

The BISHOP then read his Address to the Synod as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY,—

Since I last addressed you from this place I have had a full year's experience of work in the Diocese.

I shall endeavor now as your servant for Christ's sake, to recount to you the things which I have been able to accomplish within that period; to tell you of much which has of necessity been left undone; and also to set before you some of the difficulties which, for their removal, require your attention now, and your co-operation in due time and place.

Let me then briefly refer to the past. First, allow me humbly and heartily to acknowledge "the good hand of my God upon me." In all my journeyings I have known no discomfort either of health or circumstance. The kind reception everywhere accorded me has filled my heart with gratitude to God, and love to you my Brethren in Christ. I may own to you that your kindness and confidence have heavily increased the sense of all I owe both to Him and to you. I am more anxious than ever to be equal to the requirements of my office; but I am also humbled and weighted with a consciousness of insufficiency.

ORDINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Since the meeting of Synod in June, 1879, I have visited ninety-seven missions and stations, in the country parts of the diocese. I have visited also the Churches of the city, and have confirmed in the country 535 persons, and in the city 171—252 men and 454 women—a total of 706. I have ordained to the ministry of the Church six deacons and four priests, and have admitted to Church work in the diocese, by license, seven clergymen and four laymen. Four churches and one chancel, viz., Arundel, Potton, Longueuil, Clarendon and Sutton, have been consecrated, and the foundation stones of three churches laid, viz., East Farnham, St. Stephen's of Montreal, and Frelighsburg. In addition to these regular duties, sundry meetings—missionary and conference—have brought me into contact with our brethren in the remote parts of the diocese, as well as here, in our centre, to our mutual edification, as I truly believe.

HOME MISSIONS.

I have the very great pleasure of informing you that we have paid our debts to the clergy. I cannot express my thankfulness that this stain on the honor of the diocese is at last removed, and I trust I shall not live to see the repetition of so grievous a trouble. I desire to make

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