

Justice Hall, of the Court of Queen's Bench, and the Hon. Judges Loranger, Tait, and Davidson, of the Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the latter Court (Sir Francis Johnston) unfortunately was and had been for some time previously, seriously ill, and was thereby prevented from attending. The Judges were received in the vestry by the Rector of Montreal, and having been formally introduced to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, were conducted by the Verger to the Governor General's pew in the Church. There was also a good attendance of the officers of the Militia, amongst others Lieut.-Cols. Matthe, Butler, Massey. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was attended by the Dean of Montreal, the Archdeacons (Lindsay and Evans), the Canons, and Clergy to the number of about 40, all in surplices, whilst the remainder of the Clergy were present in the body of the Church. The Bishop and Clergy, preceded by the choir entered the church by the north aisle and proceeded up the centre aisle to the choir where seats had been prepared for them. During the procession the hymn "A few more years shall roll" was sung by the choir and congregation. The burial service of the Church, so far as applicable was used, the opening sentences being said by Archdeacon Evans, psalms XXXIX chanted by the choir, the lesson read by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, and a touching and sympathetic address delivered by the Bishop; at the conclusion of which His Lordship said: "I now bid you to prayer in behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family in their bereavement," and immediately proceeded to offer the prayer for the whole estate of Christ's Church militant here on earth. After this the hymn "Days and moments quickly flying" was sung and the Bishop having pronounced the Benediction the long procession, choir, clergy and Bishop, returned to the vestry, whilst the "Dead March" was being played by the organist.

It is only due to the Rector, organist and choir of the Cathedral to express the satisfaction felt by all at the reverent and orderly rendering of the service and the excellent singing of the choir.

**SYNOD MEETING.**—The 33rd Session of the Synod of the Diocese opened on Tuesday the 19th of January, inst., with the administration of Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral at 10 o'clock, followed by the charge of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The Bishop himself was the Celebrant.

In his charge the Bishop alluded to the decease of the Rev. Robert Acton, at the time of his death Immigrant Chaplain for the Diocese of Montreal, and to that of the Rev. T. A. Young, for many years Incumbent of Coteau du Lac, and also to that of the Rev. A. T. Whitten, an old and superannuated priest of the Diocese who had been living in the United States for some years, where he lately died. His Lordship also announced the appointment of the Rev. J. F. Renaud, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, to the position of Immigrant Chaplain. It appeared that during the past year over 4000 immigrants had remained in Montreal and its neighborhood for local settlement, of whom nearly 3000 were Protestants and English, "which," said the Bishop, "ought to indicate a considerable accession to the Church of England."

His Lordship also referred to the bequests under the will of the late E. E. Shelton, Esq., and the later gifts by Mrs. Chas. Phillips of \$10,000 towards the Sustentation Fund of the Diocese, \$10,000 to the Diocesan Theological College and the Church of St. James the Apostle,

and \$5,000 to Trinity Church, expressing his gratitude therefor.

Referring to the Mission Fund of the Diocese the Bishop alluded to the arrears (in many missions) due to the Clergy on the part of the people, and also pointed out that the balance in favor of the Mission Fund in 1888 of \$4,000 had steadily diminished until it was now only about \$400.00, and he urged upon the Clergy and Laity the necessity of increased interest and contributions to this Fund. He stated that there were many vacancies in the Diocese which ought to be filled but that he hesitated to make appointments whilst the Fund continued in its present state, and he trusted that a generous effort would be made in each parish and mission to increase the amount at the disposal of the Executive Committee for mission purposes.

In his charge the Bishop also referred to the CHURCH HOME on Guy Street, the ministrations of which gave him satisfaction, but he regretted that it had not yet met with adequate support, and he hoped that some of the wealthy members of the Church would aid by regular subscriptions to the annual income. He also voiced the desire of the Church people to see an increase of philanthropic work, in the establishment for instance, of a Boys' Home and an Immigrants' Home, without however, detracting from their obligations towards the existing Church Institutions.

Speaking of the Montreal Theological College, the Bishop noted the generous offer of Mr. Geo. Hague, of the Merchants Bank, to give \$5,000 to the Endowment Fund, if the present endowment of \$29,000 could be raised to \$100,000.

