

The offertories were devoted to the Pension Fund of the Church Society.

St. Peter's Church—Ordination—The Lord Bishop of Quebec held a special ordination in St. Peter's Church on the 20th Sunday after Trinity, when Mr. Rowland John Fothergill, of St. Augustine's College, eldest Son of the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of the parish, was admitted to the Office of Deacon in the Church of Christ.

Mattins was said at 9.15 a. m. At half past ten o'clock the Ordination service began with the Hymn "Soldiers of Christ arise" as a processional after which the Bishop delivered a most admirable and instructive sermon on the office and duties of the Sacred Ministry.

The Candidate (in the absence of the Chaplain Professor Roe, D.D.) was presented by the Rev. M. M. Fothergill.

The Epistle was read by the Rev. Edward Botwood, Episcopal Commissary of Newfoundland, the Gospel being taken by the newly ordained Deacon. There were also present of the Clergy the Rev. R. H. Cole, of St. Matthew's, and the Rev. Henry G. Lancaster, of the Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, N. S., both being graduates of St. Augustine's.

The musical portions of the service were well rendered, the chanting in the Eucharistic office being very effective.

The Altar decorations consisted of Flowers, Ferns and Autumn leaves.

At Evensong the Rev. H. G. Lancaster delivered a beautiful sermon, thoroughly devotional in its character which went direct to the hearts of the people. Mr. Fothergill has been licensed by the Bishop to the curacy of St. Peter's.

Thus ended a day which will long be remembered as a red-letter day for St. Peter's Church, Quebec.

STANSTAD.—Christ Church—Standead Plain was the scene of a happy and festive event on Thursday evening, October 13, when Miss Colby, daughter of C. Colby, Esq., M. P. for this county was united in holy matrimony to John Somerset Aikins, Esq., son of the Lieut Governor of Manitoba. The Church was prettily and neatly decorated for the occasion by some of the members of the congregation. The sacred edifice was filled with a large and reverent congregation betokening the affection felt for the bride by the whole community. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Thorneloe, Rector of Sherbrooke, who was Rector of this parish for eleven years, assisted by the present Rector, Rev. W. T. Forsythe. The bride who was a Sunday school teacher carries with her the best wishes of all the community and will be greatly missed.

On the following Sunday, Oct. 16th, special thanksgiving services were held in this parish when we had the pleasure of having amongst us the Principal of Bishop's College, Rev. Dr. Adams. The services of the day were five in number. At 8.30 a. m., the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in All Saints' Church, Beebe Plain, by the Rector. This little Church built 5 years ago is the monument of the zealous labours of the former Rector who commenced work here 11 years ago when there was only one Churchman there. Now there are nearly 30 communicants. On this occasion 14 partook of the Holy sacred feast. This Church was also prettily decorated for the occasion. At 11 a. m., Mattins were said at Christ Church, the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Adams. The decorations of the previous Thursday were retained and additions made of wheat, &c. At 2.30 p. m., there was Evensong at Beebe Plain where there was a large congregation. At 7.30 p. m., Evensong was said at Christ Church. The Rev. Dr. Adams preached at all the services most able and practical sermons, bringing forward the claims of Bishop's College, and the call of the Master to every family for one from their number to be dedicated to God's service in the ministry.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26th, Christ Church was

again filled with a large congregation to assist in the funeral rites of the Church over the mortal remains of Oscar Phelps, Esq., sometime people's warden of this Church. He will be greatly missed from amongst us. For several months he suffered greatly, he bore it with wonderful Christian resignation, and at last fell asleep in Jesus in full communion with his Holy Church. As he was laid to rest with the solemn yet comforting service of the Church and Masonic honours we felt that there was a very real communion between those at rest in Paradise and us who still were here, and though we bade our brother a last farewell on earth, by faith we know that soon we should be united again.

So, joy and sorrow, reasons of gladness, and chastened mourning make up the Church's work in our parishes and remind us that we are yet in the ranks of the Church Militant.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

ROUGE RIVER.—Will you kindly permit me to make an appeal through your valuable paper to our Church people, on behalf of "Shanty men" in the lumbering district on the Rouge River.

It being the most northerly missionary in this part of the Diocese, visitingshanties during the winter months will form part of my missionary work.

In addition to carrying the Gospel with me when I visit these men, I would very much like to carry some good reading matter for distribution, books (from the Bible downward), magazines, periodical illustrated papers, tracts, &c. (not daily or weekly news papers), are now much appreciated by these good men who are virtually cut off for five or six months from all society and home comforts. On their behalf for such reading matter I urgently appeal to all who can assist me in this grand work.

Yours,

Arundel, Oct. 25, '87.

