

sure, for the reason that last year no meeting had been held, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting speakers. The Bishop of Niagara had been asked, but owing to illness he had been unable to come. He, however, had promised, please God, to come this year, and he was present to-night in fulfillment of that promise. Another cause for congratulation was that for the first time they had present on the platform as their lay speaker a member of the Provincial Cabinet, the Hon. H. T. Duffy. This meeting, the Bishop added, though seemingly humble, was a very important one; for the carrying of God's message far and near throughout the Diocese was largely dependent on the work of the Society, and it was to be hoped that fresh interest would be aroused by the night's proceedings. He then introduced Hon. Mr. Duffy, who began by begging the indulgence of the audience owing to the many urgent calls upon his time. It gave him, however, he said, great pleasure to be present, as he considered it not only a privilege, but a duty, for every Christian with the welfare of the Church at heart, to do his utmost to promote its interests. The objects of the Church Society, though manifold, might be summed up in two words:—religion and education. These were things which it was necessary for the glory and stability of the country, should rise above party, passion and prejudice. He looked forward with confidence to the future of the Province of Quebec, but we must remember that we are the architects of our own fortunes and must see to it that education and religion walk hand in hand. The Church Society had accomplished a very great deal in this direction, but as a layman he did not consider it expedient to go into details, as his friend the Bishop of Niagara would do that better than he could. Mr. Duffy then briefly sketched the history of the Church Society, which was founded in 1842 by Dr. George Mountain, the third Bishop of Quebec, and contrasted its early struggles with its present prosperous condition. During the first year some \$5,000 were contributed by the Bishop and a few laymen, while at the present moment the Society holds property to the value of \$731,000. In

the knowledge of the lives of the devoted pioneers that planted the standard of religion in our midst we cannot wonder at the triumphs that have crowned their work, and we ought to feel encouraged to make still further effort. We must be careful not to rest on what has been done, or to be satisfied with past successes. New fields are constantly opening up, and the future would make large demands. Then, after a brief review of the different branches of the Society's work, Mr. Duffy said it needed but a glance to see that its affairs were managed with rare business ability. He had no hesitation in saying that all the uses to which the money was put were worthy ones. Although he might be considered a stranger to Quebec, he was no stranger to Church work, being a Church Warden in his own Parish: he could, therefore, speak with experience as to the value of the work that was being done. Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was one of the most praiseworthy objects of help, and was doing incalculable good. All, who could, should help towards the fund at present being raised for its improvement. The Pension Fund for aged Clergymen and widows was also dependent on the Society. No class of men were worse paid than Clergymen, and yet none led such heroic lives. In conclusion, he congratulated all who labored so earnestly on the satisfactory state of affairs, and asked all to join hands and work together for the benefit of their fellow-men and the extension of Christ's Church on earth.

The hymn "The Church's one Foundation" was sung, after which the Bishop introduced the Lord Bishop of Niagara, saying that no one could be present, as he had been the day before at St. Matthew's in the morning and the Cathedral in the evening, and hear two such wonderful sermons as Bishop Dumoulin had preached without receiving new inspiration, and determining to care more for the carrying on of the great work of our Saviour. His friend had, in fact, a gift from God for convincing his fellow-men, and we should congratulate ourselves on having him with us to-night.

The Bishop of Niagara then addressed the meeting as follows:—"My Lord and friends, I thank you for