

Bishop, clergy and choir, His Lordship began the impressive service in a rich, clear voice; and at the laying of the stone said; "In the faith of Jesus Christ, we place this foundation stone in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Here let true faith, the fear of God and brotherly love ever remain: this place is dedicated to prayer and to the praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who ever liveth, &c., &c."

The trowel used by His Lordship is a very beautiful work of art. It is of solid silver richly engraved. At the point of the trowel is a copy of the design used as the seal of the church—St. Peter's Cross and Keys—with the inscription: "*Pasce agnos neas, pasce oves meas,*" (Feed my lambs, feed my sheep). Under this is a large circle containing the following inscription, "Used by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia when laying the corner stone of Chapel erected in memory of George Wright Hodgson, Priest *cujus anime, Deus propitiatur,* Charlottetown, P.E.I., June 2, 1888." The remainder of the blade of the trowel is filled with scroll work. It was made by Messrs. M. S. Brown & Co., Halifax.

The stone being laid, the hymn "The Church's One Foundation," was heartily sung by the choir and the large number of persons present, the instrumental accompaniment to this, as to the other hymns being very satisfactorily supplied by five members of the St. Peter's Boys' Brass Band. At the conclusion of the hymn the psalms were sung to their appropriate Gregorian tones in Helmore's Psalter, and the service being concluded an address of welcome was presented to the Bishop by the Hon. T. H. Haviland, on behalf of St. Peter's Church, expressing thankfulness that the choice of the Synod had under Almighty God, resulted in his Lordship's unanimous election; and also the special pleasure felt that the occasion of his Lordship's first public appearance in this portion of his Diocese had been at the laying of the foundation stone of a chapel erected to the memory of their late revered Incumbent, and in connection with the Church which their late Bishop designated as the Cathedral of this Island, and in which he directed his chair to be placed.

The Bishop responded with a short, appropriate and eloquent address.

After laying the corner-stone of the Hodgson Memorial Chapel, Bishop Courtney held a reception in St. Paul's Schoolroom, at which a very large number of the most influential and prominent people of the Island attended and were introduced to his Lordship.

An address was also presented and read by the Rev. S. Weston-Jones, in behalf of the Rector, wardens and vestrymen of the Parish of Charlottetown, from which we take the following extracts, (regretting we have not space for the whole of this, and the many other admirable and affectionate addresses and able replies thereto):

Realizing fully the importance and necessity of the high and holy office of the Episcopate, we felt the long delay in electing a successor to our late chief pastor to be disastrous to the best interests of our beloved church. It was, therefore, with heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God that we heard, on the first of February last, that the Synod of our Diocese had made a unanimous election to fill the vacant See. From reports which came in from day to day of your labors in the past in the Mother Church in England, and in the Sister Church in the United States, we were the more assured of the overruling of Providence in the wisdom of the choice made. We entered, therefore, most heartily into the feelings of joy and happiness that prevailed throughout the Church upon the occasion of Your Lordship's consecration on St. Mark's Day. We observe with no little gratification that you were accompanied on that occasion by a large, thoroughly representative, and we may add, an illustrious delegation from the Diocese

where last as a Priest of the Church you labored.

It remains now for us to support your Lordship in every way that we can in the trying and onerous duties that you have been called of God the Holy Ghost to undertake. You may rest assured of our earnest prayers for you, and our hearty sympathy and zealous co-operation with you in all your works. From the depths of our hearts we wish your Lordship success; and pray that from parish to parish throughout the whole of your Diocese the happy and spiritual influence of your well known piety, zeal and incisive Biblical preaching may be felt.

We look forward with confidence to the extension and enlargement of our beloved Church in this Island Province under the wise administration of Your Lordship; trusting that ere long its ministrations will be within the reach of every inhabitant of the Province.

Your Lordship's public mention of the fact that our Rector attended to represent us at your consecration, shows us that we have in our Bishop a Father in God who appreciates even the most humble efforts of his flock to share his burdens and encourage his heart."

The Bishop replied briefly and eloquently, referring particularly to the Rectory now being built, and expressing the hope that a new church would be erected ere many years have passed. His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown afterwards called upon Bishop Courtney, and the two had a fraternal interview.

