

As regards the remaining lots held by the Society in the Township of Halifax, the Lay Committee have to report, that they have appointed Mr Charles Campbell, residing in that neighbourhood, to be the Local Agent for the management and disposal of them, with instructions to use his best endeavours, to make the same productive, and to report to the Lay Committee thereupon, as occasion may require.

The Lay Committee have further taken measures to make productive lots of land in the Townships of Cox, Cranbourne and Ireland, by communications made thereupon to the Missionaries within whose limits they are respectively situated.

The following business was transacted by the Lay Committee, at their meeting held this day:—Resolved, That, with a view to the more effectual promotion of the first and eighth objects assigned to the Lay Committee of the Incorporated Church Society, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel be solicited to sanction an appropriation from the Clergy Reserve funds of a corresponding sum to that offered by the Church Society in No. 8, and upon similar conditions.

The Lay Committee desires at the same time to record their full and grateful appreciation of the fostering care of the venerable Society for the best interests of the Church in this Colony, in having made an early appropriation from those funds towards the endowment of a Bishopric, and for other purposes not otherwise provided for, instead of absorbing the whole amount of the proceeds towards the discharge of the Society's large annual payments to the Clergy of the Colony.

The Committee have decided upon investing the amount now on hand from Life Subscriptions, in the Union Building Society of this city, by subscribing for four shares of £100 each, which will be payable by monthly instalments.

(Signed) WM. WALKER,  
Chairman.

Quebec, 10th May, 1850.

#### ORDINATION.

On Trinity Sunday last, an Ordination was held by the LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL, in the Cathedral at Quebec, when the following gentlemen were ordained

##### PRIESTS:

Rev. William C. Merrick, B. A., T. C. D., late Assistant Minister at St. John; appointed to the Mission of Frampton East, with Standon.

Rev. Jacob Van Linge, B. D., Missionary at Frampton West.

Rev. John Carry, formerly Student of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; Travelling Missionary of the Church Society for the District of Quebec; at present serving the Quarantine Station at Grosse Isle.

##### DEACON:

Francis Emerson Judd, Student of Bishop's College; appointed to succeed Mr. Merrick, at St. John.

Morning Prayer was said in All Saints' Chapel, attached to the Rectory, at half-past 9, A.M. The service at the Cathedral commenced at eleven with the Litany, which was said by the Bishop. The Candidates were presented by the Rev. Official Mackie, D.D., Examining Chaplain, who, with the Revds. A. W. Mountain, (Chaplain,) George Cowell, M.A., Garrison Chaplain, and Gilbert Percy, B. A. Incumbent of St. Paul's Chapel, assisted the Bishop in imposition of hands. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Percy, from 2 Cor. V. 20, and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered by the Bishop.

The Lord Bishop left town on Wednesday evening last, to attend the Annual Examination of the Students of Bishop's College, and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of that Institution.

Mr. Thomas Pennefather, B. A., T. C. D., has recently arrived in the Diocese, having been sent out by the Society for the

Propagation of the Gospel, to the Bishop, as a candidate for Holy Orders. He is at present acting as Catechist and Lay Reader, under the direction of the Rev. T. Johnson, in the Mission of Abbotsford and parts adjacent. Another candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Frederic Augustus Smith, also sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, is shortly expected.

#### COUNCIL FOR COLONIAL BISHOPRICS.

SPECIAL REPORT—March 12, 1850.

The condition of the Church in the North American Colonies, as regards Episcopal supervision, demands immediate attention.

The Diocese of Quebec\* extends over the whole of Lower Canada—a territory three times as large as England and Wales. Parishes or Missions (upwards of eighty in all) have been established in every part of the country, from the Bay of Gaspé to the Ottawa. For the last series of Confirmations, the Bishop was compelled to undertake four long and laborious journeys, which occupied him at intervals from the beginning of 1848 to the autumn of 1849, while, to attend his triennial Visitation, two of the Clergy had to travel upwards of 700 miles.

The subdivision of this enormous Diocese is, therefore, a matter of pressing necessity. The Bishop has repeatedly recommended it, the Clergy unanimously desire it, and the Government at home has agreed to sanction the measure, as soon as an adequate Endowment can be provided. For the means of providing that endowment the present appeal is made. A Capital sum of from £10,000 to £12,000, in addition to what may be procured in the Colony, it is thought might suffice. We earnestly commend this work to all members of the Church of England, and we desire at the same time to remind them, that the existing endowments of two of the North American Bishoprics, those of Quebec and Nova Scotia (at present paid out of the Imperial Treasury), are granted for the lives of the present Incumbents, and will be withdrawn altogether at their death or removal.

Much has been accomplished within the last few years towards building up the Church of England in our Colonies, and while the cost has been comparatively small, the good done by the multiplication of Clergy and the consequent diffusion of the blessings of Christianity has been incalculable. We address ourselves, therefore, with confidence to the great body of our own communion. We entreat their co-operation in the work to which we have put our hands. Those who gave donations nine years ago, may perhaps, in consideration of what has already been effected, be induced to renew their contributions.

We cannot, however, but observe by how very few persons the whole fund was subscribed. Many more, we cannot doubt, will be ready to lend their assistance now: and those who may find it inconvenient to give in one sum all which they wish to give, may greatly promote the purpose for which the fund has been opened by *annual contributions*.

We are not without tokens that the Divine blessing has hitherto rested upon our undertaking. Its end and aim is the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, and we ask for it the fervent prayers and the free-will offerings of all His people.

Signed by those present,

J. B. CANTUAR.  
C. J. LONDON.  
A. T. CICESTR.  
J. LICHFIELD.  
T. VOWLER ST. ASAPH.  
S. NORWICH.

\* At the death of the late Bishop of Quebec (Dr. Stewart), the present Bishop of Montreal, who had been consecrated as his coadjutor, succeeded to the administration of the whole Diocese. The proposal now is to divide the Diocese, assigning the See of Quebec to the present Bishop (Mountain), and constituting Montreal a separate Diocese.