

The people of both of these Missions have just been engaged in providing parsonages and glebes, which strained their resources to the utmost; and it is highly creditable to them, and showed how much they valued their religious privileges, that they should so soon enter upon another movement requiring many sacrifices at their hands. The Rev. the Rural Dean addressed each meeting with earnest and moving words: subscription lists were opened and liberal contributions were promised. These meetings are one of the results of the recent organization which his Lordship the Bishop, with such fatherly thoughtfulness and care, has established in the Diocese, and they will be found very useful in leading the various congregations which are so isolated in this part of the country, to feel that they are members of the Church, and that they can cooperate together in extending the Redeemer's kingdom.—*Montreal Gazette.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Soon after three o'clock on Sunday, Feb. 2, the Cathedral was filled in every part by children and teachers of the various Sunday schools. The service commenced at half past three. The prayers were read by the Dean of Montreal, and the Rev. Canon Thompson, and the lessons by the Rev. J. Ellegood. The Lord Bishop preached the sermon from 1 Cor. xiv. 8, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" His Lordship opened with a reference to the occasion, and the large increase there had been in the schools, and after unfolding and illustrating the text, pressed earnestly upon his hearers the importance of giving faithful instruction in all points of Christian doctrine, as found in the word of God, and presented in the standards of the Church. Three could not have been less than fifteen or sixteen hundred scholars and teachers present on the occasion.—*Echo.*

CONFIRMATION.

St. John's.—The Lord Bishop of Montreal administered the rite of confirmation to fifty-three candidates, (21 males 32 females,) in the Parish Church at St. John's, on Sunday, 16th February. Morning prayer was read by the Rector the Rev. H. Darnell, M.A., and the Rev. J. Irwin, M.A., of Montreal, late Rector. The Bishop read the Ante-communion, and the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D., also a former Rector, the Epistle, and Preface to Confirmation.

His Lordship's address was founded upon the Lessons and Epistle and Gospel, and pointed out the nature and importance of the rite, and the solemn obligation it laid upon the candidates. He dwelt upon the creation of the world in the 1st lesson, and passing to the fall of man, showed the necessity of a new creation of the natural heart by the Holy Spirit. He was listened to with the greatest attention by a congregation of 550 persons, and especially by the candidates, who seemed, by their serious demeanour, fully to understand the solemnity of their position.

At the evening service the prayers were read by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D., and Rev. B. P. Lewis, B. A. The Bishop preached from