

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE.

A special festival service was held in St. Church on the evening of June 16th, in connection with the Synod. There was a large attendance of the visiting clergy, and also a good congregation. After evening prayer, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans preached from the text Acts 1st and 14th: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication."

The service was a fully choral one, and was very finely and effectively rendered by the choir. At the conclusion, "The Hallelujah Chorus" was given.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE.—The quarterly business meeting of all Saints S. S., was held on the 28th ult. Rev. T. Lloyd in the chair. The reports, as to attendance, finance, &c., showed the S. S. to be healthy and prosperous. The children's service was appointed to be held August 9th, and the Picnic in Mr. Hunt's grove, August 13th. Thanks was expressed to the kind friends in Toronto who through the Incumbent and Mrs. Denton have supplied the school with books and papers. The Superintendent stated that a more liberal supply of S. S. Papers was greatly needed.

GEO. ECCLESTON, Secy.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

CLOSING OF THE MILITARY HOSPITAL AT MOOSEJAW.—The hospital staff have left, and the Sisters and Nuns gone to their respective homes or scenes of labor, as there are no more wounded to come this way. Since the Saturday in Whitsun week the hospital, so far as the arrangements and nursing went, has been under the superintendence of the Mother Superior and three members of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, together with three ladies, professionally trained nurses, who had kindly volunteered for this good work. It must be a source of congratulation to our Church that both in the Sisters of Mercy and in the lady nurses she had daughters willing and ready to give themselves to this holy work.

CONSECRATION OF ALL SAINTS', MOOSE MOUNTAIN.—Sunday, June 21st, was indeed a red-letter day for Qu'Appelle Diocese in general, and All Saints', Moose Mountain, in particular, this being the first church consecrated since the arrival of the Bishop, the other buildings used throughout the Diocese as churches being more or less of a temporary character. The Bishop was accompanied by Mr. Bolton, whose mission includes the Moose Mountain districts. All Saints' is a log building, not very prepossessing outside, but finished in the interior in a manner that would do credit to a much fairer exterior. In this log church the good people of Moose Mountain have given to God not of that which cost them nothing, but of the best they had, and, at no little sacrifice of time and labor, have themselves got together the logs of which the church is built. The lumber for the inside was hauled by road from Moosomin, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, sixty miles north of the mountain. This lumber, in the hands of a more than ordinary skilled worker in wood, has been used to give the interior a most church-like and appropriate appearance, far surpassing one's expectation on entering. The Sunday services were held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., both of which were largely attended.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland held an Ordination in the beautiful Cathedral Church of St. John the Baptist, when Mr. Weaver, late of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, was ordained Deacon, and the Rev. F. Colley was advanced to the Priesthood. The choir and

clergy robed in the boy's Sunday school, and walked in procession through the west door and up the centre aisle to their stalls, singing "The Church's one Foundation." The Rev. Canon Churton preached an excellent and very instructive sermon. The candidates were presented by the Rev. A. C. F. Wood, Rector of S. Thomas's, and the Rev. A. Heygate, Senior Curate of the Cathedral, acted as Chaplain. His Lordship was assisted in the imposition of hands by the Revs. Canon Churton, E. Colley, (father of Rev. F. Colley), A. C. F. Wood, W. Pilot, A. Heygate and E. Davis.

Mr. Colley has been appointed to the Labrador Mission, and Mr. Weaver to that of Trinity Bay.—*St. John's (Nfld.) Times.*

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY

OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Bishop's College was held in the College on June 24th, the day before Convocation day. The attendance was good and the interest warm, not to say enthusiastic. It was the general feeling that some measures should be taken to extend the influence of the Association. This feeling was brought to the surface by the truly admirable report of the Executive Committee, read by Dr. Rowe. In this report, which will be published in full at an early date, the history, principles and work of the College in the past were clearly summarized, and her prospects and needs for the future set in vivid array. The importance of maintaining that harmony between College and School which Dr. Lobley (who is now, unhappily for us, returning to England) has given so much time and labor to promote, and the necessity of increasing still further the endowments of the institution, which have in the past year or two been so largely augmented through the indefatigable zeal of Dr. Roe, were emphatically urged upon the Association; and with a view to further these and other interests of the College and School, a distinct suggestion was made that the Association should reconstruct its Constitution upon a wider basis.

