

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE LENNOXVILLE.—During the session of 1888-9. A scheme to build a hostel or Divinity faculty building was started; it was thought that for the sum of \$10,000, accommodation could be provided for the house of the professor of Pastoral Theology, and in conjunction therewith for sixteen candidates for Holy Orders, including members of the Divinity faculty and seniors in the Arts faculty. Mr. Robert Hamilton, of Quebec, with characteristic generosity, offered \$5,000 on condition that the remaining \$5,000 was subscribed and paid within two years from March, 1889. The Hon. E. J. Price subscribed \$2,000; a grant of \$1,200 has been heard of as being given by the S. P. C. K.; the sum of \$500 is available from the corporation of Bishop's College on the vacating of the present Divinity house (the old school rectory). Besides this two gentlemen have promised \$100 each, and a third has promised \$50; thus \$3,950 have been promised towards the desired \$5,000. The Principal now appeals for the remaining \$1,050. Besides these promises the Rev. J. J. S. Mountain, D. C. L., of Cornwall, Ont., another thoroughgoing and faithful friend of the College, has agreed to transfer the sum of \$3,400 from a fund, which was not likely to be available for some time to come—the Mountain Deacons' Fund—and to make of this sum a new trust, endowing the new building when erected with this sum—thus the completion of the new building will not add to the current expenses; the interest of \$3,400 being available for insurance, repairs, &c. It is hoped by all that the new building will be ready by September, 1890. It may interest the friends of the College to know that *all available rooms are again full*, and that it is known that students who wished to do so have not been able to enter the College on account of the lack of room.

Another interesting and encouraging fact is that the number of students in the Divinity faculty proper has increased considerably.

The increase of boarders in the School is also very encouraging, and renders it almost imperative that additional space should be provided so that at least 105 boarders could be accommodated. There are 86 at present, and including day boys 106 in the school, while the number in the College is 31; a total of 137 as against 117 a year ago at this date. The scheme above referred to will render accommodation possible for 40 resident students in the College and for 105 boarders in the school. For these numbers the present staff will prove ample so far as the subjects at present taught are concerned, but there is hardly any limit to the number of professorships in the College which we would like to see endowed. In this respect no college, however large or well equipped will ever cry "hold." Churchmen cannot be too often reminded that their Church universities are, so far as regards extent of curriculum and resources available from endowment, almost in their infancy. They are still comparatively struggling institutions and actually have to think more than twice before spending enough money to extend their curriculum. They require substantial aid to render them able to compete in all respects with other and richer institutions.

QUEBEC.—Thursday, the 17th inst., was a "red letter day" for the children of St. Matthew's Parish, and also for those belonging to the Male and Female Orphan Asylums, the Ladies' Protestant Home and many others young and old, for no one who listened to the kind words spoken by the Countess of Meath will soon forget them. The meeting was held in St. Matthew's Parish room under the management of the Committee of the Ministering Children's League, of which society Lady Meath is the originator. Founded but four and a half years ago the League now numbers 24,000

members and associates, scattered all over the world. Among those at the meeting were Mrs. Williams, wife of the Bishop of Quebec; the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Canon Richardson, the Rev. Messrs. Peury, Balfour, Nicoll and many others. The meeting was opened by singing the League hymns, "Make use of me my God" after which the Rector of St. Matthews, Rev. Lennox Williams, read the usual opening office. The Rector then spoke a few well chosen words, explaining the work done by the St. Matthew's Branch.

