

the doctrines of our church may be taught, where I shall have the opportunity of ascertaining the fitness of men for the office which they seek, and where they may be trained in pastoral and parochial duties.

Last year Dr. Hellmuth, who had long been known in Canada as general superintendent of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in British North America, was compelled, by ill health, to resign his connection with that society, and to go to England. I gladly availed myself of the opportunity of appointing him as my commissary in the United Kingdom, to solicit aid for the erection of a school of theology in the diocese; and having appointed him Archdeacon of Huron and assistant minister in the cathedral, he went to England for the purpose of laying before our brethren there our wants and wishes upon this subject. I am truly thankful that, through the Divine blessing upon his efforts, the venerable archdeacon has met with a large measure of success amongst our friends at home. The sum of over five thousand pounds has been the result of a few months' unwearied exertions in the mother country. I regard this as an earnest of what our brethren at home are disposed to do for us toward carrying out the object we have in view.

Exception has been taken to some statements made by the archdeacon at a meeting in London. I have examined these statements, as explained by the archdeacon, and so far as the part of Canada with which I have been intimately acquainted for nearly thirty years is concerned, I feel assured that his statements are strictly in accordance with facts. With many of the dioceses in British North America I have had little or no acquaintance, therefore I cannot from my own knowledge speak of them. But as Dr. Hellmuth has acted for so many years as general superintendent of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in British North America, I should not be disposed to question his testimony as to the religious state of these dioceses.

Whether it was prudent in the archdeacon, while representing me in England, to have made statements concerning other dioceses, may be questioned by some, but it must be borne in mind that the archdeacon addressed a meeting of avowedly evangelical clergymen in Islington, not so much as my representative, as the late general superintendent of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, and I presume he thought that as he had acted so long for this society, of which all the clergymen he addressed were zealous supporters, it became him, when resigning his official connection with it, to give these gentlemen the result of his experience and observations in the British North American Provinces. I think it due to Archdeacon Hellmuth to state here that my confidence in his sincerity, his piety and veracity, is entirely unshaken, and that I shall continue thankfully to avail myself of his valuable services for the work in which he has proved himself a faithful and efficient laborer.

One thing I must not omit to state, that my instructions to Archdeacon Hellmuth were, that he should solicit aid from our brethren at home for an institution which should be thoroughly Protestant and evangelical, so that hereafter, when the constitution and laws of the institution are made public, no charge may lie against him of having sought and obtained aid under false pretences.