

With a view to incite a livelier interest in the objects of the Church Society, and more particularly in Missionary efforts throughout the Diocese, the Clergy of the several Churches in the city proposed to hold a mass meeting of the members, instead of the annual meetings, required by the Constitution to be held in their respective parishes. The proposition having been approved of at a general meeting of the Society, and sanctioned by the Bishop, his Lordship deemed it a fitting opportunity to invite the Right Reverend Dr. Coxe, the newly appointed and highly esteemed Bishop of Western New York, to favour us with his presence and co-operation. Bishop Coxe having cordially accepted the invitation, the meeting was held on Monday, the 16th of April last, in the Music Hall, which, though densely crowded, could not accommodate the numbers who pressed for admittance, and many were deprived of the pleasure of being present. To add to their disappointment, through some inadvertence in providing accommodation for the press, the reports of the several addresses were very brief and unsatisfactory.

In order to supply this omission, and to furnish a record of this interesting meeting, (said to be the most successful one of the kind ever held in the city) we have been at considerable pains in procuring the following correct and extended notes of what was said on the occasion, which we are persuaded will be read with interest by the members of our Church generally. For the complete report of Bishop Coxe's admirable address we are mainly indebted to the remarkable talent of a young lady—a pupil at Mrs. Forster's school in this city.

We trust the impression made by this meeting, and particularly by the visit of the estimable prelate and of the Rev. Drs. Shelton and Van Ransellaer who accompanied him, will not soon be effaced, but will tend to cement more firmly the happy relations which subsist between our respective branches of the one Catholic Apostolic Church.

Toronto, 21st May, 1866.