

taken all our hearts with him. So we hope for his return as soon as his extensive duties and his readiness to perform them shall in the ways of God's providence permit.

**WESTVILLE.**—On St. Barnabas Day, the corner stone of our new church, to be known as St. Bees, will be laid. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will hold an emergent meeting, on its way to the Annual Communication in the town of Pictou, in Westville, and the stone will be laid by Grand Master Moore, in whose parish Westville is situated.

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**FREDERICTON.**—*The Cathedral.*—Sir Leonard Tilley and Sheriff Sterling were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod, at the Vestry meeting held on the 6th inst., and Auditor General Beek and City Treasurer Moore were elected delegates to the Diocesan Church Society.

**ST. JOHN.**—Arrangements have been completed for the Parochial Mission which began in St. James' Church on Saturday evening last, and will continue until Wednesday, 19th inst. The Missioner is Rev. F. H. DuVernet, of Wycliffe College, Toronto. On Sunday, the 19th inst., three services were held, the one in the afternoon being for children; and on the following Sunday afternoon a service for men only will be held. During the week-days services are held each afternoon at 4 o'clock, and in the evenings at 8 o'clock.

**CARLETON.** *St. Jude's.*—The Association of St. Jude's Church, Carleton, are arranging for an entertainment of Oratorio music on the evening of June 4th. Some well-known city singers have consented to assist.

**BATHURST.**—A late Easter made good attendance at Lenten devotions a difficult matter. For a month in the spring our roads are almost impassible owing to the enormous masses of decaying snow. Many of those who attend the services live at distances of four, five, eight, and fourteen miles. Still through Holy Week there was a very good attendance, and at the three hours service the church was well filled.

On Easter day forty persons communicated at the early celebration, more by far than have ever received at that hour. The high celebration was sung to a new service, arranged by the Rector, very heartily by the choir of men and boys numbering eighteen. Evensong also was choral. On Easter Tuesday, services were held in the church, at New Bandon.

At the Parishioner's meeting on Easter Monday, William Good, and Richard Hinton were elected wardens, and Robert Ellis, vestry clerk. The rendering of accounts, shewed that the stipend fund had for the past two quarters been promptly paid, a highly satisfactory circumstance. The following resolution was passed.

"Resolved that the church wardens, vestry, and congregation of St. Georges' Church take this opportunity of expressing their full and complete appreciation of the course pursued by the Rev. G. J. D. Peters, as rector of St. George's since his advent amongst them, and trust that God may long spare him to guide and instruct them for their spiritual welfare.

Our much loved lay reader Mr. Alan W. Smithers is once again with us, having completed his college course and taken his degree. Having passed a highly creditable examination, he was created B. A., at the last meeting of Dalhousie college convocation, held in the Academy of music, Halifax, during the month of April. His many friends here rejoice over his well merited success, and heartily welcome him again to his old field of labour. The rector cannot feel sufficiently thankful for his able and ready assistance in this enormous parish and mission, where the work is so far

beyond the labour of one man; and earnestly hopes and prays some way may be found of retaining him for some time in this field of labour.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**DUDSWELL.**—The "Induction" of the Rev. T. A. Williams to the Mission of Dudswell by Rev. Ven. Archdeacon Roe, Bishop's commissary took place on Sunday, the 12th inst., in presence of a large and interested congregation. Matins was said by the Rev. Mr. Chapman and Rev. Archdeacon Roe delivered a very able sermon in which the mutual duties of the people towards their minister and the minister towards the people were eloquently set forth. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Archdeacon assisted by the newly "inducted" incumbent and the retiring pastor at which a goodly number of the congregation joined in "fellowship" with the new pastor and with each other at the feast of thanksgiving.

The full Induction Service, which is a very significant and impressive one, was repeated at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dudswell Centre. The Church Wardens as in the morning delivered the keys of the church, the Holy Bible, and book of Common Prayer to the Bishop's Commissary who delivered them in turn the Rev. Mr. Williams in token of his duties and responsibilities in his new Pastorate. "The right hand of fellowship" was given by congregations at the close to their new Pastor. We trust this is but an earnest of that unity and good will which should always characterize all the relations of Pastor and People.

At St. Paul's in the evening, Litany was said by the Archdeacon, and the new incumbent delivered an impressive sermon to a large and attentive audience. The mission is to be congratulated on getting so good a man.

It is doubtless with feelings of thankfulness coupled with solemnity, that the old incumbent, with advanced years and impaired health retires after an incumbancy of 40 years of pioneer work to enjoy in the evening of life a needful repose.

