

Diocese of Montreal.

The Bishop of the diocese visited the mission on Saturday and Sunday, June 18th and 19th. His Lordship went direct from Montreal on Friday evening to St. Gabriel de Brandon, where he was met by the Incumbent (the Rev. W. Weaver) and from thence to the house of Mr. Hides, late principal of the Normal School, Montreal, one of the Bishop's old friends and co-workers.

On Saturday morning service was held in the church where the Bishop preached a most impressive sermon. Holy Communion was administered to 17 persons, and three young persons were confirmed. There were a number of Roman Catholics present. One said to the Incumbent, "I am glad I came to hear your Bishop. He is so plain, I understood all he said." Another said the service was too short.

On Sunday morning service was held at De Ramsay, a good congregation being present. Holy Communion was administered to twenty persons, and six persons confirmed, one being an old man over seventy years of age.

In the afternoon service was held at Kildare, again a good congregation being present. Six more persons were confirmed by the Bishop. After the usual hand shaking the Bishop was taken to Rawdon, to be ready for his Monday's labor there.

MONTREAL.

ST. LUKES.—The Ladies Aid held a very successful strawberry festival on the evening of 24th inst. Besides abundance of fruit and cake a good programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided, in which the Misses Sheppard, Ogden, Cox, Trew, Davis and Mrs. H. B. Lamb, together with Messrs Bourke, Mayle, Wiggins and Tattersall took part. The Rector Rev. J. E. Cunningham presided.

ST. THOMAS'—St. Thomas Band of Hope held their annual social last Monday evening, and about 200 little ones sat down to a plentiful supply of good things, supplied by the superintendent, Mr. J. H. Spicer and friends. As soon as the young folks tired of this from of pleasure, a good programme was carried out, almost entirely composed of pieces by the members of the Band of Hope. The Rev. Mr. Renaud, owing to being delayed by the washouts on the railway, was not in attendance, but Mr. Elliott kindly did his best to supply his place. It was a very happy and joyous band of youngsters who wended their way home at 9.30 p. m., talking of the good time they had enjoyed.

HOCHELAGA.

ST. MARY'S.—The lecture hall of St. Mary's church, Hochelaga, was crowded on a recent evening, the occasion being a concert and social in aid of the choir fund. Under the leadership of Mr. A. Plow, the choir has reached a high state of efficiency; this being abundantly evident, as the programme, which was performed entirely by the choir, advanced step by step. Two anthems, "Jehovah's Praise," and "How Lovely is Zion," were delivered in a way which left no doubt in the mind of the audience regard-

ing the capabilities of the choir. Songs were given by Mrs. Bareham, Miss Snell and Miss Chippendale, as well as by the following gentlemen, Messrs. Dunn, Parry and Marriott. Vocal duets were rendered by Miss Styles and Mr. Parry, and by Miss Snell and Miss Styles. A quartette entitled, "The Lord is My Shepherd," was sung by Mrs. Bareham, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Marriott and Mr. Wilson. Pianoforte pieces were given by Miss Styles, Miss Bareham and Miss Clark. Recitations were given by Mr. Marriott. All these items were received with great applause. An intermission for the discussion of ice cream and cake divided the programme. A pleasing feature in the proceedings was introduced by the rector, the Rev. A. Bareham, in his opening remarks. After speaking in high terms of praise of the choir generally, of the gitted young organist, Mr. George Freeman, and of the choir master, Mr. A. Plow, he stated that the latter was highly appreciated by the choir itself, in token whereof he had been deputed to present to him from the choir a rosewood and silver baton, suitably inscribed, which the rector then duly presented. Mr. Plow was entirely taken by surprise, but managed very gracefully and feelingly to respond. The entertainment concluded with the National Anthem.

RURAL DEANERY OF CLARENDON.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese has arranged the following programme for his visitation in the rural deanery of Clarendon:—

Sunday, August 7, Hull, a. m., Rev. F. R. Smith.

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Monday, August 8, Peche, Rev. C. Boyd.

Tuesday, August 9, Masham, Rev. C. Boyd.

