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DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

THE MEETING OF THE SYNOD.

The Anglican Synod of the Diocese was opened on the 10th inst., with Divine service in the Cathedral. The service was choral. The prayers were said by the Rev. H. C. Stuart, M.A., Incumbent of Bourg Louis. The Rev. C. Hamilton, M.A., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, read the lessons. The Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Lord Bishop of Algoma, read the ante-Communion Office, the Epistle being taken by the Rev. H. J. Petry, M.A., Incumbent of Danville, and the Gospel by the Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., Rector of Melbourne. The Rev. R. W. Colston, M.A., Incumbent of Portneuf, read the offertory sentences.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec was assisted by the Lord Bishop of Algoma and Rev. Professor Roe and Principal Lobley, of Bishop's College, with the Rev. I. Brock, Rector of Bishop's School, Lennoxville.

After service the Synod proceeded to organize in the National School Hall.

Moved by Rev. D. Roe, seconded by R. W. Heneker, Esq.—That we extend a hearty welcome to the Missionary Bishop of Algoma and request His Lordship to take his seat on the platform.

A large attendance of the clergy and laity was present.

On motion the Rev. M. M. Fothergill was re-elected Clerical Secretary, Jas. Patton, junr. Esq., was re-elected Lay Delegate, E. A. Jones, Esq., was re-elected Treasurer, and Messrs. R. H. Smith and Jas. Patton, Junr., re-elected Auditors.

The Lord Bishop then delivered his address:—

My Rev. Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity.—The Synod has been called together at an unusual season by way of experiment. When we last met, a resolution was passed requesting me on the next occasion to summon you during the winter. I have done so. And after trial you will be able to say whether it is desirable that we should in future hold our Synods in the winter, or whether it would be better to revert to the original practice of assembling in the first week of July, or whether we should select any other time of the year. I have myself no strong feeling in the matter, and I shall be ready always to meet you at any time of the year that may be convenient to you, except between the end of the first week of July and the beginning of September. I want that time for my visitations in the Gulf. Two clergymen of the Diocese have died since we last met. The Rev. W. C. Merrick, was indeed more closely connected with the diocese of Montreal than with us. He resided in that diocese, and he seldom took part in our deliberations. But he held, till his death, a small charge in the diocese of Quebec, and to the few of our communion which live in Riviere du Loup, en haut, and St. Ursule, he ministered most faithfully and affectionately. His death was sudden, and was sincerely mourned not only by his flock, but by all who knew him, for I suppose that none who knew him did not love him. The Rev. A. J. Woolryche, too, has passed away in the interval between this Synod and the last. He was well known to us all. He had a large share in forming the original constitution of our Diocesan Board, of which he was for some years the secretary. During many years he was the secretary of the Church Society; and these offices brought him necessarily into contact with the Church all through the diocese. The brilliance of his powers we all admired; the genial kindness of his nature we appreciated. Through a large part of his life he endured the pangs of a painful malady; and lately his sufferings were extreme; he died in faith and hope. Two who still live have been obliged, through the pressure of advancing years, to retire from the missionary charges—the Rev. W. King and the Rev. Dr. Ker. The first of these has borne the heat and the burden of a long day in the diocese, during many years of which he has travelled notwithstanding his great age, with unflinching persistence, over a mission more than 80 miles in length. Truly he has been ready to spend and be spent for the souls committed to his care. Another of our elder clergymen, the Rev. Dr. Reid, has resigned the parish of Sherbrooke; but in such ministrations as may be suitable to his strength, we hope to have him yet long labouring amongst us. The Rev. C. C. Hamilton, who, when we last met, had returned to the diocese, has, to the regret of all, been compelled, through illness in his family, to leave us again. The Rev. J. Boydell left the diocese to take charge of a mission, now the self-supporting parish of Brandon, in the diocese of Manitoba. The accessions to our clergy have been the Rev. E. J.

