

of one of our most earnest and able Quebec Laymen. And outside the Diocese, I must not omit to mention the names of the Right Rev. Dr. Williams, of Connecticut, the presiding Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States of America, and of the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, the late Bishop of Algoma, a missionary hero, who until his health failed and rendered him utterly unfit for his arduous duties, remained, like a brave soldier, firmly at his post, and only survived for all too brief a space, and then lay down and died. Concerning all these and many more that have been and are still dear to us, we declare, in the beautiful words of our Book of Common Prayer, that their souls are with our dear Lord in joy and felicity; and, at the same time, we pray that we, as well as these and all those who are departed in the true Faith of God's Most Holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in the great God's eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now, dear Brethren, I have but little more to say. It would be unnatural, however, assembled as we are to-day for this our Synod in our Cathedral and in our Cathedral Church Hall, if I did not allude to the glad fact that the Mother Church of our Diocese and its precincts are now under the care of a Dean, who is the only son of your late revered Bishop, and certainly what we heard last evening was a grand omen and earnest of good things to come.

And last of all, pray let me impress upon you, my dear Brethren in the Lord, that we are met here in Synod not merely in order that we may perfect our organization. For although no man values our Diocesan rules and arrangements more than I do, yet I do feel, when our Clergy and Lay delegates travel long distances and submit to heavy expenses, in order that we may meet in our solemn Synod, or Council of our Church, our object is not merely to alter defective Canons or to add new ones, that may seem to have become absolutely necessary for the well-being of the Diocese. No! our object is rather, that we may consider together how, in our Parishes, we can lead our people better to realize their Baptismal privileges and responsibilities, looking to an all merci-

ful Father, in and through a living, personal Saviour, and by the indwelling of the infinite, loving Holy Spirit, to show us what we need to know. This is why we have made some little change in the Services preceding our session. I thank God that we were permitted to join together as we did last night, and still more that we united, as so many of us did this morning in seeking in the Holy Communion the Divine blessing upon our labors, for, believe me, my dear Brethren, more *depend upon* our seeking God's help in the Services of the Synod than upon our actual deliberations, seeing that the wisdom of God is wiser than man, and the assistance of God is stronger than man. Let us all, therefore, be very brief and business-like in our speeches on those technical questions, which are to be brought before us, so that there shall be ample time, not only for a full and profitable consideration of the religious progress of the Diocese to-morrow evening, but also for a generally higher level of subjects of debate to our common good and to the glory and praise of God.

A New and Interesting Book.

We congratulate our brother, the Rev. H. C. Stuart, Rector of Three Rivers on having another volume of his researches into the History of the Church in Canada ready for the press. This new volume although it is the second instalment of the History of our Church in this Dominion, beginning with the conquest of Canada, is complete in itself. The reader will here find a full account of the life and labors of Bishop Jacob Mountain (1793-1825) the establishment of fifty new Missions with biographical sketches of their incumbents. The chief sources of information in compiling the work were the State papers, S. P. G. documents, etc., most of which are as yet unpublished.

The first instalment of this work was published six years ago, and was warmly commended by the Canadian, English and American press, by the Bishops and Clergy generally, and by such distinguished historians as the late Bishop Perry, Historiographer of the American Church, Dr. Kingsford, and Sir James LeMoine.