

to their respective offices and stalls, with a short address to each of them. We gave a list of these appointments last week, and therefore need not now repeat them. This ceremony being ended, the anthem, "Lord of all power and might," was sung most effectively by a very full choir, and the service concluded with an appropriate sermon by the bishop, taking his text from Acts xix. 20.—"So mightily grew the Word of God, and prevailed."

(Extract from Sermon.)

After alluding to the circumstances connected with the text, and explaining how after the apostolic age, "the word of God grew mightily, and prevailed," through the ordinary ministrations of the Church of Christ, his Lordship then proceeded to say:—"It is in this position that we are now placed, my brethren, as being blessed with the ordinary gifts, orders, and services of the Church of Christ, and the open Scriptures of God. How to use the talent thus committed to our care, so that it may most redound to God's glory, and further the edifying of the body of Christ, should be our earnest desire and endeavor. And it is with a hope that it may tend to strengthen the cords of our tabernacle, and in some measure knit more closely together the several members of our Church, that, in accordance with the powers entrusted to me, and in conformity with the usage of the Church of England, of which we form a part, I have made the several appointments connected with this diocese, of which we have this day been witnesses: that the body of the clergy, serving throughout their various charges, may have another link to knit them together in visible unity with their bishop in his cathedral church and with each other; that the members of the chapter, ministers of high standing and influence, may, in cases of difficulty, act as assistants in carrying out some better system of ecclesiastical discipline amongst the clergy, and be unto their bishop an authorized council and chosen body of advisers; in the words of the patent providing for their appointment, that they may "be subject and subordinate to the bishop and his successors, by assisting him and them in the exercise of his and their jurisdiction and functions." There are elements of strife ever at hand to separate; let us welcome whatever will help to knit us together in one. But let us all remember that the closest outward bonds will fail to accomplish this blessed effect, unless we all drink of the same blessed spirit, the spirit of meekness, charity and truth. Let us seek to drink largely of this spirit; and then, in the best and highest sense, we shall be of one mind, and "the word of God shall grow mightily and prevail." And his Lordship then, after drawing a forcible picture of the character of a faithful pastor, concluded by exhorting all to discharge diligently their several duties, and live up to the high privileges of their calling."

The Bishops of Quebec and New York sat at the north and south sides of the communion table, and there was a large congregation present. The address of the newly appointed officers respectively will, in future, be as follows:

The Very Reverend the Dean of Montreal,
The Venerable the Archdeacon of Montreal,
The Reverend Canon Gilson, &c. &c.

In the evening the Bishop of Quebec preached at St. Stephen's Church and the Bishop of New York at St. George's. They both left town on Monday. This is the first time the Bishop of Quebec has officiated in Montreal since he resigned the charge of this portion of his old diocese upon the constitution of the new see. His Lordship was warmly greeted and affectionately welcomed by many of his old friends,

both of the clergy and laity. The Bishop of New York had never been in Canada before, and we understand that he was so pleased with his visit that he promises at no distant day to repeat it; and from what we have heard of the pleasure experienced by many of those who made his acquaintance, and the gratification and, we hope, profit derived from the admirable discourses he delivered, we feel sure that he will be no unwelcome visitor.—*Montreal Herald.*

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

2nd August, 1854.

A meeting of the central board of the Church Society was held this day, in accordance with the constitution, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The Lord Bishop informed the meeting that, in accordance with a resolution passed on the 7th June last, he had appointed the Rev. M. Bond to visit the missions in the Missisquoi district, in order to communicate with the different clergymen as to the best means of advocating the interests of the society.

The Hon. Judge McCord was requested by the board to prepare a seal for the society, to be submitted at the next meeting of the central board.

The Lord Bishop informed the board that, in order to connect the society more intimately with Bishop's College, Lennoxville, if this board would nominate a representative, he was ready, in conjunction with the Lord Bishop of Quebec, to appoint such representative, so nominated by the board, to be a trustee of the college and member of the corporation; and if the board were willing to act in the matter, his Lordship recommended them to proceed to such nomination at the meeting to be held on the 4th October next.

