

Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and with one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE.

During which will be read these sentences:

Except the LORD build the house, their labour is but lost that build it.—Psalm cxxvii, 1.

Her foundations are upon the holy hills; the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.—Psalm lxxxvii, 1.

He shall bring forth the head-stone thereof with shoutings, crying Grace, Grace unto it.—Zech. iv.

THE STONE BEING LAID.

This Corner Stone of the Foundation we lay in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in His Name may be happily carried on to its complete termination, without injury or accident, let or hindrance; and that when completed it may be consecrated and set apart for Him and His services, to the honour of His Name, and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST,” who is “GOD over all, blessed through evermore;” and “in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Amen.

ANTHEM.

From Psalm cxxxix, verse 1.

Being the words sang together by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord, on the laying of the Foundation Stone of the second Temple.—(See Ezra III, verse 11.)

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever.

Let us pray.

I.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the living God, who art very God Almighty, the Brightness and Image of the Eternal Father, and Life Eternal, who art the Corner Stone, cut out of the Mountain without hands, and our unchangeable Foundation: Confirm Thou this Stone now laid in Thy Name; and do Thou, who art the Beginning and the Ending, by whom in the beginning God the Father created all things, vouchsafe to be the beginning, and the increase and the ending of this work, which we this day begin to the honour and glory of Thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

II.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who with ready minds shall have given help to the building of this Thy Holy House, may obtain health in body and soul through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

III.

O LORD God Almighty, who hast put into the hearts of men wisdom and understanding in all manner of workmanship, grant to all who shall be employed in this holy work, a spirit worthy of Thy service; that having Thee ever before their eyes, they may so order themselves in all blameless conversation, that with clean hands and pure hearts, minds possessed with salutary meditations, they may worship, through Jesus CHRIST our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

IV.

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of Temples made with hands, and who hast yet been graciously pleased to promise Thy especial presence wheresoever two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer up their praises and supplications unto Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, and have laid the Foundation Stone of this building, which we desire to erect to the honour of Thy Name, beseeching Thee that it may be separated from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicated to Thy service, for reading and preaching Thy Holy Word, for celebrating Thy Holy Sacraments, for offering to Thy Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name, and for the performance of all other Holy Offices. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory and to the happiness of Thy people, both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

HYMN.

CHRIST is our Corner Stone,
On Him alone we build:
With His true Saints alone
The courts of Heaven are fill'd.
On His great love
Our hopes we place,
Of present grace
And joys above.

Here, gracious God, do Thou
For evermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow,
And mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious shower
On all who pray
Each holy day,
Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from Heaven
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day
When all the blest,
To endless rest
Are call'd away.

Praise to the God of Heaven!
Praise to His only Son!
And praise to Him be given
Who joins them both in One;
The Holy Dove,
Who makes us meet
For the blest seat
Of God above!

THE BENEDICTION.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

FORMATION OF A DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

A Meeting was held at the National School House, Montreal, at the close of the proceedings of the Central Board of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, on the 10th October, at which it was resolved to establish a Church Society for the Diocese of Montreal, and a Committee was appointed to frame a Constitution and By-Laws, and to report to a future meeting.

We give below an account, taken from a Montreal paper, of a subsequent meeting, held on the 30th Oct.

The Constitution and By-Laws adopted are, in most respects, the same as those of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1850.

In accordance with the Bishop's Circular of October 11, a general meeting of the Diocese, was held this day at the National School, Montreal.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal in the chair.

After prayer, the Bishop addressed the meeting on unity and energy of action, and then called upon the Secretary to read the resolution and circular upon which the Meeting was called.

The Report was read and received. It was then

Resolved,—That a General Meeting of the members of the Church in this Diocese be held in this city, on the day fixed for the Annual Meeting of the Society, for the purpose of fully organizing the Society by the appointment of a Central Board, and such officers of the Society as are usually appointed at the general annual meetings of the Diocese of Quebec, and that the clergy present be requested to use their best endeavours to procure subscribers to the Society, previous to the said general meeting, and that the clergy who are not present be requested by circular to do the same.

Resolved,—That a subscription list be now opened to afford to persons present an opportunity of subscribing to this society, and of thereby becoming members thereof, in accordance with the 7th clause of the By-Laws recently adopted.

Resolved,—That the President, Dr. Bethune, Dr. Adamson, Rev. C. Bancroft, Dr. Holmes, Col. Wilgress E. L. Montzambert, Esq., Rev. W. Bond, to be a Committee to prepare resolutions and nominate the movers and seconders thereof, and to make such other preparations as may be required for the general meeting to be held on the third Tuesday in January next.

After the benediction the meeting separated.

