



MONTREAL FROM THE MOUNTAIN.

Archdeacon and afterwards Dean, so as to have the benefit of his long experience and judgment to guide and help him in the diocese. The diocese has confirmed the wisdom of that choice by electing Dean Bond as his successor. Nearly ten years of new and earnestly self-denying work severely tried the strength of Bishop Oxenden, and to the surprise and grief of the diocese he suddenly and

unexpectedly resigned, his formal resignation bearing the date of September 2nd, 1878. Bishop Oxenden was for a few years after his return home Vicar of St. Stephen's, Canterbury, but has now retired from active work, though still from time to time preaching the Word of God in Biarritz and other places in which his health obliges him to reside. He did a work for the Church in Canada which will bear fruit through all ages. He gave an impulse and dignity to missionary work and various acts of generous sympathy are the themes of many a missionary's home to-day. Some can tell how he would leave the attractive city church to help an overworked country clergyman on the Lord's day, and a vacant parish desiring the Holy Communion on Christmas day found him ready at 9 o'clock to administer to them, so that he might be home before the day closed. Called to the episcopate in disturbed if not in troublous times, he lifted the diocese to a higher plane, and by his personal example, awakened alike in clergy and laity, a sense of the beauty and power of the religious life. Bishop Oxenden has now attained his eightieth year, and his brother Churchmen in Canada, and we may venture to say all Christian people, revere his memory and pray that the eventide of his life may be passed in peace.

OLD PATHS AND NEW METHODS.

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IN a previous article certain illustrations were given from personal observation of the way in which our Church in England is adapting herself to the changing necessities of the times. All the illustrations were taken from work carried on in the great centres of population or in parishes of very considerable area. It would be easy to multiply such accounts, and it might be profitable besides, but perhaps more practical good may result from pointing out two prominent features in Home Missionary work, which appear to be of the first importance. There are many in England who think that the subdividing of large parishes into separate and independent districts has many drawbacks connected with it, although they are fully aware that there are corresponding advantages in so doing. It was interesting to notice at the last meeting of the Provincial Synod that there are also those in Canada who desire to see considerable areas worked from a common centre, and the work superintended by some experienced and master mind. We should thus secure uniformity of method and the development of plans on a large scale. Our present system of assigning missions and parishes, each to its own Incumbent, is apt to be expensive and is productive of many mistakes for which the Church at large has to suffer.

In most cases a young clergyman without exper-