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We have received the annual reports of the Quebec and Montreal Church Societies. In our next number we shall publish extracts from them. We have also received some parochial reports from different parts of our own diocese, which will be inserted in the order in which they were received, and extra copies sent to those who have ordered them.

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

#### RECENT VISITATION—TOUR OF THE BISHOP OF QUEBEC IN THE DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS AND PARTS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT.

The bishop crossed over from Quebec to Point Levi on the morning of the 19th of January, to take the train for Richmond, but was detained with the other passengers about twenty-seven hours at Point Levi, on account of the immense accumulations of recent snow in the cuts upon the road above, which it was necessary to remove before the down-train could pass. He thus unavoidably missed his first appointment, which was at *Upper Durham*, on the west bank of the St. Francis, attached to the mission of Kingsey: on *Saturday, the 20th*, and late in the evening of that day, went down to Kingsey Parsonage, about a dozen miles from Richmond, with the *Rev. Mr. Balfour* who had come up to meet him.

His Lordship's duties thus began at *Kingsey*, on the east side of the St. Francis, on *Sunday, the 21st January*, and his concluding act was to preach at Lennoxville on *Sunday, the 18th February*. In his whole circuit, the number of different places at which he held confirmations was twelve: the occasions upon which he preached without confirming, six: the number of persons confirmed, 213: of churches consecrated, two: of sermons preached, nineteen: of baptisms performed by his hands, five, the subjects of which, in four instances, were adults. The particulars of the circuit are briefly as follows:—

Passed *Sunday 21st January*, at *Kingsey*; preached in the morning—preached again, and confirmed nineteen persons in the afternoon. *Monday, 22nd*—crossed the river, driven by *Mr. Balfour*, and went down by *Lower Durham*, to the house of the *Rev. Mr. Ross*, at *Drummondville*, between twenty and twenty-five miles distant from Kingsey. No service at *L. Durham Church*, (which belongs to the Drummondville mission), on account of rain which prevented the expectation of the bishop's arrival. *Tuesday, 23rd*—preached at Drummondville and confirmed twenty-three persons: proceeded then up the river, twenty-five miles, to the *Rev. Dr. Falloon's* at *Melbourne*. *Wednesday, 24th*—consecrated a little wooden church in the rear of *Melbourne*, very neatly fitted up within. Five presbyters assisted, one of whom had driven himself a distance of nearly fifty miles. The bishop preached. Upon his return to the house with *Dr. Falloon*, it was found that the family had been

augmented by the birth of *Mrs. Falloon's* fourth child. *Thursday, St. Paul's day*, preached at *Richmond* opposite to *Melbourne*, in *Dr. Falloon's* principal church, and confirmed thirty-one persons. Four of these and one of the recipients of the rite at *Kingsey*, were among those who had been disappointed at *Upper Durham*, from the circumstances mentioned above, and came over to avail themselves of a different opportunity. Proceeded by train in the afternoon, to the *Principal's Lodge*, *Bishop's College*, *Lennoxville*. *Sunday, 28th*—preached in the morning at *Lennoxville Church*, and baptized, during service, the infant child of the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*; went in the afternoon to *Waterville*, six miles distant, with the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*, who has for some time served the small congregation there. The bishop preached and confirmed five persons. Passed the week at the College. On the 3rd of February, the *Rev. J. H. Thompson, M.A.*, of *Queen's College, Cambridge*, arrived from England, and became also the guest of *Mr. Nicolls*. This gentleman holds the appointment in the University of *Bishop's College of Divinity Professor*, comprehending instruction in the Hebrew tongue. On *Sunday, 4th February*, the bishop confirmed twenty five persons and preached in the town of *Sherbrooke*, a few miles from *Lennoxville*. The holy communion was administered, and several of the persons confirmed remained to enjoy that privilege. In the afternoon, his lordship confirmed twenty-one persons and preached at *Compton Village*, ten miles from *Lennoxville*. Here it was that his lordship baptized four adults. Their feelings appeared to be greatly touched, although subdued at the same time by solemn and reverential impressions, and the same testimonies of chastised inward emotion were rendered in different places, by persons renewing their baptismal vows, under the benediction of the Church at confirmation. The *Rev. Mr. Allen*, missionary of *Compton*, who was present, took no part in the services, the share assigned to presbyters being divided between the *Rev. Mr. Pennfather*, who had driven the bishop over from *Lennoxville* and the *Rev. Mr. Burrage*, who came to meet him from *Hatley*. *Mr. Allen* was under deep domestic affliction—his father-in-law, *Mr. Cottwell*, who resided with him, lying dead in the house, having suddenly dropped down, to rise no more, at a funeral which he attended on *Sunday, the 4th*. It was a remarkable and consolatory circumstance worthy of being noted here, that on the day before his death, being then quite well, he wrote a long letter to one of his sons, mainly filled with reflections, in a solemn and earnest tone of Christian feeling, upon the uncertainty of life and the necessity of constant preparation to appear before the judgment-seat of Christ.

