

John and many of the parishes in King's County, Hampton and Norton being, of course, very largely represented. At 2 p.m., the Harrison Orchestra discoursed some choice music, to the great delight of everyone, for which due thanks were given, and at 3 p.m., the School Chapel was literally packed with worshippers, that being the hour appointed for the divine service of song which commenced with a processional hymn during which the clergy vested in cassocks, surplices, and white stoles, entered the Chapel. The prayers were read by Rev. A. J. Reid, curate of St. Paul's, Portland, St. John, the Psalms being sung in unison antiphonally by the male and female voices.

The first Lesson was read by Rev. A. J. Creswell, Rector of Springfield; the second Lesson by Rev. John DeSoyes, Rector of St. John's church, St. John. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were from Wesley's service in F. The Rev. J. M. Davenport sang the solo from Handel's "Messiah, 'Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell,' after which the "Hallelujah Chorus" was admirably rendered by the organ, orchestra and choirs.

Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rector of Dorchester and Rural Dean of Shediac, preached an appropriate and instructive sermon on the words, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

The sermon being ended, during the singing of another hymn—which was done very well—an offertory was taken up amounting to nearly \$10 which was devoted to the expenses of the Union. With the benediction pronounced by Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rector of Hampton, and the hymn, "The strain upraise of joy and praise," this most delightful and solemn service of song was brought to a close.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SYNOD NOTES.—(Continued).

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.—Bishop Bond commenced his charge to the 29th Synod of the Diocese, by saying:—

Once more we are permitted to meet in Council. Every year, as the period for holding Synod recurs, I appreciate more and more this gracious mercy of our Heavenly Father. It is not a small thing at my age to reach the close of another year's work, still able for my duties, still in full enjoyment of health and strength. I trust by the blessing of Almighty God yet to see much increase of holy knowledge and devout practice in this diocese and to bear my part in the good work. But I think and speak now as an old man ever mindful that I know not the day of my death, for I am now in the 73rd year of my age, the 49th of my ministry, and the 10th of my Bishopric. I am anxious, on this account, to devote the time which remains to local work. I therefore refrain from engagements elsewhere, unless they are very obvious and pressing, and seem necessary to the prosperity of that portion of the Lord's vineyard of which I have the oversight.

There has been no great variation in my labours of the past year, compared with former experiences. I have visited apart from the city ninety-five missions and parishes (four less than last year, caused by sickness), I have confirmed 299 men and 464 women at 61 services, I have ordained five deacons and four priests and I have consecrated two new churches and opened another. The remote parts of the diocese have received a considerable portion of my time and attention, for the smaller outlying places require the presence of the chief pastor, more perhaps than those where the clergy and church people are numerous and mutually helpful. I consider myself to be a missionary Bishop, ministering to congregations ever changing in outward circumstances, and consequently more or less unsettled both in religious and educational matters. We have good men at work in the

mission field of the diocese, but they are always too few. The impossibility of overtaking the work that ought to be done is apt to weigh us down at times. We come daily in contact with people who never enter a place of worship except on the occasion of a funeral, whose brows have never been washed by the waters of holy baptism, who have not enlisted in any way beneath the banner of the cross. The church at Leslie, built by A. A. Jones, Esq., is nearly finished, and will, I hope, be consecrated on my visit next August. And I now desire to express in the name of the church and in my own name our grateful sense of the wise munificence of Mr. Jones. The foundation of a new church at Eastman (a village on the beautiful Silver Valley lake, in the mission of South Stukely) has been laid, and a large portion of the funds needed for completing the building has been obtained, through the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. J. G. Garland.

The work of the city mission under the care of the Rev. H. J. Evans has been so blessed by God that it has been found necessary to build two churches—one at Cote St. Louis, the foundation of which has been laid; the other at Outremont, for which preparations are being made.

The question of immigration has received a good deal of consideration from the clergy of the city. It is one that has caused some amount of anxiety, and has not been neglected, but I earnestly exhort the clergy to a careful search for "Christ's sheep" coming, as strangers to this city and diocese, who scarcely know the Saviour's name.

