

and the country clergy from their daily duties, and their distant homes. Put at the Table of their Lord that morning knelt brethren who felt that it was good to be there, and in that solemn and crowning act of christian charity to lay aside whatever might hinder from godly union and concord. How good it was on that bright and happy morning to meet together in unity and separate, with the heart-felt blessing of our departing Bishop, in that peace of God which passeth all understanding!

The Bishop has been but a few years in this diocese, but his face and his frame give evidence that they have been years of toil and trial. But a largely increased staff of clergy, a college and divinity school endowed beyond fear of destruction, a partial endowment of the diocese, and many other works and labours of love show that at his first entrance upon the responsibilities of his high office, he lost no time in grappling with the difficulties of a Church fast losing all extraneous pecuniary assistance. By word and example he has striven to carry us safely over our pecuniary difficulties, and if he has erred in the matter of self-sacrifice, it has certainly been on the side of excess, and not defect. Last Thursday's gathering showed that at length his motives are beginning to be understood, and his labours appreciated.

May our Bishop's long voyage prove beneficial to himself and to the Church of God, and may he return to us in due time in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ?

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF THE BISHOP, DELIVERED AT THE  
CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST LUKE, ON THURSDAY, THE  
29<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST.

HAVING understood that I am expected to address to you, my dear brethren, a few parting words this morning, I desire, in the first place, to express my satisfaction with the arrangement whereby I am enabled to unite with you in a most solemn act of worship immediately before my embarkation. My departure under ordinary circumstances for a visit to the Mother Country, would not have been an occasion for any such special notice; and I attribute the desire to give a marked character to the present occasion, to the feeling that I am going in my official capacity, as the representative of this portion of Christ's Church, and to the existence of a lively interest in the important assembly which I am summoned to attend. Such a gathering of Bishops of the Reformed Church has never before been attempted, and we cannot as yet judge of the probable results. There are many difficulties in the way, owing partly to the fact that the Church of England is there established, and is thus to some extent shackled when it endeavours to act beyond its well-defined limits. Moreover, as the Dioceses in the United States, in the Colonies, and in England, differ very much in their relation to the State, and in their circumstances generally, we shall be limited in the choice of subjects for discussion, and shall be restricted in a great measure to those higher matters in which the whole Church is equally interested. Of these there are enough and more than enough to occupy the time allotted for our Session; and although our decisions will not be binding upon any part of the Church, and will have no legal force, the judgment of such an assembly must carry with it great weight; and I trust that we shall all take part in the deliberations with a due sense of our responsibility, and with heartfelt prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I have already publicly requested all the members of the Church to offer up continued