

His Lordship read the following Address to the Synod :

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY—

Since our last meeting it has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself our dear brother, the late Archdeacon of Ontario, the Ven. Henry Patton, D.C.L., and of all the events which have occurred during the past year in our Diocese, I consider his loss the most noteworthy. For forty-five years he served God in the Ministry of His Church in that part of this Province which constitutes the Diocese of Ontario, first as Missionary at Kemptville, next as Rector of Cornwall, where he laboured for twenty-five years, and lastly as Rector of Belleville, for a little more than two years. In him the Diocese has lost an admirable business man and a most energetic officer. I myself mourn an attached and loyal friend, and the Clergy a brother whose praise is in all the Churches in Canada, and whose life and general example may well tend to stir us all to imitation of his devotedness and zeal. In looking back, I am thankful that I was able to recognize his merits by appointing him to the Archdeaconry of the Diocese, and at a later period to the Rectory of Belleville. The whole Ecclesiastical Province unanimously elected him to the honourable position of Prolocutor on three different occasions, thereby proving the high estimate for impartiality and tact in which he had been held by the whole Church. The characteristic of his life which seems to me most remarkable was his untiring avidity for work. Constant work in God's vineyard was indeed to him a labour of love. I can never forget the promptitude with which he was ever ready to anticipate my wishes, even when it involved long journeys and disagreeable errands. No impediments daunted, no difficulties dismayed him when duty called. His charities were large and those of a cheerful giver. Sometimes he may have seemed to the younger men a little stern, particularly when a question of the performance of arduous duty was the subject of conversation; but further acquaintance modified their estimate and proved that he possessed as kind and affectionate a heart as ever lived. I bear this tribute of my affection and esteem not only from what I have heard from those who knew him well and long, but from the surer testimony of my own personal experience. But now he is gone. His familiar face will no more be seen in our assemblies, and his wise words will no longer guide and animate us, but it will be long ere his memory is effaced from the hearts of those who enjoyed his friendship or appreciated his labors. I rejoice to learn that the Building Committee of the Cornwall Memorial Church have determined to make a fitting acknowledgment of his labors for twenty-six years in that parish, and that the friends of the late Archdeacon will have

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