

Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, D.D., during the months of May, June and July. The Dean expects to visit England.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—The Rev. Canon Norman has closed his connection with this diocese, and has taken possession of the Rectory of Quebec, to which he was lately appointed. He preached his farewell sermons at the Cathedral on Sunday, the 11th inst., in the morning to the congregation, and in the afternoon at a Special service for the Masonic fraternity. He will, however, return to the city again, when he will be given a public Reception by the citizens, and be presented with the citizens Memorial. His place at the Cathedral has not yet been filled. The Rector doubtless feels that for the Parish Church of the Diocese a man of ripe judgment—no “stripling” either in years or orders—and of good ability, is required; and such an one, can not be readily secured. In the meantime the Rector must find the work of this large and important parish—the *Mother* parish of the city—extremely arduous, but he goes bravely on; and lessens nothing in daily services or visitations.

**St. James the Apostle.**—The Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishops' College, Lennoxville, preached at this Church both morning and evening, on Sunday last.

**St. Thomas**—On Sunday evening, the 11th of March, the rite of Confirmation was administered to fourteen young people by the Lord Bishop of Montreal. His Lordship, after the candidates had been brought to the altar railing, addressed them earnestly, in reminding them that in their great battle against sin and the wicked one in this world, they would need to put on all their spiritual armor, the most protective of which was prayer and the reading of God's Word, with regular attendance at the Lord's table. The address was closed by an urgent appeal to the congregation to aid the newly confirmed by example of prayer, with the laying on of hands followed the short but beautiful Confirmation service.

**PERSONAL.**—We regret to learn that the Rev. Canon Mussen, of West Farnham, has been for some time past seriously ill; and that the regular services had to be suspended. We trust that he may soon be restored to health.

**THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** held its usual Monthly meeting on the evening of the 19th inst., when papers were read by Dr. Davidson, Q.C., on *Sunday-School Literature*, and by Miss Barnjum on *Temperance* work in the Sunday-School.

**COTE ST. PAUL.**—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the Church of the Redeemer here, on the evening of the 16th March inst., when 7 persons were presented to him for Confirmation. These had been carefully trained by the layman in charge, Dr. Davidson, Q.C., and were presented by the Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., Rector of the parish of St. James the Apostle, Montreal (of which this Mission nominally forms part) and by Dr. Davidson at the Bishop's request. The Confirmation office was used, with hymns 347, 348, 349, and 271 A. & M.; the *Nunc Dimittis* being sung after the Benediction. The Bishop addressed the candidates and congregation in loving and earnest words, and warmly commended the work which had been and was being done in this Mission through the lay reader; the communicants now number 51. There was a very large congregation, and a hearty service.

On the evening preceding confirmation, the usual week-night Lenten service was held, at which thirty or more persons were present. The Rev. Arthur French, B.A., of *St. John the Evangelist*, Montreal, delivered a most prac-

tical and earnest address on the importance of so called “Little Things and Little Acts.”

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—The Church members in this Diocese are cheered to find the prospects in the Home Missions so flattering. In the diocese of Qu'Appelle the vacancies are being filled by clergymen from England.

The Rev. Mr. Lyon, whose recent arrival at Medicine Hat causes general rejoicing there, speaks very encouragingly of that district and congratulates his predecessor on getting the Memorial chancel ready for putting in the stained glass east window. It is fitting, this the first chancel built in that diocese, should bear the revered name of Mountain, the Pioneer Bishop of the Great North-West of Canada.

The Memorial is to the Rev. A. Mountain, son of the third Bishop of Quebec; and the clergy and others in the diocese who joined in it are glad to hear of its completion so far, and trust it may prove the means of increasing the love and zeal of Churchmen there, which so characterized the family whose honoured name it bears. The success of the earnest appeal of the energetic Bishop of Algoma speaks well for the General one at Ascensiontide for Domestic Missions. The intervening period is not too long a time to consider the many wants of our Home Missionary work, and if each congregation in the older dioceses chose some particular field to which the best energies of her members could be applied, there is no doubt as of old “their prayers and alms would come up as a memorial before God” and bring down a blessing on both giver and receiver to the advancement of the Glory of His Holy name.

#### DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

**CARBONAR.**—News reached here during the first week in March of the death of the Rev. Wm. J. Hoyles, for over twenty-years in charge of this parish and much esteemed and beloved. He went to England ten years ago on account of ill-health, and there passed away on the 22d February last, leaving a noble wife to mourn him. In January his brother, Sir Hugh Hoyles, late Chief Justice of Newfoundland, died at Halifax, where he had been living for several years. The names and deeds of love and gifts of both will long be remembered. They were the chief donors towards the erection of the beautiful church here, and which stands to the churchmen of Carbonar as a memorial of them. Only about three years ago, when that terrible gale on the Labrador coast made such havoc amongst the poor fishermen, the Rev. W. J. Hoyles sent out £20 for the relief of the sufferers, and last fall Sir Hugh Hoyles sent a noble gift to the Rev. J. M. Noel, of Harbour Grace, to help to build their new school house. To mention all their noble deeds and works done for poor Terra Nova would fill a large volume.

The Rev. John Godden, well known and respected in Canada and here, has also been the incumbent of the parish for several years past, and through his exertions the Church has been beautified by adding a transept and by enlarging the chancel. A new Parsonage House and School house have also been erected, and another rebuilt.

Last summer the Bishop appointed him Rural Dean of Trinity Bay, and he removed to where he is doing good work for the Church. The Rev. T. W. Cliff is since October last the incumbent. The old school house has been taken down and a beautiful new one has been built, and that mostly by free labour.

Another Subscriber in Nova Scotia writes “Your valued paper is the most welcome paper I receive, and is most highly appreciated by both myself and wife.”

#### CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Church Chronicle*, the organ of the Bishop of Kentucky (Dr. Dudley), says of UNITY:—

Church unity is certainly the chief thing to be desired by Christian people in our day and country. Beyond a controversy our present divisions are the source of weakness, and only weakness. Just as certainly a *sensational* union—a union of gush and speech-making, is but the shadow of a glorious name, as insubstantial and valueless as any other shadow. What we need is, even what our Lord prayed for, an organic oneness, even one body, animated by one spirit, preaching the one gospel, bearing the one witness. We want an *organic* unity, which shall be entirely consistent with differences of opinion and practice. Shall this ever be attained? If not, the suffering Christ's prayer will never be answered, and the world will never be persuaded that His Father did send Him. Therefore, let us pray, pray, pray, continuously that God will hasten its day.

And let us work, work, work, for this glorious result, by every means which shall bring Christian men closer together, which shall emphasize their points of agreement, and minimize their points of disagreement. Let us cultivate the spirit of loving tolerance, of mutual forbearance; let us co-operate in every good work from which conscientious regard for vital principle may not hold us back. So shall we develop the one spirit into such vigor of control that itself will compel the unity of its habitation.

The *Church Times* (London, England), gives the following extracts from a notable article in the *British Quarterly Review*, on the decline of Romanism in Great Britain:—

Now, these returns show that the highest figure ever reached by Roman Catholics in England, was in 1853, when they stood at 5.06 per cent, that is to say just a trifle over one in every twenty. In 1865 they were 4.71 per cent, in 1875 4.18 per cent; but in 1885 they were only 4.13 per cent, thus showing a continuous diminution during twenty years. Broadly put the case stands thus: Fifty years ago Roman Catholics were one-third or so of the population of the United Kingdom, they are now one-seventh.

Next is adduced the confession of Roman Catholic writers addressing their own co-religionists, and not the public at large. First comes an article in the *Month* (the Jesuit organ) for January 1885, on the conversion of England. This calculates the Roman Catholics of England and Wales in 1841 as 800,000. But the whole population has increased sixty-two per cent. since then, so that even if there had been no other additions to the Roman body by converts or immigrants, it should have been augmented by that rate, by 490,000 births, thus making a total of 1,290,000. But the vast Irish immigration has in fact brought over 1,000,000 more (780,000 Irish-born residents, and 280,000 children of Irish-born parents), so that the actual figure should now be 2,300,000. But they are no more than 1,302,000—which is more than the marriage returns would make them—so that there has in fact been a loss of just 1,000,000 in the forty-six years. And as the Irish immigration is now very small, it cannot be trusted any longer to fill up the gap.

The *Month* and the *Tablet* in a similar article on May 21, 1887, while admitting that the Roman body lose more yearly than it gains, assigns various causes for the fact, but agree in thinking that the Church of England secures the great majority of the seeders. The *Month* returned to the question in October, 1886, and gave as an example of what is happening, that in a family of three generations, numbering forty seven in all, only the original father and mother have remained Roman Catholics, and all the forty-five others have gone elsewhere.