

and was bought from the original grantee for the sum of £140. In it was placed the "Royal Arms," so long and so well known as the distinguishing feature of the interior of "Old Trinity," and which, rescued from the great fire in St. John in 1877, now occupied a position over the west door of new Trinity. From letters read by Mr. Lawrence, it would appear that this relic came originally from the Council Chamber at Boston in the then Colony of Massachusetts.

Amongst other clergyman associated with its affairs was the Right Rev. Samuel Seabury, first Bishop of The Church in America. On his way out to his See (Connecticut) after his consecration in Scotland Bishop Seabury visited St. John, where he remained and preached for several weeks to the congregation of Old Trinity, then without an incumbent.

St. John Parish was organized somewhere about 1806, and the Rev. George Bissett became its first Rector. He was an Englishman, but had occupied previously Trinity, Newport, R.I., and came to St. John in 1786, and in the church where he preached in the morning Quakers held their meetings in the evening.

Mr. Bissett died in March, 1788. In the same year the four lots of land on which Old Trinity was erected, and on which the present Trinity Church now occupies were given for the purpose of building a Church by General Coffin, and John Cochrane, and Thos. Whitlock, Esqs., to all of whom Mr. Lawrence referred in his lecture, giving incidents in connection with them.

The lecturer also referred to the fact that the first Bishop of the United States, the Right Rev. Dr. Inglis, had performed Episcopal acts in Old Trinity, and held on the 20th August, 1788, a Confirmation, at which ninety-five candidates were confirmed, and he delivered a charge to the clergy, gathered from different parts of the Province, and then numbering five, and also laid the corner stone of Old Trinity.

• Mr. Lawrence noted the fact that the corner stone of Old Trinity was probably the first ever laid in America by a Bishop of the Church of England, since up to that time there were no prelates in the Colonies, nor in the then new Republic, and it also appeared that Trinity was the first English Church in the Northern part of Canada to possess a chancel.

The lecturer then referred to subsequent occupants of the Rectory, viz.: Rev. Dr. Byles, who died in 1814; Rev. Dr. Willis; Rev. Mr. Pidgeon; Rev. Dr. G. B. Gray; Rev. J. W. D. Gray; Rev. G. M. Armstrong, and Rev. M. Swabey, all of whom had occupied the position prior to the present Rector.

The lecture was highly appreciated by the large audience present, who regretted that, owing to the multitudinous incidents to be referred to, it was impossible to complete the history at this session; and the hope was expressed that Mr. Lawrence on some future occasion would be able to continue his interesting account of Old Trinity.

CORRECTION.—In the last paragraph of the article following the letter of H. Montgomery, in the GUARDIAN of the 1st February, instead of "any want of untruthfulness," read "any want of truthfulness." The mistake is ours, not the writers.—ED.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

St. FRANCIS.—A meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery was held at Bishop's College on the 31st ult. There was Holy Communion in the chapel at 10 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Adams celebrant, assisted by Dr. Roe and Dr. Allnatt. The Rural Dean being unable to attend from illness, the Principal of the College was requested to act as chairman for Chapter meeting. A letter from the Venerable Dr. Reid was read tendering his resignation as Rural Dean. Although all had to acknowledge the advanced

age of the Dean, yet the feeling was general to miss his presence and supervision would be severely felt. The letter was ordered to be entered on the minute book, and the Rev. Dr. Roe asked to prepare a reply setting forth the feeling of regret of all present. As nine only of the twenty-five clergy of the district were present, the election of a Rural Dean was postponed till June next. Four additional members having arrived at a later hour, the Rev. Mr. Eames, incumbent of the new Mission of Barnston gave a short but encouraging report of the progress of the work in that field of labor. The Rev. Dr. Adams brought forward the advisability of having a series of quiet days at the College during the year for the clergy, and a resolution was passed asking the Bishop to organize such a retreat the first week in September. The clergy were very hospitably entertained in the College Hall and at the houses of the Professors, and went away refreshed by social intercourse with the brethren, and highly pleased at the seeming prosperity of both the College and School.

LOWER IRELAND.—On Dec. 30th, 1887, the congregation of Christ's Church, Lower Ireland, gave a very successful oyster supper and entertainment in the Church Hall in aid of the organ fund. There was present a large and appreciative audience. A splendid programme of vocal music, readings, and recitations was performed to the evident enjoyment of all present. Particularly to be remarked was the selection of readings and recitations given by the "small boys" of the place. It is not often that a programme is prepared in a country place where such an excellent collection of recitations are so well rendered as that performed by the boys who took part in the entertainment. The receipts for the organ fund were something over \$40.

