

to the cause of Canadian Missions. A very interesting paper on the introduction of the Christian religion into Russia under Vladimir was read by Mr. A. Sharpe, who gave a suggestive account of the present resources and prospects of the Greek Church.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Ascension Day.—This day was fittingly observed. At 7 a.m. about seventy assembled in the chapel for the Communion service; an address was given by the Principal on Acts i, ii. The preacher showed the connection of Ascension Day with Christmas, with Easter, with Whitsunday, and with the Day of Judgment. He also urged that religious contemplation should never separate itself from religious action. He spoke of the great importance of the Forty Days after Easter in our Lord's earthly life, and pointed out the duty of obeying the Ascension command, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." There were twenty-eight communicants; offertory \$3.67—this with next Sunday's offerings will be sent in response to the Bishop's letter as contributory to Canadian Domestic and Foreign Missions.

The usual morning and evening prayers were also held.

Appointments.—Mr. H. Fiennes Clinton, B.A., (of Keble College, Oxford), for three years senior resident master of Bishop's College School has accepted the post of Head Master of Lorne College, British Columbia. Mr. Clinton carries with him the regrets of all at Lennoxville and their best wishes for his future prosperity.

The Senior Resident Mastership thus vacated has been accepted by Mr. H. J. H. Petry, B.A., of Bishop's College. Mr. Petry is an old boy of the school, and a distinguished alumnus of the College, and has held for three years the position of Second Resident Master in the school. His appointment will give great satisfaction to the Alumni generally. Mr. Petry is a born Canadian and has many friends in the city and Province of Quebec. He has done good service to the Church in his position of organist to the College Chapel.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—On Ascension Day the Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination at St. George's Church, when the Rev. F. M. Baldwin, presently assistant to the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, of Waterloo, was admitted to the priesthood, and Messrs. G. G. Forsey, A. T. Bourne, N. P. Yates and R. C. J. Lockhart, were ordained deacons. The following clergy were present and assisted in the service. The Very Rev. The Dean, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Canon Anderson, Henderson, Mills, DuVernet, Empson, Revs. Renaud, Rogers, Macfarlane, and Rural Dean Holding. There was a large congregation present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Mills, the text being taken from the sixteenth chapter of Mark and the twentieth verse: "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the words with signs following. Amen."

The candidates having been presented by the several examining chaplains responded to the usual questions, knelt, and received ordination at the hands of Bishop Bond. The litany was next sung, followed by the hymn, "Lord of the Living Harvest." The Communion service followed with the Bishop as celebrant, the Rev. Mr. Bourne reading the Gospel.

The *Veni Creator* was sung kneeling with grand effect by the choir. Mr. Stevenson accompanied on the organ in his usual masterly style.

We understand the Rev. Mr. Forsey will be appointed to Chambly, in place of Canon DuVernet, resigned; Mr. Bourne to Bristol; Mr. Yates to Maitland; Mr. Lockhart to New Glasgow, on removal of the Rev. Jas. Carmichael, jr., to Berthier.

May the Church of the living God be faithfully and loyally served by these newly ordained officers therein, each laying a sure and solid foundation for those that may come after and seeking not self but the interest of the Church, and the salvation of the souls committed to their care. To the Rev. Mr. Forsey, coming as he does from the irregular ministry of another body—upon, we feel sure, conviction of the necessity of valid orders—and in so coming, doubtless, making much sacrifice pecuniarily at least, we extend a hearty welcome.

RURAL DEANERY OF BEDFORD.—The annual meeting of this Deanery was held at Bedford on the 27th inst.

The Holy Communion was celebrated in St. James' Church at 9 a.m.

The Chapter assembled for business in the Academy at 10 a.m., under the presidency of the Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., Rector of Bedford and Rural Dean.

There were present the Revs. Canon Mussen, M.A., J. Constantine, M.A., J. J. Roy, B.A., John Ker, and F. Allen, B.A.; and of the laity, Messrs. J. B. Gibson, M.D., F. Bartels, W. S. Baker, Jos. S. Baker, W. Bockus, Jas. Edmonds, Joseph Lee, L. R. Palmer, R. H. Channel, H. D. Moore, E. W. Morgan, Geo. Higgins and J. F. Whitwell.

The Rev. John Ker was elected Secretary.

The reports from the various parishes were read and discussed one by one. The progress of Church work during the past year has been very gratifying, and it was noted with special pleasure that the contributions to the Mission Fund were very considerably in excess of the amount expended in the Deanery.

