

Rev. Rural Dean Campbell, of Dorchester, was elected chairman in the absence of Bishop Kingdon, who was unable to attend, much to the regret of the delegates.

First on the programme was a highly instructive paper on the catechism as a basis of Sunday school work, by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Campbell, followed by an address on the same subject by Rev. G. E. Lloyd, of Rothesay, and voluntary remarks by Rev. Canon Roberts, of Fredericton, Canon Bridgestocke, St. John, Justice Hannington and others.

Next came an admirable paper by Mrs. Barlow, of St. John, on the Preparation of Teachers for their Work. This paper was much appreciated by the Conference, and the hope was expressed that it might be published in full.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Newnham, Rev. W. O. Raymond, of St. John, gave an address on Miss Barlow's paper, and volunteer remarks were made by Joseph H. Wran, of Moncton, and Rev. C. J. James, of St. John.

The third subject taken up was "Mistakes in Sunday School Teaching," treated in a very interesting manner by V. W. Tippet, of St. John, who was followed in a capital address by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of St. John, Judge Hannington also speaking. Mr. Tippet's paper dealt principally with such mistakes as irregularity of attendance on the part of teachers, lack of preparation of lessons, and want of sympathy between teachers and pupils.

The Conference then took recess and the delegates were invited by the ladies of St. George's Church, through the rector, Rev. Mr. Hooper, to an elaborate dinner in the Sunday school room.

After dinner speeches were made by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Mr. Justice Hannington and Rural Dean Campbell, conveying the thanks of delegates for kindness and hospitality shown them.

The Conference was resumed at 2 p.m., when a highly instructive and helpful address, with model Bible lesson, given by Rev. Canon Brigstocke, of St. John. This was followed by a paper on Reflex Benefits of S. S. teaching, by Rev. C. J. James, of St. John, with an address by Rev. Canon Forsyth, of Chatham.

The next paper was on Discipline and Organization in the Sunday School, read by T. B. Robinson, of St. Paul's Sunday School, St. John, remarks following by Rev. C. F. Wiggins, Sackville; A. H. Tippet, St. John; Rev. R. W. Hudgell, Carleton; Miss Orr, of St. John, and Rev. H. Montgomery, of Kingsclear.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to the Y. M. C. A. for the use of the hall, the rector, churchwardens, and vestry of St. George's for the beautiful and hearty services, and to the congregation generally for the kindness and hospitality shown. As one of the reverend delegates expressed it, the Conference will look forward with pleasant anticipation to the next meeting held in Moncton.

## Diocese of Montreal.

### MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has been obliged to cancel his Episcopal engagements referred to in previous numbers of the GUARDIAN. It was announced on Friday last that His Lordship was in a critical condition, suffering from an acute attack of pneumonia. He was obliged to return to the city from Bedford on the Queen's Birthday, suspending at that point his visitation, owing to a severe cold which unfortunately turned into the most serious form of pneumonia. The gravest anxiety and fears as to the result were experienced by his many friends and by all who knew of his state on Friday, and many prayers were offered for his recovery. We are pleased to know that an im-

provement occurred on the afternoon of Friday and continues at the moment of our writing Saturday, and it is hoped that His Lordship may be speedily restored to health, and that the diocese may for many years yet enjoy the benefit of his Episcopal care.

### LAY HELPERS' ASSOCIATION.

We understand an effort is being made by the Lay Helpers' Association to supply a want which has been felt to exist for several years, viz.: a distinctly Church of England service for sailors at the port of Montreal. A sub-committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Association for the purpose of endeavoring to arrange for such service. It was stated that the authorities of the Sailor's Institute would be willing to allow The Church of England to have a service therein once a month, but further enquiries resulted in a refusal on the part of the authorities to allow a distinctly Church of England service to be held, as being contrary to the purposes and non-denominational character of the institute. Some of the governing body were, however, distinctly in favor of allowing such service.

The LAY HELPERS' ASSOCIATION at its last meeting appointed as officers for the year: Dr. Davidson, Q.C., President, (Mr. H. J. Mudge, owing to pressure of business engagements, having declined re-election, and Mr. Marling, the Secretary, though nominated, also declining), Mr. J. W. Marling was re-elected Secretary with Mr. R. C. Thornloo as assistant. Mr. Marling only consented to continue in office at the earnest solicitation of those present. A sub-committee was appointed for the purpose of taking any action that might be possible in any parish or mission where opportunities for special work presented themselves, and with the consent of the rector or incumbent. It was felt that the Association should not merely wait to be called upon by clergy requiring their services, but that as Churchmen they were bound to be on the lookout for opportunities of extending its beneficent influence.

