

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—Sunday, the 15th inst., was one of nature's loveliest days, but the brightness was clouded to the congregation of St. Saviour's Church by regret at the departure on the morrow of Mr. Waterman for College, to resume his studies of Divinity; he has been doing duty here since about the first of November, coming from the Diocesan College, Montreal, all winter, every Friday evening, for Sunday service.

At the close of the College term by the request of the wardens he took the Church work here for the summer; faithfully devoting his time and abilities to parish work, bringing in a larger congregation than usual, and keeping them by his truly earnest sermons and perfect rendering of the service; he has also that very good and almost necessary talent in a clergyman of being able to lead and teach the musical portion of the service; he and Mr. Dibb have gone to Bishop's College, Lennoxville, to complete their studies. Mr. Dibb held the church in Clarenceville for the past six months. He with his bright happy disposition is an invaluable companion to Mr. Waterman, who, perhaps, is rather inclined to see the darker side of life; he left with the sympathy and sincere wishes of all; that the bracing air among the lovely hills of Lennoxville would be a greater benefit to him physically than Montreal had been, and also the hope of seeing him again at Christmas.

COTTE ST. PAUL.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this Mission on Sunday morning, the 8th Sept., when three persons presented by Dr. Davidson, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, received the "laying on of hands." His Lordship delivered an earnest and most practical address to the large congregation present, and also to the candidates, and expressed himself as most pleased with the heartiness and reverential conduct of the services at this Church. The altar was vested in white, with floral cross and bouquets of cut flowers upon the super-altar. The Bishop was attended by Mr. J. W. Marling and Dr. Davidson, the Lay Readers, now doing duty at this Mission.

Sunday, the 15th of Sept., was a red letter day in the history of this Mission. The Provincial Synod being in Session in Montreal the Bishops of the various Dioceses within the Ecclesiastical Province were present, and were eagerly sought after for the services of the city churches. Through the great kindness of the Lord Bishop of Niagara the little Mission Church of the Redeemer, four miles distant from the city, enjoyed equal privilege with the larger churches. His Lordship attended on the morning of the 15th with two priests, (who actuated by the like spirit of self denial and of thoughtfulness had resisted the many attractions in town); the Rev. D. C. Moore, M.A., Rural Dean, Albion Mines, N.S., and the Rev. O. S. Newnham, M.A., of Hampton, N.B., and administered the Holy Communion, preaching a touching and most earnest sermon from the Gospel for the day. The Rural Dean acted as Chaplain to His Lordship, and carried the exquisitely beautiful Pastoral Staff presented to the Bishop by his old parishioners of St. Matthew's, Quebec. The Bishop and Clergy preceded by Mr. J. W. Marling and the boys of the choir entered in procession by the front door of the church, the processional hymn "Rejoice ye pure in heart" being sung as they proceeded to the chancel. After the Holy Communion had been administered and the Benediction pronounced by His Lordship, with Pastoral Staff in hand, the *Nunc Demittis* was sung, and the Bishop and Clergy returned in procession to the Parochial hall. Dr. Davidson officiated as organist. The church was filled, and the service, musical throughout, was most reverent and impressive.

At the Sunday School, which is held before Morning Prayer on Sunday, the Rev. O. S. Newnham addressed the children present in most appropriate and affectionate words, and we are quite sure won all their hearts.

In the evening the congregation present had the privilege of hearing the Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., of Halifax, N.S., probably one of the most learned and scholarly of the Canadian clergy. He showed, however, that he was able to bring his remarks within the compass of ordinary people, as he delivered a plain and most practical address, every word of which was most closely followed by all present, even the younger portion of the congregation seeming thoroughly interested.

MONTREAL.—*Ss. John the Evangelist*.—One of the most pleasing incidents connected with every meeting of the PROVINCIAL SYNOD is the "At Home," given by the clergy and parishioners of St. John's, for the Bishops and Clerical and Lay delegates of the Synod. This took place on Saturday evening, the 14th September, in the beautiful new St. John's School, which, in honour of the occasion was brilliantly lighted and decorated with remarkable taste and delicacy. The scene in the large room of the Institute was a brilliant one. The Rector, Rev. E. Wood, M.A., and Rev. Arthur French, B.A., (The Principal of the School), proved excellent hosts, and were ably assisted by the wardens and ladies of the parish. There was a very large attendance of Bishops and Clergy, and a most pleasant evening was spent by all. The pleasant evening came to an end all too soon, and the reception at St. John's was a thing of the past, but it will not soon be forgotten.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.

