

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has returned to his diocese in good health and spirits. On the occasion of his arrival, an address was presented to him by the clergy of the city. During his Lordship's visit in England, the heavy debt which was on the Cathedral was removed, and now that noble building is ready for consecration. The ceremony is to take place on the 18th of June; the day on which the Synod of the diocese meets. The Bishop of Illinois is expected to preach the consecration sermon. We have received the *Annual Report* of the Montreal Church Society for 1866. The amount raised for the general Missionary work of the Church, during the year was \$5478, contributed in about equal amounts by the city and country parishes. The amount raised in addition for local purposes was rather more than \$65,000, and over \$4,000 have been added to the endowments of the diocese. The society has resolved to seek an act of Parliament merging itself into the Synod. A draft of the Act is given at the end of the *Annual Report*.

The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec meets on the 2nd day of July.

The Bishop-elect of Rochester, the Rev. T. L. Claughton, late Vicar of Kidderminster, is to be consecrated on St. Barnabas' day. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Oxford; took a first class in classics, gained the Latin verse in 1828, and the Latin essay in 1832, and was elected professor of Poetry in 1852. The appointment is made subject to the right of dividing the diocese and erecting the new See of St. Albans. The House of Lords passed the second reading of Lord Lyttelton's Bill for the increase of the Episcopate, which proposes to erect three new Sees for Cornwall, Southwell, and St. Albans. The Bishops of these Sees will have no seat in the House of Lords, nor will they receive any aid from the State, and yet the Bill proposes to vest the appointment in the crown. The second reading of Lord Shaftesbury's *Vestment Bill* has been postponed for two months, which will have the effect of preventing any Parliamentary interference for a year, at the least. In the House of Commons the attempt to press on the Church rate Abolition Bill was defeated by a large majority.—St. Augustine's, one of the four new Churches being built at Haggerstone, was consecrated by Bishop Anderson, at the request of the Bishop of London. The history of this parish shows the great progress that the Church is making in the long-neglected parts of London. The present Vicar of St. Mary's—the mother parish of the district—when entering upon his charge, in the beginning of the year 1861, found committed to his care 32,000 souls. There was one Church (St. Mary's) and one curate. In the end of that year, he issued an appeal for help. A city Merchant came immediately to the aid of the parish, and by his liberality, two new curates were provided, the church restored at a cost of £5000, and made entirely free. Four new parishes were then formed, legally constituted, and have been for some time at work, each under its own Incumbent; whilst the mother Parish of St. Mary's is served by the Vicar and two curates. Such has