

spoken on the occasion will long be remembered, and the touching words of comfort to those suffering from bereavement must have indeed been a source of consolation to the troubled and sore hearts now around us.

Mr. Lowrey returned on Monday, 15th inst., to St. Margaret's Bay, with his wife and child.

Mrs. Heath, wife of the present Rector, sailed for England on the 25th May last, per steamer 'Carthaginian.' Mrs. Heath intends staying a year in England for the benefit of her health.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peters.*—The long felt need of a residence owned by the congregation for the use of the priest incumbent, or of a fund to yield interest sufficient to pay his house rent annually, has at last been recognized by the congregation, the ladies of which have undertaken the work of providing the sum required. As a first step a bazaar has been arranged for, to take place some time in the fall. All the various societies have elected representatives to act together as an Executive committee, while Messrs. Frederick Peters (Bernier), and W. A. O. Morson have been chosen joint custodians of the Rectory fund.

Improvements have been made in the Hodgson Memorial Chapel. The graceful chancel arch, built of the bright red sandstone of the province, has been richly carved. In a few weeks the handsome woodwork of the arches of the nave will be added, completing the beautiful chapel, excepting the decorations of the walls and the addition of two more stained windows.

Further work has been done in the graveyard. It is proving an undertaking full of disappointments and discouragements to reduce the rough condition of this resting place of the dead to order and tidiness, but there seems a determination to persevere till the object is accomplished.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DEANERY OF WOODSTOCK.—The quarterly meeting of the Woodstock Deanery was held at Centreville, Mission of Wicklow, on St. Barnabas' Day. On preceding eve a hearty service was held in St. James' Church, the processional hymn being "Onward Christian Soldiers," the choir beginning to sing as the clergymen entered the main entrance. Rev. Alan Richard Percival Williams, the new curate for Woodstock, ordained on June 7th, 1891, at Fredericton, read 1st Lesson; Rev. A. W. Teed, rector of Richmond, 2nd Lesson. The prayers were read by Rev. Leo. A. Hoyt, rector of Andover, and Rev. W. B. Armstrong, rector of Grand Falls and Edmundston. As preacher appointed at previous meeting was not present, the substitute, Rev. A. B. Morris, assistant Missionary at Andover preached. Text—Acts 11, 22-24. The blessing was pronounced by Rev. Canon Neales, Rural Dean. The other clergy present were Rev. Scovil Neales, rector of Queensbury and Southampton, and Rev. J. E. Flewelling, rector of Wicklow.

On Thursday morning, June 11th, service was held in the above Church at 9 o'clock, and the Holy Communion was administered, the celebrant being Mr. Flewelling. Epistoler, Mr. S. Neales; Gospeller, Canon Neales, who also gave a short address. The Chapter met for business at the rectory when a resolution of condolence was passed to the family and friends of the late Rev. Henry Huntley Neales, formerly a member of Woodstock Deanery. Also a resolution of condolence to friends of the late Rev. Arthur Hoadley, a former member of this Deanery. The parable of the two debtors was read and discussed.

Rev. L. A. Hoyt was re-elected Deanery representative to B. and M. of D.C.S. Rev. H. B. Morris read a thoughtful paper on the words "This do in remembrance of Me." The

brethren, after considerable discussion of the paper, tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable paper.

The following arrangements were made for next meeting: Aberdeen, Sept. 9th, 1891; preacher, Rev. W. B. Armstrong; substitute, Rev. A. W. Teed; reader of Paper, Rev. J. E. Flewelling; portion of Scripture to read, Parable of Good Samaritan.

Thursday evening, June 11, a conversazione was held at Mr. R. Wilmot Balloch's, where a very pleasant and profitable time was spent.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COATCOOK.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, June 14th, there were seventeen young persons confirmed, presented by Rev. Canon Foster, M.A., the Rector of the Parish.

GEORGEVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of Quebec administered the rite of Confirmation to six people in St. George's Church on Tuesday, June 16. His Lordship was a guest of Dr. Keyes during his stay here.

FITCH BAY.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the village on Wednesday, 17th June, when a service was held at which His Lordship administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to five persons.

