

ishioners, the Bishop drove back as far as Clifton where evening service was held in All Saints. This being the first anniversary of the consecration of this Church, as well as a service of thanksgiving, the Church was handsomely trimmed with sheaves of oats, etc., flowers and various fruits of the earth. Here, too, the Bishop preached, drawing many deep spiritual thoughts from the teaching of the Harvest. Though the evening was rainy and very disagreeable a great many persons attended the service which was bright and cheery.

It was nigh on to midnight when finally His Lordship reached the shelter of the Rectory. The next day the Bishop parted company with the Rector (who drove with him through rain squalls to Hampton) for a season only we hope. Thus begun, continued and ended another bright gleam of sunshine which does so much to brighten and enliven the purely country clergy in their toilsome and oftentimes lonely work.

The Chapter of Kingston Rural Deanery met in the parish of Kingston on Wednesday and Thursday, 10th and 11th of November. The Rural Dean, Rev. Canon Medley, took the chair at 8.30 a.m., and after prayer by the Secretary, Rev. O. S. Newnham, the regular work of the Chapter was entered upon. As this was of a purely local character, it would not be interesting to the general reader. A warm welcome was accorded to the Rev. A. J. Cresswell, who succeeds the Rev. J. H. Talbot (late secretary, now removed to another Deanery) in the Rectory of Springfield. (Our Rev. Brother Talbot was a most efficient and painstaking officer in the Deanery and much regret from all its members was expressed when his removal was communicated to us.)

Evensong was said in Trinity Church at 7.15 p.m. by Rev. J. R. DeWolf Cowie, the lesson read by Rev. A. Cresswell and D. W. Pickett. The Rev. C. P. Hannington presided at the organ. The choir was composed of white robed priests, the usual choir and organist taking their seats among the congregation, which was unusually large both in the body of the church and in the galleries. The Rev. J. M. Davenport, appointed preacher, delivered a very powerful and interesting sermon on the Christian method of giving, which was attentively listened to by all present. After blessing by the Dean the congregation remained standing until the Clergy had retired through the western door on their way to the Rectory.

Thursday morning 7.35 found the clergy and several lay members in the Church and gathered round the altar table. The Rev. the Dean Rural celebrated and the Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie served. It was not expected that many lay communicants would be present at this high service, for the great bulk of them live from three to six miles away from the Church and further the morning was wet and stormy. Yet, in spite of all, twenty-four were present and received. After breakfast the Chapter were again in session till the dinner-bell sounded. The Rural Dean read a suggestive paper on pastoral theology, the second of a series which, by request of the members of the Deanery he has promised to prepare. At three o'clock the visiting brethren, twelve in number, began to make ready for their return homeward and soon after their presence remained only in pleasing memory. Present:—Rural Dean, Canon Medley, Revs. S. J. Hanford, E. A. Warnford, D. W. Pickett, D. J. Wetmore, J. M. Davenport, O. S. Newnham, W. Hancock, C. H. Hatheway, C. P. Hannington, J. R. DeW. Cowie, A. J. Cresswell, H. S. Wainwright.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

The Rev. A. T. Balfour, Rector of Richmond, has returned to his parish after a prolonged trip to England, for the benefit of his health. We may express the hope that the

reverend gentleman has benefited very materially by the change.

The Rev. Lennox Williams preached the first of the lectures which are to be delivered in St. Peter's Church, Quebec, during the present Advent season.

We regret to hear of the continued illness of the Rev. Dr. Roe, which obliges him to forgo his lectures for the present. His place is being supplied by the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, Rector of St. Matthew's, Quebec.

DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS.—The anniversary meeting of the Church Society, together with the meeting of the Deanery Board of the district of St. Francis, was held in the Church Hall, Sherbrooke, on the 7th and 8th inst. The Bishop of Quebec, and sixteen out of the 22 clergy of the district were present, and were also favoured by the presence of the Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Concord, N.H., and Rev. Mr. Hooper, of Newport, Vt. Regret was felt at the absence of the Rural Dean, Rev. Dr. Reid, through sickness, and C. E. Wurtele, Esq., Treasurer, whose recent severe illness has led him to press the acceptance of his resignation. The afternoon of Tuesday was taken up with reading the reports of the clergy and routine business. The Rev. Dr. Roe was again elected Secretary. The Rectors of Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, Messrs. Heneker and Winton, Executive Committee; and C. E. Perry, Esq., H.M. Customs, Treasurer for ensuing year.