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CHURCH AT COTEAU DU LAC.—This ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, on the 24th October. His Lordship, accompanied by the Rev. Armine Mountain, acting Chaplain for the occasion, had arrived on the preceding evening at the house of the Missionary, the Rev. J. Mountain. The morning was not propitious, as it rained heavily all the early part of the day; but nevertheless a large proportion of the members of the congregation were present, some of them coming from considerable distances. The Incumbent, with several of the leading inhabitants, met the Bishop at the Church door and presented the petition for the consecration of the Church, which was read by the Rev. H. Patton. The Bishop then said, Sirs, is this your desire? and the minister and the people replying, it is, his Lordship said, in the Name of God, let us begin. A procession was then formed, and the Bishop and Clergy walked on. After the Bishop had taken his seat within the chancel rails, the deed of conveyance of the site was presented by the donor. The Rev. J. Mountain at the same time presented, on behalf of Mrs. Mountain of Cornwall, C. W., a flagon for the Holy Communion; and the Rev. A. W. Mountain, on behalf of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, a set of books for the performance of Divine Service, the Church not having been yet used for Public Worship. The usual prayers having been offered by the Bishop, the sentence of consecration was read by the acting Chaplain, and signed by his Lordship. The service was then proceeded with, Morning Prayer being said by the Rev. J. Mountain, and the Revs. H. Patton, and A. Mountain reading the lessons, and Epistle and Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Bishop from Acts VII, “Sirs, ye are brethren.”

The church which is built of brick, with stone copings, is 56 feet long by 32 wide, exclusive of the chancel, and will accommodate about 300 worshippers. It is surmounted by a tower and spire, and altogether exhibits signs of a marked endeavour to improve upon the architectural style and general appearance of the churches heretofore erected in Canada. In this respect, however, the Clergy labour under great disadvantages, in consequence of their being no good models already existing in the diocese to which they can refer, nor any architects who have made this branch of their profession their peculiar study: but we trust that this is a deficiency that will before any long time be supplied, and that there will be erected in different parts of the country, a few churches which shall display some little true taste and knowledge of the principles of the art, and shall enable those in church building to erect, at little or no additional expenditure of money, structures that shall not only accommodate a given number of worshippers, but at the same time shall approve themselves in every way worthy of the purpose for which they are intended.

The internal arrangements of the church at Coteau du Lac are, in most respects, particularly good, and elicited his Lordship's approbation. The whole building gives evidence of a desire for the celebration of divine worship in a reverent and seemly manner. This is the first church consecrated by the Bishop of Montreal, but we understand that there are several others in the diocese very nearly ready for the performance of that ceremony, and we trust that their number, as well as that of the clergy, may increase rapidly under his Lordship's administration.

His Lordship returned to Montreal on Friday the 25th.—Partly from the Montreal Gazette.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The Bishops of Quebec and Montreal met at the College from their respective Sees, to attend a Meeting of the Corporation, which was held on Saturday the 5th of October. The other members of the Corporation present were—the Rev. Principal Nicholls, M.A., Professor Miles, M.A. Vice Principal, the Rev. Professor Hellmuth, and Professor Chapman, B.A., constituting the College Council.—Col. Morris, the Rev. L. Doolittle (College Bursar), Rev. C. P. Reid, G. F. Bowen and Hollis Smith, Esquires, Trustees. The Hon. E. Hale, Trustee and Honorary Secretary of the Corporation, was absent at Boston, and the Rev. C. Jackson, the remaining Trustee, was too ill to at-

tend. The sitting occupied the greater part of the day, and matters of considerable importance to the temporal interests of the Institution were discussed and disposed of.

Their Lordships the Bishops were both guests at the Principal's Lodge, and this having been the first visit of the Bishop of Montreal to the College, the Students were all introduced to him in form.

On Sunday the 6th the Bishop of Quebec administered the Holy Communion and preached at Sherbrooke in the morning, and preached at Lennoxville in the afternoon. The Bishop of Montreal, in like manner, administered the Communion at Lennoxville, where he also preached, as well as in the evening at Sherbrooke, where his Lordship passed the night at the residence of the Rev. Professor Hellmuth, Incumbent of the place. On Monday the 7th, both prelates set out for Montreal, in order to attend the meeting of the Central Board of the Incorporated Church Society.

The Rev. Thomas Pennefather, B.A., has been appointed to the charge of Bourg Louis and St. Catherine's, taken off from the Mission of Portneuf, in the District of Quebec.