LENNOXVILLE.—The Annual Convocation of the University of Bishop's College will be held on June 25th. There will be Divine service in St. George's Church at 10.45 a.m., when the University sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A. The corner stone of the new school building will be laid by the Lord Bishop of Quebec at 2.30 p.m. After this ceremony the degrees will be conferred in the College dining-hall. At the conclusion the prizes will be distributed to the students of the College and the boys of the school. The usual conversazione will take place in the evening at eight o'clock.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SYNOD MEETING.

Under the rule adopted at last Session, the Synod commenced with the administration of Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. on the 16th inst., followed by the address of the Bishop, instead of a sermon. It was hoped that this arrangement would secure a better attendance of the members of Synod at the service, and on the first day, and that the special Synod service transferred to the evening of the first day would be attended more generally than when held in the morning as in the past. The result this year, however, by no means justifies the hope—the attendance was lamentably small both morning and evening.

His Lordship in his address, referring to the change which had been made as above stated, said that he concurred in the opinion of Synod evidenced by such change, that the opening service in the Cathedral was as important as any part in the order of proceedings, 'we are a religious body working for religious motives for the promotion of true religion in our own country and diocese.

True religion consists in communion with Almighty God—the Holy Father of the whole human family—which communion God himself has commanded and rendered possible by the great gift of His Holy Spirit to men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 'It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto God,' and I can conceive no place, or circumstances, more suitable than this for the rendering of Divine Worship as the reverential preliminary to the conference, on all matters touching the government of our Church, upon which Conference we are now about to enter. At the same

time it must be borne in mind that the address or Charge, which (following the custom of my predecessors) it has been my wont to deliver early in the first meeting of each session, has in view a definite purpose which should not be overlooked. After clause VIII, in 'Order of Proceedings,' it is generally provided that 'an address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.' The practice has been for the Bishop, as President or Chairman of the Synod, to lay before the delegates a summary of matters requiring their interference, or appealing to their judgment or sympathy. The Synod is a Church parliament, and it is proper for the Chairman formally to announce the business to be brought up, as well as to give an outline of such advancement as the Church has made since the last meeting. The Bishop's address is not a sermon, but rather an instruction, properly expected from all presidents at the beginning of business meetings, lay or clerical. There is no reason, however, that such an address should not be delivered in this Cathedral, but quite the contrary. The question is, will the delegates present themselves here? They ought to do so. I hope they will. But if for any reason they should fail, it will be my duty to return to the custom hitherto observed and give my address, after the calling of the roll, in the Synod hall, lest by an unfortunate precedent I should deprive the President of the Synod of an opportunity for the full performance of his duty.

His Lordship next referred to the munificent gift of the late Mr. E. E. Shelton to the Mission Fund of the Diocese, as follows: "Mr. Shelton, originally from New England, settled in Montreal about forty years ago, engaging in business, and entering warmly into all the benevolent and religious enterprises for the advancement, moral and religious, of the city of his adoption. His quiet, unselfish, unostentatious life has so lately closed that I do not need to recall him personally to your memory. All who took any active part in Church affairs are familiar with the industry of his habits and his sense of responsibility, which made him give to works of charity the same keen interest and unremitting attention which good business men bestow upon their private affairs. He showed a very strong affection for the Clergy from the beginning of his career in Montreal. His home was open to them, his purse also, and many a stranger coming to the diocese has found in him a sympathetic and intelligent friend and adviser. But perhaps we were none of us prepared for the munificent provision which he had made by will for the Mission Fund. It comes to us as a revelation of the strength of his affection for the Church of England and his confidence in the ability of that Church to promote religious and moral good and to declare that Gospel which is able to save souls. The whole benefit of the legacy will not be felt at once, as the property is charged with certain annuities and legacies, but from the first I hope a sufficient addition to our present resources will be made to relieve the Executive Committee of some of that wearing anxiety inseparable from the precarious nature of our Church income, as it has existed up to the present moment. By the 'Mission Fund' is understood that fund which goes to the assistance of poor or thinly peopled districts, and, supplementing whatever stipend the people themselves can afford, makes it possible to the Bishop to appoint a clergyman to a cure of souls; for the appointment of the clergyman rests with the Bishop in the Missions and not with the vestry, as in the case of Rectories. The income of the Mission Fund, still in its infancy, has up to the present time been weak and uncertain, dependent mainly upon the subscriptions and donations collected annually throughout the diocese, its most reliable income being derived from the surplus revenue of the Clergy Trust Fund and the interest of the capital of the Sustentation Fund, altogether amounting in 1890 to \$3,984.25. To these sources of