

PRINTED REPORT OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The printed Report of the Church Society for the year 1893, containing interesting and valuable information of the work of the Church Society and the sound financial foundation on which it is based, and the self-denying, arduous labours of the country Clergy, is now completed, and we hope a copy of the same is in the possession of every subscriber to the Society of one dollar and upwards; and whilst thankfully acknowledging the generous support the Society has received during the past year, we trust we may look for a still further support next year from many Parishes and Missions. Some of them, Missions of great importance, are without one single subscriber to the Church Society, with perhaps the solitary exception of the clergyman in charge of the Mission, and some, even, without this; whereas every member of our Church should contribute, if only a small subscription, to such a valuable Society, which the late Bishop used to say, was the very backbone of the Church in the Diocese.

Our readers will please note the change of address of the Secretary of the Church Society, from 147 Grande Allée to No. 3 Conroy Street, Quebec City.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

Two meetings of the Diocesan Board have been held during the month of April; the first on the 5th and the second on the 24th.

At the former meeting, besides taking final action with regard to two or three congregations which have not yet seen their way to comply with the proposals for an increase of assessment, the Board accepted the resignation of the Rev. J. C. Cox, of Brompton and Windsor Mills, to date from the 1st July next. At the latter meeting the Secretary was able to report that there were only two congregations still making objections to the small amount of increase asked. These objections, it is hoped, will bespedily removed, as the Board is only asking what is reasonable and fully justified under the circumstances. The generous determination, happily evidenced in many congregations, to aid the Board in its important and beneficial work, sought to be universal, considering the great advantages both clergy and congregations enjoy under its system as compared with the condition of things in other Dioceses.

Leave was also granted to Mr. Cox to close his connection with the Mission of Brompton at the end of the month of April.

Anniversary of the Church Society.

With a view to increasing interest which every Quebec churchman ought to feel in the Diocesan Church Society there was a very happy revival this year of the Church Society Anniversary, which was opened with a Special Service in the Cathedral on Wednesday evening, April the 4th, at 8 o'clock. There was a very large congregation, and a surpliced choir of men and boys occupied the newly erected choir stalls—the lady members of the choir being accommodated with seats to the east of the stalls. The clergy present were the Lord Bishops of Quebec and Vermont, the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, Rev. Canons Foster, Richardson and Von Iffland, Rev. H. J. Petry, Rev. Lennox Williams, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Rev. A. H. Brooke, Rev. F. B. Norrie, and the Rev. R. A. Parrock.

The first portion of Evening Prayer was intoned by the Dean, while Canon Foster read the first special lesson, and Archdeacon Roe the second. The chanting of the special Psalms was very good and even, and Parry's "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" were admirably rendered by the choir. The Anthem after the third collect was Sullivan's "Sing O Heavens." It was exceedingly effective both in the passages for Soprano voices only and in the Chorus parts. The Tenor Solo was very nobly rendered by Dr. Hewitt. The concluding prayers were said by the Rev. F. B. Norrie, Assistant at St. Matthew's, Quebec. The hymns were sung with much leartiness, and afforded an opportunity for good congregational singing. The Organist, Mr. E. A. Bishop, and the members of the choir, are to be congratulated on the successful issue of their labours.

The preacher was the Right Rev. Dr. Hall, the newly consecrated Bishop of Vermont: he delivered a powerful and impressive sermon from S. Matthew, XXVIII, 10—"Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." After tracing the events of the forty days between the Resurrection and the Ascension, he dwelt upon the different recorded appearances of our blessed Lord to individuals and to groups of the disciples. He specially instanced three appearances to S. Mary Magdalene, to S. Peter, and S. Thomas, and shewed how in these typical instances our Lord was weaning them from His visible, and accustoming them to His spiritual presence. The preacher next