

were only twenty-six Clergymen present at the visitation, out of forty in the Diocese. The attendance of those who occupy the Missions of the Gulf was out of the question. All, however, by the divine blessing, passed happily off, among those who met.

On the 23rd of January, the Bishop set out upon an extended tour for the inspection of the Missions and the administration of the rite of confirmation in parts of the Diocese lying south and south-west of Quebec.

The particulars of this journey, as well as of the visit to the *College* which it comprehended, and of the College Corporation Meeting held under the new Charter, at which the two Lower Canada Bishops presided, as well as the accounts of confirmations at the three Chambers of the *Vat Carter Mission*, in March, appear in the April No. of this paper, 1854, and it may suffice to repeat here that at the fourteen confirmations of the winter, the number of individuals admitted to the rite, was 197. Six Churches were consecrated. (The particulars of the consecration at *Sherbrooke*, appear in the March No.)

Reference may be here given in the same way to the May No., for an account of laying the corner-stone of a *New Chapel* in the Parish of *Quebec*; to the same No., for an account of the Charity Sermon preached by *Dr. Adamson*, in the *Quebec Cathedral* on behalf of the wives and families of soldiers serving in the East, which produced upwards of £117; to the August No., for a statement of the remittances made on the same behalf by the Bishop, as well as for the account of an ordination of two gentlemen as Deacons, at *Lennoxville*, on the 25th of June, and of the *College Corporation Meetings* in the end of that month; and finally, to the October No., for that of the ordination of two candidates for the Priesthood at *Quebec*, on St. Matthew's day.

From *Lennoxville*, after the visit just mentioned, the Bishop went to *New York*, accompanied by the Rev. Principal Nicolls, his Chaplain, and the Rev. Professor Hellmuth, D. D., his Lordship being under an engagement to the late lamented Bishop Wainwright of that city, to preach an ordination sermon at Trinity Church, on the 2nd of July. The three visitors were all received as guests at the Episcopal residence. The ordination was a great occasion of the American Church, being the largest yet known within her pale. The exterior effect of the ceremonial was imposing; the array of four Bishops, twelve Presbyters in the stalls, and twenty-one candidates for ordination, ranged before them in surplices, together with the gorgeoussness of the building and the dense crowd of worshippers, presented a striking and interesting spectacle; but, what was of unspeakably greater value, high hopes were entertained for these candidates, from a knowledge of their qualifications and state of preparation, that they would, in the discharge of their sacred task, be accepted of God and approved of by men. Eighteen were candidates for the Diaconate, constituting just so much numerical accession to the force of the Church.* The Bishop of Quebec and his companions, after enjoying for two or three days more the utmost kind and hospitable attention from different friends, and being taken round to visit various objects of interest to the Church or otherwise, returned to *Montreal*, ac-

companied by their respected host, and paid a visit, *en passant*, to the Bishop of Vermont, at *Burlington*. The two Bishops upon reaching *Montreal*, were received and welcomed, together, with the Rev. Principal Nicolls, at the See House, and on Sunday the 9th, they each preached twice in different Churches of the city. On the 10th, the Bishops of *New York* and *Quebec* returned to their respective homes, the former under a promise to the latter, to preach a Charity Sermon at *Quebec* in September. It pleased God to order it otherwise. The stroke of death intervened, the friends and brothers in office met no more; and the Diocese of *New York* had to mourn a loss of which the sense was most affectionately and extensively testified.

On the 18th of October, the Bishop of *Quebec* went up to *Sorel*, where he was received at the Rectory, in order to proceed thence to the *River David*, 18 miles distant, for the consecration of a burying ground. As the nearest Clergyman of the Bishop's own Diocese and the only one whose services he could readily command, resides at the distance of twenty-four miles from the *River David*, the two Clergymen of the Diocese of *Montreal* who live at *Sorel*, kindly accompanied him to the place. They all became the guests of the family of the Seigneur, Mr. Wurtel, at the Manor House; and on the 20th, after full service and a sermon by the Bishop at the house, the consecration took place in due form. The burying ground which is beautifully situated on the level summit of an eminence above the river, is designed specially for the family, but open to some exceptions. As the Protestants of the neighborhood thinly scattered over a considerable range of country, form a little and feeble flock without a shepherd, the Bishop remained over Sunday, the 22d, and preached twice at the Manor House. The morning congregation which was the larger of the two, consisted of twenty-six persons. Certain portions of the service were chanted by the ladies of the family.

