

not mean that we shall have to expect much larger sums as Synod Assessments from our several Congregations, but rather that we shall have to devise some plan, by which our Congregations, having been assessed with careful regard to their proportionate ability, shall really *pay* the Synod Assessment that has been agreed, not just at Synod, but year by year. And if we can only help our Congregations to appreciate the value to the Church of Synodical action, or in other words, to know that our Synods do really bring us great and useful results, then I feel sure that the expense, although at first sight it may seem to be large, will be easily met, simply because all our Congregations will be only too glad to contribute according to their means.

And, now, my dear brethren, since I am in a few short days leaving the Diocese for a little time in order to work for Quebec, as I hope, in the old Country whence I came, while I feel sure that our good Archdeacon will, in my absence, give able attention to all necessary business, I assure you that you will be continually upon my heart and in my mind. For the present moment I can only say now in conclusion, how much I hope that during this Synod we shall be expeditious in our despatch of business, keeping before us, as our special motto, "Deeds not words," and how much I trust that what we do we shall all do as in the sight of God, to the praise of his most Holy Name, and to the salvation and edification of precious souls.

### Ordination in the Cathedral.

The Annual Ordination of Priests and Deacons took place in the Cathedral on Sunday morning, September 5th, this day (a fortnight before the regular Sunday) being chosen in order to allow the Labrador Missionaries to start for the Coast as early as possible. Six Candidates were presented for Ordination by Archdeacon Roe. Messrs. W. A. Gustin, George P. Pye and F. G. Vial, were ad-

mitted to the Diaconate, and the Reverends J. Almond, Wm. Barton, and J. S. B. Dickson, were advanced to the Priesthood. The preacher of the Ordination Sermon was the Right Rev. Chas. Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Ottawa, and our Bishop was assisted in the Laying on of Hands by the Very Reverend the Dean, the Reverend Canons Richardson and Adams, the Reverends W. G. Faulconer and E. B. Husband, and by his Chaplain, the Reverend E. A. Dunn. The Epistle was read by the Reverend Canon Adams, and the Gospel by the Reverend W. A. Gustin, one of the newly ordained Deacons. The whole Service was Choral and was well rendered by the Cathedral Choir.

Bishop Hamilton took for his Text, 2 Cor. V. 18. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the Ministry of reconciliation."

The Preacher's subject was the close and vital connection between the Christian Ministry and the reconciliation of men to God through Christ. Remarking that Christianity was the religion of man's reconciliation to God in its largest and fullest sense, he reminded all that this reconciliation had been effected by the all sufficient sacrifice of Christ's death. The Ministry had nothing whatever to do with providing this Sacrifice. It was appointed and given by God in order that the reconciliation, which Christ had accomplished, might be conveyed and sealed to all in every generation.

The Preacher showed from Scripture that in Baptism each child or adult is grafted into Christ the true Vine, and that this union was higher than reconciliation which must be involved in it.

Baptism could not be administered without *some one to apply the water and use the form of words*, and Christ had sent His Ministers to baptize all nations.

The connection between the reconciliation of men to God and the Ministry was thus seen to be close and vital.

He proceeded to show at some length the great need of the ministry of reconciliation in order to go after and seek out and recover those who after being baptized wandered away from God and their duties. He dwelt on the spirit and manner in which the Clergy should discharge this large and pressing duty of beseeching men on Christ's behalf to be reconciled to God, to return to that state of reconciliation in which God had placed them in his Church by Christ Jesus.