

### Ordination.

On Sunday, September 24th, in the absence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Lord Bishop of Ottawa held an Ordination Service in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, when Mr. J. S. Brewer, B.A., of Magdalen College, Cambridge, was admitted to the Diaconate. The Sermon, which was a most scholarly one and listened to with close attention, was preached by the Rev. W. C. Rodgers, Head Master of St. John's School, Montreal, from the text "In all things approving ourselves the ministers of God." II Cor., VI-1. The Service throughout was most impressive, and formed a fitting opening to Mr. Brewer's work as Curate of St. Matthew's. He has already made a large number of friends in the parish, and we join with them in wishing him every blessing and happiness in his future labours.

### St. Matthew's Church, Quebec.

#### EXTENSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL ALTERATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE SACRED EDIFICE THE CHANCEL TO BE ENLARGED

The improvements now being effected at St. Matthew's Church will greatly enhance its appearance. The plans, which have been prepared by Mr. Cox, call for a complete reconstruction of the chancel. A rather interesting fact in this connection is that after Mr. Cox's plan had been approved by the Congregation it was found to be almost identical with the original plan prepared by Mr. Street, the distinguished English architect. Unfortunately, owing to the lack of the necessary funds, it was impossible to follow Mr. Street's design, and hence the Chancel had not that dignity proportionate to the rest of the building. Now, however, this fault is to be remedied, and it is expected that the results of the work will be very pleasing.

The East end of the Church is to be moved out a distance of nine feet, and thus a large amount of extra space will be gained. The height from floor to roof is to be 40 feet, and this will give room for the placing of a

beautiful east window, in size 15 by 10 feet. The stone tracery of this window will be of the late decorated period; (A. D. 1350), at which time Gothic architecture in Europe reached its height. The sill of the window will be nine feet above the top of the Altar, and this will allow for the enlargement and enrichment of the present Reredos. The five windows now in the Chancel are to be placed in the side walls, and these with the large east window, will give much better light. Mr. Cox has very cleverly worked out the details of the interior decorations. The walls are to be lined with Bath stone in two colors, a rich terra cotta and white. The effect of these colors in conjunction will be most agreeable. The stone interior marks an epoch in Canadian Church Architecture, St. Matthew's being the first Church in the Dominion to be finished and decorated in that way. To the right of the Chancel and behind the wall where the Pulpit now stands is to be built an Organ Chamber, 21 feet x 16 feet, and the organ will be moved from its present position and placed in this chamber. The wall behind the Pulpit will be pierced by two arches, both of which will be filled with ornamental organ pipes, and the Organist will have his seat in the Choir, in such a position that he will be able more effectively to conduct the music. The organ, before being placed in position, will be thoroughly overhauled, the addition of larger pipes of deeper tone will improve the pedal bass, and several new stops and combinations are to be added, by which the instrument will be greatly softened and enriched. The funds necessary for this improvement were the gift of the late Robert Hamilton, Esq., to whose memory both Chancel and Organ Chamber are being erected. The removal of the organ from its present position allows for the insertion of a fine rose window in the north transept wall, and Mr. Cox is now at work on the designs for the stone tracery, which will be of the same architectural period as the east window. The rose window is being placed as a memorial to the late Judge Irvine.

Notwithstanding the extensive nature of these alterations, the work