

ST. MARY'S.—The Bishop's Coadjutor held a confirmation in this parish on the 21st when thirteen candidates were presented by the Rector, Rev. W. Jaffrey, for the sacred rite. The little Church, bright with Christmas greens, was crowded with an attentive congregation who seemed much impressed by the earnest addresses of the Bishop.

A course of Secular lectures is being held in the Church Hall, this winter, which no doubt will prove an intellectual treat to the Parish members. Several prominent Fredericton gentlemen are named as lecturers.

BLACK RIVER, PARISH OF SIMONDS, N. B.—The church in this settlement has been lately renovated. The outside of the building was repaired last September, new steps were laid down at the entrance, the roof was tarred, and three coats of paint were laid on the church. More recently the inside of the building was painted and beautified, so that now it is a very pretty specimen of a village church, surrounded by a sufficiently large graveyard, all in good condition. The male members of the congregation did good work in hauling lumber (kindly lent by John McLeod, Esq.) for scaffolding, putting it in position, and removing it when done with. And their wives and daughters exerted themselves in cleaning the church and putting all things in order. And so, on February 1st, all rejoiced to worship again in their own much-loved church.

A great bereavement has been sustained by this congregation, and indeed by the whole neighborhood, by the death, on January 1st, of Mr. Wm. Daley, for many years the senior warden of the parish. He was "an old disciple," 87 years of age, and a consistent Christian of matured personal piety—a daily student of the Bible and Prayer Book, a good husband and father, "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." He was revered by his neighbors, an example of practical Christianity, and a lover of good men. So long as he was able to attend church his seat was never empty; and during the last year, when he was confined to his bed through the infirmities of old age, he gladly partook, with members of his family, of private communion. In October last he was cheered by an unexpected visit from the Bishop Coadjutor, who kindly called with the Rector of the parish to pay his respects and to give him his blessing. And now, having served his own generation, by the will of God having lived to see his large family all comfortably settled in life and members of the Church, he has fallen asleep in Jesus, leaving behind him a fragrant memory. "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

CHURCH SOCIETY—ANNUAL MEETING.

QUEBEC, FEB. 5.—The annual meeting of the Church Society was held yesterday at two o'clock in the National School.

After prayers the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Lord Bishop referred to the death of the Rev. Armine W. Mountain, M.A., late Rector of St. Michael's Quebec, when it was moved by W. G. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by Dr. Montizambert, "That the members of the Church Society having recently heard of the death of Rev. Armine W. Mountain desire to express their unfeigned sorrow, and to place upon record their sense of the great services which Mr. Mountain, formerly the able and active Secretary of the Society, for many years rendered to the Diocese; and the members of the Church Society desire to convey to Mrs. Mountain their sympathy with her in her affliction."—Carried unanimously.

The reports of the Central Board, Diocesan Board and Clergy Trust Committee were presented, adopted and ordered to be printed. The accounts of the clergy Trust Fund, Local Endowment Fund, the Bishopric Endowment Fund, the Church Society and the Diocesan Board were adopted and ordered to be printed.

A report received from the St. Francis District

Association was read by the Secretary and ordered to be printed in the annual report.

Mrs. Okill Stuart was elected a life member and Rev. J. Ridley, Rev. Lennox Williams, Comy-Gen. Irvine and W. R. Marler were elected members of the corporation.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected with addition of the name of J. B. Forsyth, Esq., and the omission of the names of the late Hon. G. Okill Stuart and Rev. A. W. Mountain.

The following were elected members of the Central Board, viz.:—Messrs. C. Judge, Dr. Montizambert, Dr. Marsden, W. H. Carter, J. H. Richardson, H. J. Pratten, R. W. Campbell, Walton Smith, H. M. Price, E. Pope, John Hamilton, W. H. Tapp, W. G. Petry, Geo. Lampson, R. R. Dobell, G. R. White, Dr. Parke, W. R. Marler, and C. J. Hale.

The following were elected to serve on the Diocesan Board, viz.:—Rev. Messrs. Housman, E. A. W. King, Richardson and Messrs. R. Hamilton, W. H. Carter and C. Judge.

The members of the Clergy Trust Committee were re-elected.

A resolution was adopted on motion of Captain Carter and Mr. Judge, that the scale of stipends to the missionary clergy be amended in order to increase the several accounts.

A number of other resolutions were adopted, the most important being the following:—

Moved by W. G. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by Rev. A. A. VonIffla.—

"That in view of the approaching departure of the Rev. Chas. Hamilton to fill the high and holy office of a Bishop of the Church of God, this Society do place on record its profound sense of the value of the services so assiduously and conscientiously rendered by him in furthering its best interests and which have so materially aided during the last quarter of a century in promoting its prosperity.

"That the Society, while rejoicing for the sake of the Church at large in the wise discernment which has called him to the discharge of duties of wider scope and more extended influence is keenly sensible to the loss it sustains in being deprived of counsel and assistance ever rendered with unflinching courtesy yet unbroken firmness.

"That the Society desires to unite with this resolution of acknowledgment its earnest prayer for his personal Divine blessing in his future labors."

The meeting then broke up, the Benediction being pronounced by the Lord Bishop.

THE BISHOP-ELECT OF NIAGARA.

AN AFFECTING SCENE.