On the 24th of December, the *New Chapel* in the Parish of *Quebec*, of which the Corner-Stone as mentioned above, was laid in May, was opened, under the Episcopal license, for divine service. It is built of excellent stone, in the early English style, with open roofs and open seats; and when fully completed, will be a very correct and pleasing specimen of that style. It stands well, having a handsome and abundant growth of wood in its neighborhood, about three miles from the city gates, near the high road and opposite to the Mount Hermon Cemetery. The morning sermon was preached by the Bishop, and a collection was made, amounting to £18. The afternoon sermon by the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D., when the joint amount was brought up to £22. The responsibilities of the undertaking have rested mainly upon gentlemen living in the vicinity of the Chapel, who are Trustees of the building fund. The Chapel is to be served by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, who has been instrumental in procuring its erection.

Among the celebrations of the holy and joyful season of Christmas, according with the spirit and practice of the Church in the land of our Fathers, the annual Christmas dinner for the School-children of the poorer classes, was given in the *Quebec National School-rooms*, on the *Festival of the Innocents*. One hundred and eighteen boys sat down to a plentifully provided table, in one room, and ninety-nine girls in the other. The rooms were decorated with evergreens. Gentlemen and ladies interested in the Schools, attended and assisted in carving for the children. It was an interesting spectacle and praise was sounded out of the mouth of babes, in the verses of a hymn, which served for grace.

The relics of the feast were, as usual, distributed among poor applicants who brought tickets from the Clergy.

On the 31st of December, the last day of the year falling upon a Sunday, the Clergy of *Quebec* in the Cathedral and Chapels of the Parish, upon the recommendation of the Bishop, took a solemn review from their pulpits, of the memorable events and visitations whether local or affecting the Empire, by which the year had been marked, and collections were made for such charitable objects as the Minister and Wardens might in each case, prefer. The sermon in the Cathedral was preached by Rev. G. Percy, and the collection amounted to £58. The Bishop preached in St. Peter's Chapel where £11 were collected. These contributions were understood, in some measure, to be the thank-offerings of those who had been spared in the day of pestilence.

Among the miscellaneous items of some interest during the triennium, it may be mentioned that, upon one occasion, the Easter communicants in the Parish of *Quebec*, amounted to about 700, of whom 400 were at the Cathedral; and that the Sunday collections in the Cathedral for the year ending at Easter last, amounted to £528. This is exclusive of Charity-Sermons, of which four are statedly preached in the Cathedral every year, for Church objects within the Diocese or Parish, besides occasional appeals for any extraordinary purpose. There have been many items of more or less interest, in the Country Missions, which might be noticed, but they are such as have appeared, from time to time, either in the *Quebec* or the *Toronto Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

The recapitulation of specific acts of duty performed by the Bishop during the triennium, will stand as follows:

Ordinations held,	5	Confirmations held,	42
Priests Ordained,	6	Persons confirmed,	687
Deacons " "	4	Churches consecrated,	12
Two more Deacons were ordained by other Bishops for the Diocese of Quebec.		Burying-Grounds " "	7
		Sermons preached,	432

Of these, 116 were written sermons and 316 extemporaneous addresses of a more familiar kind; 3 were preached in Atlantic Steamers; 29 in England; 3 in Vessels of War, and 4 in *New Brunswick*.

This last particularized statement was never made in any former instance, in connection with labours here principally needed, but the acts and proceedings of a Bishop are considered, in a manner, the public property of the Church; and in the present fashion, or rather rage, for giving publicity to all things and, in the Church, of rendering returns to the public as certain monks make their reports to the General of their Order, it is apt to be supposed that if nothing is put before the world, there has been nothing done. The time, it is to be hoped, will come when the Ministers of Christ may be left quietly to discharge their duties under the eye of their Divine Master and in simple reliance upon his Grace and blessing, to look for happy fruit from their labours of love.

The Bishop, in every part of his travels, during the three years, met, at the hands of his Clergy and others, with unbounded hospitality, kindness and attention. And in the face of many discouraging circumstances, in the midst of many trials, perplexities, solitudes and painful mementoes of human insufficiency, incidental, in times like these, to the Episcopal charge, he is known to have been often much comforted and refreshed by evidences of blessing resting upon faithful and earnest labour among his Clergy. They and their followers are few in the land, compared with the superficial extent of the Diocese, and, in many in-

* The Bishop's Ordination-Sermon was left by desire to be published in *New York*; and it is proper to mention that the same desire, equally entitled to respect, had been signified at *Lennoxville*, where it was preached at the far humbler Ordination held exactly a week before. Compliance was then promised, but with the condition that the sermon was first to be made use of upon the approaching occasion at *New York*.