

Thus far as regards Bishops; but, my brethren, there are duties which belong to others also, which pertain both to the clergy and laity of a diocese, and to each respectively; and these duties are, a due and becoming acknowledgment of the office and authority of the Bishop, following with glad mind and will his godly admonition: such demeanour is truly essential, imperatively requisite, in order to the peace, progress, good order and happiness of our Church. Before I conclude, it may not be out of place, or uninteresting to some before me, to refer for a little to the present position of the affairs of the Diocese as compared with the past.

When this western section of country was formed into a diocese, and our valued Bishop entered upon his Episcopate, there were about forty clergymen of our communion within its limits; now the number exceeds ninety, besides others, and not a few, who being here ordained, are now labouring in other parts of the Dominion and in Europe: and of those who have left us, I believe, were they to revisit our diocese, they could meet our Bishop without embarrassment, and receive at his hands no unwelcome recognition; I believe they could take a seat in our Synod hall and feel they were not strangers, and enter our Church Society office and congratulate us on our progress and success.

As regards our Church Society and its formation, doubts were entertained at first whether we should separate from that at Toronto. We arrived at the conclusion of being distinct, though we commenced on small means. We are now in a comparatively good financial position, with an increase through the past year. The Commutation Fund has improved to the amount of some \$15,000. Our Widows' and Orphans' Fund, notwithstanding the increased claims upon it, contrasts favourably with other dioceses, and certainly does not encourage an amalgamation of resources such as has been proposed to us.

A Sustentation Fund has been undertaken which progresses successfully, and a considerable amount has already been subscribed.

Our Synod has been organized, a constitution adopted, and canons of discipline, to be enforced as circumstances may require.

A Theological College has been instituted, and has already furnished to our ranks several additional missionaries.

I mention these things to show the materials which an Assistant Bishop will find ready to his hand; and to shew also, as must be plain, that all this has not been accomplished without labour, thought, and ability in the oversight, with industry, tact, and fidelity in the department on which largely devolved the management of details.

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