It happened that Rev. Chas. Hamilton, Bishop-elect of Niagara, was present yesterday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, when the very flattering and sympathetic resolution concerning his election and approaching departure from the Diocese was moved by Mr. Wm. Wurtele. Mr. Wurtele said it was impossible for him to add anything to the words of the motion, and Rev. Mr. Housman, Rector, of Quebec, asked the Lord Bishop's permission merely to read an extract from a letter received by him from a prominent clergymen of the Diocese of Niagara. The writer of the letter says:—"The election of Rev. Chas. Hamilton has made the hearts of the clergy and laity beat happily, and several of the laity whose minds had, on party grounds, been prejudiced against him, have now expressed gladness at his election. Nothing but confidence, love, sympathy and a readiness to help and sustain him awaits him in this Diocese. The enthusiasm was great on the reading of his telegram saying 'I accept.' Your loss is our gain. We made the very heavens ring with our loud and glad 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.'"

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote, amid the wildest of applause. Mr. Hamilton rose and attempted to speak, but his moistened eyes and faltering lips betrayed the emotion he would fain have concealed. His voice too had well nigh forsaken him, and he was only able to say in broken tones that he dare not trust himself to words to express his gratitude, before he found it

necessary to step outside an adjacent door to allow his pent up feelings to have their way. It was truly an affecting scene, and for a few seconds there were not many dry eyes in the meeting.

PERSONAL.—We deeply regret to learn that the Rev. Dr. Lobley is about to resign the Principalship of Bishop's College, which he has filled with so much advantage to that institution and to the Church. The Dr. intends to return to England in the spring. His removal will be a great loss to the Church in this Diocese and throughout the Ecclesiastical Province.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Organ Recital.*—Very considerable interest is manifest throughout the musical circles of Montreal in the forthcoming Organ Recital, which is to be given in Christ Church Cathedral by the organist, Mr. C. A. E. Harris, on the 17th inst. The members of the Cathedral Choir will contribute a selection of solos and choruses from "The Messiah," "Judas Maccabeus," and "Creation." Mr. Harris' powers as an organist and executant rank high, and no doubt the Cathedral will be completely filled, as evidently a very great treat is in store for all lovers of sacred music.

Statement of collections and subscriptions received at the Synod office, Montreal, during the month of January, 1885.

For the Mission Fund.—F. Crispo, Esq., \$10; Abercorn, 36 cents; St. George's Sunday School, Granby, \$2.42; Ormstown, \$2.50; Huntingdon, \$2.62; Hutchinbrooke, \$3.88; St. Andrew's Missionary meeting, \$14.50.

For the Algoma Bishopric.—Assessments,—Aylmer, \$8.00; West Farnham, \$6.00; Ormstown, \$6.00; Coteau du Lac, \$4.65.

For City Missionary Fund.—Cathedral, \$6.00; St. John the Evangelist, \$25.00; St. James the Apostle, \$35.00; St. Matthias, \$10.00.

For Widows and Orphans Fund.—Rev. J. Fulton, \$5.00; Hudson, \$3.17; Como, \$8.56; Rev. A. B. Given, \$5.00.

For Superannuation Fund.—Aylmer, \$2.00; Rev. Canon Belcher, \$5.00; St. John's, Que., \$12.44.

For Parochial Funds.—St. Matthew's Church Building Fund, \$167.24; West Farnham Parsonage Fund, \$45.57; Dunham Endowment, \$486.37.

For Foreign Missions Fund.—St. Martin's Church, \$56.46; Laprairie, \$2.15; St. Lambert, \$1.75; St. Hyacinthe, \$2.65; Lachute, \$2.55; Hull, \$12.00; Upton, \$4.05; Upton Sunday School, \$1.50; Clarenceville, \$4.29; Christierville, \$10.51; West Farnham, \$21.50; Sutton, \$1.60; Abercorn, \$1.04; Sabrevois, \$2.25; Granby, \$6.74; West Shefford, \$2.35; Buckingham and Lochabar, \$0.83; River Desert, \$2.00; Rawdon, \$1.71; Mille Isles and Morin, \$1.25; Coteau du Lac, \$1.60; Ormstown, \$2.31; St. Thomas' Church, \$8.50; St. Johns, Que., \$30.00; Waterloo, \$12.46; Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, \$8.50; Phillipsburg, \$6.06; Pigeon Hill, 44 cents; St. Luke's Church, \$13.85; Kildare, \$1.51; Sorel, \$11.50; Miss Cuthbert, \$60.00; Boscobel, \$3.69; Aylwin, \$4.50; Cathedral, \$245.91; St. George's Church, \$263.00; St. Matthias, \$36.51; Hudson, \$2.83; Como, \$3.75; St. Armand East, \$3.95; St. Stephen's, Lachine, \$6.10.

For Domestic Missions Fund.—Miss Clark's class, St. James Church, \$5.00 for a little girl in the Shingwauk Home; Cathedral Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions Fund, \$5.00; Ormstown, \$1.50; Waterloo, \$3.38; Church of St. James the Apostle, \$17.81; Edward B. Medlycott, Esq., per Frederick Hague, Esq., \$15.00; St. Matthias Church, \$23.90.

PERSONAL.—The Confirmation Class of 1884 of the Mission of the Church of the Redeemer (Cote St. Paul,) lately presented an address accompanied by a beautiful Communion Service, to the Rev. C. J. Machin, assistant Minister of the Church of St. James the Apostle, City, in recognition of their appreciation of thankfulness for his