

to what purpose or purposes the whole or part of the above sum shall be devoted.

M. BOSWELL, *Secretary.*

After the report had been read the ladies present voted \$100 for the use of the Sunday School, and set aside \$600 towards a fund for renewing the hangings of the Cathedral. \$10 was also given as a donation to the Women's Christian Association, in whose building, the weekly meetings have been held. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*—Mrs. Rawson; *Vice-Presidents*—Mrs. H. Sewell and Mrs. H. Russell; *Secretary and Treasurer*—Miss Boswell; *Asst. Secretary*—Miss Housman.

INVERNESS.—Will you kindly allow me a corner in your excellent paper, to relate briefly the visit paid to our Parish by the Rev. Isaac Thompson, the missioner for this Diocese. Mr. Thompson left us yesterday after a sojourn here of 12 days, during which time he held a special mission every evening in St. Stephen's Church, beginning at 7 and closing about 10 p.m. He also preached three times on Sundays 23rd and 30th April, in St. Stephen's and the Church of the Ascension, Campbell's corners. Notwithstanding the state of the roads, which were very bad, our Church was crowded every night, and young and old, men, women and children were there, who had travelled, some of them from four to six miles on foot to be present! We had fortunately good bright moonlight and clear dry weather. The days were spent in visiting the people scattered over the mission, which is thinly settled; we visited thirty-three families in the North-end of the mission, the South is to be taken up in January next, D. V. The effect produced by these mission services was marvellous to behold! The devout and reverent manner of these congregations, during the services of prayer and praise; the fixed attention of all to the long addresses of the missioner, sometimes extending over an hour, the emotion visible on the countenances of many of them, even strong rough men, not generally given to such exhibition of feeling, the hearty responses to the prayers and Litany, the general joining in the singing of the hymns, all showed plainly that they were deeply touched, that their hearts were opened to receive the message, so faithfully and lovingly presented to them of God's love to poor sinners, in sending His well beloved Son into the world to save them; the life and works of Jesus Christ and His death upon the Cross, so beautifully and attractively told by the missioner, melted many to tears, and they could not fail to understand and believe that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself," and that the Son of Man came to seek and to save sinners. "It is impossible to describe how the missioner exercises such an influence over his hearers! It is the same Gospel they always hear," the old story of Jesus and His love! He seems to possess the rare faculty of breaking this bread of life, into tempting and appetizing morsels, so tempting that it is impossible to refuse to take it in! He takes up the Gospel story of one of the Lord's miracles, and he tells it in such a way and surrounds it with such a drapery, that he seems to bring the Lord Jesus Christ in all His loving human sympathy, as it were there before you! Is it any wonder the people were melted? that they felt stirred, when they were told that it was for their sins, that meek and gentle Saviour suffered and died! No doubt the personal appearance and fine clear, sweet voice and loving earnest manner of the missioner, has much to do with his great success in the work; certainly it has shaken up the dry bones here, and on Sunday morning, 30th April, we had forty-eight communicants, where generally twenty-five to thirty is considered a good attendance, some, indeed five or six, who have not been persuaded before to present themselves at the Table of the Lord. Looking at the result of this missioner, which I pray God may be of lasting benefit to us all, I certainly think the Church in this Diocese is deeply indebted to our beloved Bishop for sending this man, so well qualified for the work, to work in the several parishes; and I am confident that it would prove a blessing to all parts of the Dominion, if we could have a number of such men to travel through the whole extent of it and hold missions in every Parish. I remain dear Mr. Editor, your brother in Christ. PETER ROE.

St. Stephen's Parsonage, Inverness, 5th May, 1882.

COOKSHIRE.—The Rev. E. C. Parkin left Cookshire on Monday week to reside in Three Rivers, P. Q. Previous to his departure, he was met by old friends and parishioners at the residence of Mr. R. H. Pope, whose guests Mr. and Mrs. Parkin had been for the previous week. A farewell address and a purse of \$95.00 were presented to their old pastor, and several kind tokens of remembrance to Mrs. and Miss Parkin. Under Mrs. Pope's kind auspices a very pleasant evening was enjoyed, and after some parting prayers and a last blessing, followed by cordial hand-shaking, a ministry of seventeen years was brought to a close amidst many regrets and hearty good wishes.