CONFIRMATION.—In St. Paul's Church on Sunday forenoon, 3rd inst., His Lordship administered the rite of Confirmation to about forty candidates, who were presented by the Rector. The Laying on of Hands was followed by an address, in which his Lordship expounded the doctrine of Regeneration, Adoption, Sanctification and the Resurrection, and pointed out the great blessing of Confirmation: the development of manhood and womanhood under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DORCHESTER.—The new window lately placed in the chancel of the Church of the Holy Trinity, here, was unveiled on Trinity Sunday. It is a very beautiful work of art, and has been erected by Mrs. J. Chandler in memory of her mother. The services during the day were heartily attended and much enjoyed; the music both morning and evening, being carefully and reverently sung. It has been determined to reseat the chancel in a manner becoming the parish; the work will, it is said, be proceeded with immediately.

ST. JOHN.—The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Sunday-school Teachers' Association of the Deanery of St. John was held on Tuesday evening, 12th inst., in the School-room of St. George's Church, Carleton. The attendance was large. The subject for discussion was, "How to secure competent Teachers." Miss G. Wheeler, read an interesting paper on "Teachers' examinations," which provoked a lengthy discussion.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in Trinity Church, Montreal, on Sunday 17th June inst., being assisted by Bishop Morris, of Oregon. There were also present the Ven. Archdeacons Lonsdell and Evans, Revs. Canon Anderson, G. Forsey, and the Rector, Canon Mills.

The following were ordained Priests: Revs. Geo. Abbott Smith, B.A., R. B. O'Sullivan, B.A., Wm. Harris and Henry A. Meek. Mr. Frank Charters and S. A. Mills were admitted to the diaconate.

Ven. Archdeacon Evans preached the sermon from Corinthians vi. 7: "And ye shall be ministers of the Christ."

DIOCESAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the Association was held last Tuesday evening in the Synod Hall, being specially called by the Bishop for the benefit of the delegates attending the Synod. Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., occupied the chair, and some of the boy choristers from St. George's Church, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Fairclough, led the singing, in a most able and effective manner, adding much to the pleasure of the evening. Miss McLeod read a very interesting and instructive paper written by Miss Evans on infant-class teaching. Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay spoke of the wants of rural parishes as to Sunday-school work, and in the discussion which followed. Rev. Rural Dean Naylor, of Clarendon, threw out many practical suggestions. Rev. Geo. Rogers gave an address on the subject of the Sunday-school collection, advocating that it should be devoted to some special object, thus giving greater interest to the scholars. It was decided in future to hold the Sunday school meeting on the Tuesday instead of the Monday in Synod week, when more of the country clergy would be able to be present. Rural Dean Naylor closed the meeting with the Benediction.

THE SYNOD.

The twenty-ninth annual Synod of the diocese of Montreal, was opened on Tuesday the 19th instant, and the usual service in Christ Church Cathedral. Besides the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop of Oregon, U.S., and the Very Rev. Dean of Montreal, Archdeacon Lonsdell, Dev. Dr. Norton, Rev. Canon Mills, Rural Dean Naylor, and Rev. Principal Henderson, took part in the service, and Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Montreal, preached an able sermon from the 8th verse of the 6th chapter of Isaiah, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom will I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I, send me." Holy Communion followed, at which many partook.

The Synod assembled at 2 p.m., in the Synod Hall, for business; the Lord Bishop in the chair. After the opening prayer the Rev. Canon Empson called the roll of Clerical and Lay Delegates. A quorum was found to be present though a large number of the clergy were absent owing to the funeral of the Rev. J. Smith, Rural Dean, being fixed for the same time, 2 30 p.m. The Rev. Canon Empson was unanimously re-elected Clerical Secretary; Richard White, Esq., Lay Secretary; James Hutton, Esq., Treasurer; and Messrs. G. W. Simpson and S. C. Fatt, Auditors. The Standing Committees having been revised, the Lord Bishop delivered his charge, after which the Rev. E. I. Rexford of the Provincial Board of Education delivered an address on Education in the Province and the duty and privileges of the clergy regarding it.

(To be Continued.)

PERSONAL.—The Rev. J. Smith, Rural Dean of Brome, and Rector of Sutton, P.P., entered into the rest of Paradise on the morning of Sunday, the 17th June, at the age of 71. His death occurred at the Montreal General Hospital, Montreal, whither he had come for medical care and skilled attendance. Through his decease the diocese loses one of its oldest most respected and most faithful clergy. Most unassuming and retiring in character, he was yet firm and true in his adherence to the principles and teaching of The Church he loved so dearly and so faithfully served during a long ministry, twenty-four years of which were spent in the parish of Sutton. Deeply will he be missed in his parish, in the Synod, and by many friends unconnected with either; for he endeared himself to all by his kindly and Christian character and action. He leaves a son the Rev. B. Buxton Smith, M.A., Rector of Kingston, and a daughter who, with Miss Symmer, has for several years carried on one of the leading Girls Schools in the city of Montreal.