

long walks and unfortunate interruptions or blank disappointments.

And more than this. Can we believe that our earnest exhortations from the pulpit, or our prayers at the altar, are utterly ineffectual? Must we not believe that there are those in whose heart the Holy Spirit has been working, or those who at least have been touched—men or women who have been overlooked by the pastor, or whom he believes are uninterested—who would come, if they knew that at a certain time and place the pastor was waiting for them or such as they are? And would not the adoption of this plan be opening the door to those who would not dare to confront the pastor uninvited—timid souls that would come to a place appointed for all;—cases like that of "the woman with an issue of blood," which need special treatment, but would steal in at a moment which is offered to the whole multitude.—J. N. S.

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL.—We have no quarrel with the *Dominion Churchman*, nor do we desire one. We do not suppose that any want of reference to the *GUARDIAN*, on our contemporary's part, will either seriously affect this paper's influence or circulation. We merely wished, by some remarks in a recent issue, to represent to the *D. C.* how very foolish it was to introduce its Montreal correspondent's un-called-for criticism. And now we wish to state, in order to put ourselves right with the *Dominion Churchman*, and its readers and ours, and in explanation of our statement that "the *Dominion Churchman* is indebted to us for nearly all its Nova Scotia news," that while it may be true that the scissors have not been used upon us in its own office, yet, that its Nova Scotia correspondent, as all must be aware who read the two papers, boils down our news, a good part of which we have prepared ourselves, and in a concentrated form, sends it to our Toronto contemporary.

We do not at all object to this. We are quite willing that it should be so. We like to be friendly.

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE

Possibly, a communication from this far away Deanery of Iberville, may prove not uninteresting to your many readers, especially, as I perceive among your subscribers quite a number from this old Province of Quebec.

On Monday, the 25th of August, I had the great pleasure of meeting for the first time since his consecration, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, at the Parsonage in Hemmingford. I must say that a thrill of delight went through me when I beheld the splendid physique of the man. But my delight was intensified, and continued all through the various Services and Missionary meetings, wherein the mental and spiritual man were found equal, and more than equal to the hale and robust manhood of the new Bishop. The Missionary meeting speeches, the high-toned sermons, the spiritual, affectionate addresses to the candidates for confirmation, and the whole demeanour of the man, whether in private or in public, showed how well versed he was in all that was required of the office of a Bishop; and how that, in a few short months, he had risen rapidly to the level of the high position of a Governor of the Church. Doubtless his close intimacy, through a long course of ministry, with the Bishops of Montreal, beginning with the late beloved Bishop Mountain, and on with Bishop Fulford of noble mien, and his very close intimacy with Bishop Oxenden, as Dean of Montreal, has given him this power of ready, quick, and successful adaptation to a Bishop's office and its peculiar requirements. Excuse, Mr. Editor, these lengthy remarks about our new Bishop. They are brought out by the fact that this is

the first home-made Bishop of the Diocese. Like other Dioceses we have too long continued to pass over home talent and home power, mental and spiritual, and gone to England for our Bishops. But, at last, the Synod has come to its senses, and honoured the guidance of the Holy Ghost in this country by choosing one of our own men; and the blessing will follow, for "them that honour me I will honour," saith the Spirit.

Well, we had a *glorious* time. On the Sunday of 24th August, as you have seen by the prints, confirmations, etc., were held at Hemmingford and Boyton. After the Missionary Meeting on Monday evening, the Bishop and the Rev. E. G. Sutton went by rail the next day in the morning to St. Rémi and held Divine Service among a sparse population of Protestants, clusters of whom are many, and sometimes hard to reach throughout the Province of Romish Quebec. At noon of Tuesday, the 26th, the Rural Dean and others of the clergy, and a divinity student, son of Major Sweeney, of Montreal, again met the Bishop and Mr. Sutton at Edwardstown, where a galaxy of fair daughters, and Mrs. Sutton, gave us all a most hospitable reception. In the evening was again a largely attended Missionary Meeting. Next morning confirmation, with accompanying spiritual joys. In the afternoon of this same day, Wednesday, 27th, confirmation at Havelock, and in the evening another Missionary Meeting, still rich for both soul and intellect. (The fleshy tabernacle was cared for by the ladies, who provided supper at the Orangeman's Hall). Then, after Missionary Meeting, a beautiful moonlight drive brought us to Franklin, to the Rural Dean's imposing and hospitable home. In his Church at Franklin, on the following morning of Thursday, 28th August, was another of the delightful services of confirmation, with the Holy Communion, as usual, the Bishop's eloquence and earnestness being as fresh to us as ever. In the evening of this day was another well attended Missionary Meeting. On the following Friday afternoon confirmation was held in Hinchinbrook, forming part of the extensive Mission of Huntingdon, the Rev. Aaron A. Allen, M. A., Missionary. Nineteen candidates were presented for the Apostolic rite; and the Word was accompanied with the presence and power of the Holy Ghost.