The Revs. F. de Lamare and F. A. Smith have arrived at their respective destinations in the District of Gaspé, where they were received with demonstrations of great kindness and respect. A new Church is about to be erected at Malbaie, in the mission of Mr. Smith.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Central Board, held on the 10th Oct. 1850, it was

Resolved,—That whereas a Committee was appointed by the Central Board of the Church Society, in the month of May last, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a respectable Female School for the Diocese of Quebec, the primary object being the education of the daughters of the Clergy, the said Committee being directed to report to the next sitting of the Board,—and whereas, the Committee having done so in the month of July last, and their Report having been adopted, which was in favour of establishing such a school, it may be considered that their functions ceased, and that they are no longer a Committee,—a Committee be named by their Lordships the Bishops of Quebec and Montreal, to carry out the object contemplated by the Board, first, with respect to the locality where the said school shall be established; and secondly, to devise measures for raising the necessary means for effecting the same.

DIocese OF MELBOURNE.

PORTLAND.—The Bishop of Melbourne arrived here on Friday, March 1st, and remained till the following Friday. Since his Lordship's visit last year the Church ground has been enclosed, and the school-room neatly ceiled and whitewashed; so that it now forms a very suitable place for Divine Service, except that it is much too small for the wants of the people, many of whom are unable to obtain seats in it. There was also in operation a well attended and well-managed day-school, and a good Sunday-school.

THE WANNON.—From Portland the Bishop returned to Mr. E. Henty's station on the Wannan. Here he met a few of the settlers in that neighbourhood, who have long been anxious to obtain a resident Clergyman among them. The Bishop undertook to place one there, at the earliest possible opportunity, if they would guarantee the sum of £150 per annum, to be paid by Mr. Henty on Sunday Divine Service was performed at Henty's wool-shed, which had been most conveniently fitted up for a temporary church. The congregation consisted of between thirty and forty persons, of whom seven afterwards received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

MOUNT ROUSE.—On Monday the Bishop resumed his journey, and on Saturday he reached Mr. Montgomery's station, at Mount Rouse, where he spent the next day, holding Divine Service in the verandah, and administering the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The following week he returned to Melbourne, having, through the good providence of God, accomplished, with Mrs. Perry, a journey of more than a thousand miles, with only one slight accident.

CONFIRMATION.—On Wednesday, March 28th, the ordinance of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Melbourne, to seventeen males and twenty-eight females.

DIocese OF CAPETOWN.

STATE OF THE DIOCESE.—Our readers will peruse with much pleasure the following testimony from a lay member of the Church to the improvement effected under Bishop Gray. It occurs in a letter dated Graham's Town, May 28, 1850:—

“You may judge of the improvement that has already taken place by the following statistics. Throughout the Diocese we now have twenty-two Parsons in the West Province, and sixteen in the East Province, besides several Catechists; and three Parsons at Natal, and four at St. Helena; nearly three times as many as there were throughout the whole Diocese before the appointment of the Bishop. In this town we have daily Service, and a weekly Offertory which produces £300 a year, on an average. We have a Collegiate Institution set going in Capetown, and a neat little Church Magazine, published monthly. We have a good school building here; but sadly want a staff of masters, permanently attached to it. The moral tone of this town is particularly improved; open and heinous sin, heretofore so common, is not now, at all events, so notorious. We are fairly started now, but our hands want strengthening very much, even yet. Our staff is not sufficiently strong; there are many outlying places to which Clergy should be appointed, independently of the Orange River Sovereignty and the heathen in all parts. The Bishop has already written for one Clergyman for Bloem Fontein, the capital of the Orange River Sovereignty. But what will one man be in a large territory equal to Ireland, with its population scattered in all directions? Opposition of Non-conformists is getting vigorous; and they are not only trying to hinder and annoy by every possible means, but they are doing their utmost to pre-occupy vacant posts. Emigration appears to keep on steadily here. We want a great many handicrafts yet,—carpenters, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, labourers, shepherds servants.”

DIocese OF VICTORIA.

HONG KONG.—The Church of England Anglo Chinese School has recently been transferred by the Rev. V. Stanton to the Bishop of Victoria. Mr. Stanton in a final Report gives the following history of the School:—

“The plan of the institution was formed during my last visit to England; and in 1843, previous to leaving,

I collected money from my friends there, as far as could be done in a private form. For their security and the security of future subscribers I vested this money and the contemplated buildings and other property of the School, in the Earl of Chichester, the Earl of Harrowby (then Viscount Sandon, M. P.), Lord Ashley, M. P., and Sir R. H. Inglis, Bart., M. P.

“The execution of my long cherished design was much retarded. In the first place, delay arose in the allocation of a site; then, in my severe sickness and subsequent protracted debility; and lastly, after the building was ready and my health in some measure restored, I found great difficulty in procuring a suitable Assistant.

