



MONTREAL FROM THE RIVER.

laity on the other. Time has proved how happily those anticipations have been overruled, but to those who took part in the discussions there remains to-day a deep sense of thankfulness that God's spirit directed them safely through the apparent strife, and now that the noise of the builders is hushed, that we have such a scriptural mode of government for the church.

On September 8th, 1868, Bishop Fulford entered into rest, the day before the Provincial Synod had been appointed to meet, at which the canon for the election of a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan was adopted. The Synod of the Diocese of Montreal met on the 10th of

November of the same year, and adjourned without electing a Bishop till May 11th, 1869. This meeting, almost to the last moment seemed destined to end the same way, when the Bishop submitted the name of Canon Oxenden, which met with the unanimous approval of the Synod. The Bishop of Huron in communicating the intelligence said:—"One cannot fail in all this to trace the finger of Divine providence." Canon Oxenden had been asked by Bishop Williams, of Quebec, to allow his name to be submitted to the Synod, but declined, and so the action of the Synod proved how truly he was sought. He was consecrated in Westminster Abbey on the 8th of August, 1869. Bishop Oxenden's episcopate was, as might be expected, of an extremely missionary spirit. He desired to extend the ministrations of the Church to every settlement in the Diocese. He supported entirely one mission, Glen Sutton, on the extreme border of the Diocese, by private contributions for three years. The Mission Fund of the diocese was a source of great anxiety, as upon it depended so largely the sustenance of the missionary, and to supplement this source of income he commenced the Sustentation Fund, which has attained to \$68,000, and without the interest of which the mission work of the diocese would be paralyzed to-day. The want of a Theological College in Montreal he pointed out in his first charge, and to him is due the foundation of the Montreal Diocesan College, to which he appointed successively as principals Dr. Loble and Dr. Henderson both eminently fitted for their work. Under Dr. Henderson this college is now the institution to which the diocese looks mainly for its clergy. Its career and success

has vindicated the wisdom of the Bishop in founding such an institution, and his name will always be associated with it. He took great interest in the Diocese of Algoma, and was anxious to erect the Upper Ottawa into a diocese in connection with some part of Ontario. He also attempted to put the cathedral of the diocese upon some recognized foundation, and succeeded perhaps as far as could be, considering that the cathedral is also a parish church. The work of Sabrevois College among the French was earnestly promoted by him as being among the peculiar inheritances of dioceses in the Province of Quebec. He early associated himself with Canon Bond, making him