

We cannot set too high a value upon the principles of life among us, whether in the civil government of the country, or in the institutions of our Church for her extension abroad and her steady, increasing work in each parish which are exhibited in and illustrated by the historical facts which your kind address have recorded for my advantage.

When we recall the first Parliament, convened in this town in 1792, and then send our thoughts east and west to the numerous provinces linked together in this fair and far-reaching Dominion of Canada, we recognize the power of expansion, of adaptation, of cohesion, amongst the people and in the civil institutions of this country.

The quiet, steady life, and the healthful work of the Church within the parish are illustrated by the pastorate of three clergymen whom you and those before you have known as your only rectors during ninety-three years. May your present venerable rector be permitted to fill up the full century and more with his active energies of mind and body unimpaired and his genial, kindly, loving ways only matured and refined further by his nearer approach to the peace and quietness of the Church at rest in Paradise.

The church which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel helped to found and maintain in this country, has expanded until our own diocese, the youngest of five sisters within this Province of Ontario, takes its name and title, as you remind me, not without some fitness, from your own town of Niagara. The progress which the Church in Canada has made under the fostering care of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, proclaims the life which is within her and justifies the hopes which ought to inspire and invigorate her efforts for the good of all whom she can influence.

Discouragements and hindrances which beset and clogged her movements are now wholly removed, and she is free, free in the unfettered exercise of all the intelligence and thought which her members, clerical and lay, can exercise to manifest the divine life that is within her, and to minister to all whom she can reach the priceless treasures of grace and blessing so fully entrusted to her.

To secure a larger success than our wildest imagination can picture for the Church of England in Canada we only need the peace and harmony and love for which you offer up your fervent prayer to God.

I cannot thank you as I desire for your kind greeting and for your good wishes for me.

Believe me, my dear friends, your faithful friend and bishop.

CHARLES NIAGARA.

On Sunday morning following his Lordship delivered an eloquent address upon confirmation before a large congregation and administered the rite to 35 persons, who were presented by the Rev. E. Stewart Jones, Curate. In the afternoon he visited and addressed the Sunday school.

He preached in the evening a thoughtful and instructive sermon upon Romans viii., 16, setting forth the great danger of self-righteous overconfidence and of trusting to the guidance or justification of an uneducated conscience on the one hand, or of self-abasement and distrust and unworthy fears on the other. Steadfast reliance on God's living promises, constant use of the means of grace, and unceasing watchfulness lest we enter into temptation were what we need, and through these we could measure our Christian growth and the foundation of our hope.

During his brief visit to Niagara the Bishop has won the esteem and affection of all who have had the privilege of hearing or meeting him.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

RIDGETOWN—OPENING OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—The new church, Victoria street, was opened on Sunday, 5th inst., by the Bishop

of Huron, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Sanders, Rally, Fletcher, Downie and Stone, incumbent. The Bishop preached in the morning from Rom. xiii., 12, in the evening from Luke xviii., 42. The Rev. J. Downie preached at 3 o'clock, from Gal. ii., 20. The church is of brick, in the early English style, 32 x 56, with chancel proper, bell, turret, and seats 250 persons. It has been erected at a cost of \$3,000. There is a debt of \$600 on the building. The offertory at the three services amounted to \$130.

PORT STANLEY.—A garden party was given on the afternoon and evening of July 3rd, under the auspices of the ladies of Christ Church, Port Stanley, Ont., which in every respect proved a gratifying success. The entire parish, as well as persons outside, took an interest in the affair, and contributed to the entertainment. The grounds being those of Capt. John Ellison, were admirably adapted to the purpose, and were decorated with much taste. The refreshments, which were presided over by the ladies, as usual, were all that could be desired. Nothing, indeed, was wanting to add interest to the occasion. We need scarcely add that it was most liberally patronized by the community at large. Special mention should be made of the names of Mrs. John Meek, Miss S. Ellison, Miss J. Mellor, Miss Lighton, Miss Armstrong and Miss Chandler, who took an active part in the proceedings.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINE.—A bazaar, under the auspices of St. Stephen's Ladies' Guild, was held on Saturday, 4th July, on Mr. Cross' grounds, Upper Lachine. Refreshments were provided in abundance. From the sale of fancy articles and other sources, the neat sum of \$186 was realized.

