

the Cathedral last Sunday. The N. Y. *Protestant Churchman* in alluding to the Bishop of Victoria remarks—"He arrived in New York on Thursday, the 23rd ult., after but sixty days' traveling from Japan. Thus expeditious has this distant journey now been made, bringing the ends of the earth together. The Bishop intends preparing a work upon Japan, for publication on his return to England, whither he goes in a few weeks hence. His former work on China was published by Harper's, in this city, and is an interesting account of his own visit and observations in that wonderful country, in which the Bishop was a missionary agent of the Church Missionary Society, before his appointment to the Episcopate. In the same week which gave us so pleasant and friendly a visit from our reverend and beloved friend, Bishop Anderson, from Rupert's Land, these two excellent men were consecrated together in Lambeth Chapel twelve years since, and now they meet on the American soil, brethren beloved for all that is refined and noble in personal character as well as for their works sake."

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Among the pleasing incidents connected with the Princes' visit, we have pleasure in stating that Major General Bruce, previous to his departure, transmitted, (by direction of His Royal Highness) to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, a beautifully bound Royal Quarto Bible, bearing on the cover the arms and crest of the Royal Donor, with the following inscription in the handwriting of the Prince:—

"To the Cathedral at Toronto, in memory of Sunday, the 9th of September, 1860.

ALBERT EDWARD P."

We observe that a similar token was presented by His Royal Highness to the Cathedral at Quebec, and (we believe) at Montreal, where he attended Divine Service.

THE LATE REV. THOMAS LEECH.

It is with sincere regret we record the early death of this valuable Missionary. Mr. Leech was one of those excellent young men—who feeling themselves called to the work of the ministry, resolutely set themselves to obey the call, by working their way through every difficulty. The educational advantages he enjoyed in his youth were few—but these he improved with such diligence, as to enable him to compete successfully for a first class scholarship in the Theological School at Cobourg, and subsequently at Trinity College, Toronto. At this institution he passed through his course with credit—and having been ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in the year 1863, he entered on the work of the ministry as assistant minister at Prescott. The faithful manner in which he discharged his duties secured to him the affectionate respect of the venerable Rector and entire congregation. Desirous, however, of planting the Church in some one of the many waste places of the Diocese, (contrary to the wishes of his friends in Prescott, and regardless of their liberal offers,) he selected the village of Brampton as the sphere of his future labours, and having married, took charge of this new mission in the autumn of 1865. Here and in the neighbouring village of Edmonton, he organised congregations and Sunday schools, and succeeded in erecting commodious brick churches. Amid many difficulties he laboured but too zealously in accomplishing these important objects. His health, however,

failing, he was reluctantly compelled to relinquish the work in which his heart was so deeply engaged, and at the suggestion of his medical friends, sailed for Europe in the spring of 1858. Having wintered in the south of England, he returned in the following spring, but little benefited. He, however, resumed his ministry in the vacant mission of Marysburg, and subsequently removed to Emily, labouring to the last to the utmost of his failing strength. He died of decline, in the 33rd year of his age. In his early death the church has lost a faithful and efficient missionary, whose labours under the divine blessing have left a favourable impression on all who enjoyed them.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD

On Friday Sept 7, the Diocesan Synod met in the School room attached to the Church of St. George. To consider an address (which had been drawn up by a Committee), to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Synod was adjourned to 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. On both occasions morning prayer was offered in the Church. Besides a large body of clerical and lay Synodsmen, there were present the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, (who spoke very feelingly in reply to the welcome given him by the Synod,) the Rev G Gubbins, from Ireland, and the Rev Drs. Shelton and Vansittart, from the Diocese of New York. The following is the address and reply:

"May it Please your Royal Highness,—We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto, in Synod assembled, beg permission to offer to Your Royal Highness a cordial welcome on your arrival amongst us. The position in which the United Church of England and Ireland has lately been placed in this country as being self-governed and dependent for support on the dutiful liberality of her children, does but serve to enhance our appreciation of the inestimable benefits which we enjoy as subjects of the British Empire, and as an integral part of that Reformed Communion which under the good providence of Almighty God, is becoming in every portion of the globe, the instrument of invaluable blessings to mankind. We strongly feel that since the ties which have connected us with the Civil Government of this Colony have been severed, and the Church thereby rendered independent of the State, independence in respect of material interests must be compensated by a closer and more conscious sympathy with the land of our origin, and with the glory of that land, our Spiritual Mother. Nor can we ever forget that as the Church of Christ, in all ages and in all climes, has taught her children not only to fear God but honour the King, so as our Church been pre-eminently distinguished by Christian constancy, and by a high-souled loyalty which religion only can inspire. It is our fervent prayer to Almighty God that these virtues may ever live and flourish amongst us, and that as faithful servants of the King of kings, we may ever seek the honour of our earthly rulers, and the welfare of people at large, by presenting, in our several stations, an example of dutiful allegiance to our Sovereign, and a grateful recognition of the signal virtues, by which our beloved Queen has purchased for herself, among all nations of the earth, an imperishable name.

(Attested,)

"JOHN TORONTO.

"STEPHEN LETT, LL.D., Trin. Col.,
Dublin, Clerical Secretary.

"JAMES BOKELL, M.D., Trin. Col.,
Toronto, Lay Secretary."

To this address, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was most graciously pleased to make the following reply:

"Gentlemen,—I am grateful for the assurances of your loyalty to the Queen, and for the welcome to myself, conveyed in your address. I am a member of the Church of England, and, as such, I rejoice to meet in this distant land, and in so important a diocese, the representatives of that body in whose creed I have been nurtured and trained. I trust that Almighty God will aid you in your efforts to maintain the efficiency of the Church under the guidance of the Venerable Prelate who has so long presided over you in this diocese."

The following is the address of the University of Trinity College, with the reply of His Royal Highness:

"May it please your Royal Highness,—We, Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Trinity College, Toronto, beg to express to your Royal Highness our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your visit to this Province, and our grateful sense of the kindly interest which you have thus discovered in the welfare of the colony. While we gladly recognize the many obligations under which we lie, in communion with all our fellow-subjects in this Province, to loyal attachment to the Throne of Great Britain, and to its present most gracious occupant, it is our especial duty to acknowledge the distinguished favour which Her Majesty the Queen has conferred upon us by conveying to us, under her Royal Charter, the full privileges of a University. Her Majesty, in that Charter, has been pleased to declare her willingness 'to promote the more perfect establishment within the Diocese of Toronto, of a College in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland, the education of youth in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion as inculcated by that Church, and for their instruction in the various branches of science and literature which are taught in the Universities of this kingdom.' It will ever be our pride, as it must ever be our duty, faithfully to execute the trust thus graciously confided to us, both by the inculcation of sound religious principles and by the communication of all secular learning. In attempting to discharge this duty, we are assured that we can propose to ourselves no better model than that of the ancient Universities of England, and with the studies of one of which your Highness is already familiar, while we learn with satisfaction that it is your design to form a like intimate acquaintance with the other. It will be our aim, by the blessing of Almighty God, to perpetuate in this colony that spirit of old English faith and loyalty, by which the members of our communion have ever been distinguished at home, and by which we trust that they will be recognized in every land in which our Church is planted under the protection of the British Crown.

To this address His Royal Highness replied as follows:

"Gentlemen,—I thank you sincerely for the expression of loyalty and attachment to the British Crown contained in your address, and for the welcome you have given me to this city. The Institution from which the address proceeded is one of the utmost importance to the colony, inasmuch as it is destined to train those to whose care are committed the spiritual interests of the members of the Church of England. I know the difficulties under which you have laboured, and sincerely hope that you may successfully surmount them."