

In obedience to the summons a meeting was held in St. Paul's School House, on the 27th day of January, 1858, and the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron was then formed, and the Bishop was empowered to apply to the Provincial Parliament for an Act of Incorporation. The Hon. M. Foley, M.P., was entrusted by the Bishop to introduce "the bill" into the House of Assembly, and the Hon. G. J. Goodhue took charge of it in the Legislative Council; and to the exertions of these gentlemen the Church Society is in a great measure indebted for the "Act Incorporating" this Society, which received Her Majesty's assent on the 21th day of July, 1858. The Society met again in September, the 21st and 22nd, and after careful deliberation adopted the Constitution, which was sanctioned and confirmed by the Bishop on the 22nd of September, 1858. Thus, then, the Society has been in operation only eight months when your Committee is called upon to make their first annual report, and though they cannot yet look back upon much work as done by this Society, they can confidently look forward, in dependence on God's blessing, to the great results which they firmly believe will follow when Churchmen generally are fully awakened to the spiritual destitution prevailing in many parts of this Diocese, and when, through this Society, their combined efforts are systematically employed for the alleviation of the same.

Still, the past has not been without some fruit, and short as has been the period since the Society has been fully organised, its income has reached the creditable sum of \$3,540.88, and this sum would have been largely increased had all the Parochial Associations made collections; but owing to the end of the financial year being changed at the March meeting from December 31st to May 31st, few of the Parochial Associations have made any return, most of them having previously arranged to make their collections during the coming autumn; your Committee, therefore, confidently anticipate a large increase from this source during the ensuing year.

During the months of January, February, and March, deputations appointed by the Bishop attended meetings for the Church Society in almost every congregation of the Diocese, when Parochial Associations were formed, and although, owing to the change in the financial year already stated, few have sent in subscriptions this year, still your Committee believe that these meetings have been attended with beneficial results, and therefore they would recommend that the same system be pursued in future years. Three collections have been made for the Church Society during the past year, viz., two for the Mission Fund, and one for the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

#### MISSION FUND.

The receipts for the Mission Fund from all sources have been \$1,264.65, out of which \$330 have been expended. No regular system has yet been adopted in the expenditure of this fund; but advances and grants have been made to several Missionaries by the Lord Bishop as appeared necessary. This will naturally be the chief branch of the Society's operations, and there will be required a large sum annually for the support of Missionaries in the newly settled parts of the Diocese; and also for supplying the Indians within our bounds with the ministrations of the Church. The Church Society of Toronto has continued its assistance to the Indian Missions within the Diocese of Huron up to the present time, and during the past year has expended \$682.50 on this object; but from July next these missions are left to the care of this Society.

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

One collection has been made for this fund,

which has produced, including a donation of \$5, \$481.59; and steps have been taken to commence an investment on behalf of this fund; but, as this fund will be greatly affected by the action which may be taken in the division of the funds in which this Society is interested with the Toronto Church Society, nothing has yet been agreed upon with respect to the future management of this fund. Your Committee, however, fondly hope that there is now every prospect of a speedy arrangement being made of all matters in which the two Church Societies are interested: in the meantime, they trust that this fund may be spared any claimants upon it, and they would strongly recommend that a by-law be adopted by the Society, as soon as possible, for the management and disposal of this fund.

Steps have been taken to endeavour to effect a satisfactory division of the funds and property in which this Society is interested with the Church Society of Toronto, of which we formerly formed a part, and for which the act incorporating this Society provides; and although much delay has arisen, and many obstacles seemed to be in the way, your Committee trust that the plan now adopted by both Societies for settling these matters will soon lead to a satisfactory result.

All which is respectfully submitted.

### DIocese OF QUEBEC.

The last summary which appeared in the *Church Journal*, of the principal Episcopal Acts and other proceedings of note in the Diocese of Quebec, was brought down to the end of April, and the summary is here continued from that date:—

On Sunday, 1st of May, a charity sermon was preached in the Cathedral Church, on behalf of the *Canada Military Asylum*, established at Quebec upwards of forty years ago for the benefit of the widows and orphans of soldiers, and soldiers themselves disabled from service. The institution, of which the benefits are extended to a certain number of out-pensioners besides the inmates, has gradually grown in importance and usefulness, and has latterly been incorporated. The pulpit upon the present occasion was occupied by the Bishop, who preached from Luke vii. 13; and the collection amounted to \$80.