A resolution from the Deanery of Shefford, proposing certain changes in the mode of electing the Executive Committee of Synod, was discussed at length, and it was unanimously resolved not to take any action in the matter.

Resolutions of condolence with the Revs. Canon Belcher and J. J. Roy, in their severe domestic affliction, were adopted by standing votes.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and ladies of Bedford for their bountiful hospitality. It was decided to hold the next annual Deanery meeting at St. Hyacinthe.

COWANSVILLE AND SWEETSBURGH.—Our Bishop's visits through the townships have been attended in most parts with pleasurable results. When he reached here on Wednesday, the 19th May, from Dunham, where he had a large number of candidates presented for confirmation, and preached at every station in that parish that by the indefatigable exertions of the Rector, Rev. J. Kerr, have been opened, he found large congregations awaiting him. The holy table in each church was vested in white and adorned with flowers set on the table. The floral decorations of the church in Sweetinburgh were of especial note, and received the most genuine commendation from the Bishop. The Rev. John Kerr was the special preacher, and delivered a very able sermon. Your correspondent is not able to report what transpired at all other places, but will say here that it is a very unreasonable thing to expect a Church paper to be interesting, and yet not even furnish it with a few lines of information as to what was done on such an important occasion as the visit of the Bishop. The clergy are ready enough to give their assent to the proposition that when people are sick they should inform their pastors, and not expect those pastors to get at the fact by some intuition that is not bestowed on the doctor. Now, what they are so ready to have done to them in case of the sick, they should be ready to do in the case of information for the CHURCH GUARDIAN or other Church paper, and if they dislike doing it themselves, then see to it that some layman or woman in the parish does it for them.

THE MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Bill has been, by vote of the Legislative Council, referred back to the Private Bills Committee; and its fate, therefore, is yet uncertain. We understand that it was to come before the Committee yesterday, and that the Lord Bishop of Montreal would be present to urge that it pass. It is regrettable that, from the telegrams and newspaper references to this matter, there seems to exist a feeling of animosity towards the Bishop of Quebec, on account of the very faithful but strictly courteous and becoming course taken by him in defence of Bishop's College (of which he is the President), and in the interests of Church education generally. Throughout his action he has disclaimed any and all intention of interfering in the internal management of the Diocese of his brother Bishop, and has kept himself strictly to within line of duty in the respects above mentioned.

AYLWIN.—The new St. James' Church at Wright has received a beautiful cut-stone font, the gift of Alonzo Wright, Esq., M.P., which is now being placed in position at the west end of the building. The body of the font is octagonal in form, having a Church symbol cut into each face. Round the edge of the bowl is the text, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

On one of the Sundays after Easter a packet containing markers, neatly embroidered and mounted in green, to complete a set, was sent in at the close of the service; it was inscribed, "An Easter offering by Wright, Herbert and Needy, paid for with money earned by being extra good during Lent, 1886." The little ones are evidently being taught at home the blessedness as well as the duty of doing something for God's service.

Since Easter this church has received two beautifully worked collection purses, one violet and one white and gold, from Mrs. Ellard, the mother of the children above mentioned.

Funds are much needed to complete the interior of St. Peter's Church, Cawood, in this Mission. The people are at present fencing the churchyard, and have already purchased the principal part of the material required, but lack the means for engaging the necessary tradesmen.

Mr. W. A. Fyles, B.A., who graduated at McGill with first-class honors last examination, has been sent by the Bishop to assist the incumbent during the long vacation.

SUTTON.—This parish had its visit from the Bishop on Tuesday, May 25th, and it was of special note because Mr. George Forsey, lately a minister in the Methodist body, and a prominent one, received the "laying on of hands." A large congregation was present, notwithstanding a continuous and heavy downfall of rain. Five other candidates were presented, and the number of communicants was large. The choir mustered in full force, and rendered the selections with remarkable accuracy in time and purity of tone. Miss Smith, the daughter of the rector, who is an able musician, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, presided at the organ, and the Rev. W. Ross Brown, of Mansonville, preached the sermon. His Lordship made the confirmation of Mr. Forsey an exceptional case, and after his confirmation, although but yet a layman, he was ushered within the precincts of the holy table.

ABERCORN.—The next service in this parish was at Abercorn, where the Bishop himself preached to quite a good congregation, considering the cold and continuous rain that was falling.

GLEN SUTTON.—His Lordship the Bishop was much gratified with the service in this church on May 26th. The Archdeacon, who was expected to preach, did not put in an appearance, being in demand elsewhere. The incumbent of this Mission, the Rev. C. Lummis, has given in his resignation.