

of subdivision may easily be carried too far, and where this is the case, there will be loss, instead of gain. Another most important matter, to which you will have to give close attention at this Synod, and upon which you will be asked to pronounce your opinion, as regards some of its details, is the Unification of our Church in the whole of Canada. I earnestly trust and pray that we shall be led by God's guidance to a right decision. We have, in fact, a very great deal to get through and settle. I trust, therefore, we shall all combine to see that there is no unseemly discussion and consequently no waste of time. But, after all, my reverend brethren, the progress of your work for God in your own parishes will depend, if you are in earnest, especially on these two things, (1) upon the consideration which we show for those who differ from us, and (2) upon your personal visiting. As to consideration for those who differ; I ask no one to give up his principles, I ask no one to say that dissent or schism is a matter of no consequence, but I do ask all our clergy to have a kind word and a kind face for all those who differ of every kind. I do ask you not to pass by their houses from year's end to year's end, as if these our brethren according to the flesh were not within your care at all; and I do ask you to do just for these people every favor that lies in your power. Yes! try this plan, with prayer for God's blessing upon your words and works, for a year, and you will be surprised at the result. Nay, you will thank God for His blessing upon your attempt.

And now, lastly, my reverend brethren, as to your own personal visiting of the whole of the flock committed to your charge, I make bold to say that more depends upon the vigor, the system, the diligence, the self-sacrifice, with which you go on from week's end to week's end and from year's end to year's end with your visits to the homes of your people, than upon anything else. A man may be a poor reader and preacher, but if he is a good visitor, if the interests and sorrows of his people are his as well as theirs, that man will succeed where the more highly gifted man who does not visit his people will fail. The man who shuts himself up in his house, and cultivates his heart and mind, may do something; but the man who gives a large portion of his time every day to visiting his people, with a due remembrance of his office, until he is a familiar figure in every family circle, this man will do incomparably more. And in those parishes, where the priest thus visits his people, and where the leading laymen, *i. e.*, the church wardens and others, also move about amongst their neighbors, and say a kind word for their church and their clergyman, there, under God, there will be the best fruit of all.

God grant, dear friends, that we may all be stirred up to greater zeal and energy for the great service of God, so that we may all lead really good and useful lives, trusting alone in the infinite merits of our Redeemer Lord, and so that, whenever our call shall come, we may be found ready and may be carried by angels into the Paradise of God, and there wait in joy and felicity, until at the last great day we attain unto the Resurrection of the Just, and receive from Our dear Lord's own lips the gladdening words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The conclusion of the address was received, as the commencement had been, by loud applause.

A vote of condolence and sympathy with the family of Bishop Bond, of Montreal, who is now lying dangerously ill, was unanimously adopted.

Amongst other business transacted was the reception of the Report of Bishops' College and School, in regard to which the Chancellor of the College, Dr. Honoker, Rev. Principal Adams, Rev. Dr. Allmatt, the Rev. Professor Wilkin-

son and others made addresses, and the Reports were adopted.

Compton Ladies' College also submitted its report by the Rev. Canon Foster. It showed a debt still existing on the school of \$3,400.00, and contained an appeal for more earnest support on the part of Church people as well by sending their daughters to the school, where they would be sure of excellent care and training physically, morally, spiritually and educationally, as also by contribution. The Bishop bore strong testimony in favor of the school, as also did the Rev. Principal Adams, the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Heneker, and the following resolution moved by Canon Thornloe was adopted with much enthusiasm:

"That the Lord Bishop be requested to respectfully convey to the clergy and congregations of this diocese the judgment of this Synod that Compton Ladies' College has a just claim for generous support from every Churchman of this diocese, because it is the Diocesan School for Girls, working under the sanction and supervision of the Synod of the Diocese, for the higher education and churchly training of the women of our Church; and also to devote the offertory on the 4th Sunday in Lent, in each year, towards the support of the said College.