On Trinity Sunday, the Bishop held an ordination in the Church of Lennoxville. Two gentlemen were prepared to present themselves for Priest's Orders, and had passed a satisfactory examination,—the Rev. W. Richmond, B.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, and the Rev. James Jones, B.A., of Bishop's College;—but the ordination of the latter was reserved for St. Peter's Day in the week following, to be then held in the College Chapel: not from any cause involving the slightest shade of blame attaching to the candidate, but from the accidental omission of a form exacted in the Church of England, which is called a *Si Quis*, and which is a notice, certified as having been publicly read in the church of the place where such candidate resides, challenging any objection which can be made to his Ordination. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, from Isaiah vii. 8. The two gentlemen were both employed as deacons, in Missionary work within the Eastern Townships where Lennoxville is situated, and they continue in the same field of labour.

The Bishop remained at the college till the annual Convocation, held on the 29th (St. Peter's Day), immediately before which the Bishop of Montreal arrived also at Lennoxville. The College, which is situated in the Diocese of Quebec, upon the skirts of that of Montreal, is equally connected with both, both Bishops being visitors

of the University, and members of the college corporation, of which the Bishop of Quebec is President, and the Bishop of Montreal Vice-President. An account of the proceedings of this Convocation, which was of a highly interesting character, specially heightened by the part taken in them by the Bishop of New Hampshire and two clergymen who accompanied him, has already appeared in the *Church Journal* of July 20th. The ordination of Mr. Jones, just above mentioned, is also there described.

The same number also contains an account of the first Diocesan Synod, opened at Quebec on the 6th, and brought to its close late in the evening of the 8th of July. Early on the following day, the Bishop embarked in the steamer which plies between Quebec and certain places in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, his object being the periodical visitation of the Missions of the Church in that direction belonging to the enormous and straggling Diocese over which he presides. Sunday, the 10th, was also passed on board the steamer, and several clergymen being on board who had been in attendance upon the Synod, Divine service was twice performed, the Bishop preaching in the forenoon, when portions of the service were chanted, with the good help of some ladies belonging to the voluntary choir of the Cathedral. *Gaspé Basin*, about four hundred miles below Quebec, was reached in the evening. Here the steamer passed the night, and as she returned down *Gaspé Bay*, to pursue her onward course, the Bishop was landed at Point St. Peter, to commence his labours along the line of the *Gaspé* coast, and to return for their completion within *Gaspé Bay* itself. The ground here occupied by the Church contains four missions, seated at intervals with about a hundred miles between the extreme points. Ten confirmations were held upon this circuit, and fifteen services in all were performed. Three of the confirmations were in schoolhouses, all in the newly opened Mission of Port Daniel and parts adjacent, taken off from the unwieldy charge of the Rev. George Milne, Dean-Rural of the district. Matters are in train for the erection of churches here.

In the forenoon of Sunday, 17th, an ordination was held at *Paspébin* in the bay of *Chaleurs*, in one of the two churches served by Mr. Milne, who presented the candidate, being the Rev. W. G. Lyster B.A. of Trinity College, Dublin, appointed while in Deacon's Orders to the Mission of Port Daniel, just mentioned, and now received into the Order of Priests. The other clergymen assisting were the Rev. Mr. Key, a missionary of the District, and the Rev. R. Short, who was casually visiting it from Quebec. The sermon was preached by Mr. Key from 1 Timothy vii. 12. An ordination had never before been witnessed in the district, and it excited much interest, not, it is hoped, without spiritual profit.

The Bishop was joined at *Gaspé Basin*, on the 22nd of July, by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, from Quebec, who thenceforward attended him, in his capacity of chaplain. Two burying grounds were consecrated in *Gaspé Bay*, by means of detached visits made for the purpose, Mr. Mountain and the two clergymen of the Bay assisting, together with Mr. Short. During the Bishop's stay in the Basin at the Parsonage of the Rev. Mr. De La Mare, an address was presented to him by the three congregations under that gentleman's charge represented for the occasion by their Churchwardens; and on the same day (which was the day of the confirmation) fifty of the Sunday school children came up to the Parsonage, in procession with banners, to receive an address, by desire, from the Bishop.

On Sunday, the 24th, the Bishop took the leading part in the administration of the Holy Communion, and preached at the Basin; and in the