Harper, the Rev. A. H. Judge, the Rev. Gustavus Nicolls. Mr. Nicolls has been licensed to be curate of St. Matthew's in the city of Quebec. The appointments to mission will appear in the report of the Diocesan Board. The vacancies in the diocese at the present time are Brampton and Windsor, St. Sylvester, Sandy Beach, Sherbrooke. Those ordained are:—Priests, Clement D. Brown, Robert W. Brown; Deacons, E. J. Harper, A. H. Judge. I have consecrated two new churches and a chancel added to an old church. The numbers confirmed are 759. In consequence of the reduction of the grant from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a scheme for the re-assessment of the Diocese was proposed for the guidance of the Diocesan Board at the last Synod. This proposal has been substantially carried into effect. The assessments have been raised generally. Stoneham has been annexed to Valcartier, New Carlisle has become self-supporting, the missions of Coaticook, Cookshire, Durham and Stanstead have increased their assessments, and are on their way to self-support, at the time indicated in the recommendation of the Synod. \$1,400 have been bequeathed by the late Mrs. Aylwin for the support of the clergyman in the mission of Bourg Louis, and \$1,000 by the late C. A. Richardson, Esq., for the endowment of Stanstead; this latter bequest not to be available till the death of Mrs. Richardson. The three places which have now for a long time been asking for a resident missionary have not yet been supplied, and there is every prospect that it will be necessary to establish a new mission shortly in the neighborhood of Lake Megantic, where the country is fast being settled by immigrants. At present service is held there, in the vacation every Sunday and in term time once a fortnight by a Divinity Student from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, the distance between the places being about 70 miles. In Advent, 1881, the Rev. Isaac Thompson was appointed "Missioner" for the Diocese, and since that time he has been occupied in conducting missions in the country districts, and I believe that these services have done great good. Mr. Thompson will report to the Church Society, and from his report, together with the reports of the clergymen for whom he has conducted missions, interesting information concerning the nature, extent, and effects, of his work may be obtained.

At the last Synod it was moved and carried,—“That the Bishop be respectfully requested to name a committee who shall, under His Lordship's direction and superintendence, form a branch of the Church of England Temperance Association for the Diocese of Quebec; and that His Lordship be requested to bring the matter before the various parishes and missions of the Diocese, inviting that a branch of the society be established in each, and be affiliated to the main body of Quebec.” I formed the committee, and we drew up an outline of an association indicating the mode in which country associations could be affiliated to that in Quebec. This was forwarded to all the parishes and missions. Associations have been formed in the parishes of St. Matthew's and St. Peter's in the city of Quebec. Members have been enrolled in the Cathedral congregation, but the association is not yet complete. This also is the case in the congregation of Trinity Church. In St. Paul's congregation there are 23 members of the association, nine of whom are total abstainers. Associations have been formed in East Frampton, West Frampton, Portneuf, Bourg Louis, and New Ireland. In all of these nearly all the members are total abstainers. In Riviere du Loup (en bas) no Church of England Temperance Association.

I stated to you at our last meeting that \$250 had been offered by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel towards the endowment of a Theological chair in Bishop's College, on the condition that \$15,000 should be raised before the end of 1881; that Mr. Robert Hamilton had contributed \$2,800 to this fund; that Dr. Reid had contributed \$3,000; that Mr. Robert Hamilton had offered another donation of \$6,000 if the sum stipulated by the S. P. G. should be made up within the given time; and that the Rev. Dr. Roe had been requested by the Corporation of Bishop's College to solicit subscriptions. It now gives me pleasure to inform you that the stipulated amount—\$15,000—has been subscribed and the money received. But the sum of \$10,000 is yet required in order to put this endowment upon a satisfactory footing, yielding an adequate salary for a Divinity Professor. The Rev. Dr. Mountain, now of Brading, in the Isle of Wight, formerly a clergyman in the diocese of Ontario, has given \$1,200 to the Corporation of Bishop's College to be invested for the support of a deacon, a candidate for priest's order in the diocese of Quebec during his residence in college, and a similar sum for the support of a deacon seeking priest's orders in the diocese of Ontario. Dr. Mountain, having personal knowledge of the country, is of the opinion that the Church can only extend her ministrations over the large and sparsely occupied area by availing herself of the services of a largely increased order of deacons, the greater part of whom would always remain dea-

cons. But inasmuch as some of these would be found worthy to be called to the higher ministry, Dr. Mountain has founded this exhibition for the maintenance, during his theological study, of a deacon who might be selected to be advanced to the priesthood. His purpose is to found other similar exhibitions for other dioceses, and his hope is that his example will be followed by others who have the ability in this way to help the Church.

