

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Proceedings of the 29th Annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal is to hand. The list of the clergy shows a good array of Church dignitaries. Besides the Bishop and the Dean there are three Archdeacons, twelve Canons, and six Rural Deans. There are eighty-seven clergy on the active list and seven on the retired. Eight Mission stations are reported as vacant.

The officers of the Synod are: President, The Lord Bishop; Chancellor, Strachan Bethune, Esq., Q. C.; Clerical Secretary, Rev. Canon Empson, M. A.; Lay Secretary, Richard White, Esq.; Treasurer, James Hutton, Esq.; Auditors, Messrs. G. W. Simpson and S. C. Fatt.

A munificent gift of two valuable farms to the Church in Berthier (en haut) by the late Miss Cuthbert is gratefully acknowledged by the Bishop in his charge.

The amount invested on hand belonging to the different funds is as follows:—

Clergy Trust Fund.....	\$56,500.00
Widows and Orphans.....	68,772.93
Sustentation.....	68,058.84
Parochial Endowment.....	64,434.17
Superannuation.....	22,601.34
Episcopal Endowment.....	90,160.00

\$370,527.28

For Missions the following sums are reported:

Domestic Missions.....	\$2,793.58
Foreign Missions.....	1,102.16
For the Jews' Fund.....	356.55

\$1,458.71

In the statistics it is worthy of note that St George's, Montreal, contributed the large sum of \$2,655.00 to the Mission Fund of the Diocese, and Christ Church Cathedral \$1,042.00, the next largest being that of St. James the Apostle, \$459.00.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

"She hath done what she could."

Communications relating to this Department should be addressed Mrs. Tilton, 521 Cooper Street, Ottawa

MRS. HOUGHTON left Canada for France, September 13th.

MRS. LEACH, 52 Tupper Street, Montreal, will act as Recording Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year 1888 and 1889.

THE Church Woman's Mission Aid Society of Toronto, meets for work at their rooms, No. 1 Elm Street, Toronto, at 2 p. m., on Friday, Sept. 21st. It is particularly requested that all contributions for Christmas trees, etc., be sent to above address as soon as possible. It is also desirable that all clergymen and Sunday School superintendents in the Missionary Dioceses in need of aid from the Society should apply without delay to the Secretary, Mrs. W. T. O'Reilly, 37 Bleeker Street,

Toronto. Applicants for Christmas trees should mention the number of children, and applications or orders for surplices, altar linen, etc., should contain measurements. This Society now works in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary.

SUBJECTS for reading and prayer at monthly meeting of Parochial Branches. If the Parochial Secretaries have difficulty in procuring subject matter, Mrs. Forest, 5 Arthur street, Ottawa, will be most happy to supply "packets."

	CANADIAN.	FOREIGN.
January..	Rupert's Land, Man....	The Zenanas.
February..	Columbia, B. C.....	North China.
March....	Athabasca, N. W. T....	North Africa.
April.....	Caledonia, B. C.....	North India.
May.....	Saskatchewan, N. W. T.	Palestine, Assyria.
June.....	New Westminster, B. C.	Japan.
July.....	Mackenzie River, N. W. T.	Islands, Indian Ocean.
August....	Moosonee, H. B.	South China.
September.	Qu'Appelle.....	South Africa.
October..	Calgary, N. W. T.....	Atlantic or Pacific Islands.
November.	Algoma, Ont.....	South India.
December..	Ontario Diocese.....	United States or Miscellaneous.

The Secretary will find that greater interest is awakened if she sees that the branch is supplied with a map, and the country and special locality of the Mission, under consideration, is carefully pointed out before the reading commences.

EXTRACTS from a letter received from one of the wise daughters who was gathering during her holidays: "We returned from our holiday visits yesterday, having spent a very happy three weeks. We have visited three parishes, in all of which, I am sorry to say, our Auxiliary seems to be almost unknown. I have always urged the necessity for prompt organization, but am, at present, only hopeful of one parish. In one—a poor parish—the clergyman and his wife are really desirous to organize, but there seem to be many difficulties, at present almost impassible, to overcome. A kind old lady, of 82 years, has subscribed for our CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE and also gave me four dollars, which she particularly requests may be sent to China. In the next parish we visited the feeling seemed good. The clergyman and his wife will do their best, but they are, however, quite ignorant of what may be required or how to organize for the work. They need a helping hand. In this parish I obtained three subscribers for our Magazine, one taking it from the commencement. In the third and last parish I only spent one day. Utter ignorance of our work seemed to reign, and consequently little interest was manifested, still, I am not without hope that something may yet be done. We are only instruments in the hands of Him who directs, controls, suggests, and we may rest assured that, when the proper time comes, He will remove all obstacles to the furtherance of His own work."