The Rev. Dr. Lobley has been spending a few days in Lachine, the guest of Mr. E. Wilgress. On Sunday, 5th July, the reverend gentleman preached in St. Stephen's and St. Paul's churches, to crowded congregations. His sermons, which were an earnest and eloquent setting forth of Jesus Christ as the only source of eternal life, the centre of our hopes and affections, were heartily appreciated by all who were privileged to listen to the words of exhortation. This was Dr. Lobley's last Sunday in Canada prior to returning to England, where the sphere of his future labours—yet, however, unveiled to him, lies. May God grant him and his estimable lady a safe and happy voyage.

#### Synod—First Day.

After the Bishop's address had been delivered Reports of Committees were called for, when Rev. Canon Norman read the report of the Committee on Education, which drew attention to the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Synod in 1884, that the recommendation of the Committee on Education in reference to the recognition on the part of the Provincial Council of Public Instruction of the courses of teaching in our higher educational institutions be particularly adopted by this Synod, and the Bishop be respectfully requested to make the recommendation immediately effective. In the Diocesan College six students had taken arts courses at McGill University, three taking a practical course, three preparing for the University, one taking University course after ordination, and one studying Divinity alone. In all making eighteen students. The recommendation of the Council of Public Instruction that the Bishop should nominate annually a committee of examiners, was complied with, and their report was annexed.

Very Rev. Dean Carmichael submitted the report of the Committee on Sunday-schools. Arrangements had been made with publishers to have copies of their publications supplied for distribution.

The Committee on Deaconesses reported that

they regretted they were unable to obtain the services of trained deaconesses to instruct women, who wished to devote themselves wholly to Church ministrations, in the way of teaching, visiting or nursing.

The Girls' Friendly Society reported that they had issued a circular to the clergy of the diocese stating the nature of their work and requesting their co-operation.

Rural Dean Lindsay read the report on Foreign Missions. The contributions had increased somewhat, and last year the revenue amounting to \$1,376.83, which was disbursed as follows:—To the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, \$964.66; Church Missionary Society, \$185.39; special to Madras, \$39; Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews, \$188.78.

Rural Dean Lindsay submitted the report of the Committee on Immigration.

Rev. H. Dixon reported what he had done in reference to providing immigrants with employment. The time he was in the office he spent in writing letters for the men, and in other ways attempting to get them work. Altogether 1,800 people had passed through his hands during the past year.

Rural Dean Lindsay read the second part of the report, which referred to the work done by the Women's Protection Immigration Society, the reformatories, jails, lunatic asylums, hospital and convalescent work, coffee house and city mission work. Special mention was made of the necessity for a school for teaching girls to nurse and grant them certificates.

The City Missionary (Rev. Mr. Evans) reported that Divine Service had been held in the Dissident school-room, 120 St. Lawrence Main street, St. Jean Baptiste Village, the average attendance being 42; Outremont, where the attendance was 35; General Hospital, attendance 17; Sunday School, St. Jean Baptiste Village, attendance, 29. A small mission church was wanted somewhere about the intersection of Bachand and St. Lawrence Main or St. Denis street. During the year there had been 9 baptisms, 4 marriages, 31 burials, and Holy Communion had been dispensed 11 times; 1,480 individual pastoral visits had been paid to the hospital.

The Committee on French Work reported, recommending that the Synod should raise funds everywhere for the promotion of this work, to be administered according to the regulations which govern grants to missions.

Reports were received from the rural deaneries of Bedford, Hochelaga and Iberville.

After a number of notices of motion had been given, the unfinished business of last session was then taken up, and

Dr. L. H. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. J. Hutton, "That inasmuch as the property, buildings and real estate held by the different parishes and missions in this Diocese partake of a Diocesan as well as a parochial character, it be enacted by this Synod: That no sale, disposal or exchange of any property held in any parish or mission for the purpose of Church work, shall be made, nor shall any mortgage be granted thereon, without the consent of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, which consent shall only be given after the Bishop shall have submitted the proposal to the Executive Committee of the Diocese, and to the legal adviser of the Synod; That no application shall be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec for authority to mortgage, sell, or in any way to interfere with or change the trust connected with the grant of any property held by any parish or mission within this Diocese for the purposes of the Church, otherwise than in the name of the Synod, and after due submission and consent thereby given."

A long discussion followed, nearly every member taking part.

On a vote being taken, the main motion was lost by 22 to 26, and the amendment was afterwards voted down.

The Synod then adjourned.