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DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. GEORGE AND PENNFIELD.—On Sunday, 21st Oct., the rite of Confirmation was administered to sixteen candidates by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kingdon, in St. Mark's Church, and in Christ Church, Pennfield. On both occasions the churches were filled to their utmost capacity by an attentive and appreciative audience, and the Bishop's earnest, clear, and convincing words on Confirmation must, we think, long be remembered by many who had the privilege of hearing them. This was not the usual triennial visit of the Bishop for the purpose of Confirmation but a special one, hence the reason there were not a large number confirmed. But it may be worth mentioning that amongst the candidates there was one baptized by a Baptist, one by a Presbyterian, one by a Methodist, and one by a R. C. Priest, which tends to shew that the Church in this rather remote corner of the world is extending her borders. The services on this day were hearty, as also the singing, and the Bishop's visit much appreciated by all and will we feel assured be the means of stirring up the congregations to fresh zeal and life, and we will not close this communication without expressing the hope that His Lordship may long be spared to come among us, and minister to us, and stir us up to increased zeal by his earnest and loving words of counsel.

ST. JOHN.—A large congregation attended the anniversary service of the C. of E. Institute held in Trinity Church here. Rev. G. G. Roberts Rector of Fredericton, preached an eloquent sermon from the text: "As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Rev. A. J. Gollmer, Rev. J. O. Crisp, Rev. O. G. Dobbs, and Rev. A. J. Reid also took part in the service. At the close the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Canon Brigstocke.

GREENWICH.—The Most Reverend The Metropolitan Bishop of the Diocese consecrated St. James' Church, a very pretty little edifice on the river St. John, about five miles below Oak Point, the week before last. He was assisted by Rev. D. W. Pickett, Rector of the parish of Greenwich, and Rev. W. Greer, Rector of Westfield.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

NEW CARLISLE AND PASPEBIAC.—On Monday evening the 23rd ult., a deputation composed of the Churchwardens and several members of the congregations of New Carlisle and Paspebiac met at the residence of Messrs. C. Robin & Co., Paspebiac, and presented to the Rev. T. Blaylock, (who is about to leave the mission for Danville, P. Q.) an address from the congregation of St. Andrews, New Carlisle, and St. Peters, Paspebiac, expressive of the deep regret with which they parted with one who for eleven years had proved himself to be a kind and sympathizing pastor and friend, and from whose valued ministrations they had ever derived encouragement and aid in the effort to walk worthy of the Christian vocation. Reference was also made to the zeal and perseverance displayed by Mr. Blaylock in trying to improve education in their midst and to the vexatious spirit of opposition manifested by a few. The address from St. Andrews was signed by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Oswald Day, and John L. Smith, and 87 others, and that from St. Peters, by Messrs. Daniel Bisson and Wm. Bisson, and 65 others, and evidenced the high estimation in which Mr.

Blaylock, his wife, and family, were held by all. Rev. Mr. Blaylock replied at length, cordially thanking his people for this evidence of their affection.

QUEBEC.—The ceremony of the induction of the new Rector of St. Peter's Church, the Rev. A. J. Balfour, took place on the 28th Oct., and was conducted by the Very Rev. R. W. Norman, D.C.L., Dean of Quebec, and by the two resident Canons of Quebec, and other city clergy. Notwithstanding the disagreeable state of the weather, a very large congregation was present and the ceremony proved a most interesting one.

The clergy and others taking part in it entered the Church from the vestry in the following order:—The Churchwardens, Messrs. E. T. D. Chambers and R. Ruthman; the new Rector to be inducted, Rev. A. J. Balfour; the Rev. E. I. Rexford, the Rev. Lennox Williams, the Rev. Canon Von Iffland, Rev. Canon Richardson, the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Dr. Norman, representing the Bishop's Commissary, and Archdeacon Roe. The usual form of Induction was used after which the ordinary evening service of the Church was proceeded with.

The Rector took the first part of Evening prayer, the lessons were read by Rev. Lennox Williams and Rev. E. I. Rexford, and the Rev. Canon Von Iffland concluded evening prayer.

Miss Andrews presided at the organ with skill and ability, and the efficient choir rendered the musical part of the service in attractive form. The anthem solo by Miss Martin was very sweet and pretty and delighted all who heard it.