The Rev. E. C. Parkin's address is Three Rivers, P. Q.

CATHEDRAL.—The magnificent new organ donated by R. R. Dohell, Esq., to the Cathedral, and constructed by Mr. Warren, of Toronto, has arrived. The work of erecting it will probably last a fortnight.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

MONTREAL.—Trinity Church.—Another attempt and a hearty one is being made to save Trinity Church to its late congregation. A committee composed of Messrs. A. R. Gault, Thomas Craig, Charles Garth, Jas. Hutton, M. H. Gault, M. F., J. J. Arnton, David Morrice, L. P. Hauca-

ford, and others have taken the matter in hand, and yesterday offered the Trust and Loan Company \$35,000 for the church, \$20,000 cash and the balance of \$15,000 in five years, Mr. A. F. Gault with his usual liberality guaranteeing the interest on the balance.

KNOWLTON.—At the Easter meeting, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Knowlton, deeply regret the ill health of their Rector, the Rev. Chas. Bancroft, has obliged him to resign the rectorate of this church.

Resolved, That upon this day, on which the pleasant and profitable relationship of Rector and people, which has existed between us for a period of over six years, closes, this congregation desires to record its appreciation of his faithful ministry, and to tender to him our Christian sympathy and earnest wishes that he may speedily be restored to health, and that many years of health and usefulness may be still before him.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the Rev. Charles Bancroft; also, that they be entered upon the records of the church, and a copy sent to the press for publication.

Steps were taken to provide a successor to Rev. Charles Bancroft. Hon. W. W. Lynch and Dr. T. M. Prime were appointed delegates to the Synod, and Mr. G. G. Foster representative to the ladies' school at Dunham. Moved by Hon. W. W. Lynch, seconded by Mr. S. W. Foster, "That this Vestry desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to the Church in this parish by the Rev. R. D. Irwin since he has been in charge of the same. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Rev. R. D. Irwin." Carried unanimously.

HOHELAGA.—St. Mary's.—A Confirmation was held in this Church last St. George's Day, seventeen candidates received the "Laying On of Hands" from the good Bishop. This is a most gratifying result, as there have been Confirmations held here every year since Bishop Bond assumed the pastoral jurisdiction of the Diocese. In the first year, there were fourteen, next year twelve, and this year sixteen. When we consider that during the long period of the past twenty years, there have been only about thirty candidates Confirmed during the incumbencies of the present clergyman and his two predecessors, one must be struck with the increase of the parish. The Railway, Mills, etc., have made the change. A most pleasing feature of the past two Confirmations, has been the presentation of valuable Bibles to the candidates. Last year, our esteemed and generous patron, A. F. Gault, Esq., donated the Bibles, and this year the liberal-hearted D. Morrice, Esq., gave them. This is the more pleasing, seeing that the latter gentleman is a Presbyterian, and has given large sums to that body and to their College. Hochelega will be made a distinct Rectory during the summer, all parties concerned being agreeable, and enough money, etc., having been collected, or donated, to build a Parsonage, and give such a salary, that the Incumbent will devote his whole time to the duties of his said office. Another movement is the appointment of the Incumbent to be Chaplain to Lonque Pointe Asylum for the Insane, which will take place very shortly. As the Incumbent is Chaplain to the Asylum, a society has been organized by him and others, called "The Prisoner's Aid Society," and as the name indicates to help the convicts when they get out of prison. It will do great good, and help the Chaplain materially. Referring again to our little Church—St. Mary's, there is a Chancel to be thrown out, and a Sunday-school built behind the Church, the number of pews increased by a different internal arrangement, and better for the financial condition of the Parish. Messrs. A. F. Gault, D. Morrice and W. J. Whitehead, (our Diocesan Delegates) have each guaranteed one hundred dollars a piece for the next three years to help the Rector's salary. This, with the envelope-system, (now introduced into St. Mary's) will enable the Church Warden to meet all expenses. One lady, Mrs. Hamel, has presented the church with a large silver plate for the offertory, and another has been donated in Montreal. Add to all this good news, under God's blessing, a flourishing St. Mary's Band of Hope was established two months ago, and now number 90 on the list; and in connection with the temperance movement a "Temple of Honor and Temperance" was instituted in Hochelega last Saturday. Two gentlemen from Boston, Brothers Babb and Lewis, coming all that distance at their own expense, and opening the new organ and installing its officers. We feel very proud of this, as it is the only Temple in Ontario or Quebec. There are Temples in New Brunswick, and Sir Leonard Tilley is one of the Templars, but ours is the pioneer of Canada (Upper or Lower). You may well conceive how much we feel when men like Thos. Hawkins, Esq., J. P., our other Church Delegate, and a Commissioner, and R. Jemmy, People's Church Warden, are enrolled as charter members. Under God's blessing nothing that ever was instituted here will do the good that these two temperance organizations will do. Men that have been accustomed to drink stepped up and took the solemn obligation to drink no more and were initiated. Long may it flourish. We have two new applications for next Monday, both of them from Roman Catholics. It should be added that the whole expense of renovating the old church, making new chancel and vestry, and building the new Sunday School connected with the church, is promised to be borne by the above noble-minded gentlemen, who have given the increased salary for the new Rectory.

