

The walls of the Nave have been painted a shade of buff,—the walls of the chancel having a deeper shade than in the body of the Church. The various monograms and texts which have been in the Church for many years have been all thoroughly cleaned and replaced, and the whole building looks remarkably well. It is needless to say how gratifying to the pastor the accomplishment of this work has been. He has looked forward to it for many a year, and, after that most discouraging of works—the paying off of old debts, for which one is not responsible, and having nothing to show for all the money raised—he is doubly thankful that he has something to show as the result of these years of labor. He cannot speak too highly of the ladies of "The young Women's Guild of St. Andrew" who, since their inauguration in 1882, have without ceasing, worked faithfully in the Church's interest, and without whose aid the money could never have been raised for the above purposes. Though their numbers have never been many, they have by constant and prayerful effort, cleared the Church property of debt; refenced the Church lots, and now—repainted and decorated the Church buildings.

This shows what can be done by steady persevering work on the part of a few,—may God bless them one and all, and, "Wipe not out their good deeds that they have done for the House of my God, and for the offices thereof!" It is only right to mention that the efforts of the Guild have been supplemented by some monthly subscriptions gathered in by means of a Mite Society, the collections of which have been very faithful in the districts assigned them.

There is much other work still in arrear on account of the time lost in paying off the old debt, but which we hope to accomplish in the course of time, if the Lord will.

During the painting of the church the various services were held in the School-house.

All is going well in Nelson, the congregation of late being unusually large. Before next month it is expected that the tender for the erection of a portion of the new church will have been given out.

**FAIRVILLE.**—Few parishes in the Dominion have made more rapid strides than this, since the present pastor, Rev. Q. C. Lebranche took charge. Considering the number and purity of the Church members when he came amongst them, and the works since accomplished, we have ample proof of how much may be done by one zealous priest with scanty resources and means. The congregation almost to a man are of the laboring and artizan classes, with large and helpless families many of them, and yet through their energy and cooperation with their esteemed pastor, have done work, of which any parish, with double their means, may well feel proud. Four years ago there was only a skeleton church, with a tiny vestry, no rectory nor Sunday school worth mentioning. To-day there is a handsome church, fully equipped, with two vestries, a beautiful altar surmounted with a cross, candlesticks, four sets of vestments and all the other appurtenances required to embellish God's house of prayer and lend solemnity and grandeur to the splendid ritual of our Catholic Church. There is a Sunday school, large, spacious and airy, with splendid Bible reading room to the rear, and at either side of entrance doors two nice rooms well stocked with a good supply of choice books for a lending library. There is also fast approaching completion a handsome rectory of ten rooms, designed not only for use but for ornament, for it is one that shall give to the location an attraction, style and appearance. Few, if any, shall pass it by without being struck by its unique and handsome aspect. And the happiest thing to be told of it is, that so far, there is not a cent of debt upon it; nor indeed on any other portion of the church property large as it is, in this parish. This speaks

well for the zeal of the people, for these works proclaim their faith. But one must see them on Sunday and at the week day services to fully appreciate the goodness of the congregation. Their reverence in church is very striking; the number of communicants is surprising, for its proportion is far in advance of other parishes relative to membership. The Bible class numbers thirty-two young men and women evidently not ashamed to come for instruction in the Gospel of Christ; the harmony prevailing amongst all sections is perfect; all, young and old working together as one man. The pastor's voice is law, his presence regarded with profound respect, all looking to him for counsel and guidance. As the priest, so the parish.

The parish is healthy in every respect, for so too the priest made it like himself. And we have no hesitation in saying that much of the marked reverence observable here, as also at the Mission Chapel under the charge of Rev. J. W. Davenport, is due not a little to the impressive manner in which our Liturgy is carried out, after the manner of primitive times.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—The Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada, will hold their Triennial meeting in Montreal at the same time as the Provincial Synod. There will be service in the Cathedral in the morning, on Wednesday September 11th, with Holy Communion. Members and delegates to the Woman's Auxiliary are expected to be present. The business meeting of the Auxiliary will take place on Wednesday afternoon at the Diocesan College Hall, 896 Dorchester street, beginning at 2:30 p.m. There will be two business sessions on Thursday, the following day, morning and afternoon. Representatives and delegates will be present from all parts of the Dominion, and several good speakers will give addresses. There will be a meeting of the Central Board on the 10th, at 8 o'clock in the College.