At Evensong in St. Peter's Church at 8, the preacher was Rev. Mr. Roberts. A large and attentive congregation had the pleasure and blessing of hearing this (styled by the Bishop of the Diocese) "ever eloquent Divine." Wednesday early celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30, and Litany service at 9.45, followed by meeting of the Deanery Board at 10.30 and 2.30. In addition to the clergy mentioned twenty-two lay members of the Churchwardens and delegates to Synod from the district were present. The subject of Church extension was taken up and earnestly discussed. So important and pressing seemed the need of more clergy, that in addition to the amounts already pledged in Quebec and the district R. W. Kennedy, Esq., offers \$100 annually for three years. This places the stipends of three additional Missionaries on a firm basis, and the Bishop will at once find if possible suitable men. The establishment of Branches of the Church of England Temperance Society in every parish was recommended and also the calling a convention of Sunday-school Teachers at Sherbrooke, and opening a Branch Depository of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge were decided upon, and committees appointed for arranging the detail. Thanks were tendered to the Rev. Mr. Thornloe for his indefatigable labors, and to the Churchwardens and people of Sherbrooke for their kind hospitality. The annual Missionary meeting was held at 8 o'clock; a very full and encouraging report was read by the Secretary, followed by an address from Rev. A. Judge, of Cookshire, [styled the "ever ready"], on Mission work in Central Africa. The Rev. Mr. Roberts delivered one of his racy and exhaustive orations on Missionary work in general, which was loudly applauded. The Bishop then called upon the Rev. Mr. Hooper, introducing him as being both "ever ready and ever eloquent," who gave a very instructive account of the early work of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel on this continent, from which has grown the Church in Her greatness, both in the United States and Dominion of Canada. A collection was made for the Missionary Diocese of Algoma, and thanks tendered to the Bishop of the Diocese and the visiting clergymen, when

one of the most encouraging and pleasant meetings of the Association was brought to a close by the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction a little before 11 o'clock.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. Martin's.—The Rev. G. Osborne Troop, the newly appointed rector of St. Martin's Church, preached in this Church his first sermon on Sunday morning last, and in the evening was inducted into the charge of the parish by the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

After the chanting of the Litany, the Bishop and Clergy took their places at the entrance to the chancel, the Rector, Churchwardens and Delegates to the Synod standing before them in the aisle, the Bishop saying: "Brethren, we are here assembled to induct the Rev. Geo. Osborne Troop as Rector of this Church, he having already been instituted to the cure of souls."

Rev. Mr. Troop then read aloud the declaration of assent as enjoined by Canon II., and which he had signed.

The Bishop then said: We, by Divine permission, Bishop of this Diocese of Montreal, do by these presents, constitute and appoint you, the Reverend George Osborne Troop, M.A., in whose learning and sound doctrine we do fully confide, to the office of Rector in this St. Martin's Church, hereby conferring upon you full power to perform every act of ministerial function as such Rector among the people committed unto you, so long as you continue in communion with us, and comply with the rubrics and canons of your Church, and with such lawful directions as you shall at any time receive from us. And, as Rector of this Church and parish, you are faithfully to feed that portion of the flock of Christ which is now entrusted to you, not as a man pleaser, but as continually bearing in mind that, in the great and important work of winning souls to Christ, you are acceptable to us, and above all to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church.

The keys of the Church were then handed to the Rector by the Senior Churchwarden, Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q.C., who said:

In the name and behalf of this Church, we do receive and acknowledge you, the Rev. George Osborne Troop, M.A., as Rector of St. Martin's Church; and in token thereof I give into your hands the keys of this Church.

To which the newly inducted rector replied: I receive these keys of the House of God at your hands, as the pledge of my institution, and of your reception of me as your appointed Rector. And I, on my part, do promise, by God's help, to be a faithful shepherd over you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Bishop then presented the Church books, saying:—

Receive these books and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's Holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and exercising the discipline of the Church. And be thou in all things a pattern to the flock committed to thy care.

Two verses of the hymn "Veni Creator" were then intoned, after which prayers for the Rector and for the congregation were made, and the Benediction was pronounced.

The Venerable the Archdeacon of Montreal preached from I Cor. iv, 1 and 2.

[We extend to Mr. Troop a hearty welcome to the Diocese of Montreal, and trust that he may—as we feel he will—prove a worthy successor to the two able men who have preceded him as Rector of this important Parish.—Ed.]