Thursday, August 11, Alywin, Rev. Wm. E. Kaneen.

Friday, August 12, Wright, Rev. Wm. E. Kaneen.

Saturday, August 13, Northfield, Rev. H. Plaisted, M. A.

Sunday, August 14, Desert, Rev. H. Plaisted, M. A.

Wednesday, August 17, Alleyuc, Mr. Bell.

Thursday, August 18, Cawood, Mr. Bell.

Sunday, August 21, Quio, Rev. W. A. Fyles.

Monday, August 22, North Onslow, Rev. W. Fyles.

Tuesday, August 23, Thorne Centre, Rev. J. M. Coffin.

Wednesday, August 24, Leslie, Rev. J. M. Coffin.

Thursday, August 25, Thorne, W. and N. Clarendon, Rev. J. L. Flanagan.

Friday, August 26, Shawville, Rev. W. H. Naylor, M. A., rural dean.

Sunday, August 28, Portage du Fort and Bryson, churchwardens.

Monday, August 29, Clarke's, churchwardens.

Tuesday, August 30, Bristol, Rev. W. C. Dilworth.

Wednesday, August 31, St. Luke's, Eardley, Mr. Naylor.

Thursday, September 1, St. Augustine's, Eardley, Mr. Naylor.

Friday, September 2, Aylmer, Rev. H. L. A. Almon, B. D.

The Bishop's address will be as follows:—

August 7 to 19—Care of Rev. C. Boyd, North Wakefield.

August 19 to 30—Care of Rev. W. H. Naylor, Shawville.

August 30 to September 2—Care of Rev. H. L. A. Almon, Aylmer.

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KEMPTVILLE.

The third annual flower show and sale was quite a success, lasting two whole days.

Among the many objects to be encouraged by this movement, may be mentioned the desire to stir up the parishioners to cultivate flowers and through the study of His fair works they may be moved to glorify the Great Creator. To beget a sense of doing something in all classes, young and old, for all in the parish are asked to give a helping hand. The proceeds of the sale are given for work in the parish church which may last for hundreds of years. A feeling of refinement springs up. The procuring and cultivating, and watching the plant and bringing it involves time, thought and desire culminating in the Christian spirit. "Of Thine own have I given Thee." A spirit which cannot be too early engendered in our little ones.

Then the large number of exquisite plants, sent for exhibition and tastefully arranged not only evoke admiration, but suggests desire for a higher cultivation of the beautiful.

Last, but not least, comes loving memory of our former pastors and their families as we ornament their graves with plants remaining over. Thus linking the past with the present, we call to mind their labours in the Church Militant and now contemplate them, at rest, in the Church Expectant where we hope to join them.

ODESSA.

There was no service here last (Trinity) Sunday as our clergyman (Rev. F. T. Dibb) was away at Ottawa. We are all very glad to hear that he passed the examinations successfully and was duly admitted to the Holy Priesthood. We shall now be able without let or hindrance to "assemble together the first day of the week to break the bread," and thus enjoy in its fulness the Communion of Saints in the Holy Catholic Church.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The 6th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions was held in St. Thomas' hall, Belleville, on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June. The delegates arrived at the station about 5 p.m. on Tuesday the 7th, where they were met by a reception committee, who provided carriages to convey them to their various destinations. An "At Home" was given in the evening. At 9.30 on Wednesday a service was held in St. Thomas' Church, consisting of the missionary litany, said by Rev. F. C. Powell, curate. A most earnest and eloquent sermon on the text " whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men," Col. III 23, by Rev. Canon Burke and a celebration of the Holy Communion.

All then proceeded to St. Thomas' hall where Canon Burke opened the meeting with the 72nd psalm, hymn 217 A and M was sung.

The roll was called and 39 delegates answered to their names (some arrived later) 8 members of the Board were present.

The President called upon the Rev. Sec. to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. It was proposed and seconded that as they had been printed they should be considered as read. Carried.

The Cor. Sec. read a letter of greeting from Toronto diocese.

An address of welcome to the delegates, pre-