Alexander Copeland, Esq., formerly Advocate of Aberdeen, Scotland, with the assistance of the amiable ladies of the household, hospitably entertained the Bishop and clergy. In the evening, the inmates of the Parsonage, Huntingdon, 18 miles from Franklin, were on the eager look out for him as their *Bishop*, whom they had formerly, with so much pleasure, entertained as Bishop's messenger, when, as Dean of Montreal, he was deputed by the good Bishop Oxenden in his illness to apologize to the Deanery for not being able to keep his appointments. (Little did he, or we of the Deanery, then expect that his next progress through the Deanery would be as Bishop, although one clergyman's good wife observed at the time: "Pity you were not endowed with the powers of a Bishop, Mr. Dean, as then the confirmations might take place at once." Thus it is, sometimes, that "coming events cast their shadows before them.") Great was the pleasure of this happy household to have the good, new Bishop with them over Saturday until Sunday at noon. The Bishop kindly visited some of the people, including a blind lady, whose husband labored assiduously in this and adjoining parts of the country for many years, in the ministry of the Church of England. Words of consolation and prayer were uttered to the refreshment of the good, old, weary pilgrim. The Bishop also received visitors, among them two ladies, one an old friend (that is a friend of long standing) from Malone, New York, U. S., who expressed her (innocent) astonishment and delight at beholding him *Bishop*. A Missionary Meeting took place in the eve-

ning of this same day, Saturday, when the most powerful speech yet given by His Lordship was delivered, seemingly a new inspiration given to him, intellectually, by the ladies, his friends, and by the presence of a powerful man, the *Kirk* minister of the place.

On Sunday morning, the last day of August, a crowded congregation witnessed most solemn services, and heard words that can never die from the memories and hearts of any susceptible of holy impressions and serious emotions. God the HOLY GHOST was felt to be with Bishops, Priests, congregation, and candidates. Visitors, come to look on, were turned into devout worshippers, afterwards saying:—"We used to think confirmation was a mere matter of form, but we are now convinced to the contrary." A great deal for Methodists and others, to admit. Blessed be God! I do believe that the twenty-four candidates presented, as well as their loving pastor, were never more impressed in their lives. Forty-three candidates in all, were thus presented for the Mission of Huntingdon. In the afternoon of this same day, Aug. 31, a crowded congregation, crowded to excess, received the Bishop at Ormstown, 34 candidates were presented. The usual solemn feelings for the most part pervaded the congregation and candidates, and the Bishop's customary power and earnestness were not wanting. On Monday evening, a Missionary meeting was held in St. James' Church, where there was a goodly attendance, and all followed as usual. In short, a good, live Bishop, makes the best deputation that can be sent through a Deanery, for being, so to speak, everything in himself, his power to attract is multiplied, I am afraid our Missionary meetings in the future will be tame without the Bishop. He received, I do believe, such a perfect ovation throughout this Deanery of Iberville as he would not have had, had not a great part of the ground over which he went been the scene of former labours, and had he not sprung from among our own Presbyters. The influence appears to be most wholesome in all parts of this great diocese. On Tuesday, Sept. 2d, a telegram was brought early in the morning from Huntingdon by the Missionary's daughter, who drove like Jehu of old, in order to catch the Bishop, ere he left with the Incumbent of Ormstown for Valleyfield, formerly attached to the Ormstown Incumbency. Here, the Bishop visited a number of families with the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, and dined with Mrs. James Anderson. In the afternoon, the Rev. Thomas A. Young, M. A., of Coteau Landing across the Lake, met the Bishop, who took leave of our Deanery in the convenient little ferry steamer, the *C. Anderson*, owned by Mrs. Alexander Anderson, upon whom he had also called. Mr. Young writes:—"The Bishop's visit here was a great success." The following Sunday found the indefatigable Bishop in the old town of William Henry, or Sorel, 45 miles from Montreal. It was a red letter day for Christ Church Sorel. The usual morning service was omitted, after singing a hymn, the rite of confirmation was administered to sixteen young persons. During the ceremony, the Bishop delivered a very impressive address to the candidates. The communion service followed, the Bishop preaching an eloquent sermon. The collection for the Mission Fund exceeded twenty-five dollars. The singing was good, and the services hearty, and all will remember the day with pleasure. The Holy Communion was administered in all the Churches but one. The singing was creditable throughout, in some Churches exceedingly so. Even in one, where there was no instrument, the novelty of simple congregational singing was pleasant. The weather also was all that could be desired. Talk of "Queen's weather!" We, of Iberville talk now of "Bishop's weather." For five weeks, "up the Gatineau," the Bishop had but one day's shower of rain. "Diligent in

