

them. Although this was done without the consent of the presbyters, and although at that time, and subsequently also, attempts were made to revive the metropolitan dignity, nevertheless the Church of Scotland has ever since remained without Archbishops and without a Metropolitan. That such a state of things is considered unsatisfactory by the Bishops, the most important resolutions lately adopted by them in conference only prove. In these resolutions the Bishops declare the office of Metropolitan to be "desirable for the more complete order and organization of the Church;" they point to the expediency of ultimately connecting it with one of the two ancient Archiepiscopal sees, though they suggest that during his lifetime the present Primus should hold the office himself; and they further commend the whole question to the Diocesan Synods for consideration. The Bishops rightly hold that the constitution of their Church is incomplete without a Metropolitan and a primatial see. The election of a Primus, however useful as a temporary expedient, is really an anomaly, and not in accordance with primitive usage. The early Church was governed by Bishops, Metropolitans, and Primates or patriarchs. "Certain prerogatives there are," says Hooker, "wherein Primates excelled other Metropolitans."

We would fain hope that the general synod will second these resolutions of the Bishops, and so place the coping-stone on that edifice, which has risen grandly from its ruins, and defied the storms and tempests which have again and again threatened to destroy it. The whole question has been reopened at a critical time. The assumption of the ancient Archiepiscopal titles of the Church of Scotland is said to be in contemplation elsewhere than in "the realm of England." The resolution of the Episcopal conference which points to the connection of the Metropolitan dignity with the Archbishopric either of St. Andrew's or Glasgow, is at least a protest against the latest exhibition of the arrogance of the Vatican. We observe that the Primus was absent through illness when the Bishops adopted the resolutions. His hearty agreement with them may be assumed from his own deliberately expressed opinion:

"My own conviction is, that the time has now come when there should be no longer delay in calling out of abeyance the office and powers of the Metropolitan, for the perfecting of our ancient Episcopal organization; and which, in view of the growth and progress of our Church, will be found, I believe, to be essential to the preservation of order and unity."

### Diocesan Intelligence.

#### QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

QUEBEC.—The usual monthly meeting of the Quebec Missionary Union was held on Monday, the 3rd, in the National School Hall. An admirable paper prepared with great care by Mr. Heber Budden on the Life of Bishop Field was read by Rev. Charles Hamilton. Mr. Budden, having been personally acquainted with the late Bishop of Newfoundland, was enabled to give a very interesting account of the life of the noble-hearted

and self-denying Bishop. At the conclusion of the paper, the Bishop of Quebec in a few well chosen words spoke of the great loss the Diocese of Newfoundland and the Church at large have suffered in the death of Bishop Field, "he was truly," said the Bishop, "a many sided man, and first rate on all sides, and that his personal holiness carried a halo around him withersoever he went."

APPOINTMENTS.—The Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Quebec, has been appointed Rural Dean of the Deanery of Quebec, and the Rev. C. P. Reid, Rector of Sherbrooke, Rural Dean of St. Francis.

DANVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited the mission of Danville near Tingwick, last week. On the 6th. the Bishop took part in a large social gathering in the Town Hall—nearly three hundred persons were present.—The evening commenced with a substantial tea at 6 o'clock, which was followed by songs, duetts, glees and readings. All seemed to enjoy themselves most thoroughly, and appreciated the great honour of having the Bishop amongst them. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the grand old National Anthem.

On the 7th the Bishop held a confirmation in St. Augustine's Church in Danville, when five were admitted to that Apostolic rite: this, by the way, is the second confirmation within the year. In the afternoon the Incumbent, Rev. H. J. Petry, drove the Bishop to the settlement of Troutbrook.

TINGWICK.—A large congregation had assembled in the handsome little church erected by this willing congregation aided by the exertions of Mr. Petry, when ten candidates were presented to his Lordship for confirmation.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 9th, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Quebec preached in St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke. His text was taken from Eph. ii, 19-22. He dwelt on the foundation spoken of by the Apostle, and the superstructure reared thereon. In the afternoon the Bishop held a Confirmation in St. Peter's Church, when 35 were confirmed, 18 males and 17 females. The majority of these will become regular communicants, and will bring the present number of enrolled communicants in St. Peter's up to about 260. Since November, 1878, the total number confirmed in the parish amounts to 112; 55 males, 57 females. In the evening of Dec. 9, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Isaac Brock on Confirmation as a renewal of the Christian covenant, and on the special blessing which the Church offers in increased measure to her children from Confirmation onward in their Christian lives, namely, spiritual help.

