

year. The reports furnished by the missionaries showed good, faithful, and arduous work. Some of the Missionaries had laboured for many years in the mission field. The report expressed a hope that additions to their number might be made from the young men of the province; noting with regret that up to the present year a period of five successive years had elapsed without a single New Brunswicker entering into the ministry of the Church of England within the bounds of his native province. The report of Mr. George E. Fairweather, as treasurer of the Diocese, submitted the accounts, these were clear and so drawn as to enable the position of the Diocese monetarily to be easily and definitely ascertained. Mr. Fairweather was evidently a model treasurer. The Secretary's report gave the following interesting epitome of the history of the Church Society which is worth recording in view of the movement to incorporate it into the Synod of the Diocese.

The Church Society during the fifty-eight years of its existence has hitherto held its anniversary meeting either at St. John or Fredericton.

For several years after its organization in 1836 the society—then known as "the Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick"—always held its anniversary meetings in Fredericton. This was, however, the day of small things with the society.

The formation of the Diocese of Fredericton and the arrival of Bishop Medley in 1845 as its first Diocesan was happily followed by a marked increase in the support accorded the society. The city of St. John and a number of influential parishes that heretofore displayed but little interest, now for the first time gave substantial aid and as a consequence the income increased from \$1,000 to nearly \$4,000 in a single year.

The society having secured recognition at the hands of the diocese at large entered upon a new stage of existence and a larger sphere of usefulness as "the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick." Certain modifications were made in its rules, one of which provided that the anniversary meetings should henceforth be held alternately at Fredericton and St. John.

After adhering to this usage for nearly fifty years the society this year ventures on a new departure, and is about to hold its anniversary meeting in the town of Woodstock. This step, though regarded by many in the light of an experiment, it is hoped may not be without its attendant advantages. The present session of the general committee is of special interest and importance in view of the anticipated decision on the important question of the union of the Diocesan Church Society and the Diocesan Synod.

A former secretary of the S. P. G. has stated "the organization of the Church Society in New Brunswick is memorable as the first systematic attempt in a British colony for the more full and efficient support of its own Church."

In a young country such as ours the history of this society embraces a period sufficiently extended to warrant the use of the word "venerable" in referring to it. In view of the honorable record of the society, which all will admit has proved a very valuable handmaiden in the extension of the work of the Church in this diocese, the question whether it shall now lose its corporate existence and be merged in another corporate body, becomes a very important one, and one that can only be decided, after mature deliberation, in which we devoutly pray the great Head of the Church may give to us a "right judgment."

According to the report, the number confirmed during the year, ending 1st. January last, showed an increase of 242 and there had also been an increase in the number of baptisms. The number of communicants had also increased by nearly 500.

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of offertory collections, all of which facts, offered ground for encouragement and thankfulness.

## Diocese of Quebec.

### QUEBEC.

During the whole of July, the Bishop will be engaged visiting the harbors of that part of the Labrador Coast which lie within the Straits of Belle Isle and the Province of Quebec within his Diocese. He will be accompanied by the Rev. James Hopburn, M. A., During his absence the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, D. D., of Windsor Mills, P. Q., will act as his commissary. About the end of July his Lordship will commence the visitation of the Gaspé and Bonaventure parishes and expects to return to Quebec about the middle of August.

On the evening of June 17th last, Mrs. Richardson, the beloved wife of the Rev. Canon Richardson, Quebec, entered into rest and her funeral took place on the 19th ultimo.

The Bishop of the Diocese has confirmed, within the year past, 101 persons in the parish of New Ireland. Five adults of these formerly belonged to the Presbyterian Body and three to the Methodists. All these eight have become communicants in the Ancient Historic Church of their forefathers.

On 3rd June, 23 persons were confirmed in St. George's Church, Sherbrooke. This was a good number, considering that a Confirmation was held on the 29th September last.

On Sunday, June 10th, Mr. John W. Curran, of the Montreal Diocesan College, was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Quebec, at Richmond. He remains in charge of St. John's Mission under the care of Archdeacon Roe.

On June 5th, 10 persons received the 'Laying on of Hands' in the Mission of Acton, P. Q., six of whom were adults.

