

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

Women's Auxiliary.—The quarterly meeting of the diocesan branch of the Women's Auxiliary was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at Richmond, P.Q., and the representatives from a distance were entertained to lunch in the hall of St. Anne's Church by the members of the local branch. Among the clergy present were the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; Canon Thornloe, M.A., Sherbrooke; Canon J. Foster, M.A., Coaticook; Canon Brigstocke, St. John, N.B.; Rev. D. Horner, Kirkdale, P.Q., and others. In the evening a tea was held, at which the Bishop won the admiration and confidence of all, by his hearty and genial manners, and his manifested wish to become acquainted with all. At 8 p.m. a missionary meeting was held in the town hall, when addresses were delivered by the Bishop, several of the clergy and Dr. Heneker, Chancellor of Bishop's University.

Confirmations.—During the first week in October the Lord Bishop visited several parishes and missions in the Eastern Townships and held confirmation services, among them being Coaticook and Eustis. Wherever he has appeared in the diocese he has made hosts of friends, and is rapidly winning his way to the hearts of his people by his kind, unaffected and fatherly manner, and a great future is before him in this diocese. He will be believed and looked up to in the way in which the chief pastor of a flock should be respected and loved. It is truly a great blessing that the Holy Spirit guided the synod in June last in selecting one so worthy of the position, and such an able successor to the late revered Bishop Williams.

The Cathedral.—The dean and congregation of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity have decided to erect a handsome memorial pulpit in the cathedral to the late Bishop Williams. A diocesan memorial will also be got up, and a meeting has been called, when various plans will be suggested and resolutions passed in connection with the subject.

St. Matthew's.—The rector of St. Matthew's announced to his congregation on Sunday last, that definite arrangements had been made for the holding of the mission by Canon Bullock, M.A., of Leeds, Eng. It will be held during Lent, from the 18th to the 25th of February.

Harvest Thanksgivings.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held in St. Michael's Church, Quebec, on Sunday, Oct. 9th; and in St. Peter's Church, Quebec, on Thursday evening, Oct. 13th. The preacher on both occasions was the Rt. Rev. A. Hunter Dunn, Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The collections were given as usual to the Pension Fund of the Church Society.

LENNOXVILLE.—On Tuesday, Oct. 4th, the Right Rev. A. H. Dunn, Bishop of Quebec, visited the college of which, by the constitution, he is vice-president and a visitor. A service was held in the partially restored chapel. The walls and roof had been completed, but the plastering had not yet been done. The altar was decorated with flowers; all the seating was temporary. The service was choral communion, matins having been said at an earlier hour in the library. The Bishop was himself the celebrant, the Principal acting as deacon. The Dean of Quebec read the Epistle and the Archdeacon of Quebec the Gospel. The Chancellor was present in his robes. The Bishop preached from the text, "And it was a feast of dedication, and it was winter." He referred to the history of the Jewish feasts, especially that comparatively late one referred to in the text. He said as our Lord had kept the Jewish feasts with reverence and regularity, so we ought to commemorate the great events in the history of redemption. It was also fitting to dedicate churches to their sacred use and to keep the days of such dedication as anniversaries. After commending the way in which the work of restoration had been done up to the present, the Bishop urged that every one should strive that the work should be completed on the same principles and proportions. The service was very much enjoyed by all present. At one o'clock the Chancellor entertained the Bishop, members of convocation and the visiting clergy at lunch in the students' dining hall. At this gathering the healths of the Bishop and of the Chancellor were received with much enthusiasm. At 2.45 a special meeting of convocation was held, at which the degree of D.D., *jure dignitatis*, was conferred on the Bishop. The Principal, in presenting the Bishop to the Chancellor, made special reference to his two predecessors in the See of Quebec, one of whom,

