

treal, the Rev. Dr. Lobley is the principal, a man in all the qualities which go to make a great teacher and holding a high place among the Church educationists of this Dominion. One of the institutions of the college is a Students' Missionary Union for prayer and conference upon missionary work. A meeting of this union was arranged to time with the visit of Bishop Bissell, who kindly consented to take Lennoxville on his way.

The Bishop arrived at Lennoxville where he was the guest of Principal Lobley, on Saturday evening, December 8th. On Sunday Bishop Bissell addressed the students and boys in the beautiful college chapel. The subject of the address was the need of sober-mindedness in the young, and was listened to with rapt attention to the close by the large body of fine young men and boys there assembled. On Monday morning the Bishop of Quebec, who had been holding an ordination in the neighbouring parish of Eaton, together with several of the clergy, joined the party at the college, for the Missionary Union celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which was at eleven o'clock. At this service Bishop Bissell again delivered an admirable sermon on the missionary character of the Church.

The two bishops spent the afternoon together, evidently a very enjoyable time for both. In the evening of the same day the meeting of the Missionary Union was held—a meeting for intercessory prayer, papers on missionary progress, and conference. The ordinary papers, etc., however, were on this occasion disputed with, and the whole time given up to an address from our distinguished visitor, who took for his subject "The Life of the Great Missionary Hero of the American Church, James Lloyd Breck." The subject was treated with a winning sweetness and grace which made it very charming, besides leaving a very clear picture of the great lifework of that eminent missionary upon our minds. The bishop ended by presenting the volume to the college library, where we may be quite sure it will not lie idle on the shelves. At the close of the Bishop of Vermont's address an enthusiastic vote of thanks was, on motion of the Bishop of Quebec, tendered to him by young men.

On Tuesday afternoon the two bishops proceeded to Sherbrooke, where Bishop Bissell became the guest of his honor, Mr. Justice Brooks. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the business of the St. Francis District Association of the Church Society, at which report of the progress and prospects of the Church from all the clergy of the district was read and discussed. These reports are very full of interest, and are printed at length in the annual report of the Church Society of the diocese.

The reports of this year show great missionary activity on the part of the clergy of these townships. In the 21 clerical charges of this district there are reported (there are probably more) 71 district stations regularly served. Among these, seven of the clergy have regular services at 34 stations; the next seven, at 21 stations. These facts speak for themselves.

The amount raised within the district during the year for all church purposes has been a little more than \$23,000. Of this sum, \$20,758 was for strictly parochial purposes, and \$22,41 was sent away to help those outside, not quite ten per cent. upon the amount raised. It is right to add that with the exception of Sherbrooke, which raises one-fifth of the whole amount contributed for all church purposes, and gives more than one fourth of all that is sent away, there is not one congregation which can fairly be called wealthy in the district. The reports show also, unmistakably that the Church is growing in this district, as it must where such loving and devoted labours are found. Old prejudices are being dissipated; and the poor wandering sheep whose fathers were lost centuries ago, are being quietly but surely gathered into Christ's fold.

On the evening of this day, a reception was given in the handsome new Church hall by the ladies of the Parish, at which the clergy of the district and the laity of Sherbrooke and its neighbourhood had the opportunity of meeting the two

Bishops in social intercourse. It proved to be a very successful gathering.

On Wednesday morning the anniversary service of the district association was held in St. Peter's church. It was specially to preach at this service that the Bishop of Vermont came among us. The day was one of the most lovely that our bright winters supply; the attendance of the laity of Sherbrooke was unusually large; the clergy of the district to the number of nineteen were present in their surplices, and the service was bright and hearty. The sermon was a masterly and eloquent exposition of the duty of the Church to be ever an aggressive missionary body, and made a very deep impression upon all who heard it. The number of communicants was large. In the afternoon of the day was held the annual meeting of the rural-decanal chapter of the district, and in the evening all closed with a great public missionary meeting. The meeting of this year was, I hesitate not to say, the best and most interesting ever held in Sherbrooke.

An excellent address was made by the Rev. G. Thornelo of Stanstead upon Buddhism "the Light of Asia." Then followed the event of the week, the address of Bishop Bissell, upon the development of the missionary spirit in the American Church, and the corresponding growth of the Church herself. By argument, illustration, happy anecdote, and moving exhortation, this venerable prelate brought his great theme home to every mind and every heart before him. A leading member of the Church in Sherbrooke said to a friend of the writer at the close of the meeting,—"expressing what I am sure was felt by many others,—"I have heard important facts and principles tonight which I never saw, at least in the same light before."

