

arena for brother to recognize brother and discern the common aim where the mode of warfare is so difficult—then will he long at times to use his office as a mediator, and go among them saying, "Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye harm one to another?" It would be to me a great happiness if I could so use this advantage of my office as to help good men on either side to understand and appreciate one another, and so do something, however humbly, towards healing the divisions which we all deplore. At any rate, we may one and all make it our prayer to God that He will enable us to do justly and love mercy for His dear Son's sake, to whom be glory and dominion now and ever.

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### MONTREAL.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MONTREAL.—Trinity church was again reopened on Sunday, 11th, Feast of St. Barnabas. The Bishop preached on both occasions, and to large congregations.

THE consecration of the Bishop-elect of Algoma is to take place on the 29th (St. Peter's Day). The Bishop of Ontario will be the primus for the occasion, and the eloquent divine, Bishop Cox, of Western New York, the preacher.

THE vestry of St. George's have elected Canon Carmichael to succeed Dr. Sullivan as rector. If he accepts one cannot but remark that his itinerancy between one place and another is becoming as frequent as that of any Methodist. It shows, of course, how highly he is esteemed; but does it not show at the same time that clever men, good preachers, are scarce among us?

THE festival of the dedication was kept on Sunday last at St. John the Evangelist's. Choral services and celebrations of the Eucharist marked the day. The Rev. Father Maturin, O.S.B., being the preacher morning and evening. Notwithstanding the Corpus Christi procession which always attracts so many, the high celebration was largely attended, and in the evening the congregation was overflowing.

THE difficulty in the church at Longueuil has after all proved sufficiently serious as to cause the Rev. E. Houghton to resign. An ex-member of that congregation ironically proposes that the Bishop to satisfy (!) if possible such a congregation, should appoint a full-blown Ritualist for the morning and a dyed-in-the-wool Low Churchman for the evening. But even then the satisfaction would be doubtful, for there are those who try to rule and domineer who would first have to learn their catechism and to exercise common sense. The Low Churchmen of to-day are much too high for them.

At the Ruri-decanal meeting of St. Andrew's it was resolved:—"That we desire to place on record our sense of the great loss which we, as well as the Church at large, have sustained in the decease of the Rev. Alfred Lee, B.A., who departed this life, November 9th, 1881, from sickness contracted in the faithful discharge of his duty. We would also express our deep sympathy with the relatives and friends in their loss, and with them unite in mourning for him as one distinguished for earnestness in the Master's service."

WATERLOO.—The Rural-deanery of Bedford convened in Waterloo on the 6th inst. The proportion of clergy in attendance was very good, and that of the laity, considering the season of the year, was not bad. The reports read from the various parishes indicated active work and a healthy tone. The item concerning the stipends of the clergy had not so many instances as last year of defaulting parishes. Still there were some, even of what are classed as rectories, that come far short of even an adequate support of their clergy. Farnham parish drew attention because of the fact that it now starts on a self-sustaining career. This is due, in the main, to the fact that an investment of a small sum in land has resulted in a sufficient sum to begin an endowment, the sum of \$4,000 being received for ten acres, being a portion of a larger quantity originally purchased for less than \$100. Farnham having become the centre of a network of railways, and also rising into a manufacturing town, has caused this advance. Other business connected with vacant parishes and the status and boundaries of others occupied attention.

The session took up the whole day. The Lord Bishop presided. The ladies of St. Luke's congregation gave a sumptuous dinner and tea to the clergy and delegates in the basement of St. Luke's church. Thanks were returned to them on the first occasion at the request of the Bishop, by the Rev. F. H. Clayton in his usual genial, humorous and felicitous manner, and after tea by Mr. Hackwell, of Boscobel, and finally by his lordship.

At the ordination of priests on Trinity Sunday in Boscobel village church, Rev. Messrs. Saunders and Bridge received the priesthood. The candidates were presented by Archdeacon Lindsay, who also preached the sermon. A Confirmation and Communion followed. The services, of course, were unusually prolonged, but being of a very unusual character to the people present, and very impressive, the attention was unflagging.

REV. DR. DE SOLA, the rabbi of the oldest Jewish synagogue in Montreal, and who also filled the professorship of oriental languages in McGill University, has departed this life. Dr. De Sola was as a gentleman and scholar, one who had the respect of all bodies of Christians, and one whose services as a lecturer were often in requisition. He was one of the best Hebrew and Semitic scholars on the continent.

### TORONTO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The annual meeting was commenced on Tuesday morning, the 13th. The opening service was held at 10 o'clock in St. George's church. There was rather a thin attendance of the members of the Synod. Morning Prayer was intoned by the Rev. J. D. Cayley, Precentor of the diocese, and by the Rev. John Pearson. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Provost Body. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, the Ven. Archdeacon of Peterboro', reading the Epistle. The Rev. W. Reimer preached from 2<sup>d</sup> Corinthians xiii. 11.

The Synod met in the school-house of the Church of the Ascension at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon for the despatch of business, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. There was a large attendance of clerical and lay representatives.

After opening prayers by the Archdeacon of York, the Committee appointed to meet before the Synod and examine the certificates of lay representatives presented their report, and on motion it was adopted.

Before divine service in the morning the Bishop had appointed the following as a court on contested or doubtful seats of lay representatives:—Revs. J. D. Cayley, M.A., and Septimus Jones, M.A., and S. B. Harman, D.C.L., Chancellor, G. M. Evans, M.A., and C. W. R. Biggar, M.A. This appointment was now announced to the Synod.

On motion the following clergy of neighbouring dioceses were invited to take seats upon the floor of the house:—Rev. Messrs. Roy, Niagara; Canon Worrell, Niagara; Jacobs, Huron; Tighe, Ontario; and Hill, Huron.

