

then, from these, the primitive and Apostolic rule; whereas, what we now behold but assures us of the corrupting and unecatholic restrictions which came upon the Church in her multiplication of the Episcopate, when the towering shadow of Rome enveloped the early Church, and rendered everything subsidiary to the measures which tended to the aggrandizement of the Papal See. Feudal times, when Bishops became temporal lords, and had large retinues to defend their own rights, and the property of the Church, added strength to this deflection.

These two influences came into direct conflict with primitive practice. Rome supplanting what was Apostolic by what was Papal; and so firmly rooted were her traditions, that through the intervention of the State, the Reformation even failed to restore to the Church her Divine agency in its entirety, although it was attempted then largely to multiply the Bishops in England; and thus was the Church shorn of her pristine strength and vigour. Large dioceses, then, are literally Papal and mediæval in their origin, though Rome has long since corrected the mistake. Small dioceses are essentially apostolic and primitive. The late Bishop of Quebec, on the formation of the last diocese in Ontario; gives us his mature judgment in these words:—"We now expect, very soon, to have a fifth Bishopric in Canada. In our Episcopal communion, the multiplication of Bishoprics is the *extension of the Church, and of her service in the cause of the Gospel*, a very natural and obvious consequence, and one which has been remarkably exemplified in our own day." No exhortation could be more earnest than that of the same venerated Father-in-God, with respect to a like effort:—"A move should be made at once—an earnest, determined move, with the eye of Faith turned up to God, the heart lifted in the fervency of prayer, and the hand put to the work without looking back."

"He being dead, yet speaketh."

May its feeble repetition give rise to a harvest far more abundant than his mortal eyes were permitted to behold, and in which he rejoiced; in the further increase of our Colonial Episcopate,—a good omen for which was certainly furnished, in the immediate offer of five hundred dollars towards the endowment of a new See, by one of Waterloo's noblest Churchmen.

"Τὰ ἀρχαία ἔθνη κρατεῖτω."

"Let the primitive customs prevail."