I am conscious (and it is a thought working personal gratitude and comfort) that the annual visitation of the Bishop is found to be useful to the lay members of the church in the mission districts as well as helpful to the clergy, whose opportunities for conference and exchange with their brother clergymen are very few. But I would not have you think that we are not fully encouraged to use all possible effort to extend the Kingdom of God. The success which attends the work of our country clergy is often surprising. I may in illustration state that at my last visit in one parish of the Deanery of Bedford (and it is not a solitary example) ten adults were baptized and twenty-eight confirmed. The state of the Mission Fund may be considered satisfactory. There are slight fluctuations from year to year, sometimes a small increase in the country collections, and a correspondingly small decrease in the city, (as in the report for the present year, to which I invite your attention), but on the whole the support of the Fund has been, of late, very uniform. The balance in hand at present is rather larger than usual, because of the vacant missions. I have not been able to meet with as many suitable missionaries as I need; when I can obtain such men, I have ample work and money wherewith to begin. The collections this year are slightly in advance of last, the total increase being \$107. I desire to thank the clergy and laity for their zeal and liberality in the support of this fund. It has not escaped my observation; above all the Lord Jesus has seen and approved. I trust most earnestly that clergy and laity will relax neither effort nor generosity, for (looking at the balance now in the treasury), I hope to establish new missions which will form a permanent claim on the fund. It must not be forgotten that another reason for the favorable balance in the Mission Fund is seen in the greater prosperity and growing independence of the older Missions which are fast advancing towards self-support and the desirable status of rectories.

Convinced that the work at home needs me more than the work abroad (important and interesting as it is at the present time), I have decided not to attend the session of the Pan-Anglican Synod which meets this year at Lambeth. All questions coming before that august Assembly are, of necessity, important to the

Church at large, and the subjects for discussion at the coming session are eminently practical and moral, but so far as we know, no vital points of doctrine or practice, about which men differ, are likely to be brought forward. The subjects definitely selected for discussion are "Temperance, purity, the care of emigrants and socialism; also the right means for definite teaching of the faith to the various classes. The relation of our Church to the Eastern churches, to the Scandinavian and other reformed churches, to the Old Catholics and others. The question of polygamy in regard to heathen converts, divorce, authoritative standards of doctrines and worship; the mutual relations of dioceses and branches of the Anglican communion.

(To be continued.)

COTE ST. PAUL.—Church of the Redeemer.—The Rev. J. Senior, Incumbent of Alleyne, P.Q., attended at this Church on Sunday morning last, and administered the Holy Communion; there being twenty-seven communicants present. He also preached a most instructive and able sermon on the "Reverence due the House of God." His sermon was well illustrated and enforced by his reverent administration of the Holy Feast.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rector of the Parish of St. James the Apostle has left for a short visit to the old country.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.—The College Council meets in the College on Wednesday, the 27th June, at noon. Convocation will be held on Thursday, the 28th, in the afternoon, Morning service being held at eleven, at which the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Vice-Chancellor is the appointed preacher. We understand the Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, will receive an *ad eundem* degree on this occasion.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The Island Church.—On the afternoon of the 24th inst., Rev. C. Hartley Carmichael, of Hamilton, for the first time this season, held service in the Anglican Church on the Island. The little church has been much improved since last year, and is creditable to those who have repaired it. Though small, it is thoroughly ecclesiastical in appearance, having a raised chancel, nave, stained windows, high pitched roof, belfry, &c. The service yesterday commenced at 4 p.m., and was full choral, Mr. Woods, assistant organist of St. Simon's presiding at the organ, and a portion of the surprised choir of that church having gone over to take part in the singing. Rev. Mr. Carmichael intoned the prayers and preached from the text, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep." He referred to the historical and moral evidences of the Resurrection and was listened to very attentively by a large congregation, every seat in the church being occupied. From first to last the service was most hearty. There is still a small debt on the church which must be paid before consecration of the building can take place, but there is every reason to believe that this will be wiped out by the time Bishop Sweatman returns from England. During the summer months service will be held in the church, which is dedicated to St. Andrew, every Sunday afternoon. All the seats are free.

Body Guards at the Cathedral.—The down-pour of rain did not prevent Col. G. T. Denison and his doughty cavalymen from attending St. James' Cathedral on the morning of the 24th. The Body Guard numbered 86 officers and men, and marched from their camp at the Exhibition Grounds by way of King street to