

of Bathurst, were unable to be present at the Chapter meeting. On Tuesday morning, January 28th, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 o'clock. The Rural Dean was celebrant and was assisted by the Rev. Geo. L. Freeborn, the other clergy not arriving until later in the day. Morning prayers were said at 9 o'clock. The first meeting of the Chapter was delayed from the usual hour, viz., 10 a.m. on Tuesday until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, in order that the clergy who could not arrive earlier might be present. At the latter hour the Chapter was opened with the usual devotional office. In the absence of the Secretary, the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, B.D., who was prevented by sickness among his parishioners from being present, the Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee was elected secretary *pro tem*. After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chapter proceeded to read in the original and discuss 2nd Cor. ix. The reading of Psalm xxix. in the original Hebrew and Greek was postponed until the next meeting. After an adjournment of two hours, the Chapter met again and proceeded to make arrangements for the next meeting, which is to be held in Newcastle on May 5th and 6th next. On Wednesday evening, the usual Deanery service was held in St. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 o'clock. The service began with the Processional Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," and the prayers were said by the rector and the lessons read by Revs. C. O'Dell Baylee and P. G. Snow. The Rev. Geo. L. Freeborn was obliged to return to his parish on Wednesday afternoon, and consequently was not present at this service. The hymns, "Lord Pour Thy Spirit," &c., "O Thou Who Makest Souls to Shine," &c., and "As with Gladness Men of Old," &c., the latter as a recessional, together with the Canticles and Psalms, were heartily sung, the organist, Miss Helena Goggin, as usual, doing her part well. The select preacher, the Rev. P. G. Snow, delivered an able and appropriate sermon, admirably suited to the occasion. On Tuesday afternoon the Sunday-School Teachers' Association met at the rectory at 3 o'clock. The members present were the Rev. Canon Forsyth, president; Rev. P. G. Snow, secretary; Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee, Rev. G. L. Freeborn, Miss Winslow, Miss Reed, Miss Staples and Miss Anderson. Several teachers from St. Andrew's school, Newcastle, being members of the choir union which was to meet in Chatham on the following day, were obliged to be absent. After the usual devotions by the president, the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. The Rev. G. L. Freeborn read an excellent paper upon "The Sunday-School Teachers' Responsibilities," which was followed by an interesting discussion. An object lesson which was to have been given by Mrs. T. W. Street, of Bathurst, was deferred until a future meeting, owing to Mrs. Street's absence. The meeting was closed with prayer, and was followed by a meeting of the Executive Committee, at which arrangements were made for the next meeting and service to be held at Newcastle on May 5th next. On Tuesday evening a service in the interest of Sunday-school work was held in St. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 o'clock. The service began with the processional hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," &c. The prayers were said by Rev. Geo. L. Freeborn, and the lessons were read by Rev. C. O'Dell Baylee and Rev. P. G. Snow. Mr. Freeborn, by request, read again his excellent paper on "The Sunday-School Teachers' Responsibilities," and was followed by Mr. Snow, who gave an admirable address. The service concluded with the recessional hymn, "Come sing with Holy Gladness," after the benediction. On Thursday evening the annual Choir Union Service of the Rural Deanery was held in St. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 o'clock. The choir was composed of representatives from the choirs of Chatham, Newcastle, Bathurst and Dalhousie. The service, which was choral, began with the processional hymn, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." Tallis' Festival Evensong was then admirably sung, the Rev. P. G. Snow taking the prayers. The Canticles were sung to Stainer's Setting, and the Psalms to chants from Psalter A. and M., Monk & Baker. The anthem was by Simper, "Break Forth into Joy," &c., and the other hymns were: "Jesus is God," &c., "Sing Alleluia Forth," &c., "Saviour, Blessed Saviour," &c., the latter a recessional. The Rev. Thos. W. Street, of Bathurst, delivered an able and appropriate sermon, and the whole service was most edifying and worthy of its object, viz., the expressive and reverent worship of the Almighty. Before and after the service, the clergy, choir and members of the congregation were hospitably entertained and afforded an opportunity for pleasant social intercourse, in the school-room. Addresses were made by the rector, Revs. P. G. Snow and C. O'Dell Baylee, and by Mr. Churchwarden Winslow, D. G. Smith, vestry clerk, F. E. Neale, Mr. Geo. Burchill, the accomplished organist of the occasion, and Mr. J. G. Kethro, of Newcastle. Rev. Mr. Street was obliged to leave for Bathurst immediately at the close of the service. All the speakers remarked upon the great success of the

Choir Union Service, the happy social reunion in the school-room, and the admirable manner in which the ladies of the congregation had provided the sumptuous refreshments.

