

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Grace Church*.—The work of the Church in this parish seems to be progressing not only satisfactorily but beyond expectation. We understand that there are now two Mission services carried on independently of those in the parish Church, and two Sunday schools. We learn that a Sunday or two ago there were nearly 500 children in attendance at the Parish Church Sunday school, and about 160 more are enregistered on the roll books of the Mission schools. This certainly augurs well for the future prosperity and extension of the Church in this parish, and reflects great credit not only upon the Rector, but upon the able staff of Lay assistants at his back.

THE Diocese, we fear, does not get that credit for its contributions towards outside work which it should. For instance we noticed a few days ago in the *Algoma News* acknowledgments of divers large sums of money received from members of the Church in the Diocese of Montreal, amounting to nearly \$2,000, and which we understand were not reported to the Treasurer or Secretary of Synod, and consequently do not appear in the sums contributed by the Diocese for this work. We are inclined to think that this is not an exceptional case, and that in other instances where special appeals have been made the results have not always been communicated to the officers of Synod, although we believe there is a rule of that body in force to the effect that all monies so received and collected shall be reported as a condition of the appeal being allowed by the Bishop. We would not be understood as casting blame upon any one in connection with this matter, but as other Dioceses obtained credit for what is so collected, it is only fair that the Diocese of Montreal should receive its due in this respect.

COTE ST. PAUL.—The little Sunday school of the Church of the Redeemer here has lost a beloved teacher, by the death of Miss Grace McGovern, who entered into the Rest of Paradise on the afternoon of Sunday, the 6th July inst. She had herself passed through the school since the inauguration of the Mission: was always an attentive and faithful scholar, and dearly beloved by her teacher. Not having had the benefit of baptism in infancy, she was "made a member of Christ" in His appointed way whilst yet a scholar; was thereafter confirmed, and became a faithful and regular communicant and for several years has been herself, as a S. S. teacher, trying to lead others to the same Saviour. Universally a favorite, and that rightly—so gentle and kind and winning as she was—her early removal at the age of 21, has thrown a gloom over the little congregation: brightened however by the well founded hope of a joyful Resurrection. Her funeral took place on Tuesday, when the Church could not accommodate the number who attended. The Rev. G. O. Troop, M. A., Rector of St. Martins and Dr. Davidson officiated. The quantity of beautiful flowers which covered her coffin (evidencing the affection and esteem in which she was held and the deep sympathy felt for her parents in their heavy sorrow, she being their only child), and the hymns sung, as well as the Service proper all spoke of the Christians Hope. Later on in the day her body was laid to rest in Mount Royal Cemetery.

"Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

ST. ABMUND WEST.—Local interest has been gradually aroused on the subject of Church finance by the action of the parish authorities during the past few years. Not only have all questionable methods of money raising been given up, but the entire support of the ordi-

nances of religion has boldly been changed from dependence upon commercial principles of barter and sale into reliance upon the higher Law of the Gospel.

Bazaars, oyster suppers, pew rents, and many other honest business schemes, have their conscientious advocates. But are they not modern and human devices; humiliating alike to all concerned in buying and selling under the false colors of religious giving? God's good old way, the Bible plan, is best: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

In the desire to help to educate public opinion on Christian giving the parish vestries are now sending out literature bearing upon the weekly offertory.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Rev. D. C. Moore, lately Rector of Albion Mines and Rural Dean of Amherst, on his removal to England has resigned his position as Commissary for Nova Scotia to the Lord Bishop of Algoma.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

SYNOD MEETING.

The Synod of the Diocese was held on Tuesday, June 3rd, at Regina. There were present sixteen out of the eighteen Clergy of the Diocese, and fifteen out of the twenty-seven elected Lay Representatives.

The Bishop, in his opening address, after briefly alluding to the death of two members of Synod, Mr. Leslie Gordon and Mr. R. Dundas Strong, the former of whom had sat as a member of the Synod ever since the formation of a Synod in the Diocese, dealt with the following subjects:

1. Religious education, chiefly in connection with the opening of St. John's College School under the charge of the Rev. W. Nicolls.

