

esteem and regard from his parishioners on the 29th ult. The parishioners assembled in force at the rectory, bringing with them baskets of good things of all description. The rector and his family were quite taken by surprise, never having received a hint of the intended presentation.

Mr. O. E. Flewelling, the churchwarden, read an address, which was signed by the parishioners, and in which reference was made to the esteem and affection in which the rector was held as pastor, citizen and friend; also to the great work to be performed in the very extensive parish, and in which new and efficient help was received from the Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, who shows great interest in the work; and also to the impaired health of the rector, which was attributed in a great measure to the very laborious work of former years.

Accompanying the address was a purse of seventy dollars.

The rector, in reply, made a brief but eloquent speech, thanking the people for their great generosity, and feelingly alluding to his work of eighteen years among them as friend and parish priest, and the many encouragements he had received at their hands.

The evening was pleasantly spent in games, singing, &c., and the delighted parishioners returned home, leaving the still more delighted rector in full possession of the supply of good things which they gave him.

Petitcodiac has done well this year. Besides an advance of nearly 20 per cent. in the contributions to the D.C.S., the curate was presented with a handsome fifty-dollar fur coat, and this latest gift has shown that the people have given as God has prospered them.

Mr. B. W. R. Taylor, who was ordained to the diaconate by his Lordship the Metropolitan in Christ Church Cathedral on the fourth Sunday in Advent, has been appointed to the curacy of Petitcodiac.

ST. STEPHEN.—At the Children's Festival held on the Innocents' Day, an easy chair and a superbly illustrated book, "Christmas of Old," were presented to the Rector and Mrs. Dowling by the men of Christ Church congregation, led by Mr. C. H. Smith.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COOKSHIRE.—The great Christmas festival of the Church was celebrated with much heartiness and devotion in this parish. A band of busy workers, under our energetic young churchwarden, Mr. J. R. Mowk, decorated our handsome church very prettily—nave and chancel, font, reading-desk and lectern,—carefully observing that happy medium between scantiness and heaviness so much to be desired in such decorations. Above the re-table and along the base of the reredos were the words "God with us," giving the key-note of the Christian's joy.

The festival opened with Evensong on Christmas Eve, the service being rendered with singular heartiness, and was perhaps the most joyous of the festival.

On Christmas morning a large congregation assembled for Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist, the attendance at both services being larger than ever before.

On this day service was held in the two Mission churches of the parish, at Island Brook and Randboro', which were well attended, the churches being nicely trimmed with ever-greens.

The following day being the festival of St. Stephen, evening service was given, when again a good congregation assembled.

On Sunday, the first after Christmas, and the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the services throughout the parish were of the festive character befitting the season.

Monday, the Holy Innocents' Day, marked the close of the festival. At 4 p.m. the special

children's service, with bright and suitable hymns, was very largely attended. A special address was given to the children by the rector, and when the service was over the Sunday-school children went to the rectory, near by, for tea, after which all adjourned to the Town Hall, where a large audience was assembled. The prizes were there presented, and a good programme of carols, recitations, &c., was given; concluding with an excellent exhibition of the magic lantern. The proceeds of the entertainment go towards the purchase of new Sunday-school library books.

All the offertories of the services will be given to the W. and O. Fund of the Diocese of Algoma.

Thus brightly and happily has this year's festival passed by. May it be that the outward happiness but bespoke true holy joy of heart to all those to whom the teaching of the season came.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE DINNER.

The long talked of "Alma Mater Dinner" of the Alumni and "Old Boys" of Bishop's College came off at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 7th instant, and was a grand success. About 180 sat down to dinner.

The chair was filled by the popular Chancellor of the University, R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., supported on his right by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, Rev. Principal Adams, Mr. R. N. Hall, M.P., Mr. S. Bethune, Q.C., Rev. Dr. Reid, Prof. Darey; and on his left by Canon Norman, D.C.L., Dr. F. W. Campbell, Rev. A. C. Scarth, Mr. L. H. Davidson, D.C.L., and Dr. Baker Edwards.

Letters of apology for not being able to be present were received from the Lord Bishop of Montreal, Rev. Prof. Roe, Sir Wm. Dawson, and Rev. Principal Henderson.

