

Montizambert, and N. Mott, were chosen representatives to the central board by the subscribers to the Church Society in the parish of St. John's.

Accounts were ordered to be paid, amounting to £16 12s. 7d.

It was moved by the Rev. J. Flanagan, and seconded by the Rev. C. Bancroft, that a committee be named to devise a plan for further increasing the funds of the Church Society. A committee was then named, consisting of the following members; Dr. Holmes, Chairman; Col. Wilgress, Secretary; Rev. C. Morris, Rev. W. Bond, and the mover and seconder, to report at the general meeting to be held on the 3rd of May.

It was moved by the hon. Judge McCord, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Bethune, and resolved, that the treasurer be authorized to pay to the Rev. R. Lonsdell the sum of £30 granted on the 3rd December, 1853.

The meeting was then closed with prayer.

E. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

On Sunday the 12th day of March, being the second Sunday in Lent, the Lord Bishop of Montreal held a General Ordination for the Diocese, in Christ Church Cathedral, upon which occasion one Candidate was presented for the holy order of Priesthood, and three for the order of Deacon, viz:—

Priest:—The Rev. James Alexander McLeod, Incumbent of Christieville.

Deacons:—Mr. John C. Davidson, and Mr. Charles Augustus Wetherall and Mr. Septimus Jones, Alumni Emeriti of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

The Services commenced at 10 o'clock, A.M., and were attended by a very large congregation. The morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rector, who also presented the Candidates to the Bishop. The excellent Choir gave an Anthem from the 26th Psalm with great effect, "I will wash my hands in innocency, &c." The Rev. N. Bartholomew, B.A., preached an exceedingly able and suitable sermon, taking his text from 1 Thess., v. 25, "Brethren, pray for us," appealing most earnestly both to the congregation and the candidates.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson has been officiating for some years as a Minister amongst the Wesleyans; and was much respected by the members of that body. He has been licensed by the Bishop to the charge of a new Mission just opened, in connection with the Church of England, at Covansville and Churchville, hitherto forming part of the Rectory of Durham, where there is a prospect of usefulness for his ministerial labors. The Rev. C. A. Wetherall is also licensed to a new Mission at Stukely, with parts adjacent of Bolton. In both these localities, great liberality and zeal are manifested by the people in support of the Church.

The Rev. S. Jones has been for some time acting as Assistant to the Rev. J. Judd in his School at St. Johns.—*Gazette*.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Diocese of Quebec is a vast and straggling charge: the Church of England being scattered over a prodigious superficial extent of country—often very thinly, and where in more compact bodies, those bodies being in some instances, widely severed from each other, either by the continuous establishments of the old French Roman Catholic population, or by great tracts of unreclaimed country. Thus, while there are but forty Clergymen in the Diocese, of whom eight or nine reside in Quebec itself, there are missions on the American frontier above that city, distant from it not very far short of two

hundred miles, and one of the missions in the gulph of St. Lawrence is between five and six hundred miles below it. Every part of the Diocese is visited triennially by the Bishop, but this duty is performed by detached visitations at different seasons, to the different portions of his jurisdiction.

The following is a brief summary of the episcopal journeyings during the past winter.

His Lordship set out on the 23rd of January for a tour through the counties of La Beauce, Lotbiniere and Megantic, on the south side of the St. Lawrence, with a visit to Bishop's College at Lennoxville. His first mark was Cranbourne, a poor, rude, and backward settlement in the woods, forming an appendage to the mission of West Frampton, at which last place he had held a confirmation in October, when the candidates from Cranbourne, owing to the desperate condition of their road at that season, had been unable to attend. It was to repair this disappointment that the Bishop now went to Cranbourne itself. The small wooden Church has been so far completed as to be used for divine service; and on Tuesday the 24th of January a congregation of thirty-five persons was there assembled, of whom six were confirmed, and thirteen partook of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. His Lordship was attended by the Rev. R. S. Birch, missionary of West Frampton, and the Rev. W. C. Merrick, of East Frampton, who both took part in the services.

