

Memorial Window.—A very handsome memorial window was placed in St. Matthew's Church last week. It was manufactured in England, to the order of Spence & Son, Montreal, from the firm who have already placed twelve windows (memorial) in this church. The window bears this inscription, viz.: "To the Glory of God and in Memory of Robert William O'Connor, born Easter Tuesday, 1819. Died Sept. 27th, 1861; and also of Anne Sarah O'Connor, born 22nd March, 1818. Died 26th Jan. 1887. She was a member of this congregation for sixty-three years. This is erected by their brother." The cost was upwards of \$800.

Gaspe, Labrador and the Magdalen Islands.—Notes from the Pen of the Bishop of Quebec's Acting Chaplain.—It was with feelings of great delight that I received an invitation from the Bishop of Quebec to accompany him on his visitation tour to the mission stations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

After I had arranged for the carrying on of the parish work during my absence, I left home to join the Bishop in Quebec with quite as much pleasure as a boy feels when he leaves school for his summer holidays.

Early in the morning of the 28th of June there was an unusual stir in the Bishop's house in Quebec. The maids were preparing an early breakfast, the coachman was arranging numerous boxes and bundles in the hall, and Mrs. Williams, with loving thought of the long railway journey before us, was filling a lunch basket for the party. Presently the luggage was packed off in a cart, and after a hasty breakfast the carriage was brought to the door, adieus were said, and with the Bishop for driver we sped along the streets towards the ferry in the bright sunshine of a typical Canadian summer morning. Soon the ferry was reached, tickets secured, luggage checked, and we crossed the river to Point Levis in good time to catch the Intercolonial train.

It was the beginning of the summer travel to the sea, and the long line of well filled carriages had proved too great a burden for the faithful old steam horse. But all things come to an end and so did this hour of waiting. At just nine o'clock we found ourselves comfortably seated. We began our railway ride to Dalhousie, N. B.—distant nearly 400 miles—at the head of the Bay of Chaleur, where we were to take the steamer for Gaspe Basin. As we shall be all day and far into the night pounding along the road we have plenty of time to talk over our plans.

Dr. Wakeham, Commander of the Government steamer "La Canadienne," had kindly offered to give the Bishop and his Chaplain passage in his ship to the Labrador coast, and we are on our way to meet him. But just before leaving Quebec, the Bishop received a letter from him saying that he might not be able to leave on the last day of June, as he expected, as there was a possibility of his being ordered elsewhere. But nothing was certain and he would not know till we reached Gaspe. The Bishop's plan was, if "La Canadienne" should be detained, to visit the Gaspe missions at once, but if she started on the day announced then he would defer the Gaspe work till his return from Labrador.

I need not stop to describe our railway ride to Dalhousie, the monotonous journey through the flat lands along the St. Lawrence bank, cut up into small narrow farms, which the habitants cultivate; nor the more varied and picturesque scenery of the Metapedia Valley, where the representatives of royalty love to rusticate, and where Sir George Stephen—our Canadian railway king—has a summer house, and whose private "car" fitted up in princely style is now attached to the rear of our train and carries his illustrious person. This is a well-known route of travel and its varied points of interest are known to all. Suffice it to say we reached Dalhousie at midnight, three hours late, tired, dusty, sleepy and chilly from the cool night air.

We were fortunate enough to secure berths on the steamer and went at once to bed. A daylight we began our journey. The day was fine and we spent most of our time on deck viewing the scenery of the coast. The three counties of Rimouski, Bonaventure and Gaspe form almost a province in themselves containing as they do more than ten thousand of square miles or six millions of acres of land. A narrow belt around this huge district is settled, the interior is an unbroken and unknown forest.

We entered Gaspe Basin just as the shades of evening were coming on. The Rev. J. P. Richmond was at the wharf to welcome us and took us to the parsonage for the night. The next day Commander Wakeham called upon the Bishop to say that he had been ordered to take the Hon. Mr. Foster, the Minister of Fisheries, on a tour through the Gulf to inspect the various fishing establishments, and would probably not be ready for his Labrador trip for ten days. So the Bishop at once telegraphed to the various missionaries on the Gaspe coast and told each one when he would visit his mission.