(Continued.)

The Prolocutor before putting the motion for the adoption of the report of the Committee on CHRISTIAN UNION referred to in our last number took occasion to correct a misapprehension as to the relative position of the Church in the U.S. and in Canada on this subject. He said: that one of the American deputation the other day seemed to be under the impression that the American Church was the first to take corporate action in this matter. He begged to say that the Canadian Church was a long way first. In 1880 that Synod adopted a resolution on the subject, asking the Bishops to take immediate steps to bring about a conference like that held last April; but for two reasons the matter was passed over. At the last Synod, however, the matter was again taken up, and in it was enunciated the basis which was adopted by the last Conference of the American Church and by the Lambeth Conference. The Church of England in Canada might, therefore, claim to have been the first to move in the matter.

FIFTH DAY.

The Session of Monday, the 16th Sept., was perhaps the most important of the whole Synod, both by reason of the matters discussed and the decision arrived at in regard to two of them.

After routine preceeding, Mr. C. Jenkins, of Petrolia, in an able and thoughtful speech, moved the following resolution:

"That whereas, at the Provincial Synod meeting of 1886, resolutions were passed indicative of a desire to unite and consolidate the various branches of the Church of England in British North America; and whereas, by the action taken thereon by all the Synods of this Ecclesiastical Province, by the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, and other outlying dioceses, in generally approving and ratifying such unification and consolidation; and whereas, such action by the various Synods has clearly demonstrated that the time has come for the

consideration of measures to give such unification effect; and whereas, the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, under the existing organization of its Provincial Synod, and being the oldest and largest consolidated portion of the Church of England in British North America, would be that the best qualified to take the initial step in this supremely important matter; be it therefore resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of inviting a conference of representatives from all Dioceses within the Dominion of Canada, and, at the same time, recommend some general basis upon which such union may be formed, the same to be submitted to the Synod of every Diocese for their consideration prior to the meeting of such conference and such committee to report to the next meeting of this Synod."

The Rev. Canon Brigstocke in seconding the motion, said that he thought the initial step should be taken with a view to consolidating the Church in Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

A message from the Bishops was here received announcing that the Right Rev. the Bishops of Algoma and Nova Scotia had been appointed a delegation from that house to the general convention of the Church in the United States, and requesting that the Lower house would appoint a delegation to represent it. And accordingly the house then adopted the report of the special Committee to suggest names, and named the following as its representatives:

Rev. Canon Dumoulin, the Very Rev. Dean of Huron, the Very Rev. Dean of Quebec, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Partridge, Rev. Archdeacon Lander; and Dr. J. G. Hodgins, Judge Macdonald, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q. C., and Mr. W. M. Jarvis.

The discussion being resumed on the resolution above given it was pointed out that it was incorrect to say that all the Synods of the Province had taken action and approved of the movement; that of Montreal with others not having discussed the subject at all, and further that Rupert's Land would not entertain any project which would interfere with the Provincial system existing there. The sentiment of the House seemed to be in favour of some effort in this direction, and ultimately it was decided to strike out the second and third clauses of the preamble, and appoint a committee composed of representatives of the several dioceses to confer as to the best means of securing the desired end.

A message was then received from the Upper House asking for the consideration of the Memorial from the Diocese of Toronto on the subject of "A uniform course of Sunday School Lessons," and the Rev. J. W. Cayley moved seconded by Dr. Hodgins and Rev. Canon Houston, that the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

A long debate ensued, several amendments being moved. Throughout the discussion, however, it was apparent that the undoubted feeling of the members was in favour of definite and systematic Church teaching; and that the *International Course of Lessons*, which in former years had had many supporters now met with little favour. As usual, when anything relating to the Sunday School is under discussion, some are found who decry and condemn it in no measured terms, and some little amusement was caused by the very unqualified condemnation of Sunday Schools in general, which, enunciated first by a learned Doctor of Theology from the West, was to some extent concurred in by an equally profound Professor in the Province of Quebec. The motion was however carried by a very large majority, and as the Upper House subsequently concurred in it, it may now be said that the whole Ecclesiastical Province is now by action of the Provincial Synod committed not only to uniformity in Sunday School teaching, but also for the next three years to that which has been known as