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MONCTON.—The Mission Chapel on Vulcan street was the scene of a pleasant gathering on the evening of the 11th ult. This hall was erected and furnished largely through the generosity of the Coadjutor, Bishop Kingdon, and is doing a good work. The second annual treat of the Sunday-school took place on that evening, there being a goodly gathering of the children and parents and friends of the mission. A great supper was provided about six o'clock to which some 40 persons sat down; turkey, goose, duck, chicken, ham and tongue were provided in abundance. At 7 o'clock the curtain was rolled up and disclosed to the view of the delighted audience a handsome Christmas tree representing Jacob's ladder. This was literally loaded down with presents thoughtfully provided by friends of the mission. After the singing of one of the Epiphany hymns, Santa Claus in the person of Mr. W. C. Paver appeared upon the scene for the purpose of distributing the presents. He was greeted with applause. To Amelia Taylor, for largest number of good marks for attendance and lessons, was given first prize, a leather writing case; to Ada Taylor, second prize, a handsome work box; to Maggie Armstrong, a writing desk; to Sarah Taylor, a ladies companion. To each of the other children and parents, presents were given in boots, stockings, mits, gloves, underclothing, &c., each according to their wants as the teachers thought best. Bags of confectionery, apples, oranges and toys were also distributed, Santa Claus appearing to have an inexhaustible supply of apples, which he gave out with a free hand.

While the tree was being stripped there was a pleasant break in the proceedings and Mr. J. H. Wran, the superintendent of the school, was presented with a valuable pair of beaver gloves, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by teachers and scholars. Mr. Wran was completely taken by surprise but made a suitable response. The distribution of presents being completed the Rector of St. George's, Rev. J. H. Talbot, addressed the children in brief but highly appropriate words, and after the singing of a hymn, and a verse of God Save the Queen, the happy company separated.

Among the visitors last evening were noticed Judge Botsford and Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Robert Stevens and daughters, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Pavers, Mrs. McLoed, Mrs. Wran and possibly others. Mr. Wran, the superintendent of the school, who, with his family, has always taken a great interest in the mission, is to be congratulated upon the success that has attended his efforts. He is ably assisted by the teachers, W. H. Mills, Jos. G. Wran, Julian Mabey, and Miss Lucy Wran, the latter also being the organist. The sum of \$172 was collected last year for the purposes of the mission and no doubt well expended.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. John The Evangelist.—The Choir Boy's annual Festival took place on the evening of the 27th ult., and proved most enjoyable to all concerned.

St. Jude's.—On the evening of the 26th ult., a Social and Concert was held in the Lecture Hall, which was crowded. The Rector, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, occupied the chair, and songs, duets, readings, recitations and instrumental music formed the order of the evening. All of which seemed to be thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by those present.

St. LAMBERTS.—The annual Sunday-school Festival was held in the school-room on the evening of the 26th ult., when an excellent pro-

gramme, consisting of readings, duets, Epiphany carols and dialogues, was rendered, besides refreshments; and each scholar also received a bag of sweets and an apple and orange at the close of the entertainment.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—Statistics of the Church of England Sunday-School in the city of Montreal for 1886:

	Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Collect's
St. George's.....	40	560	600	287
Cathedral.....	40	410	450	400
Grace.....	23	311	334	105
St. Luke's.....	25	275	300	150
St. Jude's.....	22	250	272	160
St. Stephen's.....	16	177	193	306
St. Martin's.....	16	230	246	95
Trinity.....	18	225	243	200
St. James The Ap..	11	160	171	...
St. Matthias.....	18	140	153	...
St. Thomas.....	12	120	132	130
St. Mary's.....	11	70	81	30
Mile-End.....	4	49	53	...
Totals.....	251	2,977	...	\$1,669

