

ship and the reverence and beauty of the services connected with the Episcopal visitation, which without doubt is impressing deeply the people in these sections. Church matters in the Diocese of Quebec, as a whole, would appear to be progressing most favorably.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL—CHRISTMAS DAY.

Notwithstanding the rather unpleasant weather in the earlier part of the day the services in the various parish churches of the city were largely attended, and larger numbers than usual were present at the different celebrations of Holy Communion. Early celebrations were, if we mistake not, more numerous this year than heretofore: being held in several parishes at 7, 8 and 9.30 a.m., in others at 9 and 11 a.m. The churches were also chastely and beautifully decorated.

At *Christ Church Cathedral* a large number of communicants were present at the 8 a.m. celebration, when the Rev. Canon Norton, D.D., Rector, was celebrant assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mervyn. The altar was decorated with flowers—but lacked the white festal coverings, which would have imparted something of a joyful aspect to the somewhat dark sanctuary at 11 a.m.; the musical portion of the service was fully in keeping with the general excellence of the choir's work in the past. Mr. J. Edgar Birch presided at the organ, and the preacher was the rector, Rev. Dr. Norton.

At *St. George's church* (the Very Rev. The Dean of Montreal, Rector,) there were two celebrations, at 9 and 11 a.m.; the number of communicants at both being exceptionally large. The Dean preached from St. Luke ii. 9. The offerings were for the poor of the parish and appeared to be generous. The Holy Table was vested in a beautiful white satin communion cloth, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stevenson.

The services at *Grace Church*, Point St. Charles, were of more than ordinary interest. The choir and organ were supplemented by a small orchestra, and the rendering of the musical portions of the service was very fine. There was a Choral Celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock, and Matins at 10.30. At the latter the processional hymn was the familiar "Hark! the herald angels sing," and Stephen Adams. "The Holy City," was sung as offertory solo. The rector, Rev. Dr. Ker, delivered an eloquent address, suitable to the occasion. There were large congregations at both services.—*Herald*.

At *Trinity Church*, the musical portions of the service were eloquent and well rendered, Holy Communion was administered at 11 a.m. The Rev. Canon Mills, D.D. was the preacher.

At the *Church of the Advent* on Christmas Eve, Mr. A. J. G. Macduff, (who acted as choir-master since the opening about two years ago), was presented on behalf of the Ladies' Guild, the congregation and the choir with a handsome cheffoniere and clock, in recognition of his faithful services. The presentation was made by the Rev. H. Kittson, M.A., the priest in charge of the Mission of the Church of St. James the Apostle. Miss Kirby, the organist, also received a very pretty clock from the choir boys.

COTE ST. PAUL.—At the Church of the *Redeemer*, services were held at 10.30 a.m., at which there was a good number present. The Church was beautifully decorated with holly throughout the church, presenting a very rich appearance, with its beautiful Christmas text: altar dressed in white, super-altar bearing a

floral Cross, vases and pots of flowers. The flowers were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lauchlan Gibb of Montreal. Acknowledgment was also made of usual gift of \$10 from the Mount Royal Milling Co., and of coal from Geo. W. Eadie, Esq., of Montreal. The service was bright, hearty and congregational.

LACHUTE.—The annual meeting of the Deanery of St. Andrews will meet in St. Simon's church at Lachute, on Monday, January 14th, 1895. There will be Holy Communion and sermon at 11.15 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. Wm. Harris, rector of Granville. The Chapter will meet for business in the vestry of above church, at 2 p.m. sharp.

There will be a number of subjects calling for discussion, and it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

Diocese of Huron.

THORNDALE.—On Wednesday last, 12th, His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, visited this parish and held a Confirmation. Twenty-one candidates were presented by our Rector (Rev. A. Corbett) for the holy ordinance, which, together with a large number confirmed last February, makes a total for the year of over sixty who have been thus received into the fellowship of our Holy Church. A large number of these were adults, some of whom till recently were members of sectarian bodies.

Our pastor has duly enrolled all his firmes in his Young People's Church Guild, which has been found so helpful during the past year in building up our Church and keeping our young people, especially our communicants, together. A. C.