His Lordship then proceeded to deliver the usual address to the Synod. The address opened with a thankful acknowledgment to the Giver of all good for life and strength to labour in the building of His Church. Obituary reference was made to the two deaths which had taken place in the ranks of the clergy of the diocese since the last meeting in November—Rev. Dean Grasett, of St. James's cathedral, Toronto; and Rev. John Burkett, of Kilmount. Beyond the two losses by death thus recorded, there was no actual diminution to note in the clerical staff. Several changes in the disposition of the parochial and missionary clergy were reported and explained.

Since the last session of the Synod, his Lordship reported that he had held thirty-nine confirmations, in which 817 candidates had been admitted; delivered sixty-eight sermons and addresses; administered Holy Communion thirty-one times; attended thirty-four meetings; consecrated three churches, and opened one new one; ordained five deacons and six priests, and baptized eight infants and two adults.

After entering into a number of statistical details of a comparative nature, he said that these results should lead them to deep humiliation for such shortcomings as they exhibited, to anxious inquiries into their cause, and to increased and more importunate prayer for a larger measure of Divine grace, and a corresponding token of success. To extract what comfort they could from a revelation of facts which was otherwise a very rude awakening to a state of disappointment and alarm, he called attention to two points established by the census. First, the growth of the Church in the city of Toronto was healthy; and second, the position of the Church in the diocese was far more favourable than in the Province at large. In the city of Toronto it was true that the increase of the Church had not been proportionate to

the increase of population, nor equal to three other leading denominations, but the numerical increase had been very large. Taking the five principal denominations, and grouping under the designations of Methodists and Presbyterians all the subdivisions of those bodies respectively, the percentages of increase during the last decade had been: Baptists 87.7; Methodists 70.4; Presbyterians, 62.6; Church of England, 49.5; Roman Catholics, 32.3. The actual gain of numbers by each denomination had been: Church of England, 10,245; Methodists, 6,751; Presbyterians, 5,630; Roman Catholics, 3,835; Baptists, 1,714. He was the more desirous of giving prominence to the other fact that whatever retrogression had taken place in the relative strength of the Church in the Province had not been chiefly due to a falling back in this diocese, because this inference had been drawn in some of the public prints and in correspondence on the subject. A comparison of the numerical growth of the five leading denominations during the last ten years in the district comprising the Diocese of Toronto with the rest of the Province of Ontario outside of Toronto showed that of the total increase of these several bodies in the whole Province the proportion which was assignable to this was: Church of England, 1 in 2.95; Baptist, 1 in 4.9; Methodist, 1 in 4.1; Presbyterian, 1 in 4.40; and Roman Catholic, 1 in 7.37. This table showed conclusively that the great relative falling off in the numbers of the Church in Ontario had taken place in some other diocese than Toronto. A comparison of the rank and strength of these five bodies at present in the Toronto diocese and in Ontario outside of the diocese placed them in the following order:—In Ontario outside of Toronto they stood—Methodists, 435,950; Presbyterians, 322,426; Roman Catholics, 258,989; Church of England, 258,986; and Baptists, 89,762. But within the diocese of Toronto the order stood:—Methodists, 155,553; Church of England, 107,553; Presbyterians, 95,323; Roman Catholics 61,850; and Baptists, 16,918. They might therefore take to themselves such small grains of consolation as were afforded by the reflection that however sad was the retrogression they had to mourn over, they were not so much to blame for it by a very great deal as their neighbours. From a consideration so unsatisfactory, however, it was satisfactory to turn to the prosperous state of the diocese. He was pleased to be able to say that the clerical staff was not only increasing in numbers, but the Church was becoming increasingly active, and gave promise of future growth. They were beginning to advance the outposts, and church attendance was increasing. Another most pleasurable evidence of prosperity was the contributions to the Mission Board, which had been increased by \$1,341. (Applause). In this connection he referred to the scheme for systematic giving, by which the givings to the support of the Church had been increased where the system was adopted. He next referred to the sudden death of the late Bishop of Algoma, and the fortunate appointment of the Rev. Dr. Sullivan, rector of St. George's, Montreal, to the position. A sub-committee had been appointed to prepare and report upon a cathedral plan. The committee had not been able to report so far on any definite plan, and the subject would still continue to occupy their attention. Among the questions to be considered by the Synod would be the confirmation of the new Constitution. By the death of the late rector of St. James's, the Act touching the disposal of the surplus funds of the rectory would come into operation. The clergy of the city were prepared with a scale of division on which they were almost unanimously agreed, and if it could be conceded that the city rectories were mainly interested in the disposal of this fund, he presumed the Synod would have little difficulty in acceding to any unanimous recommendation from them on the subject. He would avoid discussing the question whether or not in this legislation the Church had made the wisest disposition of this fund, but it would be necessary to make some other provision for the support of the chaplaincy for hospital and cemetery duty, which had heretofore been maintained out of it.

On motion of the Rev. J. D. Cayley, seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Beck, Rev. John Pearson was appointed Clerical Secretary. On motion of Mr. William McGrath, seconded by Colonel Denison, Dr. Hodgins was appointed Lay Secretary; and on motion of Dr. Snelling, seconded by Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. B. Atkinson was appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

A preliminary discussion took place at length upon the legal opinion given upon the legality of the assessment of parishes for contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and disfranchisement in default. On motion of Mr. N. W. Hoyles the rules of order were suspended, when Rev. A. J. Broughall moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon O'Meara, and it was ordered that the opinion should be read to the Synod before being referred to the Court on Contested Seats for their guidance. Dr. Snelling then read the opinion of Messrs. Bethune, Moss, Falconbridge, and Hoyles, upon the case as submitted to them. They