

limits of the new Diocese. For our Right Rev. Brother who has been called to fill the Episcopal office in the Diocese of Ontario, our prayers should continually ascend, that the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of our souls may impart to him in large measure His grace, that he may be enabled fully and faithfully to discharge the high duties which devolve upon him.

It has pleased Her Gracious Majesty the Queen to appoint a Metropolitan for the Province of Canada. You will remember that three Canadian dioceses petitioned for this appointment. The Diocese of Huron declined to do so, for several reasons, the principal of which were, that we believed that in the Synod law, to which Her Majesty had given her assent, we possessed all the power which was necessary for the government of the Church, and we feared that Provincial Synods which would be assembled by a Metropolitan would involve the diocese in an expense which, in the present state of the funds of the Church, would be felt to be oppressive. The result has proved that our fears were not groundless, for a large part of the expense incurred by the only Provincial Synod which has been held, has not yet been provided by the diocese; and from the tardy and feeble response which has been made by the congregations in all parts of the diocese, to the appeal made to them on this subject, it is apparent that the members of the Church do not feel disposed to contribute for this purpose.

It is generally believed that the collection which was called for to defray these expenses operated unfavorably upon the other funds of the Church Society, which, I am sorry to say, do not this year equal the sums collected in the previous year. This subject will be brought before you in the business of the Church Society, and I commend it to your most serious consideration; for I fear if our Church Society is rendered unpopular with our congregations, by such appeals being frequently made, our missionary efforts in the diocese will be impeded, and much injury will result to the spiritual interests of the Church. The Metropolitan has given notice of another meeting of the Provincial Synod, to be held on the tenth day of next September.

For some time past I have felt the want of a school of theology in the diocese, where young men offering themselves as candidates for holy orders might receive such teaching, and undergo such training in pastoral and parochial work, as would fit them to enter upon the duties of independent missions with reasonable prospect of success. At present young men are taken from college, or from their studies, and placed in charge of missions far removed from their brethren in the ministry, and the result has been, in more cases than one, that, in the zeal of youth, and through the want of some experienced friend to counsel them, some injudicious step has been taken and offence given, which it has required years to remedy.

In England and Ireland young men are placed in the commencement of their ministry under some experienced rector or incumbent, and acting under his direction, the evils which I have mentioned are avoided. But in this country it is not in our power to adopt this wise plan. Therefore, I have for some time desired to have a theological college, entirely under my own control, where