

A. Rector of Prince William, Henry H. Neales, S. A. C. Rector of Richmond, and R. Miller Edwards, Rector of Fort Fairfield, Maine. Mr. William J. Wilkinson, B. A. who as Lay Reader is assisting the Rector of Woodstock, was also present.

During the meeting a letter from the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton was read concerning the establishing of a Theological Chair at Fredericton in connection with the University of New Brunswick. An animated discussion on the subject followed, most of the clergy expressing themselves favourable to the proposed plan. Some however, prefer making King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, the Theological College of this diocese. A very interesting paper was read by the Rev. J. E. Flewelling, on "Ritualism," for which the Deanery tendered the writer their cordial thanks.

The 12th Chap. of 1st Cor. was read in the original, and discussed, after which some time was devoted to a discussion of the "Sentences," at the beginning of Morning and Evening Prayer; 1st. as to how many and which of the sentences are appropriate for use at each of the several seasons of the Christian year; and 2nd. as to how they ought to be read.

The Deanery is to meet again at Canterbury, August 7th.

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QUEBEC.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

The anniversary meeting of the Church Society was held in the Music Hall, on the 10th. The attendance was very large. The chair was taken at 8 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and upon the platform were also seated the Metropolitan, the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, Revd. Messrs. Housman, Rawson, Fothergill, Richardson, Mitchell, Von Iffland and Smith. Revd. J. S. Sykes was also present, as also Revd. Mr. Wilson, of the Cathedral, Kingston, and R. W. Heneker, Esq., of Sherbrooke. The meeting was opened by prayers by Rev. M. M. Fothergill, followed by the singing of the hymn, "The Church's one foundation."

His Lordship introduced to the meeting the Lord Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan, expressing the good fortune of those present to hear the last words in Canada of that eminent servant of God, whom he regretted was now about to leave the country.

The Metropolitan trusted that after the painful ordeal he had passed through during the last week in parting from his beloved diocese, those present would not expect from him a carefully prepared address, but would be satisfied with a few words of kindly advice. He had never lost sight of the kindness which had been offered to him in this diocese on his first arrival in the country, and had learned so to love and respect its Bishop, that next to his own beloved diocese, that of Quebec ranked first in his affections. Upon arriving in the country he was struck with the inadequate salaries paid to clergymen. But he was glad to see that an improvement was taking place in this respect. Quebec had well led the way, and now the diocese of Montreal was also increasing the salaries of its clergymen. He gladly bore testimony to the improved missionary spirit in this country, and knew that he left behind him in Montreal a gallant company of earnest and devoted missionaries. In the diocese of Montreal he felt that the lesson had been learnt, that although great prudence was necessary, yet little was to be effected without a bold venture being made. He rejoiced to see that there was now considerable eagerness manifested to plant the Church wherever it was possible, and described the opening a short time ago of a new mission at Glen Sutton, by the clergyman of a neighboring parish, who spent nearly three months in visiting the people who had no settled minister. He found there 90 families, not one of them being Church people, but believing it in their interests to establish a mission amongst them, he invited the Bishop to meet him on a certain Sunday and hold mission services amongst the people. This was done, and the people expressed their desire to have a resi-

dent minister. A student was sent from Montreal to hold Sunday services for a few months, but now there were a consecrated church and a resident clergyman at Glen Sutton. His Lordship felt that he owed an apology for speaking so long of his own diocese, but it was very near his heart, and at such a time he could scarcely think of anything else. To-morrow he would probably bid adieu to Canada for ever, and why had he so resolved? It was not that he was tired of the work, but that he thought it could be better done by a younger and more vigorous Bishop than himself. He trusted that the same spirit of unity which prevailed in Montreal and in this diocese would long continue, and that all Church people would learn to serve their God in singleness of heart. It was not then because he was tired of the work in Canada, or sighed for a more temperate climate, or wearied of the mantle of snow which far so many months covered the country. Of one thing he was certain, that if it pleased God to spare him till next winter, he would often pine amongst the damp, misty hills of old England for the clear atmosphere of Canada, and the bright blue firmament overhead. His Lordship, who was visibly affected during a portion of this farewell address, concluded by invoking a blessing upon those who heard him, and assuring them that he had much more upon his heart than he could then give utterance to.

