

and make our offerings with a thankful heart. The diamond, being a diamond, is always beautiful, but how much more so when it has an appropriate setting. Thankfulness is a very essential part of all true worship, and if giving be worship gratitude should add its sweet aroma to the offering made.

Also there should be a glad mind and a spirit of willingness. "Not grudgingly nor of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much give plenteously, if thou hast little do thy diligence *gladly* to give of that little, for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity." If we give because we feel obliged to do so or because so much money must be raised, and we are ashamed not to do our part, or because out of pride and emulation we would keep up the good name of our Church, all the worship has gone out of our gift and the poor remainder is a sight to make the angels weep.

Above all, if giving is worship, we should give in faith. We should serenely expect God to take our offering and multiply it until the multitudes are all fed. Why not? He thus touched with power the seven loaves and the few small fishes in the desert; why should he not do the same to-day? Seven cents given in faith has so multiplied under God's touch that a handsome Church was built, which in turn multiplied the investment many times, and there are hundreds of instances where, in answer to faith, the miracle of the loaves and fishes has been repeated. Faith in giving is of that rich, rare kind which beautifully expresses our dependence on and confidence in our Father's power, and it is just that trust to which he will always most readily respond. He loves to take up the broken threads of our work and make it strong and beautiful with a divine skill and patience.

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## News from the Home-Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### TANGIER.

On the occasion of the Bishop's late Confirmation tour along the Eastern shore the Apostolic rite was administered to 65 candidates in this parish; 34 at Tangier, 5 at Mooseland, (where also the new Church of St. Thomas was consecrated,) and 26 at Spry Bay. It rejoiced us all to see his Lordship apparently fully restored to his former health and energy, and enjoying work. We also rejoice to find him not only *using* his restored health with great energy, but also *husbanding* it by wisely taking only one service each day. This with long distances travelled is sufficient for a robust constitution, when it has to be kept up for some time daily. The self-denial thus comes in longer time spent in the work, instead of in *extra push*. The Bishop's address at Spry Bay, which it seems had as its main thought the garden of the soul, was even more than usually forcible.

We were glad to have the Rev. R. A. Heath, Rector of Ship Harbour, and Rector-elect of Salmon River, with us at all three services as Bishop's chaplain.

The Rev. E. H. Ball, Rector of Tangier, who had resigned the parish before the Confirmation, has since, at the unanimous request of those present at a parish meeting called for the purpose, withdrawn his resignation.

### Diocese of Quebec.

S. S. CONFERENCE.—Another very enjoyable and most helpful Church of England S. S. Conference, was held at East Hatley, Que., Sunday, 27th inst. After the celebration of the Holy Communion in St. James Church, the Conference assembled in the same place at 11 a.m.; the Ven. Archdeacon Roe was chosen Chairman and Mr. C. H. Brooks appointed Secretary. Very carefully prefaced papers, followed by free and full discussion, were read by Rev. F. N. Forsythe, Rector of Stanstead, on "Our S. Schools, their defects and possibilities," and Canon Thornloe of Sherbrooke on, "How to keep up a lively interest in S. Schools, or the part of parents, and the part of pupils." The great lack of competent teachers was accented by all; back of this lies the want of home training, specially the neglect of family prayer; teachers should be trained in classes, should preface and present themselves for examination before some S. School institute, and counting their calling a high and most difficult one, should spare no pains to fit themselves for it. A want also of definite Church teaching, want of knowledge of the Church's position, history, creeds, etc. was forcibly set forth as a very serious defect.