Bishop J. G. Mountain, was the founder of the college; the other, Bishop Williams, was the practical creator of the school, though it had existed before his time, and whose name and portrait were connected with the hall in which they were assembled. The Principal expressed his confidence that, under Bishop Dunn, all the best traditions of the institution would be maintained and its influence developed. After the degree was conferred the Chancellor, R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., read a short address of welcome, in which he expressed his hope and belief that the Bishop would become a working member of the university. The Bishop made a very happy reply, saying that the work of religious education was one of those dearest to his heart, and it was one of the pleasures of his recent experience to find an institution of religious education in the position and doing the work of the college and school at Lennoxville. He expressed his determination to do all he could to forward the interests and develop the energies of the institution, and concluded by showing this in a practical way, by informing the assembly that he proposed to place three of his sons in the college school at once. Convocation, which was well attended, then broke up. Presentations were made to the Bishop by the Principal and by the Headmaster.

As regards the chapel funds, it may be stated that one result of the service was the addition of not less than \$375 to be added to the building fund, thus enabling the committee to pay for the turret and for the plastering. It must, however, be added that the sum of \$3,000 at least is urgently needed to complete the wood-work of the chapel, there being absolutely no stalls or other seats in it now.

On Sept. 25th a visit was paid to his old school by Rural Dean Forneret, of Hamilton, who gave a very interesting address to the boys of the school at their Sunday evening service in the Williams' Hall. The speaker gave some very interesting reminiscences of the period at which he was in the school, 1866-7, and concluded by an earnest appeal to the boys to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. A visit was also paid to the college by the Rev. Canon Jacob, vicar of Portsea, Eng., who expressed himself much pleased with the institution as a whole.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Society was held on Oct. 4th, under the presidency of His Lordship Bishop Bond. The meeting was held in the home of the society, 31 Berthelet street, and among those present were: the Rev. Doctors Hunter and Norton; the Rev. Messrs. Dixon and Renaud; Mrs. Cramp, first directress; Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, secretary for the children; Mrs. F. Wolferstan Thomas, treasurer; Lady Galt, Mesdames Bone, Hollis, P. Haskill, Lindsay, H. Lyman, Notman, G. F. C. Smith, Vanneck, Wheeler, Bagg, Claxton, Miss McIntosh and Miss A. B. McIntosh.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bishop Bond, after which letters of regret for unavoidable absence were read. His Lordship then read the report of the society for the past year. In opening, the report made touching allusion to the loss the society had suffered through the death of Miss Janey S. Evans, from whom for the last thirty years that report had come. Miss Fanny Evans was also gratefully remembered. The society also mourned the death of Mrs. Dow, long a staunch friend and contributor to the society.

At the beginning of the year there were 152 inmates in the home. During the past year the home received five men, nineteen girls, thirty-eight boys, and temporarily and gratuitously twenty-five convalescents, mostly young women, discharged patients from the General Hospital, who are not yet physically fit for their ordinary occupations. Making an allowance of four deaths of women and for the withdrawal of a large number of children under the usual conditions, at this date there are six women, thirty-six girls and sixty-seven boys, which, with the staff, makes a total of 143.

The sanitary arrangements were eminently satisfactory. During the months of May and June last an outbreak of measles and whooping cough had occurred in the home, and 45 children had been sent to the infirmary. Thanks to the skill and care of Drs. Bell and Stewart and the vigilance of the nurses, the children all speedily recovered. The report spoke highly of the present matron, Mrs. Vass, of the work of the school committee, and the beneficial effects of the summer holidays enjoyed by the children. Several repairs to the building were suggested. Special attention was called to the report of the treasurer, which showed that the ordinary subscriptions to the society indicate a continued decline in number and amount. But for the exceptional gift of \$1,000 from an old friend, the society would have had to draw upon its permanent fund for the payment of current expenses.

The statement showed investments to the extent of \$41,861, the income from which was \$2,279. The

receipts on account of permanent fund were \$10,690, of which \$3,991 had been devoted to improvements to real estate, etc., and part invested in Dominion Cotton bonds, while there was a balance at credit of \$792.

