

we believe that all who read "A Plea for the Christian Year" will acknowledge that we are right.—*N. Y. Churchman.*

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

TRURO.—During the past week we had a very pleasant visit from the Lord Bishop of the diocese, whom we all feel to be a veritable Father in God. On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., a Confirmation was held in the beautiful Church of St. John's, when twenty-six candidates—ten males and sixteen females—received the Apostolic rite of "the Laying on of Hands." The Bishop's address to the candidates was extremely good, and if all who heard it will put the precepts which he gave into practice, the Church in Truro will ultimately be enriched by many faithful members of Christ. His Lordship dwelt upon the fact that the lives of those whom he was addressing, and indeed the life of every Christian should be spent in continually gaining religious (*i.e.* spiritual) experience. This was followed by some pertinent remarks on the subject of prayer, both public and private. A very pleasing feature of this year's Confirmation was the large proportion of adult candidates, some of whom had to come a long way. These have been prepared by the Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach at no small trouble, and often in the face of serious difficulties, and it must have gladdened his heart to see them thus reward his efforts.

On Thursday, Ascension Day, another pleasing incident took place, *viz.*: the consecration of a little church at Salmon River, (Kemptown). It is situated about fourteen miles from Truro, and nestles amidst trees in a very peaceful spot. Though small, it has taken a very considerable time to build, owing to certain difficulties, but now that it is finished it presents a very neat and church-like appearance. It is also very gratifying to be able to state, that owing to the kindness of many willing friends and helpers, the edifice is nicely finished, and (save a font) is equipped for the performance of all the rites of the Church; the font, we trust, will soon be forthcoming. The day was all that could be desired, and a party of more than thirty went from Truro to take part in the service. The church, which is capable of seating some 70 or 80 people, was well filled. The service, as is always the case on the occasion of a consecration, was very impressive, as was also the Bishop's sermon, in which he blended the teaching of the day and thoughts connected with a consecration in a truly wonderful manner. On his return in the evening his Lordship again preached at St. John's, Truro.

The church at Kemptown was consecrated as "The Church of the Ascension."

### Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—It is said that the Rev. Allen Daniel, now at Crapaud, will become assistant to the Rev. G. E. Lloyd, Rothsay, about the first of June. Mr. Lloyd finds the work of the College as well as the duties of the rectorship too much for him, and he will continue the College work and Mr. Daniel will attend chiefly to the parish work.

The vestry of St. Jude's Church at a meeting held on Monday evening, 20th May, decided to take steps to secure the building of a church to replace the one destroyed by fire some time ago. About \$2,000 are on hand for the purpose but between \$3,000 and \$4,000 will be required.

### Diocese of Quebec.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese held a Confirmation in St. Peter's church, SHERBROOKE, on Monday evening, 20th May.

It is expected that the Governor-General of Canada will be present at the Convocation of Bishop's College in June next.

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's church, WATERVILLE, held their annual Queen's Birthday Festival on Friday, 24th inst., in the Model School here. There was a sale of useful and fancy articles from 2.30 to 10 p.m.; speeches from 3.30 to 4.30, public tea at 5.30 to 7, and an entertainment in the evening.

LENNOXVILLE.—The annual service of the Festival of Choirs of the District of St. Francis was held in the chapel of St. Mark, Bishop's College, on Wednesday, May 22, (the eve of the Ascension) at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Arthur Dorey, of Sherbrooke, the musical director, presided at the organ, having conducted a combined practice of the choirs in the chapel the same day at 4 p.m. The following choirs were represented: Sherbrooke, East Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, St. George's and Bishop's College, Waterville, Angus, Cookshire Hatley, Compton, and Island Pond (Diocese of Vermont.) The number of persons in the joint choir was seventy-five. There were present, vested in surplices, ten of the clergy and a number of the students of the College, bringing the number in the procession close to fifty. The clergy present were Canon Thorneloe; Rev. H. E. Wright, of Sherbrooke; Rev. Prof. Scarth, of Lennoxville; Rev. E. A. W. King, of Waterville; Rev. A. Stevens, of Hatley; Rev. W. Adcock, of Angus; Rev. A. H. Robertson, of Cookshire, Revs. Dr. Adams, Dr. Allnatt and Rev. Prof. Wilkinson, of Bishop's College. Dr. Allnatt and Canon Thorneloe intoned the first and second parts of the service respectively. Rev. Albert Stevens read, as the first Lesson, Deuteronomy xxxiv. Rev. E. A. W. King read, as the second Lesson, I Cor. xiv. 1-19. Prof. Scarth concluded the service, and Dr. Adams was the preacher, the text being Psalm cviii, 2, 'Awake, lute and harp, I myself will awake right early.' There was a good congregation and the service was very hearty and was reverently rendered. It was considered by all that this, the fourth annual gathering, was the most successful that had been held not only in numbers present in the choir, but also in the musical quality of the service itself. The effect of the processional and recessional hymns, in which so large a number joined in their surplices, was very marked. The College choir, under Mr. Dorey's teaching, had given much attention and voluntary time to the preparation of the music. The service was completely choral throughout. Many present felt that they had not taken part in a more perfectly rendered service. The opening hymn was 'For thee, O dear, dear Country'; Special Psalms, 23, 133, 134, chanted; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; Arthur Dorey, in G, an admirable setting. Three anthems were sung: 'Ye that stand in the House,' W. Spinney; 'Jesus, Word of God Incarnate,' Gounod; 'Awake up my Glory,' T. Barnby; Offertory anthem, 'O how amiable,' West. Other hymns, 'Saviour, blessed Saviour,' and 'Saviour again to Thy dear Name.'

