

To give unity to the action of the Anglican communion in the furtherance of essential objects, he organized, first, temporarily and tentatively, a working Association among its members, with a complete machinery for effecting its purpose:—and then, secondly, as a more comprehensive measure, as a final and permanent institution, he revived in his own diocese, and through the example of that, in nearly all colonial dioceses, the assembling of synods; and that too, with representatives duly chosen from the laity. He thus inaugurated for the dependencies of Great Britain, what they had not before, a constitutional Episcopacy, preventing for the future a pernicious isolation of the clerical order, securing a community of interest and feeling between congregations and their pastors, introducing in fact the germ of a healthy, vigorous and consistent life for the Anglican communion in Canada.

The chancel-apse that shelters the grave of the first Bishop of Toronto has acquired a double sacredness. St. James's, Toronto, will be enquired for and visited hereafter by one and another from different parts of this continent and the mother country; somewhat as certain venerable piles are inquired for and visited at St. Albans and Winchester, at Rheims and Mayence, for the sake of historic dust therein enshrined.

The originators of sees, the founders of cathedrals and colleges in Europe, when as yet the British Humber and the German Rhine flowed between banks as sparingly cultivated as those of the St. Lawrence were fifty years ago,—the Chads, the Cuthberts, the Aidans, the Winifrieds,—were placed by the gratitude of a later generation, tinctured by its superstition, on the roll of the canonized, whatever that may imply.

It may reasonably be doubted whether as men these personages were exceedingly different from the ever-memorable protobishop whose career we have traced, or whether as ecclesiastics their fixity of idea and persistence of purpose surpassed his.

At a later period, in the days of a Wykeham or a Waynflete, a Chichele or a Wheathampstead, the effigy of such an one would, without question, have been seen lying in perpetual state in some grand structure of his own foundation, extended on altar-tomb, with cope and mitre and pastoral staff; palms