

ately to the Church, a very rude wooden building, but the country is very wild here, and the inhabitants for the most part very poor. Still they have been most anxious to have a Church erected and to receive the benefit of the regular ministrations of a clergyman. One of the settlers told the Bishop that he had often wondered what had induced him to stop there; he was thankful now, for he had seen what he never had expected to see. He often knelt down in the woods and prayed that the Lord would put it into the hearts of some good people to send out a Minister to them. "We used to be forced to take our children many miles to be baptized by any minister who might chance to come along, and now we have a clergyman of our own, living amongst us, and the Gospel regularly preached. I've seen what I never thought to have seen, and I am thankful." And another said, that for ten years after he first came there, they were without any service whatever, and had almost forgotten the order of the prayers, when they had opportunity again to attend the services of the Church. "I have cried here," said one, "to think how often in the old country I neglected to attend the Church, when the bell used regularly to ring, and it was close at hand; and then for so many years I had none nearer than Montreal, forty miles off!" Nor could they now hope to retain those services but for the assistance of the S. P. G.; for they are quite unable in these districts to maintain their own clergymen without help. The service in Kilkenny Church was very fully attended, six females and two males were confirmed, to whom the Bishop gave an address, and afterwards preached and consecrated the burial ground. The Bishop was here on Wednesday the guest of Mr. Irwin, who inhabits the last house in the District of Montreal in this direction, all beyond him for 1000 miles being forest and waste. On Thursday the Bishop went to Mr. Smith's, at the other end of Kilkenny, accompanied by Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Irwin; and also visited many of the settlers in the neighbourhood. On Friday the Bishop left Kilkenny for Rawdon, a distance of twenty-seven miles; he was driven by Mr. Lockhart and accompanied by Mr. Brophy, one of the Churchwardens. They were met by the Rev. C. Rollit and a large number of his congregation, about six miles from Rawdon, and proceeded to the Parsonage with twenty sleighs. On Saturday there was a service at Rawdon Church in the morning. It is an old wooden building, and the congregation have just commenced the erection of a new stone church, more suitable for the present state of the mission, to supersede the old one. There were 215 people present, eighteen males and twenty-one females were confirmed, to whom the Bishop gave an appropriate address and also preached.—On Sunday morning there was service again in Rawdon Church, Mr. Rollit reading prayers, and the Bishop assisting in the service and preaching; owing to a snow storm all the morning, only 180 people were able to be present. In the afternoon there was a service at Kildare church, which is also under Mr. Rollit's charge, and nine miles distant; 110 people were present, and eight males and five females were confirmed, to whom the Bishop gave an address, and he also preached. Before they returned to Rawdon, the Bishop and Mr. Rollit dined at Mr. John Dickson's. On Monday morning, at 8 o'clock, the Bishop left Rawdon, being driven by Mr. Rollit to Mascouche, on his way home. The whole distance to Montreal being 80 miles. They arrived at Mr. Cornwall's about 1 o'clock, and Mr. Cornwall then drove his Lordship back to the city the same evening. The Bishop thus completed his visitation throughout the whole Diocese, having visited every Mission.

#### ORDINATION.

On Sunday last the 7th instant, the Lord Bishop of Montreal held an Ordination in Christ Church Cathedral in the City of Montreal, on which occasion five candidates were admitted to the holy order of the Priesthood, viz:

The Rev. Isaac Constantine, Stanbridge.

The Rev. Frederick Du Vernet, A.B., Henryville.

The Rev. J. Griffin, Gore of Chatham.

The Rev. David Lindsay, Froste Village.

The Rev. Gerald de Courcy O'Grady, Hemmingford.

These gentlemen had been carefully examined during the three previous days, by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Doctors Bethune and Adamson.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Adamson, the lessons by Rev. Dr. Bethune, after which an anthem, from the collect for the seventh Sunday after Trinity, "Lord of all power and might," was sung by the choir. Then followed the sermon, which was preached by the Rev. Jasper H. Nicolls, M.A., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, from 2 Cor. ii, 15-16, at the conclusion of which the candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. Bethune. The Bishop then said the Litany with the Prayers appointed for the occasion, after which followed the ante-communion service, the epistle having been read by the Rev. Mr. Du Vernet, and the gospel by the Rev. Mr. Constantine. The Bishop then proceeded to the ordination of the candidates, being assisted in the laying on of hands by Dr. Bethune, Dr. Adamson, and the Rev. Principal Nicolls.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was subsequently celebrated, to partake of which holy rite a large portion of the congregation remained, and in the administration of which the Rev. David Robertson, Military Chaplain, assisted.

#### INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY.

March 2nd, 1852.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal, was held this day.

After Prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Lord Bishop informed the Board that "The Act of Incorporation of the Church Society of this Diocese" had received the Royal assent, and that an official announcement to that effect had been forwarded to his Lordship.

Moved by Hon. Judge McCord, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bethune, and Resolved,

"That the Act of the Provincial Parliament of Canada, by which a Church Society is established within the Diocese of Montreal, having received the Royal assent and become law, the following Committee be now appointed to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the present unincorporated Society, with a view of submitting a new or modified code, conformable to the Act of Incorporation, for the approval and adoption of the members of the new Corporation":—The Lord Bishop, Hon. Geo. Moffatt, Hon. Judge McCord, Revs. Dr. Bethune, W. B. Bond, the Secretary.

No Report from the Book and Tract Committee. The Secretary stated that a Bill of Exchange for £109 Sterling, had been sent to England for the purchase of Books.

The Report of the Lay Committee was then read, viz:—

The Lay Committee, having taken communication of an extract from the letter of the Rev. E. Hawkins, Secretary to the S. P. G., addressed to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, dated London, 19th Dec., 1851, and referred to them by the Central Board on the 3rd instant, to the following effect:—"With respect to the extent of the Society's contribution to any particular endowment, the Society agrees to modify its former proposal, and to stipulate that no grant from the Society's funds for the above named purpose shall exceed £150 in amount, or be more than half the purchase money." And it is the intention of the Society to confine its offers strictly to lands. Respectfully suggest that a circular, such as the following, be extensively circulated in the several Missions:—

*To the Laity of the Diocese of Montreal.*

The want of a sufficient Glebe for the support of the incumbents in most of the Missions in this Diocese, and the total inability of the inhabitants, *unaided from without*, to supply this deficiency, are matters patent to all, and have formed the subject of deep regret for many years past; it is therefore with sincere pleasure, that the Lay Committee are now enabled to hold forth hopes of a speedy relief from these difficulties, and the attainment of this much desired blessing.