

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COOKSHIRE.—On Wednesday, July 7th, the new English church at Randboro', in the parish of Cookshire, was consecrated by the Bishop of Quebec. The work in this mission outpost is distinctly one of Church extension, for here until a year or two ago the English Church was unknown to all but a family or two. From a monthly service in a school-house the work has grown and prospered until now the mission has its pretty little church, well furnished and equipped, and with a good congregation, a devoted band of seventeen communicants. The Bishop, with the Rector of the parish, the Rev. A. H. Judge, and other visiting clergy, walking in procession from a neighboring house, were met at the church door by the churchwardens, the building committee, and the donor of the land upon which the church stands. Mr. George Hurd, the clergyman's churchwarden, then read the petition, and the Bishop, replying to it, proceeded with the consecration service. The church, with a seating capacity for 135 people, was crowded, yet, notwithstanding some discomfort, the reverent attention and behaviour of the whole congregation was a most pleasing attestation to their interest in the solemn service. Before the act of consecration, the Bishop made a short and telling address explaining the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Thornloe, and was an admirable and convincing setting forth of the Church's views concerning the dedication of her sacred buildings. A celebration of the Holy Communion closed the service. In the afternoon the Bishop consecrated a graveyard, and at five o'clock there was an informal service, when short addresses were made by the clergy present. The day was one of enjoyment and thankfulness to both clergy and people, who will now be the more encouraged to press forward in the good work so happily begun. In all this undertaking the favor of God has been manifestly outpoured, for from its very inception no single difference has marred the perfect harmony existing between all who have labored in the mission. May the new church of St. Matthew, Randboro', ever be blessed by the Holy Spirit of God to the saving of many souls.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:—
SIR,—Will you allow me to correct an error in your report of the proceedings at the last Quebec Synod, with respect to the Canon for the disposal of Church property. On my suggestion the Canon as proposed was amended by striking out all reference to the Diocesan Board, so that all that is required is the Bishop's sanction. Yours truly, J. J. HEMMING, Drummondville, 16th July, 1886.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—The spirit of discord which seems to have broken out in the Diocese of Montreal since the movement in behalf of the Theological College began has apparently extended into this hitherto peaceful and rapidly advancing parish; and now a most deplorable division exists, arising out of the election of a successor to the Rev. Dr. Norman, who has resigned the Rectorship to assume a position in the Cathedral. A meeting of the congregation to choose two or more names for submission to the Bishop for nomination to the Rectory was called for the 24th ult. The church is one known as a "free seat" one, in regard to which the law as to qualification of voters and the composition of the vestry is supposed to be obscure. It is said that legal advice was taken, and acting on it at the meeting above named, the ruling of the Chairman (one of the Wardens) was to the effect that only those who had contributed to the offertory by what is known as the "envelope system," or had subscribed to the erection and endowment of the church, could vote; and the result was that a

number who had contributed, as they allege, otherwise than by the envelope system were excluded. The names of the Rev. J. S. Newnham and Rev. Mr. Read were selected by those voting, and the same were promptly forwarded to the Bishop, who, being about to leave town for some little time, probably acted more quickly than he would otherwise have done, and named the Rev. J. Newnham as Rector. Subsequently a call under the Temporalities Act was made for a special meeting of Vestry, which was held on the evening of the 12th July, when some forty persons were present, and a resolution strongly condemning the action of the Churchwardens at the meeting of the 24th June, and their haste in forwarding the nominations to the Bishop, and further declaring the system of voting adopted arbitrary, illegal and contrary to practice, and unjust to the majority of the congregation, was passed, thirty-seven voting for it, the resolution concluding:—And this meeting respectfully requests that his Lordship will reconsider the appointment, and that he will order that the illegal and unjustifiable proceedings of the meeting of the 24th June be cancelled and annulled, and that a new meeting be called in place thereof, and a new selection of names be carefully made by the true and recognized members of the congregation, and that they be forwarded to him with all reasonable despatch.

From a letter addressed to the *Gazette* by J. D. Crawford, Esq., of Cote St. Antoine—a leading member of the Church of St. Matthias—it would appear that 83 adults signed a memorial to the Bishop objecting to the action had at the meeting of the 24th June, and it is also declared in the resolution, of which the conclusion is above given, that notice of dissatisfaction had been given to his Lordship before the nomination was confirmed.