The hymn, "Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun," was then sung, after which the Chairman introduced to the meeting the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, who said that "he found it very difficult to address an audience on subjects with which it was familiar, and still to retain its interest. Some years ago he had visited Quebec and staid beneath the Apostolic roof of the late Bishop Mountain, and had formed one of the five bishops—the only now surviving one—who in this very city had at that time decided upon the plan of church synods which had since become universal in the Church in British North America. The young people might say that they had nothing to do with what had occurred so long ago, but he reminded them that all were interested and required to assist in the work of preaching the Gospel to every creature. The Metropolitan had spoken of the inadequate salaries paid to clergymen, and it was the duty of all church people to ask if a proper provision had been made for them or for their widows and children. He spoke of the pain which it must cause a clergyman to think of the possibility of his widow and children being left dependent upon public charity. He often wondered with respect to his own clergymen how so many of them could keep body and soul together, and why it was that they were not overwhelmed with debt. Without proper education being provided for clergymen's children, they had to commence life lower in the social scale than their parents, and therefore not in a position to continue the work in which their fathers had been engaged. The Church in Canada would never be so happy as when it was in a position to say to the societies of the mother country, "We are now a self-sustaining church, and have no desire to draw upon you for our support." He considered that it was the duty of all good Church people to seek to hasten this independence of the Church in Canada. With respect to the system of giving, he contended that it was not fair for a rich man to give but the same proportion of his income to God as a poor man, since he would still have remaining an unproportionately large amount compared with the other. Men of business contended that they could not subscribe so much in times of depression as in prosperity, and perhaps the Almighty does not expect that they should, but though it might be they did not make so much money as a few years ago, yet he asked whether they had deprived themselves of any luxuries in consequence, or whether their pictures, servants, carriages, &c., were not as grand now as some time ago. In regard to missionary enterprise, he knew that there were many people who asked where was the necessity for sending missionaries to convert the heathen while there remained in their own midst so many unconverted and irreligious people. His Lordship remarked that if Our Saviour and St. Paul and St. Peter had talked thus, we would yet have been all heathens. He showed the success which had attended missionary efforts in India,

where the converts maintained their own clergy without aid from the Church in England. The preaching of the Gospel was attended now with the same results as in the Apostolic age; some embraced it, others refused, but wherever it took root and grew, it produced the same fruit. His Lordship gave a very interesting account of the establishment of a Church of England congregation and place of worship in a Danish settlement of his Diocese, which was in charge of a Dane in deacon's orders, who administered all the ordinances of the church in his native language. In conclusion the Bishop testified to the healthiness of the Canadian climate, and the friendliness of the people to the Church of England, averring that he felt better now than when he entered on his work in this country thirty-four years ago.

ONTARIO.

GLOUCESTER.—Sunday, 12th May, will long be remembered in this new Mission Parish as the day of the first administration therein of the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. The twenty-six candidates, thirteen males and thirteen females, representing in about equal numbers the congregations of St. James' (Cowans), St. George's (Taylorville), and Billing's Bridge, assembled in the Division Hall at the last named place at 4.30 p.m. The congregation was very large. After the authorised shortened form of evening prayer had been said by the Rev. T. D. Phillips, the candidates were presented by the Incumbent (Rev. H. B. Patton), who employed the usual form, "Rt. Reverend Father in God, I present to you these persons here present to receive the Apostolic rite of Confirmation." The Bishop then addressed the candidates. The offertory was in aid of the Building Fund of the church now in course of erection at Billing's Bridge. The impressive service was brought to a conclusion by the congregational singing of the hymn "Abide with me," &c., and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Bishop. The musical parts of the service were heartily rendered by the choir and congregation. Miss Billings presided at the organ. The congregation are much indebted to Mr. Derinzy for the beautiful flowers which he so kindly and thoughtfully provided.

BELLEVILLE.—At the Evangelical Alliance meeting held in the Baptist Meeting House on the evening of the 13th inst., the Rev. J. R. Jones of Christ Church delivered an address on "Christian Liberty," which was very favorably received.

We regret to learn that the Rev. S. Foster, of Shannonville, has been very ill. He is recovering rapidly.

Presentation.—One of those pleasant occurrences which take place now and then, and diffuse pleasure among the participants, was the presentation of a number of articles to the Rev. J. R. Serson, B.A., Incumbent of St. John's, Crisler, by the members of his congregation. The ladies' gift took the form of a purse, the gentlemen offered a set of valuable harness; and as the children of the Sunday School would not be behind in their expressions of regard, a beautiful whip testifies their esteem. To be the successor of a worthy and estimable clergyman in a country parish is a rather difficult task for a young minister, but these presents are sure tokens that the rev. gentleman has secured the good will of his flock by his ministrations, and it is hoped he will long continue to discharge his sacred trust with acceptance. A black silk stole was also presented as an Easter offering, by a lady of the congregation.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending, May 18th 1878.

MISSION FUND.—Special Appeal.—R. H. Bethune, on account of subscription, \$50.00. Parochial Collections.—Richmond Hill, \$49.00; Grace Church, Markham, additional \$13.60.

DIVINITY STUDENT'S FUND.—April Collections.—Toronto, St. James' \$5.00; Holy Trinity, \$22.70; St. Stephen's \$7.74; Trinity College Chapel, \$13.75; Trinity College School Chapel, Port Hope