

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

From Willmer and Smith's European Times of July 20th.

BISHOPRICS OF MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.—Last night's *Gazette* announces that the bishopric of Quebec has been re-constituted, and that the same shall comprise the districts of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Gaspé only, and be called the Bishopric of Quebec; and her Majesty has been pleased to name and appoint the Right Reverend Father in God, George Jehoshaphat Mountain Doctor in Divinity, heretofore Bishop of Montreal, to be Bishop of the said see of Quebec. A further announcement also states that so much of the ancient diocese of Quebec as comprises the district of Montreal shall be a bishop's see and diocese, to be called the Bishopric of Montreal, and to name and appoint the Rev. Francis Fulford, Doctor in Divinity, to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of the said see of Montreal.

(The District of St. Francis is omitted apparently by mistake. It will form a portion of the Diocese of Quebec.)

The consecration of Dr. Fulford was fixed for St. James' day: and he is expected to embark at Liverpool on the 24th inst.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese returned to Quebec on the evening of Saturday last the 3rd inst., from his visit to the Magdalene Islands and the District of Gaspé, accompanied by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, one of his Chaplains. We hope to be enabled to give full particulars of his Lordship's visit in our next number.

The next general Ordination for the Diocese of Quebec will be held at Quebec, on Sunday, 22nd September. Candidates who have already been in communication with the Lord Bishop, are required to present themselves for examination to the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D., on the morning of Thursday, 19th September. They must be furnished with the usual testimonials and certified Si Quis.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD

OF
The Incorporated Church Society of the
DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

[Concluded from the Supplement.]

Lay Committee.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Society, some changes were made in the Constitution of the Lay Committee, of which two distinct Branches were established at Quebec and Montreal. A vacancy occurred in the former within a very few days after the members had been nominated, by the lamented death of the Hon. A. W. Cochran, which was filled up by the appointment of the Hon. W. Walker, who was subsequently elected Chairman of the Committee.—Colonel Wilgress was elected Chairman of the Montreal Branch, and Mr. Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the Society, appointed Secretary of the Quebec Branch.

The Quebec Branch, being thus fully organized, has taken up such of the objects assigned to them as, from the circumstances of the Diocese, it was within their power to enter upon. Their

attention has been principally engaged by the lands of the Society, which are entrusted to their management and superintendence. Several hundred acres which were held in trust for Bishop's College, Lennoxville, have been made over, with the advice of the Hon. H. Black, to that Institution, a measure which will tend to simplify all matters connected with their management. The Committee have also taken steps to render the lands held by the Society for its own purposes productive, and have placed them under efficient superintendence.

With the view of furthering the first and eighth objects assigned to them, viz., the formation of endowment funds for placing the Clergy upon a just footing as regards the sufficiency and permanency of their incomes, the Quebec Branch have solicited the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to sanction an appropriation from the Clergy Reserve Fund, similar to that provided for by the eighth clause of the By-Law relating to the Lay Committee, by which the Church Society engages, in order to the encouragement of the formation of such funds, to add an amount not exceeding £100 to any fund so formed which shall amount to £100.—It has been suggested to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to make the amount and the conditions the same.

The Quebec Branch have also taken steps to procure well drawn plans of Churches for general use in the Diocese, and have invested (in pursuance of the 7th object assigned to them) the amount of unappropriated life-subscriptions in the hands of the Treasurer at Quebec, in shares in the Union Building Society, of that city.

The best thanks of the Society are due to those members of the Lay Committee, who have originated and carried out the different measures referred to.

The Board, in conclusion, would once more press upon the members of the Church throughout the Diocese, the urgent necessity of strenuous and sustained efforts, if the work of the Society is to be carried on. It may be proper to point out that at no time for some years past, have the standing expenses been so great as they will be from this date, two travelling Missionaries being employed, and the appointment of a Secretary being about to take place, upon a footing which will entail an annual additional expenditure of at least £100. There are also circumstances in the aspect of the times, which call imperatively for earnest exertions for the establishment of the Church among us. The opportunities which are now, by the goodness of God, afforded to us of doing this may not be ours for any length of time. For, not to dwell at this time upon other obvious considerations, the day cannot be far distant, when local claims will press more urgently than, through the fostering care and support of our Mother Church in England, they are now permitted to do: and it is but the part of ordinary prudence to be prepared for its approach. The most effectual method of doing this, is by securing at once an endowment, however small in the beginning, in every Parish and Mission; and by supporting the Church Society to the utmost of our power, that the work which it may thus be enabled to carry on, may not be left to be completed, at a period when all the resources of the Colonial Church will be perhaps inadequate to meet only the most pressing demands.

In view of the approaching division of the Diocese, it may not be useless to observe that the Board have found that the amounts raised this year, in the City and District of Montreal,