

River settlement with the title of is still the Episcopal Endowment Bishop of Rupertland, so that Bishop Fund of the Diocese of Quebec Mountain, you see, was the founder of. It was Bishop George Mountain, who founded the Quebec Church Society, with a gift of \$5,000 from his own purse, a gift which has grown and multiplied until to-day the Church Society has a capital of \$758,750. And at the same time, in the breasts of both Clergy and laity, there were laid the strong foundations of that reasonable religion and personal piety, of which we are blessed to reap the fruits in all directions to-day.

Here, therefore, in every way, we have an instance to show us how good and necessary it is to divide Dioceses until each Diocese can really enjoy the benefit of constant practical Episcopal supervision.

At length, however, Bishop Mountain, in his turn passed to his reward. He was succeeded by the fourth Bishop of Quebec, the late revered Bishop Williams, who directed the fortunes of the Diocese from 1863 to 1892, and who, with the assistance of a devoted Clergy and of an equally earnest Laity, spent himself in consolidating the work of his illustrious predecessor, and raised the number of the Clergy of Quebec from fifty-three to sixty-three.

And now, in the seven or eight years which have elapsed since 1892, while we have been permitted to build twenty-five Churches and ten parsonages, the Clergy have gone on increasing, so that our numbers will this summer be 76, and we can truly say, that where there are English speaking people, they receive our ministrations. And these seventy-six Clergy, except eight who have retired on their well earned pensions and four others, who are engaged on the staff of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, are supported, with some assistance from our invested funds, by about 21,000 Church people, who, besides making their offerings in Church, accept and pay a voluntary assessment, and send it quarterly through their wardens to our Central Diocesan Mission Fund leaving us in Quebec to find the stipends of the country Clergy on scale. Indeed these 21,000 Church people raise for the support and development of their Church about \$80,000 per annum, and what is better still, owing to the close touch, which our numerous body of Clergy have with their people, more than a third of the whole of our Church population are Communicants, while the numbers

the Church in the North West. And, at the same time, in compliance with the Bishop's request and repeated commendations, the S. P. G. resolved to take in hand the establishment of a separate See for Montreal. A special appeal was issued, and with such success, that the first Bishop of Montreal (Dr. Folford) was consecrated in 1850, although Bishop Mountain, because he had been consecrated to assist Bishop Stewart of Quebec, had been called Bishop of Montreal since 1846.

And now, for thirteen years more from 1850 to 1863, that wonderful life was still spared, and, during these thirteen years, Bishop George Mountain presided over the Diocese of Quebec with its present limits; quite large enough, you will say, when I tell you, that from south-west to north-east, the Diocese is nearly a thousand miles long, as the crow flies, and that I have to travel for my Visitations about 15,000 miles per annum. But the result of all this subdivision, and of giving to the good Bishop what was possible for him to manage, was, that, when in 1863 he passed away, the fifteen Clergy whom he found in the present Diocese of Quebec when he was made Bishop, had actually become fifty-three. Yes, in a day when the Canadian Universities were only lately founded, Bishop Mountain found the pen, and with the help of the S. P. G., and from other sources, found the money, where with to pay their stipends in a poor country, which could do little in the way of self support and had not yet been taught to do even what it could. This is indeed a miracle of modern times. During the same period, moreover, Bishop Mountain founded and established Bishop's University, Lennoxville, towards which the S. P. G. gave an endowment of £3,000, and also provided Exhibitions in Buxton, which have been continued annually ever since. And soon after, on the establishment of Trinity College, Toronto by Bishop Strachan, the S. P. G. made a grant to that foundation of £3,000 and of seven acres of land. The Society also returned to the Diocese of Quebec a large sum of money, which had been awarded to it out of the Clergy Reserves, in return for what the Society had done in the way of paying the stipends of so many of the Clergy, and this sum became and