

satisfactory also to observe, that while the number of the churches is increasing, there is also a very decided and progressive improvement in the style and character of the buildings which are being erected. And though there are many obstacles in our way, such as scantiness of means, difficulty of obtaining materials or experienced workmen in many of the country districts, yet I find that in almost every instance where a church is now projected that there is an anxiety to obtain some approved plans, and, as far as possible, to carry them into execution. Of course, as we can seldom expect to afford much above £100 or £500 for a church, we can hope for no great results; but the same spirit and desire may be manifested, I hope, in our humble attempts, as in those assisted by more costly offerings, viz. a wish to do what we can for the honor and service of God.

"In connection with this subject of church-building, I may inform the society that I am desirous of obtaining a grant of some more sets of Service Books to be placed in them. Since my last report I have placed sets of Service Books in the churches at Edward's Town, Durham, Henryville, Rawden, and Frost Village.

"Out of a grant of books made at the same time for parochial lending libraries, I have given grants to eight different missions in which libraries have been established. If the Society will be pleased to make another grant for similar purposes, I am sure it will be most acceptable and useful. I have received many applications lately from the clergy for help in establishing these lending libraries.

"On coming out from England to this country, there is much knowledge to be acquired by actual experience amongst the people, before it is possible to form any correct judgment as to the best means of advancing the great work in which we are engaged; and, after all, we must for a long time yet be content with the day of small things, working in faith and with much patience, and praying always that, while we are planting and watering, God will be pleased in his good time to own our work and give the increase."

The Board agreed to place at the Bishop's disposal towards the erection of churches £100. Six sets of Books for the performance of Divine Service. Lending libraries to the value of £80.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, "Bishop's Court, Red River, April 10, 1855." The following are extracts:—

"I have the pleasure of informing the Society that I have succeeded in forming a Board of Trustees, in accordance with what I proposed in my last letter. It will be called 'the Collegiate Board of St. Johns, and consists of the following members, the two archdeacons and myself being *ex officio*, the others being elective in case of vacancy by death or otherwise, but always in the same proportion, three laymen and three clergymen. The first appointments have of course been made by myself.

"I have, with the permission of the Society, drawn one bill on the Treasurers for £500, in favour of the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company, which will be followed by another for £200, in two or three months, these both being from £1000 voted to me.

"Allow me at the same time to return my thanks for the £100 (the second sum of that amount) granted by the Society to St. James's Church, on the Assinibhine. The £200 so furnished will form the only public aid afforded to the erection of that church. Other kind and liberal donations we have received from friends in England and in this country, but no other public grant. As the responsibility rested on myself; I feel now relieved from much anxiety

through the Society's gift, and I hope to consecrate it, free from all debt and incumbrance, soon after Whit-Sunday. The interior is nearly finished with the exception of the staining, which could not be done until the frost had left us.

"I still think of another trip to our distant stations on James's Bay in the course of the summer, but I shall start for Moose with a light heart, having completed the erection of the church, which has been much on my mind for the last three years. Not that beyond anxiety of mind I have had any labour; the Rev. W. H. Taylor has, with his own hands, assisted the men throughout, painting both the exterior and interior, and superintending all the details of the carpenters' work. The churchyard will not be ready in sufficient time, for want of wood to erect a suitable fence; its consecration must therefore be deferred until the following spring.

"Begging a continuance of the Society's prayers that God would graciously bless the infant work in this remote land, I am ever," &c.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, who is now in England, requesting Books for the performance of Divine Service in the Cathedral of Jamaica, to which a new chancel has lately been added, a considerable increase of accommodation having been thus gained.

"I have also," said the bishop, earnestly to request of the society a grant of bibles, prayer books, and school books, to supply numerous wants in my diocese, and especially for the benefit of a large congregation of dissenters in a district called the Red Hills, which has recently come over to the church of England, and which it is most desirable to encourage and foster by every means in our power.