his business," he stands favoured before the "King of Kings," Prov. xxii., 29.

Yours truly,

A WELLWISHER.

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KNOWLTON.—The annual missionary meeting was held here on Tuesday evening, 23rd Sept. The clergy present were the Revs. C. Bancroft, Rector, T. H. Clayton, of Bolton, F. Robinson, Abbotsford, J. W. Garland, South Stukely, and J. P. Dumoulin, Rector of St. Martin's, Montreal. The meeting was of a very interesting character, and the collection taken up showed evidently that the cause of missions is deeply and effectually rooted in the hearts of the people of this Parish. Knowlton is a beautiful village, situated on the bank of Brome Lake. The Rectory is the most commodious in the Deanery of Bedford, and the Church is in a healthy state of life and action.

BROME CORNERS.—The Rev. William Jones, formerly of Granby, has been appointed to this mission.

SOUTH STUKELY.—A very successful missionary meeting was held here on the evening of the 26th Sept. The clergy present were the Revs. F. Robinson, C. Bancroft, of the Diocese of Quebec, and F. H. Clayton.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

PENETANGUISHERNE.—The Rev. G. A. Anderson, Chaplain of the Provincial Reformatory for Boys at this place, presented to the Bishop of Toronto, at his recent visitation, 35 of the inmates for the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. There are at present in the Reformatory 206 boys, whose ages vary from 7 to 18. Of these 71 are Romanists. At the services Miss Anderson acts as organist, and the choir consists of 24 boys. The responses are hearty and well sustained.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

MONCTON.—A meeting of the clergy of the Deanery of Shediac took place at Moncton. The attendance was not very large, owing, perhaps, to the near approach of the time for the meeting of the Synod at Fredericton. The clergymen present were: the Rev. Geo. S. Jarvis, D.D., D.C.L., Dean Rural; Rev. R. Simonds, B. A., Rector of Dorchester; Rev. E. Pentreath, Rector of Moncton; Rev. O. Newnham, Incumbent of St. Andrew's Church, Shediac; and the Rev. W. Wilkinson, M. A., Curate of Petitecodiac. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 1st, prayers were said by Dr. Jarvis, the lessons were read by the Rev. Messrs. Simonds and Wilkinson, and an excellent extemporaneous discourse upon Missions was delivered by the Rev. O. Newnham. On Thursday morning, at 10.30, the office for the Holy Communion was read by Dr. Jarvis, the Rev. E. Pentreath reading the Gospel and the Confession, and the Rev. R. Simonds the Epistle, who also preached, giving, amongst other topics, admirable remarks in favor of the Commentary of the book of Job, lately printed by the Metropolitan, and earnestly exhorting the people to procure the work for their private perusal. The musical parts of the service were well conducted. After dinner at the Rectory the work of the Chapter commenced. The latter half of the 7th chapter of St. Luke was read in the original, and duly commented upon. Several important topics were discussed at considerable length, and the subject for discussion at the next quarterly meeting was agreed upon. Several words were omitted in your published account of the Confirmation at Shediac, which destroyed the meaning of the communication.

GEO. S. JARVIS.

WOODSROCK.—The Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely, D.D., Bishop of Maine, preached in the Parish Church, Tuesday evening of