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(Continued from the last number.)

The two Bishops remained together as the guests of the Principal, till the morning of the 6th Feb., when the Bishop of Montreal set out upon his return home. During their stay, they concerted arrangements for the ordination and employment within their respective Dioceses, of such of the students as should be soonest prepared. On the 4th, a meeting of the College Corporation was held. The Bishop of Quebec read a letter which he had received from the Hon. E. Hale, who, having removed, with his family, for the present, from Sherbrooke to Boston, stated the necessity of his resigning the office of Secretary to the Corporation, but signified his desire, at the same time, to retain his place in the number of Trustees, being unwilling to sever himself from an Institution in which he must always feel a warm and lively interest. Thanks were voted to Mr. Hale for his eminent services rendered, in different ways, to the Corporation. Mr. G. F. Bowen, of Sherbrooke, one of the Trustees, was named as the new Secretary, and accepted the nomination. The other members of the Corporation present, besides the Bishop of Montreal and the two Clerical and two Lay Professors of the College, were the Rev. C. P. Reid of Compton, and Mr. Hollis Smith of Sherbrooke. Two additional Lay-Trustees were afterwards appointed, Mr. W. Baker of Dunham in the Diocese of Montreal, and Mr. Benj. Morris of Lennoxville. Several matters relating to the property of the Corporation were put in train, and Mr. E. L. Montzambert of Montreal was entrusted with the charge, in his legal capacity, of the interests of the Corporation in that city. There is now every appearance that the temporary difficulties which still press upon the College, arising chiefly from a sudden and marked decline in the value of property and the command of money in Montreal, will, in no very great lapse of time, be removed; and some principal investments, respecting which there have been great mistakes in a portion of the public mind, will ultimately be seen to have been made with much prudence and foresight. They were made, indeed, by gentlemen, acting on behalf of the institution, who are not in the habit of committing themselves in matters of business.

The Bishop of Quebec stated that several donations for his Diocese, from England, received through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, having been placed at his discretion, he was ready to allot, out of these, the sum of £200 Sterling towards the erection of the College Chapel, provided the Corporation was prepared, with the aid of this sum, to commence the undertaking. The present condition of the general funds is not such as to warrant any expenditure from them, for providing a Chapel: but as it appeared that, out of monies given to the College itself, by different benefactors in England, there was a sum of £400 made up of donations expressly restricted to this object and not yet so appropriated, and moreover that a large quantity of excellent bricks, properly secured against injury, were lying ready for the purpose, it was resolved to proceed at once with the ad-

dition of this very important feature of the institution. A room in the college is at present fitted up temporarily to serve as a chapel.

Each of the Bishops took an occasion, during his stay, to address the students in a body and to speak some words to them of earnest and affectionate exhortation respecting the solemn duties of the pastoral office to which fourteen of them, out of seventeen in all, are aspirants.\*

On Sunday the 8th Feb. the Rev. Principal Nicolls drove the Bishop of Quebec over to Sherbrooke, and remained to take the morning duty of the Rev. Professor Hellmuth in that place. It had been arranged that Mr. Hellmuth should conduct the Bishop to two different settlements in the woods, which his Lordship, for reasons stated in the account of a similar case in the former part of this Journal, was desirous of visiting in person and at each of which he had intended to preach. The Magog settlement was one,—lying upon the river of that name (abridged from Memphramagog) which runs through the town of Sherbrooke into the St. Francis: the other goes by the name of the Scotch settlement, although not now, it appears, particularly entitled to be so characterized, and lies off the high road leading down the St. Francis to Brompton. The latter, however, was reported absolutely inaccessible till the road should have been broken open by oxen,—a great thaw and rain, immediately succeeded by a heavy fall of snow and drifts, having rendered it impassable. It was doubtful whether the other place could be reached, but a most obliging neighbour of Mr. Hellmuth's, of the Methodist persuasion, who was familiarly acquainted with the road, undertook to lead the way in his own sleigh, and Mr. Hellmuth followed, driving the Bishop. The two sleighs drove for some distance up the Magog, but then left it for the land-road, and as they approached the settlement, the river was found open from the effect of the thaw. This circumstance prevented some families from crossing: others in back places, could not get out on account of the accumulation of snow: several, it appears, gave up the idea of the promised visit, on account of the state of the roads; so that, when the party reached the school-house, they met only two little boys, and the fire had not been made in the stove. The school-house was a log building,—the logs partially squared and partially stripped of their bark: the interstices were very imperfectly stuffed with moss, great chinks being, in several places, left open. There was a little table, one chair and three short forms, with the farther accommodation of planks resting upon rough blocks, running round the wall, for seats. The fire was soon made, and the settlers began to drop in, one by one, some of them having come, on foot, a good many miles, till at last a congregation of twenty-eight persons, including eleven children of an intelligent age, was assembled. Mr. Hellmuth read prayers, and, after

\* The number of clergymen now officiating in the Church, who went through their theological course, in whole or in part, at Bishop's College, is twenty-one. The school at Lennoxville, connected with the College, at present under the charge of the Rev. J. Butler, who conducted a similar establishment successfully in England, has been indebted, in different instances, to the College for efficient Assistant Masters. The Bishop, during his late visit, did not inspect the school, his time having been very fully taken up by other business during his stay, and a severe cold having confined him, during part of it, to the house.