"With the tender of my sincere and grateful thanks for the aid of the society, without which we could hardly have accomplished the great and necessary work of the rebuilding on an enlarged scale of at least one part of the cathedral of Jamaica, I remain," &c.

The board granted books for the performance of divine service, and bibles, prayer books, and tracts to the value of £15.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

FLOATING CHAPEL FOR SEAMEN.—In about ten days hence the spiritual wants of the many seamen frequenting this port, will be supplied by the opening (at Mr. Dumlin's wharf, below the inclined plane) of a Bethel ship which has been generously placed at the disposal of the Revd. Mr. Carden by a friend to the church. The cost of fitting the vessel for the purpose alluded to was left to be met by private subscription; and, although a portion thereof has been already contributed, the reverend gentleman licensed to the charge appeals to the Christian public for aid in this new and long required place of worship. When it is considered that this appeal is made in behalf of the spiritual welfare of a class who are now without convenient means of Sabbath observance and of receiving religious instruction, we feel confident that the charity of a community whose temporal welfare only, is mainly dependent upon the mariner, will not be sought in vain.

Contributions may be addressed to the *Quebec Mercury*.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

Church Society's Office,
Montreal, July 1, 1855.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. Anderson, Sorel, requesting a grant of a large bible and prayer book for the performance of divine service to a distant congregation in his parish, and also of 12 prayer books for gratuitous distribution. These books were granted by the Board, with a recommendation that the prayer books be paid for when practicable.

An abstract of the treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting.

Collection at Abbotsford, per Rev. F. Robinson	£0	15	10
Collection at Rougemont, per Rev. F. Robinson	0	16	8
Annual subscription of Rev. F. Robinson	1	17	6
Annual subscription of Rev. T. A. Young	1	17	6
Subscription at St. Martin and St. Therese	8	1	3
Amount received from Mrs. J. J. Gibb, treasurer of Ladies' Committee, Montreal	75	18	6
Annual subscription of Rev. J. Mack ½ of annual subscriptions at Chambly, per Rev. J. P. White	15	4	0
Annual subscription of Rev. J. S. Pyko	1	17	6
Collection at Stanbridge East, by Rev. J. Constantine	2	10	6
Collection at Christ Ch. Cathedral, for missionary purposes	25	0	0
Subscription of Miss McCord	0	10	0
" Jane McCord	0	5	0
" Master L. D. McCord	0	5	0
" David McCord	0	5	0
" H. Myers	0	5	0
" J. Ogilvy	0	10	0
" H. Mussen	0	10	0
" Mrs. H. Mussen	0	5	0
" Miss E. Mussen	0	2	6
" Master W. H. Mussen	0	2	6
" B. Mussen	0	2	6
" Mrs. Geo. Mead	0	5	0
" R. P. Isaacson	1	0	0
" G. Smith	1	5	0
" Mrs. G. Smith	0	15	0
" A. C. Webster, 1854-5	2	10	0
" D. R. Wood	1	5	0
" D. M. Patterson	0	5	0
" J. Glass	1	5	0
" S. Phillips	0	10	0

Edw. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

CONFIRMATION TOUR OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP.

During the last month the Lord Bishop of Montreal held Confirmations at the following places:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
June 8—Lacolle:			
Rev. C. Morice	4	6	10
June 10—Clarenceville:			
Rev. Canon Townsend, M.A.	10	22	32
June 12—Philipsburgh:			
Rev. R. Whitwell and Rev. C. A. Wetherall	9	11	20
June 14—Bedford:			
Rev. J. Jones	2	10	12
June 17—Stanbridge East:			
Rev. J. Constantine	3	11	14
June 17—Dunham:			
Rev. J. Scott, M.A.	7	18	25
June 19—Frelighsburg:			
Rev. Canon Reid, D.D.	5	7	12
June 20—Cowansville and Churchville:			
Rev. J. C. Davidson	5	9	14