The Bishop then passed down to St. Mary's on the river Chaudiere, where at the house of a solitary Protestant family, he met the Rev. W. King. This gentleman, whose residence is in St. Sylvestre, has a mission of an itinerant character, lying in the counties of La Beauce and Lotbiniere, and extending over a country much larger than some English dioceses. The Bishop travelled within the mission in company with Mr. King about one hundred and ten miles, and this without visiting all the sections upon which Mr. King bestows occasional service. There are six Churches within the mission, four of which are finished for use, and these were consecrated on the present episcopal circuit, having, though without any architectural pretensions, been very neatly finished and fitted up, by great and persevering exertions used for that object. Confirmations were held at three of the Churches, and in two other places, where there are fair and regular congregations, besides the confirmation of two individuals at the house in St. Mary's above mentioned, where another solitary Protestant family from a parish adjoining attended service in the evening, and again on the next morning, making up an assembly of twelve persons. Upon one of these occasions also, an adult was baptised. It is the practice of Mr. King, when in making his rounds, he puts up at one of these hospitable dwellings, out of all reach of public ministrations, to hold the regular Church Service, and to preach; and in order that the decencies of worship may be preserved and the usages of the Anglican Church may not be forgotten, the families provide a surplice and a scarf. The next instance of this kind is at St. Joseph, to which parish the Bishop proceeded from St. Mary's, and in which there is but one protestant family. The whole number of persons confirmed in Mr. King's mission was sixty-one.

From Mr. King's mission, the Bishop proceeded to that of the Rev. H. Roe, whose residence is at Upper Ireland, in the County of Megantic, and whose charge comprehends the two townships of Ireland and Inverness, with portions of three others adjoining. The length of the charge, from end to end, being about thirty-five miles. There are three Churches in the mission, and a fourth in immediate contemplation. Two were consecrated on this circuit, and the

third stands ready for consecration, but the ceremony, in this instance, was postponed on account of an unexpected delay in executing the formalities of the patent for the site. The Churches, although architecturally of the same character with those already described, are all finished and fitted up with great neatness, and respectfully enclosed; the late indefatigable missionary, the Rev. W. Wekes, having in conjunction with labours of a higher aim still, taken vast pains to procure the decent completion of the houses of God within his charge. The mission certainly exhibits no falling off in any respect in the hands of his successor. Confirmations were held in all the Churches, and the whole number confirmed in this mission was sixty-six.

Mr. Roe has the assistance in his mission of a very active and useful catechist and Lay reader, in the person of Mr. Ward.

The mission of Leeds, lying also in the county of Megantic, was the last of the three in which the rite of confirmation was administered. This is a mission somewhat more compact, but requiring severe and incessant labour, which the incumbent, the Rev. J. Curry, is not slack to bestow. There is one Church, consecrated in 1838, and another in course of erection, and there are different outposts where the missionary officiates. All the candidates for confirmation were within a distance to enable them to attend at Leeds Church; but a protracted snow-storm and the consequent obstruction of drifted and heavy roads prevented the egress of eleven of the number from the back settlements, accessible only by unfrequented roads, and only thirty-one were confirmed instead of forty-two, the number that had been prepared.

Part of the duties thus far noticed are described by anticipation, having been performed on the Bishop's homeward route, from Bishop's College at Lennoxville, to which place he now proceeded, entering a portion of the Diocese in which no confirmation or formal inspection of the missions was required—the usual interval not having elapsed since these objects had received his attention. His present object was to attend an important meeting of the College Corporation, for which the Bishop of Montreal also came down—the two prelates having co-ordinate authority, as heads of the Corporation and visitors of the College. This was the first meeting held since the attainment of the long desired object of a Royal Charter conveying the privilege of granting degrees. It was fully attended, the authorities of the College and the trustees resident in the neighbourhood having been all present; besides the Hon. Judge McCord and the Rev. R. Lindsay, gentlemen holding the same office, who came from a distance. As the time for these gentlemen was limited, the Corporation got through its business in one day, by sitting nearly twelve hours with the interruption only of luncheon and of tea and coffee. Matters were put in full train for future operations, and the resolutions were ordered to be printed, that they may be in the hands of the members in preparation for the next meeting to be held in May. The College, though upon a small scale, and labouring under many difficulties, has thus far, by the divine blessing, proved of conspicuous advantage to the two Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal. It is not confined however, to the object of preparation for the holy ministry; and more than one-third of the present students are designed for other professions.

During the stay of the two prelates at Bishop's College, the consecration of the Church at Sherbrooke in which they both bore a part, took place. The particulars have already appeared in full in the March number of this paper.