The church at *Compton* which, though a wooden edifice, is a very pleasing specimen of improving style of ecclesiastical architecture in the Diocese, and in its interior arrangement and fitting up of very good effect, was to have been consecrated upon this occasion, but from some particular circumstances, it was judged best upon the whole to postpone the ceremony till summer, when both this and the little struc-

ture at *Waterville*, in the same township already mentioned, which has been made exceedingly neat, will, with the permission of Almighty God, be dedicated in due solemnity, to Him.

The bishop and officiating clergy having partaken of refreshment at the house of *Mr. Stinson*, a respectable parishioner, his lordship and *Mr. Burrage* went on to the house of the latter at *Charleston Village*, in *Hatley*, eight miles from *Compton*, where, on the next day, *Wednesday, 7th*, seventeen persons were confirmed, the bishop preaching upon the occasion, and interweaving, as he did in one or two other places, his address to the recipients of confirmation, with the sermon. On *Thursday, the 8th*, *Mr. Burrage* drove the bishop over fourteen miles, to *Stanstead*, where *Mr. B.* officiates every Sunday in a temporary place of worship, to a small flock, after his morning service at *Hatley*. After an early dinner at *Mr. Judd's*, father of the *Rev. Mr. Judd* of *St. Johns*, service was performed and the bishop preached. At the close of the service, he had a conference with the heads of families respecting some enlarged provisions for public worship, of which, however, the prospect is at present small. There was no confirmation here. The bishop and companion returned to *Hatley* the same day. On *Friday, the 9th*, driven again by *Mr. Burrage*, he went over to *Coutcook*, about a dozen miles from *Hatley*, a new place near the frontier, created by the railroad which passes through it, where a custom-house is established, and both travellers were received at the house of *Leut. Thompson, R.N.*, the collector. An evening service had been here appointed in the school-house, and the bishop preached to about forty persons. The place is regularly served on Sundays, by *Mr. Allen* from *Compton*, who reaches it by train, after his duties there. On *Saturday morning, the 10th*, his lordship proceeded by way of conveyance, to *Bishop's College*, distant about twenty miles from *Coutcook*, and was thence driven by one of the students to *Eaton*, thirteen miles further, the mission of the *Rev. J. Dubriel*, at whose parsonage he slept. The inhabitants are making great efforts here to establish the means of respectable education for their families and those of their neighbourhood. On *Sunday morning, the 11th*, the bishop confirmed twelve persons at *Eaton*, and preached; went out immediately after service with the *Rev. Mr. Kemp*, missionary of *Bury*, to *Robinson* in that township, eight miles from *Eaton*, for afternoon service; confirmed seventeen, and preached again, at *Mr. Kemp's*. *Monday, 12th*, went with *Mr. Kemp* to *Victoria Road Church*, six miles from *Robinson*: confirmed 22 (making 29 in this mission) and preached. The holy communion was afterwards administered to 26 persons. The settlement here is composed purely of English labourers: they are a very humble and obscure but very orderly congregation, and of very correct habits. The settlers throughout the township are chiefly from England. Returned to sleep at *Robinson*, and on *Sunday, 13th*, preached to a congregation of about forty persons at the *Dudswell Road Church*, four short miles from *Robinson*, in a place which exhibits a painful