

parish) is startling. The district contains 19,191 families, all but a tenth of whom are Jews, Italians or Germans. The Jews are of the most ignorant and squalid class, mostly from Russia and Poland. Religiously the population is divided into 36,836 Romanists, of all nationalities; an almost equal number of Jews; 3,238 Churchmen, and 1,659 of Protestant bodies. There are 4,261 that may be classed as heathen, having no religious affiliation whatever. The spiritual needs are looked after by 17 places of worship of all kinds. The abject poverty of the people can be gathered from the fact that one-third of all these families live in "homes" consisting of two rooms only, for which the rental is about \$3 a month. In one place, consisting of three small rooms, 15 persons are budded together. No wonder there are 563 liquor shops in the district drawing annually \$2,225,000 from this appalling pauperism; no wonder vice and crime flourish; no wonder there are, despite the efforts of Parkhurst and other reformers, 100,000 voters in the metropolis ready to sustain the most corrupt municipal administration known to the civilized world. It remains to be noted that this district is not an exceptional one, but that like conditions exist over a large portion of the great city.—*Living Church.*

THE IRISH BISHOPS ON DISESTABLISHMENT.
—The Bishop of St. Asaph, in his book on the Church in Wales, quotes the evidence of several of the Irish Bishops, to whom last year he addressed inquiries as to the effect of Disestablishment upon the Church in Ireland. This is their testimony:—The Bishop of Tuam: "We lost grievously by Disendowment. . . . The effect on rural districts is unsatisfactory." The Bishop of Killaloe: "On the whole the blow dealt to us, however softened, has been most lamentable, and I fear is likely to be still more so as time goes on." And adds: "The man must be an idiot, I think, who does not see that the attack on the Welsh Church is just to seize an out-work so as to ensure the more successful assault on the central citadel of the English Church." The Bishop of Ossory says: "It is the State more than the Church that has suffered most severely by Disendowment. That act took the keystone out of the arch of property and has thus demoralized the country in regard to all kinds of contracts and possessions." The Bishop of Meath says that "Disendowment coupled with Disestablishment has certainly lowered the status of the clergy and discouraged learning." The Archbishop of Armagh states that "the result of Disendowment has been and will be disastrous, and is becoming more so yearly by the land agitation." The Bishop of Derry, speaking of Disendowment, says that "the spirit of confiscation is contagious. The breath of revolution breathed upon the land in 1869, and we have been in a fever ever since. Disendowment has affected the Church in some rural districts very seriously." . . . In reply to my question whether Disestablishment had conciliated the feeling of Nonconformists towards the Church, his answer is as follows: "Since Disestablishment, up to last year, the feeling of Dis-enters towards the Church was, I think, bitterer than before, with a few honourable exceptions."

VERB. SAP.—"It is the duty of those who call themselves Churchmen to work for their Church paper. The "WEST INDIAN GUARDIAN" appeals for support to the members of the Anglican Church. Surely all who are in earnest, and really try to build up the Church in the affections of the people, should subscribe for themselves, and buy copies to present to others. We regret there are many who PRETEND MUCH and DO NOTHING for their paper.—More ready to criticise than anxious to help." So say we all.

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Montreal.

SYNOD MEETING.

(The Bishop's Charge continued.)

"I continue to find great support and satisfaction in the work of the Montreal Diocesan Theological college under the management of its rev. principal, Canon Henderson. For the first time in the history of the diocese, all the missions are effectively supplied with church ministrations, and the clergy themselves, going out from the college, now numbering thirty-eight, show the true missionary spirit of devotion and energy, which, with God's blessing on their labors, will in due time, bear the good fruit of peace and righteousness. I am pleased to record the missionary spirit of the college. Its missionary society conducts the mission at Outremont; supports a native agent in the diocese of Madras; contributes to the support of a clergyman in Moosonee, and sends an annual donation of \$50 to McKenzie river. The Prisoners' Aid Association has done during the past year a most Christian-like work. It meets the prisoners, who wish assistance, on their release from prison, and aids afterwards, by advice and in other ways, those who will receive its agents. The report shows hard and useful work.