Before the programme was entered upon Mr. A. S. Johnson, M.P.P., in a complimentary speech, on behalf of the congregation, presented the incumbent, Rev. R. Hewton, with a purse containing \$67. Mr. Hewton was completely taken by surprise, and in response expressed his appreciation of the thoughtfulness and the spirit which prompted the givers to make provision for his worldly wants in such a respectable manner.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Women's Auxiliary Mission of the Diocese of Montreal held its second annual meeting on Tuesday the 7th inst., at the Synod Hall, the Bishop presiding.

The report for the year was read by Miss H. E. Houghton, which indicated the total membership of the society to be 357. The parish of Arundel, the mission fund and such special objects as the Bishop might desire were under the members' care, and they were often called on in connection with other church work.

On motion of the Rev. G. O. Troop, seconded by Canon Henderson the report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Rev. Rural Dean Lindsey, and showed the revenue for the year to have been \$652 80. The expenditure amounted to \$607.20, leaving a balance of \$45.60.

On motion of Rev. Canon Ellegood, seconded by Canon Mills, both of whom spoke highly of the Society and its work, and eulogized the efforts of the women composing it, the report was adopted.

Madame Schereschewsky then spoke on the subject of missions in Peking, where she has been laboring. She stated that the Roman missions were established there two hundred years ago, but that their success had been marred by the interference of the Jesuits, whose political interference made the Chinese turn from them; otherwise the Roman Church might have been general in China. Notwithstanding the dislike of Chinese for foreigners,

the women of whom were supposed to have the evil eye, prejudice gradually died away, and her schools gradually became well attended and her pupils docile. They respected education and studied energetically. The translation of the Bible into Chinese had given the Word of God to 400,000 people, and was now being carefully distributed by colporteurs, who were at times well received, at others in danger of their lives. A mission field like China had to be served by trained and consecrated workers, and she hoped that in future women would be trained for the work. The Bishop announced that the Bishop of Algoma would shortly address a meeting in the city on the subject of missions.

St. James the Apostle.—On Saturday, the 4th of February, the Sec-Treasurer of the Ladies Aid of the Church of St. James the Apostle, had the pleasure of waiting upon Miss Taylor, the Rector's sister-in-law, and presenting her on behalf of the congregation, the Sunday-school teachers and scholars, with a fur-lined cloak and muff in recognition of her untiring zeal and unselfish work for the Church and the Ladies' Aid.

The above mentioned Society has already sent a valuable box of clothing, &c., in answer to an appeal from the clergyman at Gravenhurst, Diocese of Algoma. The members of the Society are now at work preparing a box to be placed at the disposal of Bishop Bond for distribution in our own mission-field. The Ladies' Aid also presented a handsome chair to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Ellegood.

The concert given last week in the lecture Hall of the Church of St. James the Apostle, was a grand success, and reflects much credit upon the members of the Fife and Drum Band. Misses Scott and Turtou sang a duett which was much appreciated.

St. Thomas.—The Annual Festival of the Sunday-school took place in the schoolroom on the evening of the 8th inst. After a capital tea a first-class programme was gone through, the choruses and singing being well rendered by the pupils. The Rev. R. Lindsay, the Rev. S. Massey, and Mr. Armstrong, favoured the meeting with appropriate speeches. Prizes were presented to the children, and before closing all present were entertained in a delightful manner by an amusing and instructive address from Mrs. Shereschewsky, who has laboured in China for over twenty years. The distribution of jubilee mugs and medals, with the usual candy bag to the children, closed a long-to-be-remembered evening. The schoolroom had been handsomely decorated with flags and banners hung round the walls, interspersed with shields, stars, mottoes and jubilee flags, while the ceiling was ablaze with festoons of coloured paper, the whole being much admired.

COTE St. PAUL.—Church of the Redeemer.—A pleasant entertainment took place in the Parochial Hall on the evening of the 7th inst. Recitations, part songs, songs, instrumental music, and a tableau, formed the programme. Mrs. Spedding and Miss Higgins presided at the piano—an excellent one from the well-known establishment of the Messrs. Willis, Notre Dame Street, Montreal. Mr. Fraser and Mr. T. J. Bedford delighted the audience with their recitations; Misses Morrison, Miss Susie Gilmore, Messrs. Woodlams, Huby, Parker, Carver, Gilmore, and Clark, also admirably performed their several parts in the programme. The opening recitation by seven little girls of the Sunday-school was well rendered, reflecting credit upon their teacher Miss Gilmore. Thanks are due to Mrs. T. J. Bedford and R. Carver, and others, for trouble taken in preparing for the entertainment.

A Subscriber renewing, writes: "I enjoy its (*The Church Guardian's*) contents with much interest: and it is a welcome visitor in our circle."