

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MY DEAR SISTERS,

First of all I have to express my sincere regret that last year, at the time of holding this meeting, I was in England.

I was however all the more interested in the report presented in my absence, shewing as it did what good and solid progress had been made during the preceding twelve months.

And now, it becomes my pleasing duty to say a few words to you with regard to our efforts during this last year, and also to bring before you two or three points, which I hope will prove to be of interest. But before doing this, allow me to welcome, on behalf of our city members, all our country friends.

We like to hold our Annual Meeting at the time of Synod, because *then* there is a good deal to interest those who take the trouble to come amongst us.

This year we are privileged not only to be present at the Session of Synod, and to hear the Bishop's Address, containing as it does a full record of our Diocesan existence and progress during the last two years, with many plans and proposals for the future, but this year we have also the pleasure of taking part at the Tara Hall, in the great Annual Public Meeting of the Church Society of Quebec, as well as the delight of meeting together in the Holy Communion, and of listening to an Address from the Lord Bishop of Algoma. At our Annual Service, we are glad therefore to welcome our country delegates to partake with us in such good things, and we are thankful to have them with us, to offer us the assistance of their valuable counsel and advice.

During the last year, since March 1896, we have adopted the plan of Monthly Meetings instead of meetings only Quarterly, and although I could desire that our members should better remember that our day of meeting is on the first Tuesday in the month, so that our numbers might be larger, yet, when I remember our Lord's own promise, that where *two* even should agree touching any good thing that they may ask, it shall be done for them, I am thankful that we have made the change, and that we have had a series of earnest meetings, in which we have implored the bless-