"I have pursued my usual course of parochial visitation through the year with much personal satisfaction and I trust profit. Since the cold weather set in I have been assisted by my friend and son in the faith, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Moosonee, whose Episcopal ministrations on my behalf have been most acceptable to those parishes and missions which he has visited, and specially (as he was able to inform the people concerning his particular work) to the quickening and encouragement of their own religious life. I have myself, thus been enabled to give full attention to the Church work here in the city, which this year in a peculiar manner has demanded a constant attendance, on meetings and conferences, chiefly concerned about matters of business, but quite important to the building up of the church on its material and external side. Within the year 77 confirmations have been held, and 1,073 persons have received that holy rite, 486 males and 587 females. The Rev. Rural Dean Naylor, one of our most efficient missionaries, has been appointed Archdeacon of Clarendon, and the Rev. Frank Smith, who approved himself in the mission field before he became rector of Hull, has been appointed Rural Dean of Clarendon. St. Stephen's Church and burying ground at Thorne West by God's blessing upon the efforts of the Rev. J. L. Flanigan, have been consecrated. The new church at Clarke's, in the mission of Portage du Fort, has been opened, and the burying ground consecrated, the result of the faithfulness of Rev. H. Plaisted, following up work well begun by former pastors.

"A new church has also been opened at Thorne Centre for Rev. J. M. Coffin, and another (St. Stephen's) at Kazabazua, by the energy of Rev. W. E. Kaneen. The Rev. W. P. Chambers has been enabled to erect a new church at Glen Bolton, St. Michael's, which I trust will be consecrated at my next visitation, and the Rev. Charles G. Rollit has nearly completed a new church in his parish at Stanbury. It has been opened for Divine service and reflects great credit upon the energy of the rector. A few lines serve to record this expansion of our church work, but it would take pages to tell of the toil and self-denial expended by faithful lay-

men and women, as well as by the clergy, in bringing these works to a successful issue.

"At the last meeting of the executive committee attention was drawn to the condition of the 'Widows' and Orphans' fund' of the diocese, and I was requested to speak thereof in my charge. I need not refer to the history of the fund; that is well known; especially the care by which, through the blessing of God, it has been so greatly prospered. And surely I need not urge the claims of the widow and the orphan of the clergy upon those who are ministered to by God's own servants. I would simply beseech each clergyman, in reading this charge to the people, honestly to tell the people the amount given last year to this fund (or, in some instances, that the collection has been altogether neglected) by the parish in which he ministers, and make an appeal to conscience, asking 'Will not God visit with His displeasure those who are so unmindful of God's claims on behalf of the fatherless and the widow?' You will observe how generously some of the congregations have contributed to this fund; but you will remember, that unless this liberality is general, the grants to future annuitants may have to be diminished, seeing that an addition of only one would nearly absorb the remainder of the fund.

"A society always active in well doing is the Montreal Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary society. Its work find their way wherever there is a church to be helped or church people to be comforted.

"I commend to your notice, and I strongly advise the formation of 'branches' in all our parishes, their reports of work accomplished.

"May the blessing of God rest upon their wise and unselfish usefulness.

"The Girls' Friendly Society increases year by year in its usefulness. It is by such gentle influence for good that human beings, (especially young girls) thrown on their own resources for a maintenance, with little in their surroundings to make them happy or hopeful, are lifted out of themselves and taught to look outward and upward for strength and sympathy. I would encourage the formation of such societies in all parishes where they do not already exist, and urge you to value and foster them wherever they are already planted.

"The Dunham Ladies' college is now at work in most favorable circumstances, the Rev. N. A. F. Bourne being the principal, a guarantee of faithful supervision. The number of pupils is increasing and everything promises permanence and success. As a means of church education of a high order we cannot hope too much from such a church school for girls. The influence must be salutary and effectual. We look with confidence to the close of the year's work to show good fruit, in return for labor and prayer bestowed on this special work. I claim your hearty co-operation in making Dunham Ladies' college a blessing to the diocese.

"Another institution for beneficent Christian purposes was opened with a service of prayer and praise on 7th December, 1894, in close connection with the Church of England. The 'Robert Jones Convalescent Home' is designed specially to benefit the children of our Church of England families recovering from long or severe illness, and is erected by Mr. R. A. A. Jones as a memorial to his father and mother, the late Hon. Robert Jones, and Mrs. Jones. The 'Home' stands in a charming situation, on the Lower Lachine road. The land and building cost \$20,000; and towards its maintenance Mr. Jones the founder promises \$1,000 per annum during his life, and certain permanent endowment at his death, while our ever generous friend Mr. A. F. Gault promises \$1,000 per annum for four years. The deed of gift was presented at the opening by Mr. Wm. Ryder (on behalf of Mr. R. A. A. Jones), to whom in an address the Dean of Montreal made suitable reply.