One other matter there is upon which I must touch. You know how great a loss the Church has sustained by the death of the first Bishop of her Missionary Diocese of Algoma. There may be some here to whom he was not personally known, but his high toned Christian spirit, his self denying zeal to the discharge of his very arduous duties, are known to all. Responsible for the salaries on which his missionaries were to subsist, or dependent for the necessary fund upon voluntary subscriptions, with no certain sum promised upon which he could rely, with no organization to relieve the personal strain; called upon, all at once, to collect for, to organize, to administer, evangelize, I may say extemporize a diocese, his position was a trying and a wearing one. How beautifully he rose to the emergency, how indefatigable he was in his work, how full of faith and the Holy Ghost, all who knew him know. In the midst of his work he died. But the Lord heard the prayers of His Church. His place is filled, and well filled. It is our great happiness to have Bishop Sullivan with us on this occasion; and to-night we shall be able to learn from his lips what is the state and what are the wants of his diocese, and I trust that, having heard him, we shall go home resolved to give our strenuous and sustained support to the work.

MONTREAL.

ST. ARMAND (EAST FRELIGHTSBURG).—The Sunday-school at Frelightsburg had their festival in Memorial Hall on December 28th. The building was filled. The exercises began with a special service in which the members of the Sunday-school took a leading part in responses and carols. The rehearsal of the Catechism followed, in which the children evinced intelligence, memory and Christian training. The great attraction, novel in all its features, was the three Christmas ships, which in actual form, rigged and trimmed, came in life-like movement sailing in, at the conclusion of the service, according to the traditional carol. The school and teachers, marching from the chancel, met it half way down the lengthy aisle, where Santa Claus as captain greeted his fair and youthful audience with more than words or compliments, scattering gifts in profusion from his well-filled store. Another division of the Christmas ship was found to contain in quantity general recognitions of Christmas affection and pleasantry, which were soon disseminated to the satisfaction of the large assemblage. The magic lantern was then the order of the evening, to the gratification particularly of the juniors of the audience. In addition to several valuable remembrances to Canon and Mrs. Davidson, given by Santa Claus from the Christmas ship, S. U. Hunter, Esq., presented the rector with a well-filled purse, which Canon Davidson acknowledged in such manner as the absolute surprise of the gift enabled him. The proceedings closed at a late hour, fragrant in memory with happy faces, hearty greetings, Christmas zeal and Christmas rejoicings.

DUNHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—The Deanery of Bedford Ladies' College, which the Church of England has succeeded in establishing, under the very able direction of its accomplished Lady Principal, Mrs. Holden, reflects great credit both upon this lady, the Church, and all concerned. The college itself is a most spacious and pleasant building, and beautifully situated. There are young ladies in it from almost all parts of the Dominion. There is evidently a training and instruction aimed at and being imparted second to none in the Dominion. The Church has evidently felt that something should be done to counteract the attractions and advantages afforded in the convents by those faithful and devoted daughters of the Roman Catholic Church—the nuns.

MANSONVILLE DEPOT.—A mission has been established here, and the school-house was the scene of a most pleasing gathering on Christmas night. The walls were decorated with bannerets, containing sundry devices. Texts, such as “Welcome,” “Happy Christmas,” were displayed. The school-house was crowded, the Christmas tree well illuminated, and bearing a large number of presents contributed for the Sunday-school scholars by the incumbent and Messrs. Calvin, Perkins, C. Bowker and Robt. Heath. The exercises consisted of hymns, songs and speeches made by Rev. Mr. Brown, followed by Messrs. C