

mise. The Metropolitan must be a man of thorough education and great experience, fit to preside over the other bishops of his Province, and, if need be, to represent them and the Province in the Councils of the Church and Nation. Who, then, can blame the Bishops for desiring a Bishop to represent them and the Church in such exigencies, as well as to preside over the councils of his province with dignity and wisdom?

On the other hand, the See of Montreal is one of the poorest (in episcopal income) of all in the ecclesiastical Province, and—as shown by figures, by one of its own clergy, Dr. Balch—is bankrupt at that. The diocese, however, is now in the hands of a party who will have none but a party-man of their own stripe as their bishop.

The patched-up canon fails to combine two interests so utterly conflicting. Hence the present dead-lock. The two offices must be separated, and the proposal now made by the Bishops is that a Metropolitan shall in May next be elected, who shall engage himself to hold the See of Montreal only long enough to enable the House of Bishops and Diocesan Synod of Montreal to separate the Metropolitanacy from the Bishopric of that Diocese by a Canon, which, it seems, cannot be enacted under the present law, except under the Presidency of a man combining both offices in his own person. This Canon must and will be passed, and the Synod of Montreal, by its newly-declared policy of “no surrender,” will vacate a most influential position in the Councils of the Church.—a matter of no small moment in these stirring times.

Notes and Notices.

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WITH the present number we bring to a close another volume of the *Church Chronicle*, in the conduct of which we have conscientiously endeavored to promote the cause of Christ and his Church, and “to speak the truth in love.” Whatever have been our failings and disappointments, we have good reason to believe that all our efforts have not been in vain, and that they have yielded gratification to many who, knowing the difficulties with which we have had to contend, have looked with an indulgent eye upon our monthly pages.—We had earnestly hoped that before this we should have been enabled to meet the wants of the Church with a weekly periodical, but either we have lacked the power or our fellow-Churchmen the zeal to confirm this hope for the present, and we must be content with the original issue, and wait in patient expectation that the want of constant intelligence will be more generally felt, and its advantages better understood.

But, while we lament our inadequate success, we have determined by the help of God to continue our labors, and with the hearty desire of commending the *Church Chronicle* to the favor of our brethren, we have associated with us a staff of theological scholars, animated with the true spirit of Christian fellowship, and a kindly aim to promote the cause we have in hand. To sustain this cause, we again appeal to the honor and generosity of Churchmen, that we be not put to shame by the various “denominations” by which we are surrounded, and dissatisfied of our hope to serve the Church of God.