2. The statistics of the Diocese, of which we give a summary below.

3. The consolidation of the Church in British North America.

4. The Church principle with regard to appointment to the Cure of souls.

The most important subjects brought before the Synod for discussion were:

1. The Consolidation of the Church in British North America, on the report of a committee appointed last year to consider the subject. On this subject the Synod passed the following resolutions—

1. That it adopts the recommendation of the Committee. 'That the most desirable method for the consolidation of the Church in British North America would be the formation of One Province to embrace all the Dioceses.'

2. 'That failing the attainment of this, the Synod adopts the alternative scheme recommended by the Committee.'

Mr. Fisher and Rev. J. P. Sargent, were appointed delegates at the Conference at Winnipeg, to consider this subject.

11. The establishment of an Endowment Fund for Clergy in the Diocese. This also was on the report of a committee. The Bishop, while in England, was offered £200 as a nucleus for such a fund, and the Synod, last year, gave an instruction to the Executive Committee to consider how the Fund could best be organized. The Synod adopted all the recommendations of the Committee, which were as follows:

1. That a separate Fund be at once opened, to be called 'The Qu'Appelle Diocese Clergy Endowment Fund.'

2. That the said Fund be under the control of the Executive Committee of the Diocese, who shall invest all money received for the same in substantial securities, and use the interest only.

3. That for the present, and until the Executive Committee shall consider that the

amount is sufficient to make more definite arrangements therewith, it shall be devoted to the general assistance of providing Clergy stipends.

4. That (whereas it is right that the Diocese should itself help in this work, and it is well that it should be commenced at once,) each District be asked to contribute to this Fund 2 per cent. of the gross amount raised therein annually for local purposes, or a special offertory; the alternative to be decided by the vestry at Easter.

5. That one tenth of the interest of the said Fund be devoted to the Endowment Fund of the Bishopric until the Endowment Fund produces the amount of \$3 500 annually.

6. That the Trustees who now hold the £200 promised be requested to pay the same to the Synod of this Diocese for investment in this country, under the above conditions of trust.

7. That application be made to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for a Grant in aid, so soon as the Fund amounts to £500.

8. That an appeal be made for the £300 needed to raise the Fund to the said £500.

III. A Canon proposed by Mr. Fisher on the subject of the Appointment to Benefices and other Cures of souls in the Diocese. The proposed Canon was as follows:

'On the vacancy of any Rectory Incumbency or Missions within the Diocese, with the exception of Parishes or Missions sustained wholly by grants from without the Diocese (the mode of appointment to which shall remain as heretofore), the appointment to the vacancy shall rest with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, it being, however, provided that, before making such appointment, the Bishop shall consult with the Churchwardens and Lay Delegates of such Parish or mission; provided also, that the Parish or Mission may leave the Bishop to make such appointment without consultation.'

An amendment was proposed by Mr. White, of Moosomin, acting on on behalf of Judge Wetmore, to adopt the plan now in use in the Diocese of Fredericton. This scheme gave all such appointments into the hands of the parishioners, on a vote of two thirds.

After a considerable amount of discussion, it was suggested that the addition of the words 'and obtain the sanction of' after the words 'shall consult with' would satisfy both sides. It was felt that it would be a very great if it was possible to obtain anything like a unanimous vote on such a subject, and as there was little doubt that the requiring of the Bishop to consult the Churchwardens and Lay Delegates implied that he should not act directly contrary to their wishes, the amendment was accepted by most of those in favor of the original resolution. It was carried by both Orders with very few dissentients.

IV. A report presented by the Church Literature Committee was considered very meagre, and it was only received, without being adopted. Another committee was formed, which it is hoped will go more fully into the subject next year.

V. The Rev. L. Dawson presented a report from the Committee on Indian Work, from which it appeared that while more interest had, it was hoped, been created in Indian work, very little had been actually done beyond a few districts having become responsible for the clothing of some children (10) at our schools, and some sacks of old clothing having been sent to the reserves. Mr. Hardyman, in the course of the debate on this question, suggested that in each house a bag should be kept for cast-off clothing, all kinds of which would be most acceptable to the Indians.

In the evening, Evensong was said, as usual, the Bishop preaching on the mutual relations of the Clergy and the Laity, pointing out that the admission of the Laity to the Synods of the Church was an innovation of very late origin, and brought with it responsibilities of a very serious character.