**WATERVILLE.**—The Ladies of the Guild of St. John's Church will hold their annual garden party on the Queen's birthday in Mr. Spriggin's beautiful grounds. The proceeds will, as usual, be applied to "good works."—*Sherbrooke Gazette.*

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**IRON HILL.**—The Lord Bishop visited this parish on Sunday, May 12th.

At 10:30 a. m., a very large congregation greeted their Bishop in the Church of the Ascension, West Brome; the congregation occupied not only the pews but also the aisles and even the porch. The Church was beautifully trimmed with flowers and plants in bloom and two very handsome frontals adorned the pulpit and prayer-desk. The Apostolic Rite was conferred on fifteen candidates.

His Lordship addressed the candidates, and also preached an earnest and eloquent sermon; after which the Holy Communion was administered to a large number, including the newly confirmed.

At 3 p. m., another large congregation was present in Holy Trinity Church, Iron Hill, which was also made bright by willing hands prompted by willing hearts. Here a class of seven was presented by the Incumbent, the Bishop again preaching, and the Holy Communion was again administered.

The Bishop was assisted by the Incumbent, the Rev. Frank Charters.

**WEST SHEFFORD.**—An historic day for this parish passed on the 17th inst. It was the date of the annual visitation of the parish by the Bishop. Special features, however, marked it

which called forth the interest and congratulations of parishioners, priest and clergy in general, and the chief pastor, as representing the Body of Christ in this Diocese, of which we are members in particular. It must have been a day of thankful gladness to the pastor, the Rev. W. Robinson, who has for several years been diligently labouring upon foundations laid since 1821, by such ministering servants of the Divine Master as Revs. Whitwell Salmon, Balfour, Whitten, who with the centre of their work at Waterloo held regular services at this the outlying station. A rearrangement gave West Shefford a distinct and separate parochial existence in 1862, with the Rev. A. Z. Whitten as its first incumbent, followed by the successive pastors: Revs. R. D. Mills, Nye, F. R. Smith, Saunders, Given and Robinson. The old church of peculiar type was one of the many which derived their existence from the Apostolic labours of the venerated Hon. and Right Rev. C. J. Stewart, of whom it stands on record, "He has been the honored instrument of causing twenty-four churches to be built." This building had fallen into great decay when the energies of Mr. Saunders caused the abiding foundations of the present solid and beautiful structure to be laid, giving proof of the vitality of the need by faithful services scattered along the years. At Florence, it is said, that there are two significant statues within the precincts of the great Cathedral, of its two architects, representing the one as if examining critically the foundations, and the other with the plan of the cupola upon his knee looking up intently to the completion of the design. The one represents the many successive ministers of the parish, who with the people have struggled for the completion of the great undertaking; the other may represent the present and newly installed first Rector, who has yet to see the tower rising in wider proportions crowned with the heaven pointing spire. With the lessening of material strains; he has also to incorporate the "living stones built up as a spiritual house," and continuously to offer within a temple so complete and well compacted, spiritual sacrifices." Accordingly on Friday last, the incumbent, churchwardens and parishioners were joined by the Bishop, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. Canon Davidson, M. A., and Revs. Bancroft, Longhurst, Macfarlane and Charters in final act of consecration "from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses" of the Church of St. John, in the village of West Shefford, according to the impressive office ordained by the Provincial Synod of Canada. The choir was efficient and led praises hearty and devout. It was very appropriate that this completing act was attended by another, in some aspects more significant, viz:—the institution of the valued and tried Incumbent to the advanced position of a Rector and the launching of the Parish as a self-supporting Synodical Rectory. The admirable situation, the convenient premises of the Rectory and Church, the rich agricultural country surrounding and the characteristics of the inhabitants, all bespeak a prosperous future for this parish which so auspiciously enters upon its spiritual majority. It has a mission to fulfil, to the present and future generations, which will do credit to the faithful ones who have sown in tears, and crown their work with an ever multiplying harvest of saved souls. The serious and reverential act of the seven candidates confirmed, cast additional brightness upon the scene and afforded an omen for the future. That St. John's Church, Shefford, may prove the workshop of great spiritual activities the centre of unceasing earnest prayer, the scene of many spiritual conquests in the conversion of the sinful and the edifying of God's chosen, a place of marked preparation for Heaven's exercises and Heaven's joys was the present prayer and wish of all who rejoiced with parishioners and had a hearty Good-speed to the faithful Rector and Priest who enters upon a promising Rectorate.