LONDON.—The 21st anniversary of the Memorial Church was reached on December 9th, and was observed with suitable services; in the morning the Rev. Canon Richardson delivered an historical sermon reviewing the history of the parish, and in the evening the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The church is one of the most stately and beautiful buildings in London, and was, as appears from the sermon of the rector, erected by the children of the late Bishop Cronyn at their own expense. The parish dates back nearly 35 years, the work having been commenced in January, 1860, by Mr. Lawrence Dampier and his wife, who opened in the room of a private house not far from the spot where the church now stands a little Sunday school in which, with a few assistant teachers, they taught the children according to the good old ways of our Mother Church. After two years patient labour they invited a number of like minded friends to meet and consider enlarged work, the result of which was the removal of the first Sunday school to the old County school-house on the east side of Adelaide street, where toward the close of 1861 it was opened under the name of St. Paul's east end Sunday school under the care of Mr. Charles S. Hanson, a venerable and respected member of the congregation still living and who has spent many years of his life in Church work. Ten teachers and 40 scholars formed this school and the work was continued amongst the children of the neighborhood until 1866, when there was connected with it divine service for adults on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. J. McLean, then Curate of the parish church and afterwards the first Bishop and organizer of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, held the first service, since which time there has been a regular and unbroken continuation of work growing steadily in life and strength. In 1870 the congregation purchased from another religious body a small frame church which they named St. George's, in which services were regularly conducted

until in 1873 a distinct and separate parish was erected, of which the Rev. William H. Tilley became the first Incumbent. In September, 1871, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Cronyn, who may be styled the father of the Anglican Church in this part of Canada, and who was first rector of London and first Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, died after a ministry of nearly half a century, 14 years of which was occupied with his episcopate. Some Memorial to commemorate his life and work was spoken of, and finally it was suggested that a free church should be built in which might be placed the pulpit from which he had for 32 years preached the Gospel of our Lord; and as a result in March, 1872, a proposition was made by the children of Bishop Cronyn and submitted to a meeting of the St. George's church to build at their own expense upon such spot within the parish as might be agreed upon a church edifice to be known as the "Memorial Church," London, Ont. The proposition was gratefully accepted, the congregation agreeing to provide a church organ, suitable school house, parsonage, and sexton's lodge. The family then proceeded to obtain a site and erect a church at a cost for the building itself of \$11,673, whilst the parish expended for organ, school house, cottage and subsequent parsonage house \$11,300. This building was opened on December 18th, 1873, and was described by the local press of the day as a beautiful specimen of pure Gothic architecture, and being free from debt it was consecrated at once. The donors of the church thus solemnly set apart for the Lord (to their honor be it recorded) relinquished all rights, privileges and immunities whatsoever either in matters of patronage, control of the church's management or conduct of its services, save only that in the Deed of Consecration, in compliance with their request, was incorporated this sentence: "The pews and sittings in this church to be free to all attending the church without charge or assessment of any kind." When this church was opened there were but two organized parishes in the city, viz: St. Paul's and Christ Church. The first rector, the Rev. Mr. Tilley, occupied the parish for about three years and a half, when he resigned to take the position of assistant minister at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and was succeeded by the present energetic and faithful rector, the Rev. Canon Richardson. In 1879 the building was enlarged to accommodate the constantly increasing congregation, and at the sole expense of Bishop Cronyn's eldest son a north and south transept were then thrown out and a gallery put in. In 1882 the interior was improved at a cost of \$1,000, and in 1884 further extensions and improvements were made, a new rectory built, and other additions, increasing the value of the property to-day to \$40,000, at least \$20,000 of which has been raised by the congregation within the twenty-one years of its minority. In 1879 the parish was divided, and St. Luke's congregation removed to the new St. Matthew's, on Dundas street. In 1837 mission services were opened in a brick structure on the corner of Adelaide street and Hamilton road, where there has since been erected a neat chapel called All Saints free of all debt; thus there are at present three churches having each their regular services and Sunday schools on the ground where 21 years ago there stood but one.

Overdue Subscriptions.

We regret very much to be obliged again to call attention to this matter. A very large number of those in arrears have paid no heed to former notices of similar character, and the amount due us in small sums is so great as to seriously impede our work. Will not every subscriber oblige us by examining label on paper and by remitting amount due with renewal