W. HARRIS.

P. S.—Parcels per express to be addressed to Rev. W. Harris, care of Jas. Fish, Esq., Lachute, from whence they will be forwarded to Arundel.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

DESERONTO.—St. Mark's Church.—On the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity the Lord Bishop of the Diocese administered the Holy rite of Confirmation to 41 candidates. His Lordship also preached in the evening, and the offerings were devoted to the Building Fund of St. Mark's Church.

St. Mark's Guild.—The winter session of this very useful organization was inaugurated on Oct. 14th. Mr. W. G. Egar, a most devoted Church-worker being elected President and Mr. E. S. Porter, Secretary.

'SYNOD.—Continued.

WEDNESDAY.

After opening exercises, the Committee on The Clergy Superannuation Fund reported a total income from all services during the year of \$1,717.71, but they regretted that there had not been as full a response to the appeals in behalf of the Fund as they anticipated.

The Divinity Students' Fund showed the invested capital to be \$5,400. Two students were aided during the year, each of whom received \$100. Applications were received from several deserving young men, but, owing to the state of the fund, action had to be deferred.

The report on Statistics placed the total population of 82 parishes and missions at 39,721, but if all the returns were sent in the figures might be 45,000 (the Bishop when the Report of the Committee was under discussion later in the day, said that 90,000 would be nearer the number of Church population in the Diocese). The census for 1881, places the figures at 79,242. Lennox, Addington and

Kingston, show by the census an aggregate Church population of 13,557, whilst the returns made to the Committee place the figures at 6,000. The returns for Ottawa exceed the census by 300. There is a steady increase in Church building, there being in the 82 parishes 160 churches, valued at \$568,430, and insured for \$195,200. The returns being incomplete a comparison with the previous year was impracticable. Later in the day the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, and Rev. Mr. Pollard were appointed delegates to the S. S. Convention at Toronto.

The Rectory Lands report, placed the amount of interest received at \$12,576, and the total amount paid to the Clergy at \$10,824.29. The consolidated investment system had given every satisfaction. The transactions for the year had yielded 5½ per cent.

On the afternoon of the 18th of Oct., communication was received from the Synod of Toronto, regarding the Scripture lessons now in use in the public schools and disapproving of them, and recommending that the Government issue a calendar of readings, selected by a joint Committee appointed by the various religious bodies of Ontario; and regarding Sunday observance.

The Secretary reported that 39 parishes had contributed \$233 in all towards the erection of the Memorial Cathedral in Halifax.

The Registrars report showed the addition of ten names to the Clergy List of the Diocese during the year, though owing to removals the actual increase was only five.

The Trust Funds of the diocese show as follows:—Episcopal Trust, \$58,674.31; Clergy Trust, \$262,918.24, yielding an estimated income of \$15,209.10; Widows' and Orphans' show an increase of \$656.21.

Sunday-Schools, according to those estimates from 77 parishes, there were 762 teachers and 6,161 scholars; and assuming the same scale for the non-reporting parishes, there should be about 1,000 teachers and 8,000 scholars in the Diocese.

The Contributions to Domestic and Foreign Missions, showed a decided increase. The cash contributions for the year ending 30th April, 1887, were \$3,929.73. The Women's Auxiliary contributed clothing and goods to the amount of \$699.57. The hope was expressed that in every parish a healthy women's Auxiliary might be formed. Twenty-three parishes forgot the claims of the Foreign and Domestic missions. Again the Deanery of Carleton headed the list of contributions, followed closely by Frontenac. Of the parishes, St. George's, Ottawa, stood first; then St. George's, Kingston, and third, St. James', Kingston. Ottawa city gave in all \$1,363.76; and Kingston, \$1,111.09.

The Mission Board's report regarding Mission work within the Diocese, expressed satisfaction with the state of the funds and the progress made; several missions had become self-supporting. Considerable discussion followed in regard to the manner of making the grants, the reduction therein; and as to grants to particular parishes and special pensions; but the Synod adjourned without arriving at a decision.

St. Paul's—For the Thanksgiving Service held in St. Paul's Church on the evening of the 18th October, the building was decorated in a very neat and appropriate manner. Sheaves of wheat, rakes, shovels, and all kinds of small implements used at harvest time, occupied positions of prominence. Suspended from the gallery railing and over the entrance to the body of the Church, was a plough prettily decorated with sheaves of grain and flowers. The Service, which was partly choral, was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Jones. The Rev. Mr. Lowan, of Prescott, read the lessons, and Ven. Archdeacon Morrison, of Odenburg, preached an able sermon, selecting as his text the first verse of the ninety-second psalm: "It is a good