The Dean of Quebec preached an able sermon taking his text from St. Luke ix. 2 and 4, and in concluding dwelt upon the characteristics of a faithful Pastor, and maintained that the orders of Bishop, Priest, and Deacon, are divine in their origin, that they have existed from Apostolic times, and that in the case of the Church now known as the Church of England, there has been no break in the lineage from the first century to the nineteenth. We can most certainly aver that the principles of unity and order are conspicuous in the institution of an Episcopal Church. When we uphold that form of Church Government, we believe that we uphold that which comes to us certainly on Divine authority, and he reminded the congregation that their pastor came to them on the authority and by the mission of their Chief Pastor. "I bespeak for him in the name of the Church, a cordial welcome. He succeeds one, who was endeared to you by many ties of long association and earnest work. The pastor must, remember, change from time to time, but the work goes on, and the Church remains. Now there are few closer ties to be conceived, than that which must exist between a clergyman and his flock. He admits the young into the Church by Baptism. He turns them later into the Sunday-school. Later still, he prepares them for Confirmation, and admits them circumspectly into full Church membership at the Lord's Table. He unites man and woman in Holy Matrimony; he visits the sick and sorrowful, and consigns with prayer, to its last resting place, the mortal part of a believer. From the cradle to the grave, he ministers to his people; he shares their joy and sympathizes with their grief. His responsibilities are great and burdensome. And so, I would entreat you to honor the man, because of the office, to support him by your prayers, your friendship, your co-operation in all the various machinery for the progress of the Church in this parish. He, your Pastor, is human like yourselves, and he needs your loyal and affectionate support,—give him that, and I have good hope that this Church will thrive in the truest way, and that both minister and people will work together happily here, and meet hereafter before the Throne of God, in that blest

place bought for them by the blood of their Saviour, Jesus Christ, Our Lord—the Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls."

RICHMOND.—On Sunday, the 21st ult., in St. Ann's Church, Richmond, the Rev. A. J. Balfour preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation, before leaving for his new parish of St. Peter's, Quebec. The text was from the 7th chapter of 1st Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," both minister and people being visibly affected while he made reference to the work done and the friendships contracted during the seven years of his ministration. "Whosoever I have preached the Gospel among you," he said, "I have endeavoured to present Christ as the Alpha and Omega thereof." In the evening Mr. Balfour took occasion to allude to the coming in of Rev. Mr. Hepburn, his appointed successor, exhorting all to receive him as the ambassador of Christ, and to strengthen his hands for his new work.

On Thursday, the 25th, one of the largest gatherings ever held in connection with St. Ann's Church, assembled in the schoolroom to present their Pastor with a farewell address, tea being provided by the members of the congregation, and presided over by the ladies of the Guild. After an hour of friendly intercourse the meeting was called to order by the Hon. Henry Aylmer, Rector's Churchwarden, who then proceeded to read a most flattering and affectionate address expressing their appreciation of the work he had done amongst them, and their regret that it had come to an end. The address also referred to the difficulties Mr. Balfour had had to contend with, such as the great size of the parish, its constantly increasing needs, and last, though by no means least, the want of a Parsonage, and the heavy loss personal to himself, that was occasioned by the Rectory fire. Mention was made of his willingness to take a share of the burdens of the parish and of his readiness to take financial risk in order to make the sittings free, and throw open the Church to all who may wish to come. The address was accompanied by a cheque for \$105.50, and was signed by the Hon. Henry Aylmer and J. W. Harkom, Churchwardens, and many others. The Women's Guild and Auxiliary (of which Mr. Balfour was Warden), presented through Mr. Harkom an equally flattering address, referring specially to Mr. Balfour's assistance in the work carried on by it.

In reply, Mr. Balfour, with evident emotion, thanked his people for their kindly sympathy manifested throughout his ministry, but never so touchingly as on the present occasion. He believed when first he accepted the charge of St. Peter's at the Bishop's request, that he was doing so under Divine guidance, and he still thought, notwithstanding the mutual regret of parting, that all things would work together for the best. All present were then invited to unite with their Pastor in a closing prayer, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

QUEBEC.—There was service in all of our Churches in this city, on the Festival of All Saints. The day was also observed as a holiday in business circles, the banks and public offices and courts being all closed.

St. Matthews.—There was a delightful meeting on the 1st of the Lay Helpers connected with the congregation of St. Matthews' Church. The evening was spent as usual on All Saints Day in the parish room, where an interesting address was delivered by the Rector, Rev. Lennox Williams. The choir boys were entertained at a number of games peculiar to this season, and seemed to enjoy themselves very thoroughly. An interesting feature of the services in the Church was the chiming of the new bells, which are of good volume and at the same time of sweet and melodious tone. A guild of bell-ringers is to be trained in the proper ringing of the new Chime.