**SHAWVILLE.**—On Sunday morning, the 25th August, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, together with the Rev. Mr. Lampman of Ottawa, the Rev. Mr. Mills of Briotol, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts of Thorne West visited this Parish, when 20 candidates for confirmation were presented to the Bishop by the Rector, Rural Dean Naylor. The congregation at this service was very large, so large that the beautiful church could not contain the people. It is computed that at least 250 people were in the church. As usual the Bishop was exceedingly happy in his sermons and addresses. The number of communicants exceeded the number presented to His Lordship last year by eight—there being this year one hundred and forty-seven (147) who, on the present occasion, rejoiced to participate with the chief Pastor of the Diocese, in the highest and most precious privilege of the Christian Faith.

In the afternoon a Sunday School children's service was held, when a very large congregation of the parents and friends and guardians of youth, witnessed with intense pleasure the presentation of about one hundred prizes or more to the successful pupils of the S. S. The Rev. Mr. Roberts preached a well received and profitable sermon on flowers.

At the evening service, at 7 o'clock, a very large congregation again gathered, and much eager interest was manifested by the people in the services, from the time that the procession of Bishop, clergy and lay readers (to be admitted) entered the main entrance; the fine, efficient large choir singing with the congregation, a beautiful hymn. Miss E. Hodgins and Miss Letia Hodgins presided alternately and efficiently at the organ.

The procession consisted of the two Laymen, (Mr. Robert Smart and Mr. Brownlee) in sur-

plices, without stole &c.; followed by the Revs. Mills and Roberts, Rural Dean Naylor and Allen. The procession opened out and allowed the Bishop and clergy to pass in within the Chancel rails:—the gentlemen to be admitted by a special service to the responsible offices of Lay reader, remaining at the foot of the choir steps. The opening part of the service was said by Mr. Allen; the lessons read by Mr. Roberts; and a powerful sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop, from Revelation ch. XX., 11th to the 12th verse.

The Bishop and quite a number of Clergy and others went the next day to St. Luke's Church, Bristol.

**LESLIE.**—The Bishop of the Diocese visited the Mission during the past month and administered Confirmation and Holy Communion in St. James' Church.

**PERSONAL.**—The Clergy are returning to the city; the arrival of the Very Rev. the Dean, The Rector of Montreal (Dr. Norton), The Rev. Canon Mills, and Rev. R. Lindsay, R.D., being announced.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, (the Rev. Dr. Courtney) is the appointed Preacher at the Opening Service of the Provincial Synod, on the 11th inst. in the Cathedral. His Lordship has few equals as a preacher, and his sermons are models in composition, matter and delivery.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**MONTAGNAIS INDIAN CONFIRMED.**—A few weeks ago it came to the knowledge of the Anglican Bishop of Quebec that there were Protestant Indians at Lake St. John, and his Lordship proceeded thither and administered the rite of confirmation in the Hudson Bay Company's store to seventeen members of the tribe. The incident has created no little interest and surprise amongst the Protestant community in Quebec, who never even suspected the existence in that part of the country of Protestant Montagnais. The wonder is that despite the neglect with which they have been hitherto treated they should have maintained their adherence to the Church in which they were baptized. They owe their admission into the Anglican communion to the zeal of Bishop Horden, of Mooseonee, by whose missionaries they were baptized, some at Moose Fort, on James Bay, and others at Mistassini. In the efforts which they are now making to secure the erection of a little English church at Lake St. John it is believed that they will have the sympathy and assistance of their fellow-religionists of other races and color in various parts of the country. They have earned the right to this assistance by first helping themselves, one poor copper-colored trapper having given the Bishop \$20. Some of them showed the writer their Books of Common Prayer, printed in Moose characters, and translated for their use by the good Bishop of Mooseonee. It is unnecessary to say how highly they prize these books, and how rejoiced they were to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the hands of the Bishop of Quebec, many of them having been unable to attend the service of their church for many years past. The Rev. H. C. Stuart, of Bourg Louis, on the line of the Lake St. John Railway, has taken charge of the Church's work amongst the Indians at Lake St. John.

The new Anglican Church of St. George's, Beauce, was consecrated on Sunday last by the Lord Bishop of Quebec.

Mrs. Williams, wife of the Lord Bishop, who is said to be much improved in health, is believed to have sailed from Europe for Quebec with her son Rev. Lennox Williams, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, on Thursday last. Dean Norman is also thought to have sailed about the same time.