After the excellent dinner provided had been done justice to, the Chairman proposed "The Queen," which toast was received in a right loyal manner with cheers and the singing of part of the National Anthem in a style not easily excelled, "The Governor-General," also enthusiastically received, and next the toast of the evening, "The University," coupling with it the names of the Lord Bishop of Quebec and Vice-Chancellor Norman. In proposing the toast the Chancellor referred briefly to the history of the University, which, although a recent foundation as compared with such institutions as Oxford, could show as good a record for the same space of time. (Cheers.) Founded in 1845 as a university, it had during its 40 years of existence granted the following degrees:—In divinity alone, 11 D.D.'s, 3 B.D.'s, 8 Licentiates, and 33 in all in divinity; in arts, 147 Masters, 71 Bachelors,—total, 218. The law school at Sherbrooke, very recently established, had conferred 22 degrees, of which there was one LL.D., six Masters in Law, and 15 Bachelors. The school of medicine had granted one hundred and sixteen degrees, having, with graduates and undergraduates, a total representation of 491. (Cheers.) Considering that the College was not situated in close proximity to any of the large centres of population, and that it had a most humble origin, the showing was, he believed, an exceedingly creditable one. The University to-day had a capital of \$150,000, and did not owe a cent. (Cheers.) The limited funds and donations had all been most judiciously expended, as was shown by the results attained. He also spoke of the liberal education given by the College, which enabled its alumni to fill honorable positions in every path of life.

Bishop Williams, on rising to respond, received an ovation which must have been most gratifying, and which manifested the deep love and reverence felt for one who, as Head Master of Lennoxville School, had endeared himself to every pupil, and as Bishop had only enlarged his sphere of usefulness and influence. The whole

assembly rose to their feet, and cheer after cheer were given, accompanied by waving of handkerchiefs, and some minutes elapsed before the venerable and much beloved prelate could even commence his most beautiful, touching and effective reply, and throughout its course frequent applause greeted the speaker as he referred in loving words to the memories of the past, and expressed his hopes and wishes; and after referring to the dying words of one of his boys, a member of the gallant Wolseley's army in its attack on Tel-el-Kebir—the brave, loyal Rawson: "General, did I not lead them straight?"—expressed the hope that all of the many young men present would be able, in the battle of life, to act on the same principle and claim the same commendation.

Rev. Canon Norman also replied to the toast, and spoke of the pleasure which he had always experienced in visiting the University, which was situated, so to speak, at the confluence of two rivers, which, to him, pictured religion and learning. They found reproduced in Lennoxville that broad and liberal education which had made England what she was, and which was the secret of the strength of its constitution. Reverence for religion and respect for law and love for liberty were to be found in all those trained at Lennoxville. The University being the one Church of England University in the Province, should receive the support of all Church of England people. (Cheers.) Forty years was a short period in the history of an educational establishment, but few could show as creditable a record for the time as Bishop's College and School. (Cheers.)

Rev. Mr. Hepburn, Vice-Chairman, proposed a toast to "The Faculties" in appropriate terms, which was responded to by Rev. P. C. Read for Arts, Rev. A. C. Scarth for Divinity, and Dr. Campbell for Medicine (who referred to the growth of the Medical School, which to-day had over 91 undergraduates, and had given some 24 degrees,) and by Mr. R. N. Hall, M.P., for the Law Faculty.

Mr. J. S. Hall, Jr., then proposed "The School," which was received with applause, and was replied to by Principal Adams, who suggested, as a practical outcome of this gathering of so many "Old Boys" of the school, the erection of a new building to take a personal form in memory of the early days of the school and the work done by the Bishop in founding it. He would have this addition called "The Bishop Williams Wing," and offered himself to give \$100 and to raise \$1,500 towards the sum (5,000) which he supposed would be necessary for this purpose.

The health of Mr. A. D. Nichols, Secretary of the Committee, was enthusiastically received and drunk.

Bishop Williams then proposed the health of the Chairman of the evening, Chancellor Heneker, which was heartily drunk, the audience singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Chancellor Heneker responded in a few well-chosen words, and the first annual dinner of the Alma Mater of Bishop's College came to an end by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. George's Church.—On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the Rev. M. De Sola, minister of the Spanish and Portuguese congregation of Jews, delivered a most instructive and able lecture before the Young Men's Association of this church, on the "Dietary and Hygienic Laws of the Jews." These, the lecturer pointed out preliminarily, were not all to be met with in the Bible, which contained the general principles upon which they were based. The specific enactments were given in the Talmud, and in the writings of Maimonides and other recognized rabbinical authorities. The Talmud expressed the Jewish traditional interpretation of the Scriptural law; and historical Judaism taught that Moses had been instructed while upon Mount Sinai as to