

to be prompt in the performance of the duty of supporting the Society. Local improvements have been effected during the past year involving the outlay of one hundred and sixty dollars, in the erection of sheds, and the purchase of a melodeon. This affords another proof that neither the funds of the Society will suffer, nor the minor wants of parishes remain unsupplied by the alteration recently made in the Constitution of the Society.

CAVAN.

The meetings in this parish were well attended, and the objects of the Society ably advocated by the Clergy present. Great prominence was given to the recent changes in the organisation of the Society; and all were delighted to know that the whole amount subscribed was to be sent to the Parent Society. The following returns have been made by the collectors:—

St. John's Church	\$ 43.57
St. Paul's Church	20.27
St. Thomas' Church.....	46.95
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	\$110.29
Rev. T. W. Allen	5.00
Additional subscribers	4 00
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	\$128.29

GRAFTON & COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The customary annual meetings were held in both these parishes, in the month of January last. And the collectors' returns, though not yet quite complete, shew the following results, viz.:

Grafton Par. Ass.	£15 2 6
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	£36 10 7½

The whole of which will be sent to the Parent Society, in accordance with the change recently introduced in the Constitution.

DIOCESAN SYNOD, MONTREAL.

On Tuesday, 18th June, there will be Divine Service at the Cathedral with the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and the Synod will afterwards assemble in the Cathedral School-room for the transaction of business at 2 o'clock.

The collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Synod is arranged to be made on the 16th of June, and it is requested that a return of such collections may be sent to the Secretary previous to the opening of the present session.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The London *Prototype* of the 27th inst., contains the following:—

"We are happy to be able to announce that His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. C. C. Brough, A.M., rector of St. John's, and the Rev. J. Hellmuth, D.D., to the important office of Archdeacon in the Diocese of Huron.

"Dr. Hellmuth has for several years been favourably known as the active General Superintendent of the Colonial Church and School Society for British North America. We understand that he will shortly proceed to England as the Bishop's commissary, to forward the interests of the Diocese of Huron.

"We cannot refrain from congratulating the Lord Bishop of Huron on the choice which he has made for such important offices, and we confidently anticipate that those appointments will greatly advance the best interests of the young but prosperous Diocese of Huron."

Foreign Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

In my last I sent you an account of the arrival of the Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie and part of his band of missionaries, together with some account of the news from Dr. Livingston, and sad fate of the missionaries of the London Society, &c. I now proceed to give you a brief account of an event which has been looked forward to with deep interest by the Church of England in all parts of the world. After some little delay in consequence of the difficulty of bringing Suffragan Bishops together from their distant dioceses, the Feast of the Circumcision was decided upon as the day upon which the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop to the tribes of South Africa should take place. It was at first decided that the Feast of the Epiphany should be the day, as it was thought that would be about the time the Bishop of St. Helena might be expected to arrive, but the vessel made an unprecedented short passage, and so the arrangements were altered. The Bishop of Grahamstown was expected; he was waiting at Algoa bay when the mail left, having made his arrangements to come by the steamer, but he unfortunately lost his passage, and having had a fall from his horse was not able to stand the jolting involved by a ride some 600 miles in the post cart. The consecration, therefore, unavoidably took place without his presence. Although the first two or three days of the new year are exclusively devoted to holiday making, all business being suspended, and the panting inhabitants of Table valley being only too glad to escape from the boiling heat and dust to breathe the pure fresh air of the country, still the great interest taken in the forthcoming ceremony attracted a large congregation to the cathedral. At half-past ten the bells of the cathedral chimed out merrily, St. George's being the only church in the colony possessing a peal, and, though imperfect, sufficient to remind one of home. The regular attendants at the cathedral were admitted by the south door, and at a quarter to eleven the great doors were thrown open at the western porch, and the church was soon filled. The order of ceremony observed followed as closely as possible that of the use of Westminster Abbey. The Dean, Cannon and clergy met the Metropolitan and his assistants in the vestry at the right of the vestibule at the western entrance; the choristers and gentlemen of the choir in the baptistry on the opposite side. The procession formed in the following order, and proceeded down the church to the chancel:—

A Verger.

The Choristers in surplices.

Gentlemen of the Choir.

Eighteen Parochial Clergy of Capetown and neighbourhood.

Cannons and Cathedral Clergy.

A Verger.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Capetown.

The Registrar of the Diocese.

The Venerable F. C. Mackenzie, Bishop-elect and Chaplain.

Bishop of Natal. Bishop of St. Helena.
The Metropolitan's Verger, bearing mitre-staff.
Rev. Albert Wood, bearing the crozier.

The Right Rev. the Metropolitan Bishop.
His Lordship's Chaplain, the Rev. E. Glover, bearing the pastoral staff.

Arrived at the chancel the procession opened right and left. The Metropolitan proceeded to his throne on the north side; the Bishops of St. Helena and Natal to seats on the other side. The Dean, Cannon Precentor, and Bishop's chaplain

also passed into their respective seats, and the other cathedral clergy to their stalls; the parochial clergy to the daily service chapel on the south side of the altar behind the parclose, the Bishop-elect, vested in surplice, kneeling at a faldstool at the entrance of the chancel, the Revs. A. Wood, W. F. H. Curtis, and the Bishop's-elect chaplain, occupying seats immediately behind. The voluntary being finished and the congregation provided with seats, a hymn was given out as introtit, during the singing of which the Metropolitan moved to his place at the altar, and the Bishops of Natal and St. Helena to their places, north and south below the footpace, as Epistoler and Gospeller. Morning prayer had been read at half-past eight.

The Nicene Creed ended, the Dean was conducted to the pulpit, and preached from Ephesians ii. 19—22. I shall not make extracts, but shall send you a copy of the sermon, as you will doubtless like to notice it in another column.

The Dean was suffering from a severe cold, but his earnestness soon overcame the physical weakness of his voice, and he was heard throughout with the deepest attention. His impressive concluding address awakened very deep emotions throughout the congregation.

After the sermon the Dean returned to his place, and whilst the hymn, "Christ is made the sure foundation," was being sung, the Bishop-designate, accompanied by the Revs. Albert Wood, W. Fitz-Harry Curtis, and his acting chaplain, F. Procter, retired to the vestry, where he put on his rochet. Returning down the central passage, he was met at the chancel steps, by the assistant Bishops, and each taking him by the hand led him towards the Metropolitan seated on the faldstool or seat placed in front of the altar, and the following words were spoken by the Bishop of Natal:—

The Right Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

The rubric demanding the Queen's mandate of course was not observed. The word *charge* was substituted for *diocese*. The oath of supremacy was administered by the Registrar, and then the oath following by the Metropolitan:—

The Oath of Obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles Frederick Mackenzie, chosen Bishop of the Mission to the tribes dwelling in the neighbourhood of the Lake Nyassa and River Shire, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop and the Metropolitan Church of Capetown, and to their successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

After the invitation to prayer, the Metropolitan knelt down at his seat, with the precentor on his right hand, chaplain on his left, the Bishop-elect and Bishops-assistant a few steps lower, and the Litany was sung; after which, and the interrogations being put, the Bishop-elect was conducted as before to the vestry, where he assumed the customary Episcopal vestments. During his absence, the anthem, "O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem," was sung; and on his return kneeling at the feet of the Metropolitan, Palmstrina's *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung. The imposition of hands following, in which the three Bishops joined. A large and beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures was then presented by the Metropolitan, which the new Bishop delivered to the care of his chaplain, and was then conducted to his seat next that of the junior Suffragan.

The Offertory was then collected. The clergy from the stalls and from the south chapel came forward and made their offerings, and remained at the altar-rails till they had communicated.