The Report of the Diocesan Board was presented by the Secretary, Rev. Canon Von Itland, and adopted without discussion. It referred to the proposed abandonment of the grant from the S. P. G. Society at the end of the century, to the condition of the Clergy Trust Fund, Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund, Mission Fund, and Missionary work in the Diocese. Thirty-one missions are aided by the Board. There were no vacancies with the exception of Labrador, which was under the charge of a Divinity student. In every other Mission there was a resident clergyman. The following motion was then submitted by Mr. W. G. Wurtele, seconded by Rev. Canon Von Itland:

"That the members of Synod now in session assembled, and about to celebrate the Centenary of the foundation of this Diocese, deem it their pleasing duty to express their grateful appreciation of the generous support which has been given to it by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, during a period of more than one hundred years. That they believe it is not too much to say that from the earliest planting of the Church of England in Canada till the close of the first half of the present century, the Venerable Society bore almost the entire burden of maintaining the ministrations of religion amongst Her people throughout this vast country; and that during the years which have since elapsed, this Diocese especially is under obligations to the Society for never-failing assistance, which has not only saved the Church here from losing ground, and even preserved her existence in some places, but has enabled her also, while maintaining a healthy growth, so to manage and develop her resources, that the approaching termination of the Society's annual grant may now be regarded without apprehension, and even with satisfaction, that funds may thus be set free to be employed elsewhere. That in view of the near change in existing relations, the Synod tender to the Venerable Society the profound gratitude and heartfelt acknowledgment of the whole Diocese; and offer a sincere prayer that Almighty God may help more and more the great work of the Society in aiding the spread of the Gospel over the world. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Society."

THE CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

On the 7th of July, 1793, the Rev. Jacob Mountain was consecrated in the chapel of Lambeth Palace as the first Bishop of the Diocese

of Quebec. It had been set off from the former Diocese of Nova Scotia, and embraced the whole of British North America west of Nova Scotia. One hundred years having, therefore, about expired, it was determined to hold a special celebration to mark the event in connection with the meeting of the Synod of the Diocese which commenced on the 30th of May last past. Very extensive and well-designed preparations had been made for celebrating so auspicious an event, amongst these being a special service in the Cathedral, a Public Luncheon in the afternoon in the Skating Rink, a special meeting of Convocation of Bishops' College University in the afternoon for the purpose of conferring degrees upon two distinguished members of the Episcopate and upon the Governor-General of Canada, and a *Conversazione* in the Skating Rink in the evening. All of these events were carried out without any default and in an admirable and successful manner.

Early on the morning of the first of June celebrations of Holy Communion took place in the several churches of the city, that at St. Matthew's being attended by over 100 Communicants, and there being a goodly number also at the Cathedral, at which the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. Petry. At St. Matthews' the Lord Bishop of Niagara, formerly Rector of the Church, was the celebrant.

At half-past ten the great Thanksgiving service of the day, and for which a Special Form of Prayer had been authorized by the Diocesan, commenced. The lay delegates and clergy of the Diocese, together with the visitors, met in the church hall and marched from thence in procession across the Cathedral Close to the Cathedral itself, entering by the western door and passing up the central aisle, preceded by a vested choir of men and boys. Most of the clergy wore the festival white stole together with their surplice, cassock and hood, and several of the Bishops were clad in their scarlet Convocation robes. There were present in the procession following the clergy the Lord Bishops of Niagara and of Nova Scotia walking together, the former carrying his Pastoral Staff; next in order the senior Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ontario, and the preacher of the day, the Rt. Rev. Henry Potter, D.D., Bishop of New York. These were followed by the Rev. L. W. Williams, M.A., chaplain of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, carrying the very beautiful Pastoral Staff presented to his Lordship by his former congregation of Acton, Eng., the procession being closed by the Bishop of the Diocese himself in full Convocation robes. It was a grand and imposing spectacle, and one eminently seemly in the city of Quebec, evidencing the character and claim of this true branch of The Church Catholic to the many Roman citizens of that great city. As the procession entered the church the whole congregation rose and sang (the Choir and Clergy as they entered taking up the strain) the ever beautiful and welcome hymn, "The Church's one Foundation." The vested choir had been reinforced for the occasion by a number of ladies from the different congregations, and Mr. A. E. Bishop, the well-known organist of the Cathedral, presided at the organ.

The only decorations in the church were in the chancel and around the pulpit. On the table of the former there stood a magnificent floral Cross and vases of beautiful flowers, and on each end two large candle-sticks bearing unlit candles. The Altar itself was vested in festival covering; an exquisitely worked Altar cloth, frontal and super frontal. Around the base of the pulpit had been beautifully arranged a large number of fragrant narcissus, presenting a very attractive appearance. The Dean, Archdeacon, and Canons of the Diocese, took seats in