At the last Ruri-Decanal meeting at Levis, the expediency of holding meetings at four centres, namely:—Frampton, Leeds, Bourg Louis and Levis was discussed, and it was determined to hold such meetings. The Rural Dean will visit Frampton on July 24th and 25th. It is proposed in addition to the services in Church that some time shall be spent by the clergy in a devotional study of a passage of Scripture, and also in conference upon a subject connected with pastoral work.

A memorial font has been placed in St. George's Church, Beauce, given by Mrs. Wm. Pozer, in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. George Tarfalgar Pozer, who for many years resided at Scotts, in Beauce Co., being known during her lifetime as a faithful church woman and a true friend of the Clergy. There are two other churches in the same Mission which have no font. The missionary expresses the hope that some other generous hearted Christian may be moved to present a font to each of these churches, or else that the congregations will make an effort to provide one.

## Diocese of Montreal.

### MONTREAL.

There was a large gathering at l'Eglise du Redempteur on Wednesday evening, June 20th, on the occasion of the Confirmation service and the closing exercises of the Sabrevois College.

His Lordship Bishop Bond was attended by Archdeacon Evans, Rural Dean Renaud, Rural Dean Sanders, the Rev. L. V. Lariviere and

the Rev. H. Jokill. After the opening hymn, the Rev. D. Lariviere presented to the Bishop eleven candidates for Confirmation. His Lordship addressed them in English and the Rev. L. V. Lariviere in French. The Confirmation service over, an adjournment was made to the College, where the Rev. D. Lariviere read the following report:

*My Lord*,—It is my privilege to give to your Lordship and our friends here assembled the report of our School and Church for the year just ended. At the outset, we desire to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts for the measure of success which has attended our efforts during the year.

The school re-opened on the 11th of last September. One hundred and six pupils registered in our book. Of these sixty-six were boarders and forty day pupils. Our work from the beginning of the term to the end was uninterrupted. Those who helped me in the school were: Mr. F. W. M. Barnes, Mr. A. Dougados, Mr. G. W. Hollis, Mrs. Lariviere, Miss D. Brunet, Miss E. Bulman and Miss Duval. I may safely say, that a more efficient staff of Teachers would be difficult to find. Many of them have given their time almost gratuitously, and the excellent results shown in the examinations are due to their zeal, prompted rather through the interest in the work than by pecuniary remuneration. Mr. Barnes particularly, not only taught the number of hours he was supposed to teach during the day, but for the past two months, has given almost all his evenings to help the more advanced pupils to prepare themselves for their examinations. With reference to the final examinations, James Boyd and Wm. Clark were examined by Rev. Dr. Adams, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, for the Matriculation for the study of medicine. Dr. Adams has not yet sent us the results, but I think they have been successful. The other pupils were examined here, and we have the report at hand. Our representatives at McGill Normal School, at McGill University, and at Bishop's College Medical Faculty, were a credit to our school. Miss Lalla Vezina, at McGill Normal School, came out third in her class. Mr. Chandler Hart, the third year Science at McGill University, took a very high standing in all the subjects of that year. Mr. Fortin in the 1st year; Mr. James Benny and Mr. Oscar Stevens of the 2nd year, and Mr. Leandre Brunet of the 4th year of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College, passed all their examinations very satisfactorily. Mr. Brunet graduating M.D., with honors in several subjects.

Financially, our school is better now than it has been for the past ten years, but as finance is not my department, but particularly that of our secretary, I will leave that part of our report to him. The work of the Church has been continued, as in the past. The services have been comparatively well attended, and we have met, as usual, all the expenses incurred.

I was pleased, My Lord, to present to you this evening eleven candidates for confirmation. Though I rejoice in the success which has attended our efforts, yet I regret that the membership of our church has not increased more rapidly. The need which we have felt for many years, and which we feel perhaps more keenly now than ever, is the want of more laborers in this department of the Lord's vineyard. The incumbent should be relieved of all other works and give his whole time to the congregation. He should have time to find and visit those who occasionally, especially in winter time, come to the evening service.

This work cannot be successfully prosecuted, as long as the incumbent of the church is also the Principal of the school. Here my Lord, you have a French religious school, where, with comparatively few teachers, we undertake to do the work that is done at the High School, that is, we take the pupils from their A B C's