An effort has been made to carry out the resolution of the Synod of the Diocese, urging the opening of a CHURCH IMMIGRANTS' HOME in Montreal, but owing to the decision of the Government to land immigrants at Quebec instead of at the port of Montreal, action in this direction has been virtually suspended, awaiting further information.

### FRELIGHTSBURG.

The annual visitation by the Lord Bishop of Montreal to this parish took place on the 19th inst. His Lordship arrived at the rectory of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church the evening previous. Unhappily he had acquired a severe cold while on the shores of the bay at Philipsburg, which rendered public duty burdensome. Nevertheless, nothing daunted by health endangered, the Bishop persevered in work and delivered a faithful address to the candidates confirmed, six in number, and later preached an earnest and practical sermon to the large congregation assembled. The service itself was heartily rendered and marked by deep interest and profitable impressiveness. The altar-table bore its usual tribute to the King whom we worship, and the floral decorations appropriately symbolized the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are to adorn the living temples of God's true children. The regretful sympathy of the people was with our chief pastor under the manifest labor consequent upon his indisposition, and they peculiarly appreciated his self-forgetfulness in appearing at the evening social gathering in the Memorial Hall and addressing the Ministering Children's League and people generally. The Bishop left in improved health for Dunham on Saturday afternoon.

## Diocese of Ontario.

### DEANERY OF RENFREW.

At the Deanery meeting held on the 26th and 27th ult., the question of the division of the diocese and of the necessity of increasing the Episcopate of The Church in Canada, occupied the attention of the conference, and much interest was manifested, and an earnest discussion took place upon the question, participated in by the Revs. J. A. Shaw, C. O. Carson, W. W. Quartermaine, W. A. Reid, R. Orr, Rural Dean Bliss and Mr. W. A. Hunter. The whole tenor of the discussion was against the principle of requiring large endowments before subdividing a diocese or increasing the number of Bishops. Such requirement, it was claimed, was a barrier to the extension of The Church, and that where there were no large endowments there was more vigorous life as a rule. And it argued, said the speakers, (according to the *Pembroke Observer*), a sad condition of the Church in this country, when her Bishops were content to see her suffer and retrograde, rather than they should yield the point contended for and consent to the consecration of more Bishops without an endowment. That the Church in the United States was making marked progress, but it did not stipulate for an endowment as a necessary antecedent to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in consecration of a Bishop. The ordinary mind found it hard to reconcile with the generally received idea of the Episcopate the combined action of that body in refusing any increase to their number until a stipulated endowment fund was first deposited in the bank. It was felt that the Bishops presented a very unfavorable contrast to their priests, and that it was not an edifying spectacle to see the chief pastors contending for so much while hundreds of their priests were valiantly laboring and living on so little. The speakers did not for a moment contend for an underpaid Episcopate. All expressed the desire to see the Bishops well supported in the matter of income, but that support must come as a result of faithful labors. The Church was in sad need of more Episcopal supervision, but it was not desirable to fetter the Bishops, as might be the case were large endowments granted by the laity. It was thought that a partial endowment of \$20,000 would be ample, and that the remainder of a liberal income should be made up by assessment of parishes. There would then be an incentive to work which would result in a little more activity, to the great benefit of the Church, particularly in rural districts which now saw a Bishop perhaps once in three or four years, and then for only an hour or two. He came and went like a dream, and the parish hardly realized his presence before he was off again. It was also contended that in a conference such as this there was liberty to express one's conscientious convictions, which was not always the case at the larger diocesan gathering, and that their votes were a trust. They would one day have to account for the use they made of this "talent," and that while it is thoroughly believed that the extension of the Episcopate is essential to the extension of the Church, it was also felt that the Bishops could have done more to recommend Episcopacy and thus induce people to desire more of it. The Church in this country, it was felt, was humiliated at the spectacle presented last year in Montreal when the House of Bishops resisted the proposals of the House comprising priests and laity from all over Canada, that the Episcopate be largely extended on lines quite independent of an endowment fund. The several speakers, clerical and lay, were very earnest, and several of the speeches would have reflected credit in a much larger assembly. They spoke as men who felt they had a trust to guard, and a duty to discharge