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ONTARIO.

WILLIAMSBURG, AULTSVILLE AND GALLINGERTOWN.—These three places comprise one parish, the first mentioned is an old rectory, and the church "Trinity," stands not very far from the fields upon which the battle of Crysler Farm was fought in 1813, but there are very few persons now in the parish—in fact, only two who remember anything about the battle: they are Samuel Crysler, E. q., and John W. Loucks, E. q., the former (as a little child), remembers being placed with several other children in a cellar to keep them out of danger, when the battle was raging around and above them. The latter is 92 years of age, and was at that time a young dragoon. He is a genuine veteran soldier, and not only loyal to his country, but loyal to the Church and her master, and never neglects the sacrament of the Lord's Supper when it is in his power to receive it. The old rectory building was in a shockingly dilapidated state when the present rector, the Rev. W. G. Poole, was appointed to the parish; but through the exertions of himself and Mr. Wm. Bonck, his churchwarden, and others, it has been reshingled and otherwise improved. The people here are not wealthy, and mostly rent their farms from others, and if they give two dollars a year, or even one dollar a year, towards the support of their clergyman, think they are doing well.

AULTSVILLE.—A very pretty church, through the energy of the clergyman in charge, the Rev. W. G. Poole, and the churchwardens, Mr. Alex. Summers, Mr. Durham Cook, and the praiseworthy efforts of the people, is being erected here. The building is of brick material, Gothic in design with buttresses capped with stone. The basement will shortly be opened for service. Thanks are due the Rev. Arthur Jarvis for the plans of the above edifice which, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese. It commands a magnificent view of the St. Lawrence River, and also of two picturesque islands in the same. Last week the wife of the clergyman of the parish presented to the Aultsville congregation a very fine communion service for use in the new church.

GALLINGERTOWN.—St. George's.—This building has been internally improved, made much warmer, and a vestry added to it since last fall.

The Clergy took especial Prominence.—The synod of the diocese of Ontario closed very suddenly. That it was a successful meeting can be judged, for a prominent delegate declared: "It was the best business session we have ever held." Very little change was made as to legislation; a few amendments were made that circumstances warranted. The sessions were characterized by harmony and sociability. A person looking over the synod could not help but be struck by the cordiality that existed among the members. And it was remarkable the number of young men identified with the diocese. A great change has occurred in this respect in the past few years. Another feature was the absence of that acrimony which used to characterize the meetings. The old stand-bys were treated with due respect, but it was apparent to all that the work was well in the hands of young men. And there were fine speakers among the latter, men who could say what they wanted to with great freedom. This feature was indeed prominent at the conference on Wednesday night. The most effective speakers were those who talked extempore, for no matter how erudite some of the essayists were, the effect was spoiled by constant application to the written page. It is a decided improvement, and must redound to the benefit of the church that so many brilliant speakers, full of zeal and devotion, can appeal with such force to the consciences of men without book or candle, stagginess or awkwardness. "Who made the best address?" was a question that many asked. Rev. Dyson Hague, of Brockville, and Ven. Archdeacon Lauder won approbation at the conference, though the latter was in a more humorous mood than the gravity of the case warranted. In the synod Rev. C. L. Worrell, of Morrisburg, made a lasting impression by his brilliant address upon educational matters. Mr. Worrell gives an intonation to some of his words which amuses one at first, but as he warms up he loses the peculiarity and speaks with freedom and in well rounded sentences. Though he spoke at the close of the session, yet so interesting did he make the subject under discussion that many were desirous of hearing him at greater length. Mr. Worrell was at home on the topic for, having served as a high school teacher and inspector, he knew what he was talking about. Incidentally he referred to the eminence of the late Dr. Nelles as an educationalist, and his remarks met with approval, and when he urged churchmen to rise above miserable prejudices and stand by Trinity College as the Presbyterians did about Queen's, and the Methodists did about Victoria, there was

