

Extract from the Annual Report of the S. P. G.,
continued from our last.

MONTREAL.

"On Sunday, the 3rd of February, we had our annual gathering of the *Sunday-schools* in this city, at the afternoon service at the Cathedral. The scholars were considerably in excess of the number which attended last year; owing, no doubt, in a great measure, to the increase in the attendance at Trinity Church, which is now got into full work in its new locality, to which I alluded in my last letter; and also to the enlargement of the cathedral schools, which are now held in the new and spacious school-rooms recently erected on the lot adjoining the cathedral grounds. The day was most propitious, and the whole building was crowded in every part, the school-children, numbering about 1,200, and the hundredth psalm and an appropriate hymn were well sung by them.

"The only other special service I have to notice is the Confirmation for the city, which I held yesterday in the afternoon; 312 candidates were presented to me by their respective Clergymen—126 males, and 187 females. At the last Confirmation, held the 19th September, 1858, there were 201 candidates.

"I am sorry to say that I am about to sustain a great loss by the removal of Archdeacon Gilson, who has been my active coadjutor here for the last seven years; but, in consequence of the continued ill-health of Mrs. Gilson and one of his children, he has at length felt obliged to resign his office, and return to England in the course of the ensuing summer. He will also be very much regretted at the cathedral, where his services have been exceedingly valuable, and are well appreciated by the congregation."

TORONTO.

The sole connexion of the Society with this Diocese—upon which but a few years ago it expended several thousands annually—is the contribution which it makes to the support of a Missionary to the native Indians on Lake Huron. And most thankful is the Society to know, that so rapidly has the Diocese grown in wealth and prosperity, that it no longer needs the help which was freely rendered during the earlier period of the settlement. The seed which the Society was then enabled to scatter is now springing up and bearing fruit abundantly; and the men whom the Society was instrumental in sending out, and for a long time contributed to support, are now the honoured ministers of a flourishing independent Church. One of them, the Rev. J. Travers Lewis, L.L.D., was (at a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates of the parishes and Missions within the boundaries of the proposed new Eastern Diocese held at Kingston on the 13th of June last) elected Bishop. His see—to avoid the confusion of having two Bishops of Kingston—will be called the Bishopric of Ontario. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin; and went out as Missionary from the Society in the year 1849.

Not only are the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto no longer assisted by the Society; they no longer, for the most part, go out from this country. The Church, therefore, which is already independent, is becoming indigenous; and a large number of Clergy are educated at Trinity College, Toronto, which was founded mainly by the exertions of the Bishop, and is authorised to confer degrees.

In the last report it appears, that since that College was opened in January, 1852, no fewer than thirty-nine of its students have been ordained, while eight are now candidates for Holy Orders.

A report from the Rev. P. Jacobs will be found in the *Mission Field* for October, 1860, Vol. v. p. 232.

Mr. Jacobs has been engaged in translating the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, and the Prophecy of Isaiah, into the Ojibwa language. He gives the following account of a pastoral visit paid to an Indian farm family:—

"July 31st.—I went out this evening to visit some Indian families. The last man that I talked to was the one of whom I spoke in my report this spring, as being very ill. He was indeed laid up for many weeks, and scarcely any hopes of his ultimate recovery were entertained at one time. I thought myself that he would not get over his illness. I used to visit his tent, which was about eight miles from this place; at such times I generally took him some food; I read and explained Scripture to him; before leaving him, I always offered up a prayer to God on his behalf. He was a very attentive listener. At one time he told me that if ever he recovered, he would endeavour to serve God better than he had done before. He also said that the next time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the church, he would, provided he could walk, go up with his brethren to the Lord's table, and partake of the holy feast. This evening he talked in nearly the same strain."

