

in answer to their request to help them in the practical difficulties they have encountered. In doing so, I wish much that there should be forthwith a distinct understanding that, upon the several points our advice has been asked, not by one or other of the Bishops of South Africa, but by all united in a joint fraternal representation to the Houses of Convocation; that, we claim no authority over them in reference to the matter; and that, as they feel we can help them, we desire to do so to the best of our ability. The report has been the result of much care and thought, and I pray God that the answers we send them may be such as to aid them in the great work of planting our Reformed Church in the midst of those distant regions.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.—I beg to second the motion. The Bishop of Oxford has quite correctly stated what is our position in regard to this matter.

CONFIRMATION TOUR BY THE LORD BISHOP THROUGH SOME MISSIONS OF THE DEANERY OF BEDFORD, IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

In the *Church Chronicle* for September a tabular statement is given of the numbers of those who were presented for the rite of confirmation during the above-mentioned term, which occupied exactly one week.

Our readers will see that they were 56 males and 70 females, total 126. This is a large number to have been confirmed at one time in seven small congregations, and of itself indicates a more than ordinary attention and interest on the part of the members and friends of the Church in that part of the Diocese; and, as this was indeed the case, a more detailed account of this very encouraging tour of our respected Diocesan may not be uninteresting to the readers of the *Chronicle*.

His Lordship left Montreal on Wednesday, 21st of August, for St. Hyacinthe, where he was met by the Rev. George Slack, Rural Dean, who had been officiating to the small congregation in that town once a month during the winter, and had prepared a little band of five females, who were awaiting the Bishop's coming to receive the holy rite of Confirmation. Mr. Taylor, school-master and catechist, and a candidate for holy orders, had been appointed to St. Hyacinthe shortly before the Bishop's visit, and had removed his family thither from Upton, where he had been labouring in the above capacities with much acceptance and usefulness for several years. Divine service was performed in the small church on Thursday morning, and the rite of confirmation administered to the five persons above-mentioned, the Rev. G. Slack and the Rev. F. Robinson, of Abbotsford, who had arrived in the morning, assisting in the services. The Holy Communion was administered to the persons confirmed and others of the congregation. His Lordship was the guest of G. Henshaw, Esq., during his stay, and proceeded, on Thursday afternoon with the Rev. F. Robinson to Rougemont, where, on the following morning 8 persons, 4 males and 4 females were confirmed.

In the afternoon of the same day the Bishop was driven by Mr. Robin-