

the Secretary a list of Congregations in arrear. The Secretary thereupon draws the attention of the Clergyman to the fact and requests him to put the rule in force which relates to the suspension of Services. This rule requires the Clergyman to read out the following notice in the Church:

"Notice is hereby given that, the Assessment due from this Congregation to the Diocesan Board not having been paid, the Services will, after next Sunday (or, from this day) be suspended, by order of the Bishop until the payment as agreed upon is made."

If payment is not made in the specified time and the Services become actually suspended, the Clergyman is bound to report the fact to the Bishop.

In the middle of every quarter, or about a month after the Clergyman has been requested to put the rule in force, a meeting of the Board is held at which the Treasurer reports a list of the Congregations still in arrear for any portion of the assessment over six weeks previously. The Board then decides as to what action shall be taken in these cases.

With regard to those Congregations which are still in arrear, and where a Clergyman has neither reported the suspension of services to the Bishop nor sent any explanation, the Board usually calls for an explanation from the Clergyman. If the difficulty is prolonged till a full quarter has elapsed, then, of course, the Board of Enquiry is commissioned to hold an investigation.

As a matter of fact, the difficulties which occasionally arise are, for the most part, of a temporary nature, and are settled without the intervention of an enquiry. In the course of thirty-two years, enquiries under Canon IX have not exceeded half a dozen.

On the whole, therefore, we may truly say that we have every reason to uphold our Quebec System ourselves, and also to recommend it to the consideration of other Dioceses.

i. It must be borne in mind that by Canon XII no cure may become self-supporting until it can provide a stipend for its Clergyman, equal to the maximum stipend paid by the Diocesan Board, i.e. at present \$850.

ii. All Missions and Parishes in the Diocese of Quebec are encouraged and helped to raise endowments which come to fruition, when the interest amounts to \$200 a year. Upon the benefits of this system we hope to give a further Paper in a future issue.

iii. Those who may desire, for practical purposes, further information, and particularly to peruse Canons VII, IX, XIII of the Diocese of Quebec, are invited to write to the Rev. Canon Von Island, S. Michael's Rectory, Bergerville, Quebec City. Ed. Q. D. G.

CITY CHURCHES.

S. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.

The Dedication Festival at S. Matthew's Church, on All Saints' Day, was well observed this year. In spite of the inclemency of the weather the early Services at 6, 7 and 8 a.m. were fairly well attended.

At 10.30 a.m. the chief Service of the Day took place—the Solemn Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was the Celebrant. Many of the City Clergy were present and there was a full Choir of men and boys.

The Rev. Father Convers, of the Mission of S. John the Divine, Boston, was, the Preacher at this Service and at the Festival Evensong, at 8 p.m.

Father Convers also preached in S. Matthew's, both morning and evening, on the following Sunday within the Octave. All who heard him were much impressed with his power and eloquence.

On Saturday evening, November 2nd a very pleasant Social Gathering of the Congregation took place in the Parish Room in connexion with the Annual Meeting of the Association of Lay Helpers. Short addresses were delivered by Father Convers and the Rector, and during the evening those present had the pleasure of listening to some vocal and instrumental music of a very high order of merit.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Sunday, the tenth day of November last, will be a day to be remembered for many years by the congregation attending this Church, it being the occasion of the Induction and Institution of the Rev. E. Arthur Dunn, B.A., of