

Church here has been recently renovated, and reflects great credit on the taste and zeal of its faithful congregation. Every thing was in most excellent order, and a large choir did their part with a skill that indicated considerable care and preparation. The fair hands of some of the young ladies had provided beautiful bouquets in part of the sacred edifice. The rain prevented the attendance of many, but there was still a fair audience, (34) and a collection of \$3.59. The meeting was regarded as being under the circumstances a great success, and each address was evidently much inspired by the evident zeal of the members of the congregation present, and the decent and churchly character of the building.

On the following day, Sept. 23, Rural Dean Nye was obliged to return to Bedford, and the Rev. A. A. Allen, and Canon Mussen in company with the Rev. F. A. Allen, rector of Philipsburg, proceeded to that place for a meeting to be held in the evening. About four miles from Clarenceville the shores of the beautiful Missisquoi Bay are reached. Here the Rev. F. A. Allen had left his boat in which he had crossed to attend the meeting at Clarenceville, and as the water looked invitingly, and every eye promised a delightful row across the five miles of expanse which intervened between this point and the just discernible village of Philipsburg on the other side of the bay, Canon Mussen undertook to accompany Mr. Allen. For a while everything went well, but when about a mile out and off Jamieson's point, a sudden squall came down, and in a very brief period the whole bay was in a ferment, and the waves became exceedingly rough and angry. Happily the wind was favourable, and under the careful and experienced seamanship of Mr. Allen, the voyage was safely accomplished. Some difficulty was experienced on landing as the waves broke heavily on the bark, and great care was necessary to avoid injury to the boat, and a ducking to its crew. It was a matter of surprise to the quiet residents of Philipsburg to see their rector and a member of the Deputation appear among them suddenly out of such a wild scene of watery tumult. It was distinctly asserted by several well acquainted with the Bay, that there was not a man in the place would have ventured out in such danger. The meeting in the evening was attended by thirty-four persons, and the collection amounted to \$4.52.

The following day an easy journey was made to Pigeon Hill. Here the deputation was joined, to the satisfaction of all, by Canon Davidson, the rector of Frelighsburg, who up to this meeting had been unable to attend to the duty assigned him by the Bishop, of forming a part of the Deputation. The meeting was largely attended (sixty-six persons). Collection \$3.87 a fact that clearly exhibited the wisdom of deviating from the former practice of holding it in the afternoon. The congregation here seems wide-awake, and it is with pleasure it was heard that some improvements are about to be undertaken on the Church, which even in its present condition is a very respectable edifice. At the close of the meeting the Deputation was hospitably entertained at the house of Mr. W. H. Smith, and afterwards in the beautiful moonlight, reached Philipsburg again some time after 1 a.m. on the morning of the 25th., where the Deputation broke up, each member returning to his own parish to be ready for his Sunday's work.

Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod office, Montreal, during the months of August and September:—

For the Mission Fund.—Bristol, \$6.70; Clarendon, \$99.50; North Wakefield, \$11.65; Aylwin, \$21.40; Mascouche, \$4.35; Terrebonne, \$2.25; Buckingham, \$10.54; Sorel, \$16.46; Coteau du Lac, \$6.25; W. H. Robinson, Esq., \$20; per the Bishop, \$5; St. Pauls, Lachine,

\$10.55; Sabrevois, \$3.08; Rawdon, \$4.25; Abercorn, \$5; Granby, \$11.24.

For the City Missionary Fund.—St. Thomas' Church, Montreal, \$5.

For the Widows and Orphans' Fund.—St. Matthias', \$20; St. James' Church, St. Johns, \$17.61; Rev. J. H. Dixon, \$5.

For the Superannuation Fund.—John Magor, Esq., \$25; Dr. R. P. Howard, \$25; Miles Williams, Esq., \$25; Wm. Hannan, Esq., \$50; Dr. Godfrey, \$25; A. J. Brice, Esqrs., \$50.

For Domestic Missions.—St. Matthias', \$29; St. James' Church, St. Johns, \$20; Clarendon, \$9.71.

For Algoma.—St. Matthias', \$25 towards the support of an Indian child.

For Algoma Bishopric.—Aylwin, \$6.

For the Theological College.—Hull, \$11; per the Bishop, \$22.50.

For Parochial Endowments.—Mills Isles and Morin, \$2.25; North Wakefield, \$10.60; Abbotsford, \$300.