After the service the Association held its annual meeting in the College Dining Hall. The record of the year showed that the annual service had been held in Sherbrooke, and subsidiary services at Richmond and Cookshire. Principal Adams was elected President for the ensuing year; Rev. A. Stevens, Vice-President; Mr. Wells, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. A. Dorey, Musical Director.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dorey for his unwearied services to the cause

of Church music. On the motion of Mr. H. R. Fraser, a vote of thanks was passed to the members of the College and School Staff who had entertained the visitors, about seventy in number, in the College and Lodge. A most enjoyable and inspiring day was thus spent.

MARBLETON.—Miss Nellie Chapman, who for a number of years past has given her services as organist freely and without charge was, on resigning her post, presented with a testimonial, as follows: "We, the members of the choir and of the congregation of St. Paul's church express our regret at hearing of your resignation as organist. It is now more than seven years since you began to fill this important post in our congregation, and we cheerfully testify to your unflagging zeal and the ability with which at all times and on all occasions you have discharged the duties of the office, and braved every discouragement to be at your post." Please accept our hearty thanks for your painstaking labors, and be assured that you carry with you our best wishes for your future welfare."

It was signed by the choir, the churchwardens and others of the congregation.

### Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.—On the evening of Ascension Day the Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited St. Martin's Church here and administered Confirmation to 37 persons presented by the Rector, the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A. Two were prevented from being present by illness. Twelve of these confirmed were men and twenty-five women. The Rector of St. Martin's has had another proof of the affection and esteem entertained for him by his congregation in the unsolicited provision made by them for a visit by himself and Mrs. Troop to England. They have also undertaken to supply a *locum tenens* during the period of his absence of three months, and the Rev. J. Flanagan, of Thorne, Que., has been chosen to fill the position. Mr. Troop expects to sail on the 30th May, and will return at the end of August, in time for the Provincial Synod, to which he is one of the delegates from this diocese.

Eglise du Redempteur.—On Friday the 17th May, His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, assisted by the Revs. McManus, Renaud, Dixon, and Roy, held a confirmation service in l'Eglise du Redempteur. The pastor Rev. D. Lariviere presented seventeen candidates to the Bishop. The church was filled to its utmost capacity by the congregation and the friends of Sabrevois Mission. After the confirmation, they adjourned to the college, for the closing exercises. His Lordship presided. Amongst those present were noticed Revs. Dr. Ker, James Smith, Archdeacon Evans, Rural Dean Sanders, Messrs. Drake, Moore, Dr. Kirpatrick, N. Picard, S. Roy, mayor of Sabrevois Village. A very pleasant programme was rendered, consisting of hymns, a French recitation by Master Thomas Ker, which was ably given and showed great proficiency in pronunciation. An English recitation by Miss B. Duhamel, which was also well rendered, and short speeches were made by His Lordship and Dr. Ker.

ROUDEMONT.—The Lord Bishop of Montreal and the Venerable Archdeacon David Lindsay, M.A., of Waterloo, paid a visit to this parish on the 24th inst. The services were bright and cheerful. The clergy, consisting of his Lordship the Bishop, Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, and the Rev. W. J. M. Waterson, the incumbent, marched in their robes from the