We trust that a perusal of the foregoing statistics may arouse Church people to a much greater interest in Sunday-school work. Certainly they are far from satisfactory, and leave room for large improvement in every particular. Let each congregation put forth renewed effort to gather in the children in the several parishes into which the city is divided, and when obtained to keep them by making the Sunday-school attractive in all its parts, and a real handmaid to the Church, in the loyalty and thoroughness of the teaching imparted. Loyalty to the Church and her system will be found to be loyalty to her Head, even Christ. And we would add let this loyalty be shown in the music and music books used: discard the Moody Sankey and like collections and use only those which are in harmony with the Church year and system. A very excellent compilation has very lately been put forth by J. R. Rue, jr., Philadelphia, and which is referred to in our advertising columns. We have made trial of many of the tunes contained in it, and whilst we find many which are old and familiar, we also have met with many new, bright and attractive airs, of a much better and more Churchly tone than those commonly used. There are also services for opening and closing school. We would advise Rectors and Superintendents to send for a copy of this Hymnal and judge for themselves. Another means of keeping the children is to awaken interest in some definite work, for example in Mission work: and to secure their offerings in this behalf. We hope that next year we may be able to record real progress in the Sunday-school work of the Church in this city.

MONTREAL.—Messrs. Castle & Son, stained glass artists, 40 Bleury st., Montreal, have on view a three-light memorial window for St. Mary's Cathedral, New Westminster, B.C. The subjects are taken from the Life of the Blessed Virgin, viz.: the "Annunciation," "Presentation in the Temple," and "Mary at the tomb of our Lord." This we understand is the first order entrusted to a Canadian house for this far distant diocese, and for correctness of drawing and artistic coloring and composition the window is stated by competent judges to be equal to the productions of the best English houses. It is flattering to Messrs. Castle & Son that they have by studious effort attained so high a standard.

LACOLLE.—The Deanery meeting for Iberville could not be held here last week, as owing to the bad roads and stormy weather Rural Dean Renaud and some of the clergy could not reach here. It was a great disappointment to a number, as it would have been the first meeting of the kind held here.

On the 13th ult., the Sunday-school children

were given a tree, under the auspices of the ladies of the Guild. Consisting of a sleigh drive about 3 p.m., and a tea in the hall owned by Thos. Wm. Vanvliet. The day was a lovely one, just kindly slipped in by dame Nature between a lot of stormy ones. The children returned from their drive in time for a few games before tea; but before that important part of the programme commenced the Rector collected them all, big and little, round the harmonium to sing a hymn, which was done by all with a very good will. Then they gathered round the tables spread with an abundance of tempting viands and plenty of coffee and tea. After all young and old had shown a full appreciation of the good things. The young folks had more games and merry laughter was the principal sound heard, though nothing boisterous or unpleasant occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening: indeed the good behaviour of the children was a marked feature of the evening. Before the close, Mrs. Garret asked the ladies if they would continue the Guild through another year: all were willing with the exception of two or three; but it is to be hoped they will recall their good angel who had turned away in sorrow, to be again influenced by it to do what they can for the Church and God's holy work.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—St. Peter's.—The children of St. Peter's Sunday-school gathered in the school room, St. Valier street, on Friday evening, the 21st ult., to hold their annual festival. The tables were spread with an abundant supply of good things. The children of the school, numbering over 100, together with some twenty-five friends, sat down at 5 o'clock and evidently enjoyed the good things set before them. After an excellent tea, the tables were cleared, when their Rector, the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, in a few words congratulated the parish on the prosperous position of the school and especially thanked the teachers for their punctual and assiduous attention to their work of love in instructing the young members of the congregation. The Rector alluded to the great need of a more commodious room for general parish meetings as well as for the Sunday-school work. Then followed an admirable programme consisting of music and recitations rendered in first class style by some of the children. One portion of the programme, by way of intermission, consisted of calling the roll of the school and as each child answered to his or her name the reward came of an orange and a bag of sweets. The proceedings were brought to a close about nine o'clock with the singing of the national anthem.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Church Society of this diocese will be held in the National School Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, for the reception of the annual reports and accounts and the election of officers for the Central Board, Diocesan Board, Clergy Trust Committee and for the transaction of general business in connection with the Society.

Trinity Church.—A very successful concert and social, given by the congregation of this Church, was held in the National School Hall on Thursday evening last. An excellent programme had been prepared and all seemed pleased with the entertainment. On the following evening, the annual Sunday-school festival of this Church was held at the same place.

St. MATTHEW'S CLUB.—At the regular meeting on Thursday evening, a very interesting lecture on "Ambulance work" was delivered by Dr. F. Montzambert. Next Thursday evening the Rev. Dr. Allnatt lectures on "Earth worms," and the following week Dr. Montzambert will continue his course of lectures.