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DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, 1st October, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

It was moved by the Rev. the Dean of Montreal, seconded by the Rev. Cannon Bancroft, and Resolved, That the sum of £50 be granted for the establishment of the Mission at Pollen.

It was moved by the Rev. J. Scott, seconded by Dr. Scott, and Resolved, That the office of the Church Society be removed to the new building in rear of the Cathedral on 1st November.

The following sums have been received since the last meeting:—

Collection at Edwardstown.....	£0	17	9
“ Kingston.....	2	12	8
“ Bedford.....	1	6	8
Subscription of Colonel Ord.....	1	5	0
“ Rev. W. Jones.....	1	17	6
Cash from Montreal Parochial Association.....	78	7	8

EDWARD J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

Montreal, 1st October, 1856.

CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH AT SOUTH STUKELY.

After the meeting of Convocation at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, of which a full report appeared in this paper, the Bishop of Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Fulford and Archdeacon Lower, proceeded to Frost Village, for the consecration of the new church at the adjoining village of South Stukely. Sunday, September 14th, had been appointed for this interesting service. The unsettled state of the weather on Saturday had caused some apprehension that but a small attendance of members of the church could be calculated on at an event which had for some time been so anxiously looked forward to by those interested in it. But the heavy clouds of the early Sunday morning gradually dispersed as the day advanced; and shortly before the time fixed for the commencement of the service the sky had become clear, and all found matter of congratulation in the brightness of the day, so auspicious for the undertaking. At 10.30 the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Archdeacon Lower were met in the school-room (a substantial new building adjoining the site of the church) by the following clergymen: the Rev. R. Whitwell, M. A.,

late Rector of Philipsburgh; Rev. A. T. Whitten, Waterloo; Rev. F. Robinson, M. A., Abbotsford; Rev. R. Lindsay, M. A., Brome; Rev. C. A. Wetherall, B.A., Philipsburgh; and Rev. D. Lindsay, M.A., the resident missionary. The Bishop and clergy then walked in procession to the church, and His Lordship performed the ceremony of the consecration in the usual manner, after which he presented a handsome set of Service Books, as a donation from “the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge” in London, and a service of plate for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, an offering from Thomas Hichens Esq., a London merchant, who has also given the Bishop three other similar sets for different churches in this Diocese. The chalice of silver, being richly gilt on the inside, was of great beauty and highly finished work, and was much admired; as was also the Paten. There was, besides an alms-dish of church metal, of thorough ecclesiastical workmanship, the engraving, the plate and the composition of the metal being a happy effort of modern skill in the imitation or revival of the work of former times. Morning Prayer was then read by the Rev. Messrs. Whitten and Wetherall, the Rev. F. Robinson taking both the Lessons; the Bishop read the Communion service, assisted by the Rev. R. Whitwell and the Archdeacon, who also preached the sermon, ably setting forth the need and the use of the material temple in the worship of the unseen God, and for the adequate performance of the spiritual services of the church upon earth. The building was crowded in every part by a congregation whose behaviour evinced deep interest in the solemn services of the day, and several of whom had come from distant places; Frost Village, Waterloo, Brome and Sutton all sending forth some anxious to share in the church's work, and to seek her blessing. The efficiency of the choir, which was merely the usual Stukely choir, was exceedingly creditable, and the singing and the responses throughout the service were heartily joined in by the whole congregation in a way that might afford an example to our largest city churches. It was generally felt to have been a day for which all ought to give hearty thanks to God. The Church is a well-placed, pleasing building, of early English order of architecture, of great simplicity of design,

yet with more claims to correctness of construction than is often seen in our country churches. It is well built of stone throughout, with a tower at the west end, pierced with four lights on the north and south sides, and a lancet window at the east. The interior appearance is perhaps better than the outside. The roof is an open one of stained pine, with the rafters shewing. There are some few matters yet to be completed; and the mode in which the finishing of the internal arrangements is being carried on gives promise that the whole will present a very satisfactory and church-like appearance. Great credit is due to the lady in this Mission, who have to the utmost of their power liberally and zealously promoted its erection; but especially a just measure of praise must be given to the active and earnest Incumbent, the Rev. David Lindsay, by whose exertions another church has been added to the ecclesiastical edifices of this diocese: the pretty little stone church at Frost Village, as well as this at Stukely, having been built since his appointment to this Mission scarcely five years ago. And he has not only been instrumental in the erection of the churches, but has gathered steady and improving congregations to fill them. A place near the west door was pointed out for a handsome font, which will shortly be ready for erection there. The collection taken up during the reading of the offertory sentences was to be devoted to defraying the expenses of finishing some of the internal painting. All the clergy, and some of the other visitors, were hospitably entertained after service by Mr. and Mrs. A. Knowlton, who reside near the church and have liberally contributed to the work. In the afternoon the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. D. Lindsay, held a service at Willard's school-house, and the Archdeacon preached for the Rev. A. Whitten at Waterloo. On the following Tuesday, 16th Sept., the Bishop presided at a Parochial Meeting of the Church Society at Dunham, which was attended by several of the clergy of the neighborhood, and a large number of the inhabitants. Many interesting speeches were delivered, after which several subscribers entered their names, and a considerable increase is expected in the contributions which will be sent up from this parish this year. On the following day, Wednesday, the Mis-