During the three years it has been organized, namely sending help in money, warm clothing &c., &c., to St. Andrew's Indians Mission, Fort Pelly, and then expressed to Lady Meath the great pleasure and honor it was to have a visit from her. A basket of flowers was then presented to the committee on behalf of the M. C. League by Miss Edith Hamilton, who is truly a "ministering child" and a zealous member of the League. The address given by Lady Meath was, as she said, only for the children, and nothing was left to be desired in the kind loving way she spoke, her thoughts clothed in such simplicity of language that even the smallest child could understand. The anecdotes for both boys and girls kept the children's attention fixed upon her, but the stories were all to bring home some helpful lesson to them. The Countess also explained the meaning of the words "Ministering" and "League," stumbling blocks to some infant minds. The story of the lesson learned by the Countess herself from a little violet girl in the South of France was very interesting. All present were sorry when Lady Meath's address was over. The Dean then gave a short speech, partly to the children, and partly by thanking the Countess for the great treat she had given to young and old, and said he hoped soon to establish a branch of the M. C. League in connection with the Cathedral. After another hymn and the closing office, the meeting adjourned. The committee very kindly remained to talk over League matters with the associates. St. Matthew's Branch had 130 members and 14 associates on its roll, and more have joined since this last meeting. The League does such good work among children that every parish should start a branch even if the members are small. During her visit to Quebec Lady Meath was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, of Hamwood.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL—Cathedral Sunday School.—On Sunday, the 13th inst., the Rev. C. A. French, of Escanda, Mich., who was passing through the city, delivered a missionary address to the teachers and scholars of this school. He spoke strongly in favor of an increased interest being taken in Domestic Missions. His remarks on "Frontier life" were much appreciated by all present. Mr. French was formerly in Algoma, having taken up work there while on a visit to Canada from England. Mr. Buchanan also addressed the school on the same subject.

LACHUTE.—St. Simeon's Church.—On Sunday 22nd September the Lord Bishop of Montreal, made his annual visitation.

There were six candidates for confirmation. His Lordship delivered a most earnest charge to them to be faithful in all things, and to use prayer as the great safeguard. After the rite had been administered His Lordship congratulated the congregation on the improved appearance of the church, which, since his last visit, had been repaired and repainted, adding greatly to its appearance and comfort.

In his sermon, he specially recommended to the congregation the necessity of their taking care that the new members of the Church should be shown, that the fellowship between them and the other members was a real living one, and to that end we should sympathize and pray for them.

About 50 persons partook of the Holy Communion.

At the Argenteuil Agricultural Exhibition, a few of the members of the church rented the refreshment and dining rooms of the permanent buildings committee and catered for the public; realizing for church work \$33.

On the 15th of October, Miss Ireland of Lachute, a former organist of St. Simeon's Church was united in marriage to Rev. W. Harris, of Grenville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Sanders, incumbent. The musical portion of the service was beautifully rendered by the choir.

The choir of St. Simeon's, under the able management of Miss M. N. Hills, have added greatly to the beauty of the services, and the singing is ahead of most city choirs, being not exclusively choir but also congregational, the latter practising with them.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The annual Harvest Festival was duly observed last month in the Parish of Kemptville. The beautiful Parish Church had been decorated with more than usual taste and care. The services morning and evening, were hearty. The Rev. R. W. Rayson, of Lombard, was the morning preacher; the Rev. W. Woodcock, curate of Prescott, was the evening preacher. Both sermons were admirably suited to the occasion. Mr. Clay, of Burgh College, read one of the lessons. The Rector Mr. Emery, was celebrant. The Revs. W. Woodcock and R. W. Rayson acting as Deacon and Sub-Deacon. The dinner and tea were served in the Parish Hall, displaying all the luxuries of the season. The waiting was all that could be desired. The attendance was large. The afternoon was occupied with all sorts of games. Mr. John O'Loughlin, of Winnipeg, son of the late lamented Incumbent, of North Gower, made great sport for the juveniles. Over one hundred dollars was realized from the festival.

The other day Miss Ling favored the Parish with her presence and spoke in a quiet familiar way, to a crowded hall of attentive listeners, concerning the great work being carried on by women of the church in India, in connection with the Zenana Mission. Seven dollars and twenty four cents was taken up to help on the work. A visit of this kind is calculated to do a great deal of good to any parish by way of stirring up the people to ask themselves what they are doing for God and His Church. To convince them that a mere profession of love and devotion to God availeth nothing without work.

On Sunday Oct. 13th, a goodly body of Foresters went in procession from their Lodge to the Parish Church, wearing the badge of their membership in the form of a beautiful maltese cross. The Rector preached a special sermon for the occasion, which was listened to with great attention and pronounced to be, by the members, the best that they had ever heard before on the subject of the intention of their order. Whilst some of the members of the order seem to have joined in the service of the Church for the first time of their life, and expressed themselves highly pleased with the beauty and solemnity of the same.

PERSONAL.—Rural Dean Carey, of Kingston, has been appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Ontario.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

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DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—A Harvest Home festival was held on the evening of the 16th Oct., in the large schoolroom of St. George's Church. It was got up under the auspices of the Bible Students As-