

ventions. I was told, by what may be termed High Churchmen, that the admission of the laity had been with them a matter of necessity; but that, whatever might have been the *a priori* opinions held on the subject, its operation had been so successful, that it would now be adopted as matter of choice. I will only further add, in conclusion, that I trust the Great Head of the Church will so overrule all our purposes and actions that they may promote His glory and advance the work of salvation, and that He will graciously be pleased to build us all up in one body, in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

F. MONTREAL.

January 21, 1853.

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*Extract from the Visitation Charge of the Bishop of Montreal, referred to at page 11.*

“It is my wish, in the first place, to direct your attention to the real position, which as members of the United Church of England and Ireland, we occupy in this Diocese. While spiritually we are identified with the Church in the mother-country,—emanating from her, using the same liturgy, subscribing the same articles, blessed with the same apostolic ministry, visibly forming part of the same ecclesiastical body, and claiming as our own all her mighty champions, confessors, and martyrs—yet in a political sense, and as regards temporalities, and everything that is understood by a legal establishment, or as conferring special privileges above other re-