QUEBEC.

ANDREW H. DUNN, D.D., BISHOP, QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The annual meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec was held in the Cathedral Church Hall, February 5th, presided over by the Lord Bishop. Some forty members, clerical and lay, were present. The proceedings, after the reading and confirming of former minutes, included the presentation of seven reports, the election of new members and of life members, of vice-presidents, of the Central Board and Diocesan Board, a cordial vote of thanks to the hon. counsel, auditors, treasurers and secretaries, the confirmation of certain articles of by-laws, etc. The report of the Central Board of the Church Society presented by Rev. Mr. Balfour, the secretary, touched at some length upon the various branches of work administered by the Society, and witnessed to a healthful progress in all directions. It spoke of extended missionary operations, of an increase in the number of labourers, clerical and lay, and of a considerable increase in the amount raised both for parochial and diocesan objects—the revenue from voluntary sources being in fact the largest ever yet received in the history of the Society. From the general fund \$1,826 had been expended during the past year in free grants alone, \$1,100 of it towards eleven new churches and parsonages completed during the year; 17 schools in the poorer districts of the diocese had been very materially aided; several of the clergy had received much appreciated aid in behalf of the education of their children; several widows and orphans of clergymen to a large extent supported, etc., and many other topics of interest to Churchmen were alluded to, and finally an affectionate tribute paid to the memory of deceased members. The report from the district of St. Francis spoke of \$81,278 having been raised during the year for all Church purposes, an increase of \$4,000 over the previous year. Of this sum nearly \$3,000 had been given to extra parochial objects within the diocese, and \$1,038.25 to objects beyond the diocese. The report of the Diocesan Board of Missions, presented by Rev. Canon Von Iffland, was of an equally encouraging nature. This board has to do with the support of missions in contradistinction to "parishes," which are self-supporting. \$27,468.61 had been paid in stipends to missionaries serving under the board. In addition to this, there were five clergymen and several lay-readers working in the mission field, some in Labrador, others in the Magdalen Islands, etc., towards whose support \$2,566.51 had come from a different source, making in all more than \$80,000 devoted to this branch alone of the Church's manifold work. Thirty-five names were added to the list of incorporated members of the Society, and the names of the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Miss M. C. Dunn and Mr. Armitage Rhodes to the list of "life members." The vice-presidents of the Society were re-elected for the ensuing year. In the Central Board and Diocesan Board a few changes were made, rendered necessary by removal of old members. The good work of the Church Helpers' Association and of the "Church Society Helpers," scattered over the diocese, was gratefully acknowledged. A warm and affectionate tribute of respect was paid to the memory of Mr. Cornelius Judge, for thirty years or more one of the most active and efficient members of the Society, and a resolution placed on the minutes of the meeting witnessing to the deep and general esteem in which he was held personally and for his work's sake. The bishop expressed the hope that some further action would be taken to mark the Society's sense of the loss they had sustained in the death of Mr. Judge, who had laboured so long and successfully in its behalf. He thought that after the close of careers of such usefulness, a small memorial should be provided, not only by the congregation with which the deceased worshipped in life, but which could be contributed to by himself and others as well. The suggestion was approved, and Mr. John Hamilton expressed a desire in accordance therewith, that a wider scope should be given to a movement for a slight memorial of the late Mr. Judge, which had already been initiated by St. Matthew's congregation. The reports and proceedings were, on the whole, of an encouraging and hopeful nature.