COTE ST. PAUL.—The harvest festival services at the Church of the Redeemer were held on Sunday, the 27th ult., and were attended by large congregations. The church was most beautifully decorated with fruits from the garden, orchard and field, and with flowers, ferns and lovely fall leaves, surpassing, some consider, the decorations of former years, though to do that would be difficult indeed. The young ladies of the congregation had the work in hand, and did it lovingly and well. It was matter of regret that the services of one in orders were not obtainable. The recurrence of these festivals recalls those who have been taken from us by death, and also by change of home; and in the latter connection the Mission this year missed the presence of those most faithful and untiring workers in the past, Mrs. Townsley, Sr., and Mr. James Townsley, Jr., who ever since the formation of the Mission until this year have taken part in and chiefly had charge of all Church matters, under Dr. Davidson. Mr. Townsley has been called to new work in British Columbia, and his mother has also left the Mission. Both are daily missed; but we trust that wherever they may go, in God's providence, they may be found, as we have found them, earnest, loving workers in the one Holy Catholic Church. Mr. Rondell and Mr. Dickinson, both of whom formerly acted as organists, and who remain in loving memory, were also specially missed.—*Com.*

PERSONAL.—The Rev. James Fulton has resigned the office of Rural Dean of the Rural Deanery of Iberville.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has appointed the Rev. James Fulton, Hon. Canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

The Rev. H. D. Bridge, rector of Cowansville, who has been visiting his friends in England, expected to sail for Canada on the 1st. of October.

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OXFORD MILLS.—It is now some time since our columns contained any items from this small rural parish. Church work has been carried on in a quiet way not apt to excite much interest in those not acquainted with the vicinity. Last winter a spacious driving shed was erected at the rear of St. John's Church, and this summer a beautiful iron fence was put across the front of the church lot, so that the exterior of the whole property evinces the interest of the congregation in their place of worship. Last Christmas the interior of the building received a notable embellishment in the shape of a magnificent jewelled altar cross of brass, thirty inches high, given by a member of the congregation, and bearing the inscription, "A thank-offering from M. F. Christmas, 1884." This past month of September has

been a season of much interest. On the first Sunday in the month the Rev. E. C. S. Radcliffe pleaded the cause of his arduous Mission, and the interest he excited was shown by the people giving \$60 towards his proposed Church of St. Albans at Maberley. Some time ago the churchwardens found it necessary to raise funds towards church repairs, and it was resolved to ask the people to give directly as a thank-offering, instead of resorting to irregular modes of raising money. Accordingly, Tuesday, Sept. 24th, was selected as the parochial thanksgiving day, and envelopes distributed among the congregation. On that day a fair congregation assembled at the Holy Eucharist, at which the Rev. C. P. Emery, Kemptville, was celebrant, Rev. W. J. Muckleston, Ottawa, deacon, and Rev. A. W. Mackay, Ottawa, sub-deacon, the preacher being Rev. R. L. M. Houston, of Merrickville. There were 35 communicants. At Evensong, when the church was filled, the preacher was Rev. S. Daw, of North Gower. The offerings during the day amounted to \$50. On Tuesday, Sept. 29th, the Bishop of the Diocese visited the parish to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. The candidates entered the church in procession, with the clergy, all the females (in obedience to St. Paul's directions) having caps upon their heads. Immediately after the processional hymn was ended, two men were baptized by the Vicar, after which eighteen persons were confirmed. There were 77 communicants. In spite of the very hurried time, the church was filled by a devout congregation, while too much praise cannot be given to the choir for the manner in which the musical parts of all these special services were rendered. The next day a candidate who was not confirmed at his own parish church walked twelve miles to receive the Bishop's blessing at Merrickville. With a church population of 400, the parish of Oxford Mills has now 170 communicants. *Laus Deo.*

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church.*—On Wednesday, the 30th ult., the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held, at 8 and 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m., in Christ Church. The interior was appropriately and seasonably decorated—corn, herbs, fruit and vegetables were placed so as to catch the eyes, and through them impress the soul with a sense of thankful dependence on the Creator of all. The decorations were the loving work of the Women's Aid Association, assisted by those model Churchwardens, the Messrs. Rowley and Mothersill.

The evening service was a full choral one, well rendered and enjoyed by all, the large congregation joining in everything. The clergy present were the Ven. Archdeacon Laudor, Revs. Pollard, Canon Holland, P. O. Jones, L. C. Lee, A. C. Jones, F. R. Smith, Bogert, Muckleston and Phillips, of Hawkesbury. The latter preached the sermon, and most favorably impressed his hearers, his enunciation being clear and distinct, his voice powerful, and his delivery good. The text was taken from St. John xii. 24. Mr. Phillips' graphic illustrations all went to show that in every condition of life and form of society, it was only from death, hard work or sacrifice in some shape that the fruit and blessings of success were brought forth and matured. In commerce, profit was gained by enterprise and the re-investing of moneys. In the case of the intellect, our gifts and talents were made practically useful by self-denial and industry. The fruits were not always yielded in our lifetime. But God is faithful; His law is sure. We are commanded to pour out our energies into the world; to quicken it, and make it bring forth moral and spiritual life. The address was an excellent one throughout.

After the service, Spohr's cantata, "God, Thou art Great," was sung in complete form. It was well rendered, the Misses Code and Denzil and Mr. Rowan-Legg taking the solos, sustained by a chorus of forty voices. The