The general statement for the year ending September 30 showed receipts from various sources, collections, Government grant, donations, etc., of \$8,327; while there were disbursements of \$7,371 30, also a balance at debit of \$920 from 1891, leaving a balance at credit on this account of \$35.11.

The following bequests were thankfully acknowledged:—Rev. Frederick Frothingham, \$5,000; John Edward Evans, \$500; Mrs. Margaret Shaw-Tanner, \$200; Mrs. Agnes Gale Stuart (instalment), \$300.

The thanks of the committee were given to the clergy, medical men and a host of benefactors who had actively interested themselves in the welfare of the home. Attention was drawn to the fact that the home has been in existence for the past 60 years for the relief of the distressed Protestant poor of Montreal, and that no deserving woman or child was ever turned from its doors. The report of the school committee showed that at present there were 66 boys and 38 girls in the school, and that satisfactory results were attained.

Bishop Bond touched briefly on the points of the report. He thought, after many years of experience of the society, that renewed individual effort on the part of the ladies would tend much to obviate the deficiency in the balance-sheet.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter spoke cheerfully and hope fully. Incidentally he touched on his own "great and beautiful church" and "its great and beautiful debt." The Protestant people of Montreal were wonderfully generous, and he had no doubt that the objects and wants of the society had only to be made known to receive the prompt and generous support of the public.

Dr. Norton followed with his experience of begging. He sympathized with the ladies in this respect. Begging was terrible work. It was the Christian's cross and must be borne for Christ's sake.

Mr. Renaud said he had had many years personal experience of the noble work carried on by the society.

After a few encouraging words from the Rev. Mr. Dixon, the prizes were presented to the children by Bishop Bond, and the meeting ended with votes of hearty thanks to the officers and lady friends of the institution.

TORONTO.

Trinity University Corporation met last Wednesday afternoon with the Bishop of Toronto in the chair. Those present were: The provost, the dean, Profs. Jones, Clark, Huntingford, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Canons DuMoulin and Cayley, Rev. A. J. Bronghall, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Dr. Spilbury, Alexander Bruce, Q.C. (Hamilton), Edward Martin, Q.C. (Hamilton), and J. A. Worrell, Q.C., Rev. E. C. Cayley, M.A.; the new professor of divinity, was admitted, and took his seat as a member of the corporation. A letter was received from Rev. Vincent Clementi, B.A., of Peterboro, offering to establish an annual prize of \$10 for an English poem. The corporation accepted the offer and passed a resolution of thanks to Mr. Clementi for his generous gift. Rev. Prof. Huntingford was appointed librarian in place of Rev. Herbert Symonds, resigned, and Mr. H. N. Shaw, B.A., lecturer in the Toronto Conservatory of Music, was appointed lecturer on elocution. By-laws were passed providing for increased remuneration of examiners and the opening of general proficiency scholarships to candidates substituting modern languages for Greek.

Sisters of St. John the Divine.—Wednesday was the day chosen for the laying of the corner stone of the new chapel and guest house; at 4 o'clock on that afternoon the hospitable house of St. John the Divine was thronged with visitors and associates. At the appointed time the Bishop of the Diocese, with the clergy and choir, took their places in the open space at the north end of the present building, the visitors and sisters following, and after the short bright service of hymn, chant and collect, the stone (which bore the following beautiful inscription in Latin: "Here we worship Christ, the Lord—here in Christ we welcome our well beloved guest, A.D. 1892") was duly placed and secured by the Bishop; then all followed the choir up to the present chapel. After the stirring strains of "Christ is the Foundation of the house we raise," the Bishop concluded the service with a beautiful address, in which he spoke not only of the noble work of the sisters, but especially dwelt upon the silent and forcible power of the consecrated lives which here were lovingly offered to our Blessed Lord. After the benediction an adjournment was made to the refectory, when a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse. It was pleasant to notice all the old friends of St. John's who appeared on this occasion, and quite a number of new ones who will always be made welcome.