An abstract from the treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following subscriptions and collections have been received since the last meeting:—

Collection after sermon at St. Ann's	£6	0	0
" " Chambly	15	0	0
" " St. Mary's, Hochelaga	0	5	7½
Rev. J. Pyke's annual subscription	1	17	6
Mrs. Aylwyn, for 1853 and '4	2	10	0
Miss Day	0	2	6
Rev. J. Scott	1	17	6
Collection after sermon at La Coile	1	13	8
" " Point Clare	3	1	3
" " Dunham	1	17	1
J. Lovell, subscription	1	5	0
Capt. Mauthand	1	5	0
Geo. Moffatt	1	5	0
W. H. Robinson	1	5	0
E. E. Shelton	1	5	0
J. H. Winn	1	5	0
Mrs. Adams	0	10	0
H. Bancroft	1	5	0
Rev. G. de C. O'Grady	0	18	9
C. L. Ogden, subscription	0	5	0
Mr. Archibald	1	5	0
A. H. Campbell	1	5	0
J. A. Evans	1	5	0
Mrs. J. J. Gibb	1	5	0
H. A. Glassford	1	5	0
Thos Phillips	0	5	0
J. J. Gibb	1	5	0

EDWD. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

To the Editor of "The Church."

It is customary for those who happen to be with the bishop on his tours of confirmation, to give some account of his proceedings, which I now proceed to do. I joined the Bishop at Otterville after his labors for the day were over; and the next morning we proceeded to the secluded church of Dereham, of which Mr. Brown

has the charge, as missionary. The church itself is a simple structure, but distinguished by the circumstance, that it was erected in memory of the late Bishop Stewart, which fact is attested by an inscription in the pediment. Externally it appears to have a chancel; but expectation is disappointed by the discovery that it is merely a vestry. The people were slow in coming in, and the number of candidates small, and all boys; and as the people had not seconded the minister's endeavor to obtain a Sunday school, the Bishop felt it his duty, after the confirmation was over, to warn the congregation that if a Sunday school was not forthwith established he should be under the necessity of removing the missionary to some other position where his labors would be better appreciated.

From Dereham we proceeded to Vienna, where a highly respectable congregation was assembled, aided by an efficient choir; the chanting, however, was too American. This church has the same defect as that of Dereham—a vestry usurping the place of a chancel. A respectable number of candidates was there, which would have been greater but for the illness of Mr. Jessop, the rector. Indeed, some had been prepared that did not present themselves. After service the bishop accepted, for a short time, the hospitality of Mr. Wallis, and then drove on to Port Burwell.

The next morning the confirmation was held in this place; and, although the congregation was long in arriving, it became somewhat adequate afterwards. Here the singing was respectable, and the seraphine was supported by a flute. This church was built by the late Col. Burwell, who also handsomely endowed it, and the endowment is now becoming available towards the support of the rector. I was glad to observe a colored boy amongst those who were confirmed.

A heavy rain had fallen in the course of the night. The results appeared in the state of the roads on the next day, and made it full 4 o'clock when we reached the village of Aylmer, at two miles beyond which was the next station, served by a catechist resident at London, where there is a small church built by an Irish farmer, Mr. Johnson. When we arrived near the church, the bishop was met by one of the usual congregation, who informed him that no preparation had been made for confirmation, and that the catechist had held no service whatever for a considerable period. It was therefore necessary to return. The bishop lunched with Mr. Hodgkinson, of Aylmer, and pushed on to St. Thomas, where he dined with the rector, Mr. Caulfield.

The next morning's appointment was at the village of Tyrconnel, in the late Col. Talbot's country, a neighborhood of great natural beauty. The number of churchmen there is small, but they are worthy members of the church. The candidates had an unusually thoughtful appearance, due, no doubt, to careful training by their minister, Mr. Holland; and one of them was a woman of 30. The choir was present, and was an efficient aid to the service, but its members require more courage. The congregation was good, and observed the old practice of standing up at the ascription of praise to God after the sermon. The afternoon found us at Fingal on our return to St. Thomas. The congregation was long in assembling, but contained some earnest worshippers. The candidates were all of the female sex, and all grown up, (one being a married woman,) and their demeanor was very becoming. Though there was neither choir nor instrument, there was respectable singing. After service we returned to St. Thomas.

On Sunday, the morning confirmation was at St. Thomas itself, whose church, although enlarged at least half, was crowded in almost