The morning offertory and evening collection were for Algoma, and amounted to \$89. So ended a very successful anniversary.

Province of Rupert's Land.

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SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, ATHABASCA,
ASSINIBOIA, & SOUTHERN ATHABASCA

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Christmas has come and gone with its usual round of work and festivities. Not much attention is paid to decorating churches in Manitoba, partly from the difficulty of obtaining evergreens, and partly because there does not appear to be the same interest taken in decorating as in the Eastern dioceses. At St. John's Cathedral, however, the decorations this year are of excellent taste and exceed those of any previous year. The Rev. Canon Combes and Rev. D. Kirkby are to be congratulated on the improvement they have made. At Holy Trinity and the neighbouring parishes there were little or no decorations. In Christ Church there is some very effective trimming. The reredos, banners and devices look extremely well. The principle feature is the rood screen which will be permanent. It consists of five arches, with some very fine tracery, and is surmounted by a cross. The design was made by Rev. W. C. Harris formerly of Charlottetown. The Christmas services were all well attended. The offertories were given to the Incumbents, except at the Cathedral, where a beginning was made of a fund for a new cathedral. In Christ Church there were celebrations at 8.30 a. m., and 11, the service at the latter hour being full choral. The anthem was "Behold I bring you glad tidings," by Sir John Goss. The Communion office was Marbecke. During the administration hymns were sung by the choir kneeling, and this with the soft strains of the organ at intervals had a very solemn and touching effect moving many strong men to tears. Rev. Mr. Pentreath was assisted by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, the Rev. A. V. Wiggins of Westfield, N. B., and Mr. W. Nicolls, Lay Reader. At Holy Trinity the Archdeacon of Manito-

ba preached the Christmas sermon. Services have not yet been held in All Saints Church. Having failed to secure a Rector in Canada it is understood that an attempt will be made to get a man from England. In the meantime the Church will soon be opened in charge of Archdeacon Pinkham.

ROURTHWAITE.—We regret to learn that the Rev. Mr. Rourthwaite died suddenly of Apoplexy at his residence on the 34th of December. Mr. Rourthwaite was formerly a master of a grammar school in England, and took up land with his brother in a village named after them, devoting part of his time to Church work.

PERSONAL.—Rev. A. V. Wiggins of Westfield, N. B., who is on leave of absence for his health, is now in Winnipeg at Christ Church Rectory. He assisted Mr. Pentreath in the services on Christmas Day and on one or two Sundays.

The weather was very cold at Christmas, but it was bright and clear.

Winnipeg is very dull at present, and many persons are out of work. Money is more scarce than it has been known to be for some years, and there is much depression in all kinds of business. As the expenses of keeping up the churches are very much higher than in the East, the dull times bear heavily upon them.

DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN ATHABASCA.

It is understood that the Church Missionary Society has granted £300 a year towards the salary of a Bishop and £50 for travelling expenses. There seems to be little doubt but that the Rev. R. Young of St. Andrews, near Winnipeg, will be the choice of the Society. Mr. Young is their financial secretary in Rupert's Land.

It is also probable that a choice will be made for the Diocese of Assiniboia within the next few months. The selection is to be made by the Bishop of Rupert's Land the S. P. G., and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Christian Temperance.

A Sermon preached in St. Paul's Church, Acadia Mines, N. S., on Sunday evening, December 23rd, 1883, by the Rev. Isaac Brock, M. A., Rector.

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I will pass lightly over other matters in which we are called to be temperate.

(3) In finding fault be temperate; let this be one of the few duties which must never become a pleasure; and let us remember that none are so bad as we are perhaps disposed to think them.

(4) In pleasure be temperate. Our Father hath given us all things freely to enjoy; but let us remember that He will require an account of the deeds done in the body. Rejoice then, but "let your moderation be known unto all men." Specially, let not the mirth which befits the Christian festival of Christmas degenerate into godless revelry.

(5) In temper be temperate; the very words carry the admonition. Even the heathen philosopher could say, "He that rules not himself is a slave."

(6) In your words be temperate; encourage not by your example the exaggerated language now so common; and in another and more important respect, let your words be temperate; your words of others. Let not your tongue run riot in evil speaking, tale-bearing, slander, or scandal.

(7) Finally, in the use of all God's gifts be temperate.

Money, though often abused, is one of God's gifts; it has not been abundant in this place of late. But how recklessly do some here spend it when they do get it. How few lay by, as in many