

We are now then in possession of all the powers which were thought requisite for the complete organization of the Canadian Church ; but in order to bring those powers into operation in some most important particulars, it will be necessary that another meeting of the Provincial Synod should be held, when provision must be made for "the future succession to the Metropolitan See," and "the Rules, Regulations, and Canons" adopted, according to which "the several powers and authorities of the Metropolitan" are to be exercised. These questions are both of them by the new Patent left for the decision of the Provincial Synod ; and very serious difficulties may arise if either of them should remain for any length of time unsettled. I would therefore at once propose, under the 4th clause of the Constitution, to summon a meeting for Wednesday, the 10th day of next September, when these very important subjects can be considered, with any other it may then be thought desirable to bring before the Synod. The greater part of our time and attention at our late meeting was necessarily occupied with details respecting our organization and the manner in which our business was in future to be conducted. We may now I trust look forward, after careful and deliberate discussion, to the passing such rules, regulations, and canons, as shall enable us to bring into systematic operation those general principles of self-government for which we are now provided with the machinery, and to which, I earnestly pray, we may, by God's merciful blessing, be enabled to give sufficient and wholesome effect. I am fully aware of the expense and inconvenience attending on the meetings of our Provincial Synod ; but I think the urgency of the occasion will be considered sufficient to justify this extraordinary summons ; and if we shall thus make all the necessary provision for the government of the Church, we may afterwards confidently expect that the regular *triennial* meetings of Synod, as provided for by the Constitution, will be amply sufficient for the transaction of all the general business of the Canadian Church.

I remain, my dear Lord Bishop, your very faithful brother,

F. MONTREAL.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE QUEEN.

The Lord Bishop has received through his Excellency the Governor General the following acknowledgment of the address of condolence to Her Majesty, from the Church Society of this Diocese.

Downing Street, 27th February, 1812.

MY LORD,—With reference to your despatch No. 27, of the 7th of Feb. I have the honor to request that you will inform the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal that I have duly laid their address of condolence before the Queen.

Her Majesty has commanded me to signify to them the consolation which she has derived from the expression of their religious and affectionate sympathy in the affliction with which she has been visited by Divine Providence. I have, &c.,

(Signed,) NEWCASTLE.

Governor the Viscount Monck, &c.