The Bishop held a Confirmation on Sunday evening, Dec. 9th, at St. George's, Lennoxville. On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Bishop consecrated a new church at Dudswell, a neat ecclesiastical edifice, erected by the indefatigable exertions of the missionary of the district, the Rev. T. C. Chapman. Dudswell is a village about 24 miles north of Sherbrooke on the recently opened line of the Quebec Central.

ST. FRANCIS ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.—On Wednesday December 12th, the Anniversary of the above Association was held in Sherbrooke. The Anniversary Service was held in St. Peter's Church at half past ten. Morning Prayer was read by the Reverends Isaac Thompson, M. M. Fothergill and A. C. Scarth. The Psalms, for the first time in St. Peter's Church, were chanted by the efficient choir. The singing throughout was hearty and good. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Quebec, assisted by the Bishop of Algoma, the Reverends A. Mountain and C. P. Reid. The Sermon was preached by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Maine. It was a most able and thoughtful Sermon on "The Radicalism of Our Lord's teaching." He referred to the good and bad senses of radicalism, and showed how the teaching of Our Lord and the Church which He founded were in the truest sense radical, going down to the root of man's nature and man's disease, and intended to

carry out the regeneration, the renovation, and the progressive sanctification of the entire man. The offertory at this service was for the missionary work of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma. It amounted to \$85.

In the evening a Missionary Meeting was held in the City Hall, presided over by the Bishop of Quebec. It was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting which we ever remember to have seen held in Sherbrooke in behalf of the Missions of the Church. After the usual opening service, a brief report was submitted by the Secretary who stated that notwithstanding the prevailing financial depression, the St. Francis Association had raised more this year than last for the Missionary work of the Church. The Bishop of Quebec then introduced the Bishop of Algoma, who gave a most interesting address, containing a full account of his great Missionary Diocese, which extends from the Muskoka territory along the Georgian Bay, and the Northern shores of Lake Superior to Prince Arthur's Landing, embracing a coast line of 800 miles, with a depth, varying from 50 to 150 miles. The Bishop stated that in this extensive Diocese, into which emigrants were rapidly pouring, he was only able at present, from lack of funds, to have nine ordained missionaries, seven among the white population, and two among the red men. He referred also to the great hope of the missionary work among the Indians, in the training up of Indian boys and girls in the homes, under the Rev. E. Wilson, near Sault St. Marie. He appealed very earnestly to the Church people to sustain a missionary work in their midst, for the carrying on of which they were responsible through the action of the Provincial Synod. The next address was given by the Rev. James Carmichael of Montreal. It was marked by his usual eloquence and persuasive power. He dwelt on the need, in reference to the missionary work of the Church, of prayer, self-denial and personal effort. The last address was given by W. Mayo, Esq., of Cookshire. It was pleasant to hear a layman speak out so boldly and forcibly as did Mr. Mayo on the principles and privileges of the Anglo-Catholic Church. R. W. Heneker, Esq. then moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Quebec, for his happy and genial presidency, to the Bishop of Algoma, Rev. J. Carmichael and Mr. Mayo, for their valuable addresses, and to the Bishop of Maine for his able sermon in the morning. The Rev. C. P. Reid seconded this well deserved vote of thanks which was carried by a unanimous rising of the audience. The organist and choir of St. Peter's Church rendered valuable assistance by leading the singing of several appropriate hymns during the meeting, which were heartily joined in by the greater number of those present. The closing benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of Quebec. The offering at the meeting which was for the Diocese of Algoma, amounted to \$74; making a total of \$109 raised in Sherbrooke for the Missionary work of the Church, in Algoma, on Wednesday last, under the auspices of the St. Francis Association.

#### MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VISITATIONS BY HIS LORDSHIP THE METROPOLITAN.—On Sunday, 10 inst., His Lordship confirmed a large class of candidates at Knowlton, in St. Paul's Church, presented by the Vicar, Rev. C. Bancroft.

In the afternoon His Lordship drove to Waterloo, a distance of twelve miles, and preached in St. Luke's Church at evening service.

Next morning, the 11th inst., His Lordship took the train for West Farnham—where he presided at a meeting of the deanery held at 2 o'clock p. m., and in the evening of the same day occupied the chair at a missionary meeting.

DUNHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—On the 11th inst., at the meeting of the Deanery held at West Farnham, the report of the Committee appointed at a former meeting to audit the accounts of Rev. Wm. Henderson, in connection with the building of the College, etc., was received. The Committee consisted of the Archdeacon and Rural Dean and Rev. F. Robinson. The report showed that the College