Addressing the younger clergy and specially those appointed to work in outside missions, the Bishop urged upon them the necessity of personal culture, and a wise judgment in the selection of books upon which they had to depend for companionship in their isolated stations, pointing out that:

In these days of universal literature

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and spiritual teacher to go in and out amongst his people with mutual respect and good-will. He must be a man of considerable general information, and he (the Bishop) need scarcely say he must be well taught on the subjects proper to his whole vocation. A minister must be able to instruct and comfort his people on the one hand, and sympathize with their religious aspirations, and help to elevate them on the other. And even more than that, it was desirable, if a man's leisure and his mental capacity rendered it possible, as leading to useful things, that the minister should be able to enter into and enjoy the general tastes of his parishioners, where they were elevated and good, even although they were what were generally called secular. Nothing ought to be allowed to come between them and their Bible, and they ought to guard carefully against the neglect with which they were apt to treat familiar things. They ought also to make the prayer book their faithful friend.

Referring to the movement known as the "Consolidation of the Church" his Lordship said, "that the report of the Special Committee rightly expressed the attitude of the Synod. They were willing and even desirous that all the Dioceses in British North America should be formed into one Province, but they were not willing to weaken their ecclesiastical system by the introduction of a so called Church Synod, which offered nothing which they did not already possess in the combined action of their Diocesan and Provincial Synods."

Referring to his visitations, his Lordship stated that, since the meeting of the Synod in

June last he had visited 38 parishes, and had confirmed 286 persons.

The Bishop closed his charge with the following reference to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale:—

I cannot close without adverting to a great grief which weighs on all hearts. Death has been very busy amongst us of late. The young have been cut down like early flowers, and the aged like ripe corn. And now the nation is herself called upon to mourn the death of one who, though young in years, by his position as Duke of Clarence filled a large space in the eyes of the world. All the circumstances surrounding this death move us to deep sympathy with the bereaved. There is our beloved Queen, long acquainted with sorrow, touched with the feeling of all her people's sorrow; there are the bereaved parents, and, amongst the young hearts pierced, there is one stricken through by a dart winged with youthful love. What can we do to help these afflicted ones? We can put on mourning; we can join the nation in its deep, heartfelt sorrow; but what can we do to comfort our widowed Queen and her desolated house? How can we reach that heart-stricken group of parents and dear ones that I see bowed down in unutterable grief for the loss of a deservedly loved son and brother? How can we make our sympathy and love felt by those desolated hearts in the mourning and gloom of the palaces of England? We cannot make our voices heard there; we cannot tell our afflicted Queen and children how much we love them, how loyally our hearts weep with them; how the thought of their anguish of soul has drawn us closer to them in tenderness of spirit; but we can pray for them. He who has wounded, can heal; He who has broken can bind up; He who has stricken can comfort; He who has bereaved can speak peace. And we can reach him; we can move our Heavenly Father's loving heart; and we will. We will join the nation in looking unto Him that He will give unspeakable comfort, and strong consolation to the desolated household.

The business meetings of the Synod commenced at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when there was only a fair attendance of laity, the change in the time of holding the Synod not being thoroughly understood, or else apparently not inducing a larger attendance, as was expected it would do. The officers of the Synod were re-appointed, and immediately thereafter it was unanimously resolved by vote on motion of the Dean of Montreal, seconded by the Rector of Montreal, that the Synod should adjourn on Wednesday from 12 to 3 o'clock and proceed to the Cathedral to take part in a special service to mark the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence, and that the Bishop be requested to send a cablegram from the Synod to the Prince of Wales, expressing sympathy with the Queen and the Royal Family in their bereavement, and the Dean, Dr. Davidson, Q. C., and Dr. Butler, were appointed a special committee to prepare the cablegram and resolution of sympathy. This was done almost immediately, and the following message being submitted by the committee was accepted and forwarded to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales:

The Bishop, clergy and laity of the Diocese of Montreal, in Synod assembled, desire humbly and respectfully to express to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the sincere sorrow felt by the Synod on learning of the decease of His Grace the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the prayerful sympathy of the Synod with their Royal Highnesses in their bereavement.

W. B., Montreal.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

FRELIGHTSBURG, QUE.

The parish church had the Chancel Entrance festooned with the national colours intertwined with black on last Sunday—indicative of the British empire's loss in the untimely death of the Heir presumptive to England throne. Canon Davidson made particular reference to the sad