After lunch, provided by the ladies in wonted profusion and in delicate, good taste, the company being returned from the Academy building to the Church, Rev. R. C. Tambs, rector of Magog, joined the very closest attention of all as he explained a diagram of his own construction, an answer, in part, to the question assigned him, "How to teach Bible History." The chart presented gave a skeleton of O. T. chronology, from Adam to Christ, was divided into 4 periods of 1000 years each, Abraham falling exactly midway, and fixed the erection of the Tabernacle and 3 temples at respectively 1500, 1000, 500, and a few years B.C., the long lives of the early patriarchs, Adam, Methuselah, Noah, Shem, etc., reaching from the creation of our great Forefather to the time of Abraham, and lending ready facility to the passing down of trustworthy tradition was pointed out; the possible identity of Shem with Melchisedech, came as a fascinating, not to say startling, hypothesis, etc. After discussion, Archdeacon Roe gave a practical and valuable lesson on "How to teach the catechism," two classes of the S. School being called up and questioned before all present; the responses were very creditable both to the children and to the teachers who had so diligently instructed them. After votes of thanks to those who had read papers and to Rev. A. Stevens, rector of East Hatley and his coadjutor, ladies and others, who had laboured so unsparingly for the success of the meeting, the Conference closed, as it had begun, with solemn prayer. In spite of stormy weather, the attendance was satisfactory and those present could not fail to be profited, or to be impressed by the desirability of repeating such gatherings. May the next bear witness to the good fruit borne by this.

#### QUEBEC.

At the reception held in the Church Hall, to which reference was made in our last number, an address of welcome was presented to the Lord Bishop of Quebec by the Very Rev. Dean Norman in behalf of the clergy and laity of the city of Quebec. It referred to the strong affection and reverence felt for his predecessor, whose image would never fade from their memory, but it assured his Lordship of the same faithful obe-

dience and cordial co-operation which had ever been shown to his predecessor. Reference was made to the unanimity prevailing amongst the members of the Church of England in the city, which spirit it was hoped would wax still stronger and more permanent under the wise and kindly rule of Bishop Dunn. It expressed the confident hope that the same signal proofs of the divine blessing which had accompanied Mr. Dunn's great work in England would be manifested in this new and still larger field of labor and that the spirit of self-sacrifice which prompted him to break, without hesitation, the sacred ties of many years and to forsake his own people at the call of God would receive a blessed and most abundant reward. The address closed with the prayerful wish that Bishop Dunn's Episcopate might be long, happy, peaceful and full of rich profit to himself and to very many souls.

His Lordship replied in happy terms referring to the great kindness extended to him since he came to the country and recalling with enthusiasm the last visit paid to him by the late Lord-bishop of the diocese and heartily thanked those present for the affectionate address presented to him.

At this Enthroning Bishop Dunn wore his full Episcopal robes and also the Pastoral Cross presented to him prior to his departure from England. The Pastoral Staff which also given to him by his former parishioners, had not arrived but will be used by him in his public ministrations when received. In his sermon on the occasion of his Enthronement the Bishop stated that he would endeavor by God's grace to exhibit the utmost fairness and the utmost love in his administrations. He recognized the fact, however, that it was impossible that all should think alike, and that strict uniformity was not always desirable and would always wish a hearty God speed and give all possible encouragement to honest, conscientious and rightful work for God and his Church, even though the worker's ways were not exactly that which he should personally prefer. And if the occasion occurred for him to say, "no" to anything, he hoped that no one would run away and say that he was unfair, for it could only be a sense of his responsibility as a Bishop of The Church of God that could induce such action on his part.

ORDINATIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL.—The first episcopal acts of the newly consecrated and installed Lord Bishop of Quebec were performed by him on Sunday week, when in the Cathedral in Quebec, His Lordship admitted Mr. Brook, of Lennoxville, to the diaconate, and ordained two deacons, the Revd. Messrs. Dixon and Wright, of this diocese, to the office of the priesthood. Previous to the ordination service, His Lordship ascended the pulpit and preached upon the duties of the sacred Ministry of the Church. The candidates for the laying on of hands were presented by the Venerable Archdeacon Roe.

#### SHERBROOKE.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese was expected to visit this town on Tuesday the 4th of October when a public reception in the Town Hall was to be tendered him. We hope to have some particulars of it in our next number.

### Diocese of Montreal.

GRACE CHURCH.—The beautiful, reverent and well-rendered services of Sunday, the 18th September, were the fitting and holy expression of the deep joy and thanksgiving of Rector and people on the accomplishment of the great work they set out to do for God and His Church. The opening day of the new and beautiful Grace Church will long be held in loving remembrance.