SHEDIAC.—From this Mission the Rev. Dr. Jarvis writes:—

"To give some idea of the nature of the duties in this mission, I will specify the work of three consecutive Sundays. First Sunday—Unusually early breakfast, and drive to Dundas church, whole service, sermon, and Holy Communion; afternoon, no dinner, to be in time for evening service on the Bend Road, twenty-three miles. Second Sunday—Called before breakfast to baptise a dying child; at 11 a.m., whole service, sermon, and Holy Communion, in Shediac Church, to a large number; afternoon, hurried to service on Dorchester road. Third Sunday—Funeral service at church and grave, at 10 a.m., in pouring rain; at 11 a.m., whole service and sermon in parish church; afternoon, hurried to service in Memramcook, at 5 p.m., and, after supper, a wedding at another place; thirty miles travelled in a pouring rain and gale of wind, and did not reach home till 11 p.m., with difficulty of finding the way in the storm, and the horse being much injured. As usual I have been called frequently out of bed to visit the sick, and administer the sacraments to the dying; I had one journey of seventy-seven miles to give the Holy Communion to a dying person. His two sisters received with him, having no previous opportunity to do so, from their isolated position; and in another case, an Englishman, employed all his life upon railways, lived a very worldly life, and totally neglected public worship; he became ill in Shediac. My visits were very frequent. At first, religion was a subject for mirth with him; he became gradually serious, and in the opinion of all who saw him, a true penitent. He was most grateful for my services, and spoke with the greatest remorse of his past life. Finally, he and his wife received, both for the first time, the Holy Communion, and the man died comforted, and, I hope, pardoned."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

From the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*.

The twentieth anniversary meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, was

held at the Lecture Hall, St. Ann street, last night. The attendance was much larger than last year; the galleries were filled to their utmost limit, and seats were with difficulty obtained in the body of the hall.

At half-past seven o'clock the chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of Quebec—the Rev. J. L. Gay acting as secretary. Shortly before that hour, His Excellency the Governor General accompanied by Colonel Irvine, A. D. C., and Mr. Godley, secretary, took his seat on the platform. Among the gentlemen present we also observed the Rev. Messrs. Adamson, Housman, Hamilton, Woolryche, Fothergill, Parkin, Rowe, Plees, &c.

Prayers having been said—

THE LORD BISHOP opened the proceedings with a brief address. His Lordship alluded in general terms to the progress of the missionary work and to the diffusion of the Word of God throughout every clime, however remote, or no matter how great the difficulties might be which the messengers of the Gospel had to encounter. In the missionary colleges, the children of every land might be found preparing themselves for the task of bringing the Gospel to the nations of the earth. It was consoling to know in the progress which marked the course of the Church, the fact that they had succeeded in establishing Missionary Bishops in the most distant parts, whose labours would result in incalculable good. Coming nearer to ourselves, we might remark what hardships the Bishops of remote dioceses in the British dominions had suffered. The Bishop of New Zealand had performed visitations on foot, being obliged in many instances to swim rivers. The Bishop of Rupert's Land had travelled over hundreds and hundreds of miles, drawn by dogs, in the course of his ministry over the wild territory of which he had charge. He (His Lordship) had, however, witnessed many pleasing instances of missionary zeal and self-denial, as well as of the excellent fruit which their labors had produced, within the limits of his own jurisdiction. He recollected how in former years, when he had appointed a missionary at Sault Ste. Marie for which he had received a letter from one of the chiefs of the Aborigines, thanking him and expressing the satisfaction he felt at the result of missionary labours. His Lordship also alluded in glowing terms to the labours of the travelling missionaries of the church in Canada, and to the many privations which they suffered. In conclusion, he urged the necessity of self-dependence on the part of the members of the church in Canada, now that they were called on mainly to depend on their own resources; he trusted therefore, that they would do everything which their means permitted to advance the interests of the church, and to strengthen and support the missionaries in their labours.

The Secretary then laid before the meeting a lengthy abstract of the Report, giving full details of the labours of the Society. Touching first on the missionaries and their labours, it next alluded to the educational efforts of the Society—the distribution of books and tracts, &c. The loss which the Society sustained in the person of its former Patron, Sir Edmund Walker Head, a liberal contributor to its funds, was also spoken of; and the announcement which followed that His Excellency Lord Monck, our present Governor General, had kindly consented to become Patron, was received with loud applause. The appointment of the Rev. J. L. Gay, and his labours in visiting the distant missions, formed the next section of the Report; and finally mention was made of the fact that the Rev. Mr. Housman, who was about to visit England, and the Rev. George Mackie, had been authorized to represent the claims of the Church in Canada to the Church in the mother