

The Bishop's Christmas Card.

Since our DIOCESAN GAZETTE is really the Bishop's monthly Letter, or means of communication with his whole Diocese, his ideal is that every family in the Diocese should receive this monthly Booklet with all its suggestions and information. And then at Christmas or New Year's time, the Bishop likes to send to every family his personal greetings. This he does this year by a Christmas card with a beautiful little photogravure taken from Furst's well known Picture of the Christ Child under the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mother and S. Joseph. The Hand is uplifted to bless. May His wondrous blessing reach a' who thus see their Lord, and may they have Grace to accept the invitation written below, is the Bishop's Christmas wish!

CHURCH SOCIETY.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A stated Meeting of the Central Board was held, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop, in the Cathedral Hall, on November 20th, seventeen members being present. Letters were received from three clergymen desiring the Board's acceptance of as many school teachers, not possessed of Diplomas. The Board did not deem it wise to depart from their rule. An Outfit Grant was promised, as soon as funds were available, to a young clergyman entering upon Mission work. Thanks were received for grants promised towards the erection of new Churches at Shawinigan and Grand-Mère. An application was received for a grant towards the extinction of a debt overhanging a Parsonage since its erection many years ago; referred to the Finance Committee. The Honorary Counsel submitted a legal opinion touching the Society's rights and powers under the Will of the late Mr. James King. The Board appointed Mr. Robert Campbell, Advocate, of Quebec, to represent them in this matter, and instructed their Secretary to forward a copy of the Legal Opinion to the Bursar of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and to inform the Executors of the Estate of the late Mr. King of Mr. Campbell's appointment as their representative. The Committee on Medical Certificates submitted a report recommending in lieu of the old form, another one governing all applications for participation in the benefits of

the Pension Fund of the Society and governing also the Medical Examination. The report was adopted by the Board. The city Clergy, together with Mr. John Hamilton, were appointed a Committee to review the subscription lists of the city, in aid of the Society's Funds as soon as they could be obtained from the hands of the Church Helpers, who have again kindly undertaken the office of Collectors. The Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec and Mr. John Hamilton were named as a Committee to aid the Bishop in making arrangements for the Anniversary Meeting.

Loyalty to the Church, the Diocese and the Church Society.

PAPER READ AT THE LORD BISHOP'S VISITATION AT BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE, BY THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF QUEBEC, SEPTEMBER 1900.

"Loyalty to the Church, the Diocese and the Church Society": This is the subject, with which I have to deal. I propose to treat it in the following manner, viz. :—To consider, briefly, the relation, in which the Parish stands towards

1. The Diocese and the Church Society.
2. The Church at large;

and also to consider the responsibilities, which these relationships entail. Let us consider first the relation of the Parish to the Diocese.

It is, of course, a very close and intimate relation. The Diocese is a unit, and the various parishes form its component parts. The Bishop is the Father in God of the family, which is co-extensive with the Diocese. The idea of the family is, I take it, inherent in the word Diocese—*diocesis*. The spiritual charge of the whole family is the Bishop's. The charge of souls he delegates to the various Priests in the Parishes and Missions. The supervision and oversight he must exercise himself, as the head of the family. All Churchmen in a Diocese are bound together, therefore, in a very close bond of union.

If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. If one Parish is in distress, the whole Diocese feels it, or ought to feel it. If in one Parish good work is done, it is a strength to the Diocese. And, on the other hand, all that concerns the Diocese at large, concerns the Parish and