

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

FIRST DAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1892.

The Thirty-Third Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was held on Tuesday, 19th January, 1892.

At half-past ten o'clock a.m. His Lordship celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Dr. Norton, Canon Fulton and Rural Dean Longhurst.

The Bishop's charge was as follows:—

HIS LORDSHIP'S CHARGE.

Dear Brethren in Christ, both clergy and laity, fraternal greeting:—

So short a time has elapsed since we last assembled in Synod, that the usual review of the work of the Church would scarcely be in place; nevertheless, I may be permitted to say, that through God's mercy I have been enabled to visit the portion of the Diocese usually served in the time that has passed since we last met. I shall, however, confine my remarks to general matters which have arrested my attention since the meeting in June, and to those thoughts which have been suggested by the meeting itself. Prominent amongst these thoughts are the valuable statistics given in the report of our deceased and mourned brother, the Rev. Robert Acton, in his lifetime Immigration Chaplain for the Diocese. In the midst of much ill-health and weakness he continued his duties to the end, and his last report, his fifth annual report (as he tells us), may be ranked as one of the most valuable documents brought under the notice of the Synod of 1891. I will not pass to a review of the report itself before expressing my regret at his loss. His simple piety and unaffected kindness of heart endeared him to all who knew him; and had his health been equal to his earnestness and good will, he would certainly have ranked amongst the foremost of our missionary clergy for purity of intention and conduct and religious influence over those to whom he ministered.

The report of the Immigration Chaplain for 1891 informs us that over 4000 immigrants had remained in Montreal and the neighborhood for local settlement in the course of the preceding year; of these 4000 nearly 3000 were Protestant, and as 2709 were English, we may infer that there was amongst them a large accession to our own Church. I find Mr. Acton's suggestions under the head of "accommodations" most sensible and practical, and I hope that the country clergy, especially, will give the report close attention,

and do all they can for F. Renaud, Rural Dean, and that they would certainly be a blessing to the brother.

We have been a great blessing to E. E. Shelton, Esq., for during the course of his necessity for income, not lose ground in the may hamper us in the Deanery report of make up the arrears promise on the promise, specially in the mission, \$298 and \$150 amounts.

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Nothing satisfactory to vacant re be introduced into be plain to all in Bishop for select vestry, and other Bishop may be seen is in sympathy with

I desire to ask part of missions in to bear in affect the Moose Factory. not only by continuing much loved Montreal remote and inhospitable the Gospel field. and let us no less goodwill.