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TO OUR READERS.

This experimental number of a Diocesan Church Paper is issued as an attempt to supply "a great and pressing want" of this Diocese. (See the Report of the Committee on the Dissemination of Church Literature, recently submitted to, and adopted by the Synod.) Its aim is to furnish a periodical digest of the *News of the Church* in a concise and readable form. As the continuance of the paper will depend on the support extended to it, all who approve of its plan and general contents are requested to send their subscriptions without delay to the Rev. H. W. Nye, Managing Editor, Iron Hill, Que.

The Church at Home.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Seventeenth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was held on the 20th of June and two following days. There was a large attendance of clergy and lay delegates. The proceedings commenced, as usual, with Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The preacher was the Rev. R. W. Norman, M.A. All the old officers were re-elected, with the exception of the Lay Secretary, Mr. F. Mackenzie, who declined to continue any longer in the office which he has filled so ably for several years. Dr. Wolfred Nelson was unanimously elected in his place. Several important matters were brought before the Synod, the most prominent being the Rev. J. Carmichael's motion, "That the Delegates to the Provincial Synod be requested to guard carefully the existing rights of this Synod in the election of its Bishop, and to prevent, as far as possible, any veto power over such election being vested in the House of Bishops." After a long and interesting debate, the question was shelved, for the present, by the adoption of a motion of Mr. Brydges to "proceed to the next Order of the Day." The discussion of the Executive Committee's Report brought up the subject of the payment of the clergy, a strong desire being expressed by several members to try the scheme in operation in the Diocese of Quebec,—a plan which was mentioned with great approval in the Bishop's opening address. Eventually, it was decided to instruct the Executive Committee to put the Quebec plan in operation in a few missions as an experiment, and to report the result to the next Synod. A very important resolution on the subject of Church Discipline was moved by the Rev. W. Henderson, seconded by the Rev. E. Wood, and unanimously adopted. The effect of this resolution is to make the final decisions of the *English Ecclesiastical Courts the law of this Diocese* when they do not conflict with our own legislation. A motion commending the Dunham Ladies' College to the support of the churchmen of this Diocese, was adopted

after a long discussion, which was chiefly remarkable for the unanimity with which the speakers eulogized the unwearied labors of the Rev. Mr. Henderson in connection with that institution. The Synod was characterized, on the whole, by a spirit of moderation and brotherly love, which affords the promise of a happy and successful diocesan year.

ORDINATIONS.—On Whitsunday, in All Saints' Church, Abercorn, Mr. John Ker, Associate of the Montreal Theological College, was ordained Deacon. On the second Sunday after Trinity, the Metropolitan held a general ordination in Grace Church, Point St. Charles, when the following gentlemen were advanced to the Priesthood:—Rev. G. A. Forneret, Montreal Theological College, Curate of Christ Church Cathedral; Rev. C. G. Kilner, S. Augustine's College, Canterbury, Missionary at Adamsville; Rev. E. McManus, Principal of the Church School at Berthier-en-Haut.

RESIGNATIONS.—Rev. H. F. Holmes, Rector of Bedford; Rev. R. W. B. Webster, Rector of Longueuil; Rev. W. Hinde, Rector of Chambly; Rev. G. C. Robinson, Incumbent of Ormston; Rev. P. W. Smith, Incumbent of Aylmer; Rev. H. Kittson, Missionary at North Gore; Rev. T. Everett, Incumbent of Mascouche; Rev. W. H. Naylor, Rector of Philipsburg; Rev. E. Archibald, Missionary at Mille Isles.

APPOINTMENTS.—Rev. T. Everett, to the Rectory of Longueuil; Rev. G. C. Robinson to the Parish of Aylmer; Rev. G. Allan, M.A., to the Parish of Mascouche; Rev. H. Kittson, M.A., to the Mission of Potton; Rev. J. Ker, to the Mission of Glen Sutton; Rev. A. S. Fuller, to the Mission of Thorne; Rev. W. H. Naylor, M.A., to the Parish of Clarendon; Rev. E. Archibald, M.A., to the Rectory of Philipsburg.

VAGANT CURES.—Rectory of Bedford, Rectory of Chambly, Mission of North Gore, Mission of New Glasgow, Mission of Brome Corner.

PARISH ITEMS.

BOSCABEL AND NORTH ELY.—On the 6th of July, His Lordship the Metropolitan (who was accompanied by the Revs. Rural Dean Lindsay, H. W. Nye, J. W. Garland, R. D. Mills, and L. N. Tucker,) held a Confirmation at Boscobel, and consecrated the church and burying-ground at that place. Five persons received the rite of "laying on hands." The following day, the Bishop confirmed six persons at North Ely. The candidates at the latter place were addressed in a very impressive manner by the Rural Dean.

SOUTH ELY.—On the afternoon of the 7th of July, the Bishop visited this new mission, to which the Rev. L. N. Tucker has been recently appointed English and French Missionary. There being no Anglican Church building in the place, Divine Service was held in the school house, which was well filled by a "mixed company," to many of whom the sight of a Bishop of the English Church, and the sound of the English liturgy, were new sensations. After the recitation of the litany, and the singing of a hymn, His Lordship delivered a brief discourse on "God our Refuge," in his own simple