“However, in the Autumn of 1848, Mr. James Summers arrived from England, and immediately devoted himself to the study of the Chinese language, in which he has ever since been making rapid progress. In the Spring of 1849, a class of seven boys was received from the Morrison Education Society, and later in the year other boys were collected together, from the neighbourhood, raising the number to thirty-four, their present amount. These boys are now distributed into three classes, and their studies about equally divided between English and Chinese.”

UNITED STATES.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Christ Church, Cincinnati, Oct. 7, 8 P.M.

The Bishop of North Carolina, in the Chair. A Resolution of the Bishop of Tennessee, laid on the table, on the 5th instant, was called up and amended by the insertion of a preamble. Its object was in view of the indebtedness of the Treasury to the amount of \$15,000, to discontinue the appropriation of \$1,000 to the Bishop of Illinois.

The Bishop of Maine moved to strike out so much of the preamble as related to the Bishop of Illinois, and insert, instead thereof, a Resolution calling on the members of the Board, and especially the Bishops, to “use every exertion in their power, with a view to such contributions in proportion to the wealth and number of the Parishes in their several Dioceses, as shall be sufficient, before the next annual meeting in July, to discharge the present indebtedness, and fully to sustain the appropriations for the year.”

The motion to “strike out” prevailed, and the Board then adjourned to attend the public missionary meeting in this Church, on Wednesday evening, 9th inst., and to transact business after its conclusion.

October 9, 7 1/2 P.M.

The public meeting was held: the Bishop of Illinois presided. After singing the 103d hymn, and prayers by the presiding Bishop, Addresses were delivered by the Bishops of Ohio, Michigan, Maine, Rhode Island, Louisiana, and Illinois.

A collection was made amounting to \$257.41. After the 107th hymn, the meeting was closed with prayers by the Presiding Officer.

The public meeting having ended, and the Bishop of Illinois having retired, the Bishop of New Jersey took the chair at the request of the Senior Bishop present.

A public meeting was ordered for Friday evening next, and a Committee appointed to prepare resolutions for the same. The Bishops of Western New York, Pennsylvania, and Maine, were appointed.

The Board then adjourned to attend the same.

The Board attended the public meeting. The Bishop of North Carolina, the Senior Bishop, presided.

The 52nd Psalm was sung and prayers offered. Addresses were delivered by the Bishops of Pennsylvania, New York, and Indiana, and Rev. Messrs. Atkinson, Jacob L. Clark, McCoy, Townsend (Fort Smith, Ark.) and Giltett, of Houston, Texas.

The collection amounted to \$86.60. After the 105th hymn, and the benediction by the Bishop presiding, the meeting was dismissed.

The Board then met for business. The list of the Board elected for the next three years by the General Convention, was read.

Resolutions for the publication of the proceedings and the payment of the expenses of meeting, were adopted.

The Domestic Committee was re-appointed.

The Bishop of Maine had permission to withdraw his amendment offered at the meeting of 7th October. Rev. Dr. Atkinson then offered the following Resolutions, to be laid on the table for future consideration:

1. Resolved,—That there ought to be raised in the ensuing year, for the service of the Domestic Branch of the Board of Missions of this Church, and for coming years, not less than \$60,000.

2. Resolved,—That a similar amount or more, should be raised for the service of the Foreign Department of said Board.

3. Resolved,—That the Bishops of this Church be earnestly requested to take upon themselves the charge, in their respective Dioceses, of urging upon the flocks committed to their care by personal appeal, or otherwise, to every parish in the same, the duty of sustaining this resolution.

4. Resolved,—That the respective Committees of the Board of Missions be enjoined to bring before the Church, through the Spirit of Missions or otherwise, the most general missionary intelligence as to the Missions of the Church of England, as well as of our branch of the Church.

5. Resolved,—That the Foreign Committee be instructed to renew the mission to the decayed Churches in Asia Minor, in the manner they shall deem the most likely to accomplish the best results, and that the late Missionary Bishop to Turkey, be requested to submit his views on the subject.

On motion, the Foreign Committee was directed to pay the last named Bishop's salary to the first of Oct. instant.

Adjourned to meet on the 14th inst., at five o'clock. October 14, 5 P.M.

Quorum not present. Adjourned to meet on the 15th at eight A.M.

October 15, 8 A.M.

The Board met; present, eight Bishops, three clerical and three lay members.

The Bishop of North Carolina presided.

The resolutions of Dr. Atkinson were taken up.

The Bishop of South Carolina moved the following preamble to the first:

Whereas, in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, the number of congregations is not less than 1,700, and the number of Dioceses twenty-nine; and therefore if each congregation (the larger according to their abundance, and the smaller according to their means) contribute forty dollars on an average, and if each Diocese contributed according to