

three acres of surrounding land, immediately adjacent to this and to the present acre and a half of Church property, are now secured and rented for use as parsonage property, with the understanding that the Church shall have the first and best opportunity of obtaining them at a fair figure for a permanent possession to the Mission, as a source of future endowment.

By a mutual understanding between all parties concerned, an acre of land, with small but good house and stabling thereon, close by the village of Waterville, and coming through her will from the estate of the late Mrs. Widow A. W. Massey, have just been duly decided to the Incumbent and Church-Wardens, and will henceforth therefore be a source of revenue to the Church.

SHERBROOKE.

On Sunday, 3rd June, the Lord Bishop visited this Parish, preaching in the Church of the Advent, East Sherbrooke, in the afternoon and administering Confirmation at St. Peter's, the Parish Church, in the evening.

The congregations were large, in St. Peter's particularly so, many finding it difficult to obtain seats.

The Service also was particularly interesting. The Bishop's practical and telling addresses on the authority, efficacy and obligations of Confirmation were greatly appreciated and must do good. The Candidates were presented one by one, the Bishop sitting in his chair at the Chancel steps. Twenty-eight received the Holy Rite, twelve being males and sixteen being females. This, though not a large class, was a good number considering the fact that a Confirmation was held in Sherbrooke on the 29th September last.

Immediately after the Service the Bishop addressed a few words of advice and encouragement to the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who had been invited to remain for the purpose.

RICHMOND.

The Rev. J. Hepburn reports :

There was a Festival Service in St. Anne's Church, Richmond, on the 30th May, which was rendered in a very acceptable manner. The choirs of Danville and St. John's Church, Melbourne, together with some members of the other Churches in the town, united with St. Anne's, for the day, making forty voices. All was done under the superintendence of Mr. Dorey, Organist of Sherbrooke. There was a morning practice

at 11 a.m. followed by a lunch at 1 p.m. prepared by the St. Anne's Choir for the invited friends, then a second session from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

After tea in places near, there was Evening-song at 7.30, fully choral, conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. Hepburn, the sermon being preached by Rev. T. Blaylock, of Danville. The congregation was a large one and greatly appreciated the efforts put forth on their behalf.

It was very pleasing to find so many strange voices fall into harmony in so short a time, and especially the singers not accustomed to chanting. It was very largely due to the great ability of Mr. Dorey as musical director. His gentlemanly bearing won all hearts at once.

The sermon was thoughtful and sympathetic and for it Mr. Blaylock deserves our best thanks. The selection of music made by Mr. Dorey was very fine and his own composition. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were especially beautiful.

The Ladies of the Guild came to the fore after the Service and invited the people to partake of the refreshments they had thoughtfully provided in the basement. The brass band very kindly offered their services ; and without exception it was the brightest evening we have had for a long time. Unless Danville requests the privilege of a return, we must soon have another.

On Sunday, the 10th of June, the Lord Bishop of Quebec held an ordination in St. John's Church, Melbourne, when John W. Curran, of Montreal Theological Seminary, was ordained Deacon. It was the first Service of the kind in this Church, and the people showed their appreciation of it by crowding the building. The Service was most impressive. A large number remained to communicate. Mr. Curran remains in charge of St. John's Mission under the care of Archdeacon Roe.

In the evening of the same day the Bishop visited St. Anne's and preached to a large and attentive congregation. The music of the Festival Service was repeated with his consent, twenty-five voices being present : it was again excellently rendered. The sermon was most interesting. In it was a very kindly suggestion to the congregation (upon whom demands had been made about the division of parsonage funds for St. John's) to overlook the same, and rise as brethren in the Lord, and offer to the weaker congregation all they could to help them. This St. Anne's has always been glad to do and will not be less so now.