A lengthy and lively discussion ensued, which resulted in the appointment of a committee to draft and submit to an adjourned meeting an amended Constitution. Later on the draft of this committee was presented and adopted; and the old Association proceeded to re-form itself upon new and extended lines. The name was changed the "Alma Mater Society of Bishop's College, Lennoxville." All old students of the College and old boys of the school were declared eligible for membership, as well as all holders of university degrees and certificates. Of the two vice-presidents provided for, one was to come from the ranks of the "old boys," and the terms of membership generally were to be equal in every way to all.

Thus the old "Alumni Association" of J. B. C. L. was merged into the "Alma Mater Society." All members of the old being considered members in the new Society.

The advantages looked for from this achievement are obvious. It is hoped thus to win the active interest of that influential class of visiting young men known to us as "Old Boys." It is also hoped that the union of the two sections of our men into one Society will further the harmony and unity and feeling and action so essential to the well-being of College and School alike.

Before adjourning a resolution was adopted by the meeting, with a view to holding the next Annual Dinner in Montreal. It is almost certain that this resolution will be carried into effect.

In the course of the proceedings the Rev. Canon Robinson carried a resolution calling the attention of the authorities to the difficulties which hinder young men of the Eastern Townships from availing themselves of the

valuable facilities for learning offered at Lennoxville.

The officers of the Alma Mater Society are Rev. Dr. Roe, President; Rev. James Hepburn M.A. and Mr. Robert Campbell M.A., Vice-Presidents; Rev. Geo Thorneloe M. A., Sec.-Treasurer.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

*Church Bells* concludes an able article on "Shall we give, or shall we not give?"—

Even amongst the more sincere Church-goers it is doubtful how far the duty and privilege of almsgiving is understood. An immense number of substantial citizens are regular givers to nothing, and, if they have a conscience in the matter at all, compound with it by dropping an occasional shilling in the plate at church. It is sometimes suggested that these uncounted gifts mount up to a high sum, but spasmodic alms-giving is usually based on considerations of economy, and will not stand the test of examination. Nay, more than this, it is infinitely less useful than are those regular subscriptions which may be duly looked for year by year.

Where is the remedy to be found? The clergy will often tell you that they are tired of urging this subject upon their people; churchwardens have doleful tales as to their experience in raising necessary funds. But cannot the laymen do something? Once upon a time a body of laymen in an old cathedral town met and agreed to raise the standard of almsgiving in their own circle. They did so, and the results were felt as long as they lived. Are there no more examples of this kind to be found? The cry for help is heard on all sides; the giver may choose his own field if he will, only in the name of our common faith let something be done to increase the self-denial and restrict the indulgence of Christian folk.

The Church says:—

We have just read, in one of our religious papers, a statement of the formation of two more organized societies for the purpose of advancing a special morality, or of promoting particular forms of Christian action. There is a general conviction that Bishop Hopkins went too far in his opposition to Temperance Societies as human instrumentalities to accomplish that which the Church herself is divinely charged to do. But the time has fully come when inquiry ought to be made to the formation of societies each of which is specially charged with the duty of enforcing upon the general Church some one particular virtue.

Are we to have ten associations to enforce obedience to the commandments of Sinai?—Are there to be nine organizations in order that Christian people may be taught to appreciate the "Beatitudes" of the sermon on the mount? Are we to dissect the Bible and refer each particular precept or truth or doctrine to a society, just as our conventions divide a Bishop's address into minute portions and refer each part to a committee who report hastily upon something that was written deliberately? And how many different bodies, with presidents and secretaries, with constitutions and by-laws, will it be necessary for the baptized Christian to join in order to gain an adequate idea of the Divine precepts, and of personal obligations?

It does seem that we have enough organizations, and before launching any others into the religious current, it will be better to invigorate such as we have, and to make them a power in the land. Organization is no substitute for personal consecration and devotion, nor is it the most direct and effective method for the attainment of such hallowed results.