decided applause. Besides Mr. Worrell, Rev. Samuel Daw and Rev. Dr. Nimmo showed good debating power. So far as the lay speeches were concerned they were made by long time delegates. Their names are familiar in all the synod reports. It was expected that some amusement would have been created by Dr. Wicksteed's motion of having an itinerant ministry, and of giving the bishop power to call for the last three sermons of any clergyman for examination and observation, but they were dropped at the last moment. One canon, whose writing equals that of the late Horace Greeley, (of which it is said, he could not read it when it was cold) remarked when the subject came up, "I'd like the bishop to call on me to forward my sermons, I guess he'd get tired very quick." Though the twenty fifth session was long delayed, it was most successful, and many a churchman who attended it felt that the diocese had begun a new era, and that bright days will be its portion in the future.

PRESCOTT.—The apostolic rite of laying on of hands was conferred on sixty persons in St. John's Church, Prescott, on Sunday, Nov. 6th, 22nd Sunday after Trinity, by the Lord Bishop of Ontario. The Bishop delivered a stirring and impressive address to the candidates. In the evening the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, of Ottawa, delivered a very effective sermon on the liturgy, its uses and advantages in public worship. The congregations both morning and evening were very large, particularly in the morning when the crowd was very great, filling the spacious and beautiful church. The services were devout and reverential, and marked with great solemnity. The visit of the Bishop was very much appreciated, since it was out of the course of his regular tour. The church was closed at the time of his appointed visit undergoing repair, and he kindly consented to come again to suit the convenience of the congregation. The long procession of the candidates for confirmation, closed up by the rector of the parish, the Archdeacon of Ottawa, and the Bishop of the diocese through the tower porch and up the centre aisle, while the congregation and choir sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was very impressive, and made all feel deeply that this was the House of God, and that the Lord was in His Holy Temple.

STAFFORD.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario confirmed 45 persons at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, Oct. 30th, and there were over a hundred at the celebration of Holy Communion. So large a number have not been confirmed at one time before at Stafford, and the Bishop expressed his great satisfaction to the incumbent, the Rev. J. P. Smitheman. His Lordship gave a very able and appropriate address to the confirmation candidates, and warned them to take care that their first communion was not their last. In the course of his remarks, Bishop Lewis stated that 19 out of every 20 Christians are confirmed. Non-conformists often wish for the apostolic rite of confirmation, but then the next step after that is Episcopacy. When unable to answer an argument the bishop advised the young people to resort to their clergyman, because time after time every argument against the Church has been quashed, and in these days when every second man you meet thinks himself a born theologian, Christian modesty is much needed; but his lordship added, the witness of a holy life is worth more than a thousand controversies or ten thousand arguments. He therefore urged his hearers to let their light so shine before men that they may see their good works and glorify their Heavenly Father. This year Bishop Lewis completed an episcopate of a quarter of a century, and during that time has confirmed about 30,000 persons. He vividly remembers the first confirmation in this neighbourhood which was held by moonlight in a field opposite the little chapel at Lake Dore. The building could not hold all the people, and the confirmation was held at that late hour because the bishop's conveyance had broken down on the road. The whole scene was very weird.

TORONTO.

The Rev. John Langtry, M.A., has been appointed rural dean of Toronto and its surroundings.

A meeting of the Rural Dean Chapter of West Simcoe, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday last at the rectory, Collingwood, and there was a large attendance of clergy. There were present the Rural Dean, Revs. H. B. Owen, F.R., S. L. Creemore, H. D. Cooper, M.A., O. T. B. Croft, G. E. Lloyd, A. C. Miles, B. A., A. W. Daniel, G. M. Kingston, M.A., and J. Jones, of Medonte. On Tuesday evening, it being all Saints' Day, a service was held in the church, and most of the clergy present took part in it. Two addresses on missionary work were delivered by the Rev. J. Jones and Rev. Geo. E. Lloyd, which aroused the sincere sympathy of the large congregation present. The offertory, which was in aid of the Widows