LEEDS.—On Saturday, January 18th, the Lord Bishop of the diocese visited this mission. On Sunday, the 19th, His Lordship held a confirmation at St. James' Church, Leeds, when seven candidates were presented for the holy rite by the incumbent. The church was filled and the congregation listened with great attention to the bishop's earnest and convincing words on confirmation. After the laying-on-of-hands, the Holy Communion was administered, the bishop being celebrant, assisted by the incum-

bent, when about forty partook of the Lord's Supper. His Lordship was then driven to St. Sylvester Church, where there was a large gathering of people. Evening prayer was said by the incumbent, and the bishop preached an eloquent sermon on foreign missions, to which object the offertory was devoted. The bishop was then taken to St. Matthew's Church, Beattie's Settlement. The church was crowded and five candidates were presented for confirmation, three men and two women. The bishop was then driven back to the parsonage at Leeds, having travelled a distance of twenty-eight miles and having held three services. A good work by God's help had been done, and we pray that His blessing may rest upon it. On Monday, the bishop, who is always ready and never tired of doing good, spent the afternoon in calling upon about eight families, who were very pleased to have a visit from their chief pastor. At 7 o'clock, a missionary meeting was held at St. James' Church. There was a large congregation of people and His Lordship gave an excellent address on missions, giving a very vivid account of the good work done in India and Africa, with a short history of the Church in Canada, from the time of the first Bishop Mountain down to the present, showing what progress the Church has made in this country. The offertory was for foreign missions. On Tuesday, the bishop drove to Lyster Station and returned to Quebec. Thus a visit which had been most enjoyable both to clergyman and people, was brought to a close, and it is to be hoped that the good impression made will be lasting.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

Rural Deanery of St. Andrew's.—The annual meeting of this Deanery was held on January 20th, in St. Simeon's Church, Lachute. There was a public celebration of Holy Communion at 11.15 a.m., and a good, practical sermon was preached by the Rev. William Harris, of Grenville. The Chapter met for business at 2 p.m., the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders, B.A., in the chair. The following clergy and laymen were present: Revs. A. B. Given, Lachute; William Harris, Grenville; J. W. Dennis, St. Andrew's; James Carmichael, Vaudreuil; H. A. Meek, Mille Isles; A. E. Mount, Lakefield; R. Emmett, Papineauville, and R. F. Hutchings, Arundel; and Messrs. H. Frost, E. R. Smith, George Durnford, George Rowe, from the parish of Lachute; R. Weldon, E. Dawson, Grenville; Henry Morrison, James McGrandle, Arundel; Thomas Copeland, George S. Rogers, Captain Good, William Morrison, Lakefield; Dr. G. F. Shaw, George Rennie, St. Andrews. Reports were read from Arundel, Grenville, Lakefield, Lachute, Mille Isles, Papineauville, St. Andrew's and Vaudreuil. Incomplete returns were presented from Buckingham and Portland. The Rural Dean read an interesting and encouraging report of the Church's work within the Deanery during the past year. Among the resolutions passed were the following: Moved by Rev. A. B. Given, and seconded by H. Frost, "That whereas, in the past, no uniform and systematic record of the financial accounts of the Church in the rural districts of this diocese has been kept, but, on the contrary, in some cases each successive warden of an individual parish has kept the accounts in his own particular way, thus often rendering it difficult for his successor in office to continue the same method; whereas it is expedient and in the interest of the Church, especially in view of the adoption of the 'Mission Fund Plan,' that a uniform system of accounting should be adopted in all the rural parishes, thereby assuring continuity of entries in the records of any one parish: Resolved, that with the above object in view, it is hereby suggested that the Rural Deanery of St. Andrew's take steps to bring the matter before the Synod, so that the Executive Committee may be authorized to draw up and adopt, and to issue, free of charge, to the rural parishes, a simple form of book (or books) to be used by the said rural parishes in keeping the Church accounts, said books being the property of Synod for all time to come." Resolved, that the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders, B.A., represent this Deanery upon the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Sunday-School Association." Resolved, that George Durnford, Esq., be lay representative from this Deanery upon the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Sunday-School Association." A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. A. B. Given, Mrs. Given, and the Church people of Lachute, for their kindness and hospitality. The Rural Dean pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

R. F. HUTCHINGS, Secretary.

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

LEEDS AND LYNDEHURST.—The members of the congregation of St. John's Church have presented their rector, the Rev. Wm. Moore, M.A., with a handsome carriage. The Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's