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We commence with this number our Second volume, encouraged to do so by the kind expressions of approbation which we have received from various quarters. We have been obliged to delay the publication for a day or two, in consequence of lists of the Clergy of other Dioceses having been only just received with a request for their insertion. Our intention is to publish as heretofore on or about the 15th of every month, and we shall continue to exert ourselves to furnish as much interesting ecclesiastical matter as the size of our paper will allow of; at present we dare not venture upon a bi-monthly Gazette. We trust that in consideration of the small sum charged, all our subscribers will pay their subscriptions forthwith, and endeavor to increase our circulation.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Summary of the Triennial Visitation of the Diocese of Quebec, with incidental notices of certain other Episcopal Acts, and affairs or proceedings of the Church, within the Diocese, in the years 1852-3-4.

The April number of this paper, in the past year, contained an article which indicates the manner of performing the episcopal visitations in the vast and straggling diocese of Quebec, which is marked strongly by a missionary character. They are accomplished by means of detached journies, extending (with intervals interposed of residence at the See) over the triennial space in which the whole is completed.

The entire circuit having been now brought to its close, and the Bishop having issued notifications for the commencement of the work anew from its starting point in the present month, a brief summary of the past triennium is here given, with incidental notices brought in, as appears in the heading above, of certain other matters of interest in the Church.

1852.

The year was opened by the annual charity sermon in the cathedral, on the festival of the Circumcision, for the *Canada Military Asylum*, preached, upon this occasion, by the Bishop. The collections made in the cathedral, from Advent Sunday to Sunday 4th January, inclusive, amounted to nearly £148. On the latter day, in the afternoon, a confirmation was held in the cathedral, for the whole parish. The number of persons confirmed was 224, making, with the number of 29 added at a supplementary confirmation held some time afterwards, in St. Matthew's Chapel, for the benefit of persons disappointed from illness or other causes, a total of 253 for the parish.

On the 19th of the same month, his lordship

set out upon a tour for holding confirmations, of which the first was at *Nicolet*, about 100 miles above Quebec, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, and then passing up the *St. Francis* river, he administered confirmation at the ten scattered missions within or skirting upon the district bearing the same name. The total number of persons confirmed on this circuit was 186. The number of places at which confirmations were held was 14.

In the course of this tour, the Bishop took occasion, in different instances, accompanied in each by one of the neighbouring missionaries, to explore certain unprovided settlements, with a meagre church population, on either side of the river St. Francis, for the purpose of ascertaining their wants and wishes, as well as of affording them some passing ministrations. Here he preached in log school houses or private dwellings, as the case might be, to settlers in the wintry woods, who are always cheered and comforted by the visit of a church minister when a labourer can possibly be spared for the purpose.

Upon this circuit, also, his Lordship was joined by the Bishop of Montreal, in order that they might proceed together to *Bishop's College*, at *Lennoxville*, where they spent some few days, and each took occasion to address the students in a body, during their stay; and where, on the 4th of February, they attended a meeting of the College Corporation. An organ had been recently put up in *Lennoxville Church*. The male portion of the choir consists chiefly of college students. These gentlemen also, who always appear in their academical dress, read the lessons, in rotation, in the church. The college chapel is not yet built.

The Confirmations of this circuit were now closed; but the Bishop, returning by the *Mégantic* route to Quebec, took occasion to hold service and to preach at five different places in the mission then occupied by the Rev. W. Wickes, thrice in the churches of the mission, once in a private dwelling, and once in a school-house, where eight children were presented to Mr. Wickes for baptism. His Lordship also presided at a meeting held upon church matters at one of Mr. Wickes's stations. He returned to Quebec on the 23rd February, and passed the seasons of Lent and Easter at the See.

On the 6th of June, being Trinity Sunday, the Bishop admitted one gentleman to priest's orders, in the cathedral church.

The first summer confirmation was held at *Three Rivers*, on the 22nd of June; and the Bishop proceeded from that place again to *Bishop's College*, where he attended another College Corporation meeting, and also the annual examination of the students. He announced upon this occasion, the grant of £1000 sterling from the *Jubilee Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*. (The Diocese of Quebec had sent home £500 sterling towards that fund.)

On the way to *Lennoxville*, from *Three Rivers*, the Bishop preached, on St. John the Baptist's day, at *Drummondville*, and consecrated a private burying ground in that parish; and on the

Sunday following, consecrated a burying-ground in *Bury*, beyond *Lennoxville*, where he also preached, as well as at *Edon*, on his way back to the college.

On the 4th of July, he ordained two gentlemen as Deacons, in *Sherbrooke Church*, and preached the sermon upon the occasion.

On the 18th of August, he set out to visit the missions of *Bourg-Louis* and *Port-Neuf*, in the district of Quebec. Confirmations were held in three churches, two of which also were consecrated; and an afternoon service was held at another station, where again the Bishop preached. At the confirmations in the rural districts, his Lordship always preaches, usually incorporating with a plain familiar sermon his address to the persons confirmed.

From *Port Neuf*, the Bishop went up to pay a third visit to *Bishop's College*, and met there the Bishop of Montreal, who was prevented from attending the annual meeting in the end of June. A meeting was now held on the 26th of August, and business of importance was transacted, with the benefit of two additional members of the corporation, of whom Judge McCord was one. The two Bishops travelled together on the 28th, to the outlet of *Lake Meaphramagog*, on the skirts of the two dioceses, where it had been hoped jointly to establish a mission. The Bishop of Quebec preached there on Sunday, 29th, and in *Stukeley* in the afternoon of the same day. He then went round by Montreal, to hold a confirmation, on the 1st September, at the *Rivière du Loup en haut*, where he also consecrated the little church, and on the 8th of the same month, confirmed at the *Rivière du Loup en bas*, where some of the candidates came from a distance of nearly forty miles, and had to make a journey of three days to reach the place and return. These two missions of the same name, lying among the old French Roman Catholic parishes upon the St. Lawrence, are 226 miles apart, and between Quebec and the lower mission, a distance of 114 miles (except the Church of England chapel at the *Quarantine Station*), there is not a single Protestant place of worship. The Bishop crossed over on this mission to the north shore, to pass a Sunday at *Murray Bay*, where he preached twice in the *Manor House*, the congregation consisting of the family, and visitors for salt water bathing, from Quebec.

On Sunday, 26th September, the Bishop preached on behalf of the Diocesan Church Society, at *Point Lévi*, opposite to Quebec, and held the confirmation for the *Point Lévi* mission at *New Liverpool*, on the afternoon of the same day. At the eight scattered confirmations of the summer and autumn, the whole number of persons confirmed was 84.

On the 12th of November, the Bishop set out for the St. Francis district, in order to settle a dispute which had occurred in one of the missions, and, being accidentally detained for a Sunday in Montreal, preached twice in the *National School-house*, at the time used for the accommodation of the congregation of St. Thomas's Church, burnt down in the then recent conflagration within the city. He took the op-