

session of the Synod to enforce ecclesiastical discipline in all its branches; for, although the Church has hitherto been able to proceed with comparative order and tranquility, it was on many occasions at the expense of much suffering, and the necessity of overlooking officially, offences which throw discredit on the Church, but which will be now judiciously treated, and where found guilty, punished. Such cases, from the great increase to the clergy, will more frequently occur, and should be promptly disposed of. There is even now, one of the most aggravated character, which calls loudly for adjudication.

I mentioned at the adjourned meeting of the Synod at Kingston, in September last, that the other Dioceses in Canada were not then sufficiently advanced to warrant an early meeting of the Provincial Synod, which is in many respects so desirable to harmonious and consistent Synodical action through its several Dioceses. But I am happy to be able to inform you that matters are now more hopeful. The Bishops of Montreal, Quebec, and Huron, have summoned their respective Synods to meet during this month, and they will soon be in a position to elect delegates to the Provincial assembly. There is no reason, therefore, why we might not have our first Provincial Synod during the coming autumn.

In the meantime, the Lord Bishop of Montreal has suggested that the Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the four Dioceses of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Huron, respectively, assembled in Synod, should each present an address to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to direct that the necessary measures be taken, in order that some one of the Bishops of the said Church, in the Province of Canada, may be appointed to the rank and dignity of Metropolitan, as has been lately done in Australia, so that sufficient authority may be vested in him for holding and presiding over the said General Assembly of the Church in Canada, and full effect be given to its canons and proceedings.

Such an address will, no doubt, be laid before you in the course of your present session, and I trust it will be cordially entertained, and will receive your adoption.

Last year one of my clergy, unexpectedly, called the attention of the Synod, when the subject of Episcopal Endowments was before us, to the fact that the Bishop of Toronto's income expired on his decease, and that it might be wise to take steps towards meeting the deficiency, when this should take place. This suggestion I discouraged at the time with greater warmth than was perhaps necessary. It came upon me suddenly, and I felt that, without first reference had to me, there was something that savoured of discourtesy in its introduction. Not that the subject itself was distasteful to me, or, at the proper time, unworthy of consideration; for I had frequently thought and spoken of it with growing impatience while the endowments of the two new Sees of Huron and Kingston were slowly approaching their desired amount. Satisfied that nothing offensive was intended by the Rev. gentleman who mentioned the matter, and that I had expressed myself somewhat hastily, I now tender him my apology. I beg, nevertheless, to declare that I took no personal umbrage, but wished then, as I do now, to introduce the matter myself, at the proper time, to the notice of the Synod. That time has, in my judgment, arrived. The Kingston endowment, though it has lingered long, will now soon reach the desired point, and, so far, leaves the field comparatively open to this fresh enterprise. Moreover, experience and the general pressure on our country, seems to indicate that more time will be required to complete

such an endowment than in days of greater prosperity.

In this point of view, and taking into consideration my advanced age, some may think that it may be already rather late, but as we could not well commence till the other endowments mentioned were substantially secured, it can scarcely be said that we have lost any time.

In touching upon these things, it seems to me that I am summing up my account with the world. I came to Canada in my twenty-second year, expressly engaged to forward, with all my strength, the cause of religion and education, and to this glorious cause I have devoted sixty years. How far I have been successful must be left for others to judge. But this I may honestly say, that my life has been one of activity and incessant labour, but by no means unpleasant. On the contrary, it has been cheered by many happy events, and I have great reason to be thankful to the Giver of all Good. My plans to promote the temporal and spiritual interests of our beloved Church, and the instruction of her children, were frequently very bitterly opposed, and some of them all but destroyed, but they were again resumed under different modifications, for I never lost hope or gave them up. Many true hearts came to my assistance, who encouraged and cheered me on, so that, notwithstanding many temporary obstacles and drawbacks, almost all I contemplated and desired has been substantially attained, though not always in the manner I intended. Doubtless, I had my seasons of anxiety, and times of withering disappointment, but I could always look with confidence at my motives, and a resolute and cheerful spirit protected me from despondency. But I fear the infirmity of garrulity is coming upon me. I must therefore conclude with requesting every member of the Synod to consider it his duty to promote harmony, peace and good will in conducting our proceedings, and that the result of our labours may be as useful and happy as they have hitherto been, and as becomes an Ecclesiastical Synod.

(To be Continued.)

DIocese OF HURON.

VISITATION.—MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY AND OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIocese OF HURON.

JUNE, 1850.

Tuesday, 21st, 10, A. M.—Divine Service and Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral. Visitation; after which the Lord Bishop will deliver his charge to the Clergy.

" 7, P. M.—Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Church Society in St. Paul's School-house.

Wednesday, 22nd, 10, A. M.—Divine Service in the Cathedral.

" 11, A. M.—Meeting of the Church Society for business, in St. Paul's School-house.

" 7, P. M.—Annual Meeting of the Church Society, at the Mechanics' Institute.

Thursday, 23rd, 7.45, A. M.—* The Clergy and Lay Representatives will Breakfast together at the Tecumseth House.

" 10, A. M.—Morning Service and Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The Offertory to be devoted to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, of which Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron. After Service, the Synod will meet in St. Paul's School-house.

* The Clergy and Lay Representatives will be supplied with tickets for the Breakfast by the Secretary of the Church Society, immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Church Society on Wednesday evening

The annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron is hereby convened for Thursday, the 23rd day of June, to meet in London. Service at 10 o'clock a.m., in St. Paul's Cathedral.

By order of the
LORD BISHOP.
J. WALKER MARSH, M.A.,
Clerical Secretary.
L. LAWRASON,
Lay Secretary.

London, April 1, 1850.

The attention of the Clergy and Churchwardens is called to articles 4, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of the Synod Constitution, and a strict compliance with these is requested.

Members of Synod, who have business to bring before the Synod, are referred to article 6 of the Rules regarding Committees.

The annual meeting of the Church Society will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, in St. Paul's Schoolhouse, at 7 o'clock p.m.

A business meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock a.m., and the Standing Committee will meet on Tuesday, the 21st, at 6 p.m.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD

From the Gazette

A meeting of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Diocese of Montreal, convened by the Lord Bishop for the purpose of organizing a Synod in accordance with the Acts 19th and 20th Vic., cap 121, and 22nd Vic., cap 139, was held on Tuesday, in St. John's Church of this City. Before the business proceedings commenced, Divine Service was celebrated in the Church. An adjournment then took place to the basement, for the transaction of business, but a good deal of time was occupied in receiving the names and certificates of the delegates, and it was not till two o'clock that the proceedings properly commenced. There was a large attendance, there being present 43 Clergymen and 91 Lay Delegates. His Lordship, Bishop Fulford, presided, and addressed the meeting at considerable length, dwelling mainly on a question which has been of late much agitated in the Anglican body, and which it was expected would form an exciting topic of discussion on the present occasion—the right of the Bishop to exercise a veto with respect to propositions which might have received the concurrent assent of the other constituent elements of the Synod, the Clergy and Lay Delegates. His lordship vindicated with much animation the dignity and authority of the episcopate, and asserted, amidst general applause, that he believed it was the desire of a very large majority of those now assembled that, as members of an Episcopal Church, they should have a real Bishop, exercising a real jurisdiction. Col. BAKER then moved a resolution setting forth that the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates now assembled do accept the acts above referred to, and declare themselves a Synod for the Diocese of Montreal, "and will proceed to the consideration of the constitution and regulations to be adopted for the due ordering of the same—no rule, canon, law, or regulation to be in force in this Diocese, as the act of this Synod, unless it shall have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates." This was seconded by the Hon.