

A Deputation appointed by the Bishop will attend each Parochial Meeting.

The Clergy are requested to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the meetings on the days named; and also to assist at the meetings in their own neighbourhood, and kindly to forward the Deputations from place to place, so as to spare the funds of the Society as much as possible.

"A collection will be made at the close of each meeting in aid of the Mission Fund of the Diocese."

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MONTREAL.

An interesting ceremony was lately performed near the Victoria Bridge, which spans the St. Lawrence. The *Montreal Gazette* thus notices it:—

A huge boulder, weighing about 30 tons, was set in its place, on a base of cut-stone masonry, 12 feet square by 6 feet high. The Anglican Bishop, the Rev. Canon Leach, L.L.D., the Rev. Mr. Ellegood, B.A., Mr. Hodges, and all the workmen of the Victoria Bridge, assisted at the ceremony. The boulder, which was dug up in the vicinity, is to bear this inscription:—"To preserve from desecration the remains of 6,000 emigrants, who died from ship-fever in 1817 and 1818, this monument is erected by workmen in the employment of Messrs. Peto, Brassey and Betts, engaged in the construction of the Victoria Bridge, 1850." The Bishop made some remarks appropriate to the occasion, the Rev. Mr. Ellegood said prayer, and the Rev. Dr. Leach gave some particulars of the great affliction. Mr. Notman, we believe, photographed the scene. Many Montrealers will look back to those sad times, commemorated by this stone, with mingled feelings. It is fitting the monument should be erected.—*N. Y. Ch. Journal*.

QUEBEC.

The summary account of proceedings and occurrences of any note in the Diocese of Quebec, which is rendered, from time to time, to the CHURCH JOURNAL, is now to be taken up from the month of August.

On the 17th of September a *fête champêtre* was given to the Sunday School children of the chapel of St. Peter, in the parish of Quebec, who amount to 160 in number, by the Rev. C. Hamilton, Incumbent of that chapel, at Linfield, the residence of his family, near Quebec. Two large marquees were put up in the grounds, under which the tables were spread, hymns were sung by the children in a body, and after their repast, they engaged in rural sports. The only drawback was that, as they are much scattered in point of residence, and many of them engaged in occupations which they could not leave, about one-half of the number were absent.

On the day following (which was Sunday,) the Bishop crossed the St. Lawrence to New Liverpool, where twelve persons were confirmed. The musical services, including an anthem and the chanting of the canticles, were very creditable for a small country congregation. It is in contemplation to repair and enlarge the beautifully situated little church, which is built of stone.

On the 24th of September, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, accompanied by Mrs. Binney, arrived at Quebec, to pay a long-promised visit to his brother prelate, and on the day following (Sunday,) made an appeal from the Cathedral pulpit, as previously

concerted, on behalf of the Missions of the Diocesan Church Society. His Lordship took his text from Rom. x. 14, 15, and the collection amounted to \$128. In the afternoon of the same day, he preached at St. Michael's chapel, situated within the parish of Quebec, at the distance of about a league from the city walls, of which the incumbent is the Rev. A. W. Mountain. This visit was a gratifying circumstance, and was marked as well by very agreeable intercourse between those who were engaged in the same sacred labours, as by the particular service rendered by the stranger Bishop to the cause.

The 30th of the month was marked in a different way, and presented a scene more than commonly solemn and touching. It was on that day that the mortal remains of Mr. Head, only son of the Governor-General, Sir Edmund Head, who was drowned in the river St. Maurice, were consigned to the grave, in the Mount Hermon Cemetery. The family had not desired that the funeral should be made a matter of state; but the sympathy of the public mind drew together a vast concourse of people, and persons of distinction came from distant parts of the Province, to give their attendance upon the occasion. The service appointed to be used within the church, was performed in St. Michael's Chapel, which is close to the cemetery. The portion read at the grave was performed by the Bishop. Mr. Head was a young gentleman who had been most carefully educated, a person of amiable character and remarkably correct habits of life, much addicted to scientific pursuits, and of a very considerable range of attainments for his years.