ASCENSION DAY.

Every year shows an increasing appreciation of the great Festival of the Ascension, which, for so long, was almost forgotten by the great majority of Church people. That such an event should be religiously observed and commemorated, ought to be the spontaneous feeling of every Christian heart, and yet it is still too much the practice of Churchmen to ignore it.

That it should ever have been forgotten, or that now it should be overlooked by any really sincere Christian, is truly surprising. It certainly is not the fault of the Prayer Book which has assigned a service of commemoration in Proper Psalms for the day, Collect, Epistle and Gospel, and Proper Preface in the Communion Office.

It has been the habit of too many of our clergy, who know how difficult it is to get people together on a weekday, to celebrate the Festival the Sunday after. But the Sunday after cannot properly take the place of Holy Thursday, the day which has been set apart for so many ages to commemorate the glorious event, and the clergy should not fail constantly to remind their people of the fact, and importune them to regard the day aright. Christmas Day, when it occurs on a Thursday, might just as reasonably be celebrated on the Sunday following; indeed, it would be less opposed to every right idea of the commemoration.

THE LATE MAJOR AYLMER SOMERSET

The Canadian Church has lost a warm-hearted and generous friend, through the death of Major Aylmer Somerset, of the Rifle Brigade, at Devonport, England, on Easter Eve, in his 47th year. While his regiment was stationed in Quebec, he was a faithful, loving teacher in the Sunday School of St. Matthew's Church. The personal interest which he shewed for his men, not merely while they were in the company, but even after they left the service, was not confined to them, but overflowed upon the lads in the class. The Church Society's Report for the Diocese of Quebec was annually looked for and studied by him, even after he had returned to England. Its pages bear witness to the constancy and generosity with which he contributed to its funds, until he had completed, probably at the cost of no little self-denial, the full payment of a certain amount, which he had resolved that he would give to the Church's work in Canada. Distance did not diminish the warmth and heartiness of his feeling, both for individuals and for objects connected with the Church in Quebec. Whatever he allowed himself in, or whatever he undertook, was always after deliberation. Accordingly his friendships and his efforts were not inconstant but enduring; the spirit that was in him was—for a man whose life was necessarily in the world—wondrously simple and genuine. Its excellence far exceeded that of great talent, or wealth, or rank, which he had not.

After leaving Canada he took part in the Ashantee campaign, and more recently was amongst those who volunteered for active service in the "Zulu war." At the close of the war, he suffered long and seriously from that fell-destroyer, typhoid fever, from which he recovered but to sink under a second attack of the same fever, which seems to have come upon him as he was returning to England, after a brief sojourn in Italy, where he had been spending a short leave. The present vigor and the bright prospects of the Church of England are to be seen most clearly in the intelligent and loving devotion of her many lay members, men in all ranks and classes of society, who trust her and love her, and labor for her in the most ungrudging spirit, first because she is to them the body of Christ, and then because leaving them free, she teaches them to use their freedom aright. A bright place in this large and growing body of laymen, was filled by Major Aylmer Somerset, and the record now made up of his life, is one which the reader may well count for himself, quite persistent devotion to his duty, to his Church and to his God.