

Church News.

WE have determined to discontinue the insertion of advertisements, and to occupy the space thus gained with brief comments upon some of the more important events, which may happen in the various branches of the Church of Christ. These articles will appear every month under the heading "Church News."

CANADA.—We are happy to be able to announce that the division of the present diocese of Toronto, as far as the western portion is concerned, is at last likely to be effected. Our readers are aware that nearly three years have elapsed since the first steps towards this very necessary object were taken; but various obstacles arose, which it is unnecessary to detail at length, and which have but now been satisfactorily overcome. Only one thing more is required, and that is the Endowment Fund. The Government, in yielding to us the privilege of electing our own bishops, wisely stipulated that a sufficient income should be secured for them, to be derived from a permanent fund, safely invested. For this purpose a large sum must be raised by private subscriptions. It is neither necessary nor desirable that bishops in this country should live in the style or keep the state which is expected of English bishops. But every churchman must desire to see his bishop at least relieved from all anxiety in pecuniary matters, and able to contribute largely towards works of Christian charity, as well as to exercise Christian hospitality. A sum of £12,500 must be raised in order to provide such an income for the future Bishop of the Western Diocese; but it is probable that as soon as £10,000 has been subscribed, his Excellency the Governor General will give his consent to the election taking place. At a meeting recently held in London, it was resolved that a deputation should be appointed to visit every parish in the proposed new diocese, hold meetings where desirable, and solicit contributions. The Rev. F. Evans, Rector of Simcoe, the Rev. M. Boomer, Rector of Galt, and the Rev. E. H. Dewar, Rector of Sandwich, were chosen to undertake this arduous and important duty; and we are happy to be able to state that they have hitherto met with so much success, that they entertain little doubt that they shall be able, within the stipu-

lated period of three months, to raise the sum which is required.

Not the least noticeable circumstance is the unanimity that prevails. It is well known that there has been much discussion respecting the person likely to be elected; and it were mere affectation to deny that here, as elsewhere, there are doctrinal differences, and that the clergy belonging to varying schools of theology within the Church are strongly attached to the opinions they hold, and willing and able zealously to maintain them. Yet, notwithstanding, they are in this matter working with one heart and one mind; they see that more bishops, as the first step towards a large increase in the number of clergymen, is the crying want of the Church in this Province, and they will allow no selfish or personal feelings, no narrow-minded prejudice, to interfere with the well-being of the whole body. And the same spirit pervades the laity; everywhere the gentlemen composing the deputation are kindly, courteously, warmly received; everywhere churchmen come forward readily, and give their contributions according to their means. And we doubt not that the Almighty Head of the Church will bless the sacrifices which His people are making to increase her efficiency. Only let the same spirit continue to be manifested throughout. As the time draws near for the first election of a bishop, it is probable that strong preferences will be manifested, and that opinions will be warmly expressed. It cannot be otherwise; perhaps it ought not to be otherwise. But let there be no bitterness; let there, above all, be no personal imputations, unworthy of the great cause for which we labour. Let us so act, that when our bishop is elected, we may all be able to look up to him with love and confidence, and think of him as a Father and a Friend. And God grant that, whoever he may be, he may be such an one as dear old Hooker had in his thoughts, when he said that "Bishops everywhere were appointed to *take away factions*, contentions and schisms, by the divine instigation of the Holy Ghost."

ENGLAND.—The judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the case of Archdeacon Denison is the subject which has chiefly engrossed the attention of churchmen during the past month. The Archdeacon, in a sermon preached in 1853, had maintained, that "to all who come