On the 7th of October, the Bishop, accompanied by his Chaplain, the Rev. A. W. Mountain, proceeded to the Mission of Leeds, in the county of Megantic, where they became the guests, in the parsonage-house, of the Rev. R. Short. The object of this journey was to admit to Deacon's Orders, Mr. W. S. Vial, whose previous engagements did not permit his presenting himself at the Ember season. His examination had already taken place, and the range of his intended Missionary labours being in the neighbourhood of Leeds proper, it was conceived that it would be useful and interesting to the people, to hold the Ordination upon the spot. It took place accordingly in Leeds church, on Sunday, the 9th of October, and the occasion being entirely new in that part of the country, it drew together a concourse of people from all parts of the county of Megantic. The sermon (which was extemporaneous) was preached by the Bishop, who took his text from the first Morning Lesson, Ezek. ii. 3. The field of labour appointed for Mr. Vial, comprehends the establishment lately formed by an English company, with great prospects of success, at the Copper Mines in Leeds, and the company have contributed an addition to the minister's stipend.

On the 23rd of October, the Bishop crossed the St. Lawrence again, to hold a confirmation at Point Levi, upon which New Liverpool, before mentioned, is a dependency in the same Missionary charge, now held by the Rev. A. J. Woolryche. Eleven persons were here confirmed, making in all twenty-three in the mission (of whom four, however, brought tickets from Quebec, having, from different circumstances, missed their confirmation there.) The Bishop, according to his usual practice in country places, incorporated with the address to the recipients of the rite, such remarks as served for a sermon to the congregation at large.

A general thanksgiving throughout the Province was observed, under proclamation from the Governor-General, on Thursday, the 3rd of November, on account of the abundant harvest.

The sermon in the cathedral was preached by the Rev. Gerald de Courcy O'Grady, of the Diocese of Montreal, and the collection (which was appropriated under the direction of the Diocesan Church Society, for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy) amounted to \$119 50.

The first of the course of Advent Sermons, in the hands of different clergymen, of whom the Bishop was one, at St. Matthew's, or the Free Chapel in the parish of Quebec, was preached on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and the course was continued on the Wednesday and Friday evenings through the season. It was very encouragingly attended.

On Sunday, 4th of December, the annual appeal was made from the Cathedral pulpit, on behalf of the Quebec National Schools. The preacher was the Rev. Dr. Adamson, Chaplain to the Legislative Council, and the proceeds amounted to \$192. Printed slips were also put into the pews, inviting annual subscriptions, and prepared to be filled up and returned to the clergy—an invitation which, in one instance, prompted a liberal friend of the Church to put down his name for \$10.

On Wednesday, 12th of December, the Bishop, attended by two of his chaplains, and assisted by other clergy of the city, consecrated a small but very neat chapel, which has been provided for the use of the Church of England in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital at Quebec. The Rev. Dr. Percy (who was present and assisting) is the Hospital Chaplain,—the office being maintained from the "Emigrant's Spiritual Aid Fund" of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who took for his text Matt. xi. 4, 5, and the chapel was consecrated under the name of St. Luke's chapel,—the function of a physician fitted by that Evangelist, having been considered to render the title appropriate.

On the 15th of December, after the Ember days, the Bishop, for the third time during the year, held one of those detached Ordinations in the rural districts, for which a reason has been here already stated. Mr. R. G. Ward has been for a great many years employed, under the auspices of the S. P. G., as a Catechist and Lay Reader in the townships of Inverness and Ireland, and in parts adjacent within the county of Megantic, and had so greatly approved himself to the clergy, and so well gained the respect and affection of the people, that a very general desire was felt to see him admitted to the Order of Deacons,—he not aspiring to any ulterior advancement to a higher grade in the ministry. Accordingly the Bishop, having examined Mr. Ward at the parsonage of Leeds, proceeded thence on the morning of the Ordination, to Christ Church, in Inverness, close to the residence of Mr. Ward, where he was met by an overflowing congregation, and the Churchwardens were obliged, in order to provide extra sitting accommodation, to draw out the kneeling-benches from between the seats, and range them along the vacant spaces of the church. Many persons were still left standing. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, and was met at the church by the Rev. H. Roe, from Upper Island (of which vacant Mission he had kindly taken temporary charge, having provided by other hands for his duty in the city.) His Lordship preached from Rom. x. 14, 15.

The season of Christmas was observed with the usual distinctions in the parish. The evening refreshment and Christmas Tree provided at the National schoolhouse for the day and Sunday scholars, of whom between two and three hundred were present, the same spectacle exhibited upon a smaller scale in the chapel of St. Michael, the tasteful decoration of the Cathedral and some