MONTREAL.—St. George's.—Mr. R. R. Stevenson, the organist and choir master of this church, has resigned, owing to pressing business engagements which now require all of his time. During his tenure of office he brought about a wondrous improvement in the musical portion of the services, and succeeded in keeping together a large and capable choir of boys and men, whose orderly and reverent behavior were most marked. His resignation is much to be regretted.

COTE ST. PAUL.—Church of the Redeemer.—The Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, Rector of Lachine, officiated in this church on Sunday morning, the 11th inst., and administered the Holy Communion, 39 communicants attending—a very large number for a Mission of its size.

A successful Strawberry Festival, in aid of the Parochial Hall Fund, and under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, was held lately.

Improvements are being made to the Church property; and life and progress still characterize the work of the Church in this Mission.

ST. LAMBERT.—The new church in this place was opened on Sunday, the 18th inst., with appropriate services. It is not quite finished, but will be comfortable enough for summer, and will be much appreciated by the visitors to this suburban resort.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

SYNOD MEETING.

On July the 6th the Synod met in Ottawa for the second time only in the twenty years the Diocese has existed—the present meeting being held there on account of the very serious illness of the Bishop's wife, which prevented his being in Kingston. There was a large attendance of Clerical and Lay members.

Service was held in Christ Church in the morning, the sermon being preached by the

Rev. H. Austin, of Gananoque; and at 3 p.m. the Synod assembled for business. After the meeting had been opened and the roll called the Rev. A. Spencer, of Kingston, was elected Clerical Secretary; Mr. R. Rogers, of Kingston, Lay Secretary, and Mr. Walkem, Q.C., of Kingston, Treasurer.

The Bishop then delivered his Charge; in which he referred to the fact that he was now entering upon the twenty-fifth year of his Episcopate; and that the rapid growth of the Church, and the demand for triennial and even annual confirmations required increased oversight, travel and parochial visitations, for which he was not now equal, and he urged the necessity of losing no time in securing a division of the Diocese.

Episcopal Acts.—During the year he had confirmed 2,778, of whom 2,715 received their first Communion at the time of confirmation, and 312 were ordinations from other bodies; he had held five Ordinations, and had consecrated a number of Churches and burial grounds; he referred thankfully to the fact that the Synod commenced its year's work clear of debt, and also reported that \$7,666 had been subscribed towards the Supplementary Endowment Fund of Trinity College, Toronto, in the ten parishes which had been canvassed. His Lordship closed by reading an appeal on behalf of Algoma.

Several memorials and petitions were read and referred, and reports from the following Committees were presented.

Book and Tract Committee—Showing net assets \$756, and recommending the continuance of the Depository.

Rectory Land Fund Committee—Showing a balance of \$1,141.

The Printing Committee—Reporting the adoption of the tender system for all large amounts of printing required.

The Mission Board—Is now clear of debt, and whose receipts for the year had been \$11,310, and showing \$9,700 set apart as grants to Missions for the next year. Six new missions had been added during the year. It was pointed out that the building of railways was all the time opening up new stations and causing outposts to grow so as to require resident clergymen. A tribute was paid to the faithfulness of the Missionaries of the Diocese, whose efforts were signally blessed financially and spiritually.

The Domestic and Foreign Mission Board—Showing contributions for the past year \$3,019, against \$2,344 the year previous; 99 out of the 196 congregations of the Diocese contributed to the fund. The formation of the Women's Auxiliary at Ottawa was referred to as an encouraging sign. Already thirteen parishes had followed suit. The largest contributor to the Mission Fund this year had been the Deanery of Carleton, \$1,161, this being in a great measure attributable to the new parish of St. George, which, with the Women's Auxiliary, had made up \$772. St. George's, Ottawa; St. James' Church, Kingston; Trinity, Brockville; and St. James', Carleton Place, had also distinguished themselves in the way of contributions.

The Episcopal Trust Fund.

The Committee on Statistics—Noting the unsatisfactory returns sent in from the various parishes, which placed the Church of England population in the Diocese at 32,543, which undoubtedly was much below the actual number. The total value of Churches in the Diocese was \$478,000, and of the parsonages \$68,000.

The Widow's and Orphan's Fund—The estimated revenue of which for the ensuing year was \$2,611, and the estimated expenditure \$2,420.

The Report of the Registrar—It stated that during the past year considerable progress had been made in entering in the register the dates of orders, and licenses of the Clergy who were in the Diocese at its formation, as well as those who were since ordained by the Bishop, or were received from other Dioceses.