Patent of Her Majesty, under the Great Seal, appointing the Lord Bishop of Montreal and his successors in that See, Metropolitans of the Church of England in Canada.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith:

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting

Whereas by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom, bearing date at Westminster, the ninth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and in the twenty-fourth year of our reign, we did, after therein reciting various matters and things concerning and relating to the Bishoprics and Dioceses of Quebec, Toronto, Montreal, and Huron, in our Province of Canada, and concerning an Act of the said Province of Canada, passed in the session of the Provincial Parliament held in the nineteenth and twentieth years of our reign, entitled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod," (to which act we had theretofore given our royal assent) and after reciting and referring to certain petitions which we had received from the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, in Synod assembled, of the several Dioceses of Quebec, Montreal, and Toronto, praying that for certain purposes (therein set forth) we would be graciously pleased to take such measures, or cause such measures to be taken, as might be necessary in order to appoint one of the Bishops of the said Church in the said Province to be the Metropolitan, that so the necessary powers might be vested in him for holding and presiding over a General Assembly of the Church therein, (as by reference to the said recitals and to the said Act will more fully appear,) we were graciously pleased to comply with the prayer of the said

petitions in that behalf, and in accordance therewith, we did thereby will and ordain, that the Right Reverend Father in God Francis Fulford, Doctor in Divinity, Lord Bishop of Montreal, and his successors, the Bishops thereof for the time being, should be and be deemed and taken to be Metropolitan Bishop, in our said Province of Canada, and that the Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, and Huron, in the said Province, should respectively be suffragan Bishops to him and his successors. And we did thereby further will and ordain that it should be lawful for him as such Metropolitan and his successors from time to time at their discretion, to hold and preside over the aforesaid General Assembly and General Assemblies in the said Province:

And whereas the said now recited Letters Patent contained divers other recitals, powers, and provisions, as by reference thereto will more fully appear:

And whereas we had been advised that by reason of certain omissions in some of the said recitals, divers legal doubts and questions may arise, which it will be desirable to avoid by revoking and determining the said Letters Patent, and by issuing these present Letters Patent, in lieu and instead thereof: Now we do hereby revoke and determine the said Letters Patent of the ninth July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, to all intents and purposes, save and except as to all acts, matters, or things, which may have been done under the authority of the same, all which acts, matters, and things, we will and ordain shall be and remain of the same force and effect as if the said Letters Patent were not revoked and determined:

And whereas his late Majesty, King George the Third, our Royal Grandfather, did by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, in the thirty-third year of his reign, found, ordain, make, and constitute the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada in America, and their dependencies, to be a Bishop's See, to be called from thenceforth "The Bishopric of Quebec," and his said late Majesty did in and by his said Letters Patent, nominate and appoint Jacob Mountain, Doctor in Divinity, the first Bishop of the said See, with certain powers and authorities, as in the said Letters Patent is mentioned and set forth:

And whereas the said Jacob Mountain having been duly consecrated thereto, took upon himself the office of Bishop, or pastor of the said See, and afterwards departed this life, whereby the said See became vacant:

And whereas upon the death of the said Jacob Mountain, his late Majesty, King George the Fourth, our Royal Uncle, did by his Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixth year of his reign, nominate and appoint Charles James Stewart, Doctor in Divinity, to be the Bishop, and ordinary Pastor of the said See, with the like powers and authorities, as had theretofore been granted to the said Jacob Mountain, subject nevertheless to any separation or division of the several Provinces, then constituting the said Bishopric, into several and distinct Sees which might any time thereafter be deemed fit and expedient to be made, as in and by the said Letters Patent will more fully appear:

And whereas the said Charles James Stewart having been duly consecrated thereto, took upon himself the office of Bishop or Pastor of the said See:

And whereas his late Majesty, King William the Fourth, our Royal Uncle, by his Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said United Kingdom, bearing date the eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, after reciting amongst other things that it had been represented to his said Majesty by the said Charles James Stewart, then Bishop of Quebec, that by reason of the great extent of his Diocese, and his own impaired health, it was no longer in his power efficiently to discharge the whole of the Episcopal duties which had devolved upon him, and that he humbly beseeched his said Majesty that a bishop might be appointed to assist him in the discharge of such duties under the title of "Bishop of Montreal;" did thereby nominate and appoint the Venerable George Jehosaphat Mountain, Doctor in Divinity, and then Archdeacon of Quebec, to be Bishop of Montreal, and did order and ordain that he should thenceforth be called by the name, style, and title of Bishop of Montreal, with certain powers and authorities and under certain limitations as mentioned in the said Letters Patent:

And whereas the said George Jehosaphat Mountain having been first duly consecrated, took upon himself the office of Bishop or Pastor, and assisted the said Bishop of Quebec in the discharge of his Episcopal duties, and was thereafter called by the aforesaid name, style and title of Bishop of Montreal pursuant to the tenor of the said Letters Patent:

And whereas in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, the said Charles James Stewart died, whereby the said See of Quebec became vacant, and the affairs of the said See and Diocese were thereafter administered by the said George Jehosaphat Mountain, under the title of "Bishop of Montreal," until the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty as hereinafter more particularly mentioned:

And whereas by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of July, in the third year of our reign, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, after reciting that it had been thought fit to separate the Province of Upper Canada from the said See of Quebec, and to erect the same into a new and distinct See or Bishopric to be called "The See or Bishopric of Toronto," we did thereby separate the said Province of Upper Canada from the said See of Quebec, and did erect, found, ordain, make, and constitute the said Province into a separate and distinct See or Bishopric to be called thenceforth "The See or Bishopric of Toronto," and did name and appoint the Venerable John Strachan, Doctor in Divinity, (then Archdeacon of York in our said Province,) to be Bishop of the said See of Toronto, who, having been first duly consecrated, became and was Bishop of Toronto:

And whereas in and by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom, bearing date the eighteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in the fourteenth year of our reign, after reciting that the said See or Diocese of Quebec had become vacant by the death of the said Charles James Stewart, the Bishop thereof, and that it was expedient and desirable from the great extent of the said See or Diocese of Quebec that the limits thereof should be altered, and that the same should in future comprise the Districts of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspe only; we did thereby ordain and direct that the Diocese of Quebec should from thenceforth consist of the District of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspe only, and did name and appoint George Jehosaphat Mountain, Doctor in Divinity, (then Bishop of Montreal,) to be Bishop thereof, who afterwards became and was such Bishop as aforesaid: