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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto began its session on Tuesday (yesterday) June 12th. Divine service was celebrated in St. James' Cathedral in the morning: the prayers were said by the Rev. Saltorn Girins, of Yorkville, the lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara. The murmur of many voices in the responses, each answering in his own peculiar and independent way, showed very forcibly the necessity of some means being taken to procure that sustained and regulated tone which is essential to unity of devotion. The choir was in attendance, but the music being for the most part unfamiliar, did not gather up to any considerable degree the voices of the audience, and consequently was wanting in heartiness. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Shortt, of Port Hope, from Exodus xvii. 11-14, and was addressed rather to the laity than to the clergy. It consisted chiefly of an able advocacy of the duty of affording adequate means of support to the clergy. The Holy Communion was administered after the sermon. After a brief recess, the clergy and many of the laity met again in the Cathedral, to hear the Bishop's charge. It was more than usually touching to hear the venerable Diocesan relate the incidents of his early years, and the noble story of his life. We need not dwell upon it now, for it will, of course, be printed, and we shall then report it again.

In the afternoon, the Synod assembled in St. George's School-house: the routine business was transacted, and in the course of it an interesting question arose as to the possibility of one delegate representing more than one parish. The Committee to whom it was referred reported that hereafter the delegates should reside in the parishes which they represent. The Committee on Canons reported in favor of waiting for the Provincial Synod before adopting those which have been already prepared. The Committee on the Election of Bishops were in favour of the Bishops of the Province suggesting three names to the Synod for election. The Committee on Discrepancies in Divine Service, brought up a partially amended edition of their previous report. The Synod then adjourned until Thursday, when the reports will be submitted for adoption.

We notice with much pleasure that a very handsome epergne and salver of silver, was, on Thursday the 7th inst., presented to John Carter, Esq., organist of St. James' Cathedral. The presentation took place in the Parochial School House attached to the Church, and was attended by the Musical Committee, presided over by the Rev. Mr. Grasset, the Rector. The epergne bears the following inscription:—

“Presented by the Vestry of St James' Cathedral Church, of Toronto, to John Carter, Esq., Organist, as a token of their appreciation of his successful efforts in the establishment of Boy-Choirs, and his efficiency as Director of the Musical Services.

“Easter Monday, April 9th, 1860.”

The selection of the Committee, whilst acknowledging in a substantial manner the value of Mr. Carter's services, is no less creditable to their taste. We congratulate this gentleman on this public recognition of his usefulness and efficiency as a musician.

The Rev. W. Stennett of Upper Canada College, has been compelled by illness to seek a temporary rest; his place is filled at present by the able classical lecturer of Trinity College, the Rev. A. J. Broughall.

The numerous friends of Dr. Bovell, the eminent Professor of Natural Theology in Trinity College, and Lay-Secretary to the Synod, will regret to hear that his house in St. George's Square was entirely consumed by fire on Saturday evening. We are glad to be able to state that he is at least partially insured, and that his valuable scientific collections were for the most part saved.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

We believe that the Lord Bishop of Huron intends to hold an ordination in July or August: but we have been unable to ascertain the exact date.

The Rev. M. V. Fenn, M.A., late Curate of Brantford, has gone to take a parochial charge in Hamilton.

The Rev. W. B. Rally, M.A., has raised a flourishing congregation at Mitchell, north of Stratford, and is just about to make a tour for the purpose of raising funds to erect a church. We recommend his cause to our readers.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

The Lord Bishop of Quebec held an Ordination in the Cathedral, on Trinity Sunday, when Mr. J. P. Richmond, Student of St. Augustin's College, Canterbury, was ordained deacon, and the Rev. Joseph de Monpléid, formerly of St. Beo's College, Missionary of the Church Society at Malbaie, in the district of Gaspé, was admitted to Priest's Orders. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Richmond, B.A., of Compton, (brother of the candidate) in addition to whom the Revs. J. V. Housman, and Armino W. Mountain, Chaplains, W. Agar Adamson, D.C.L., G. Percy, LL.D., and W. de Quetteville, Fellow of Pemb. Coll., Oxon, assisted in the service. The Rev. J. P. Richmond is appointed to the Mission of Ireland, in the County of Meigantic, where he has been acting as Lay Reader for some time past.

The Lord Bishop left Quebec the following day for Burlington, Vermont, to be present, by the invitation of the Bishop of that Diocese, at the annual Convention; and the consecration of the Chapel of the Diocesan Theological Institute. His Lordship was accompanied by the Revs. Messrs. Hamilton and Petry, of Quebec.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Report for 1859 shows a total receipt for the year (including a donation of \$300 from the Bishop) of \$5,147, 72, an encouraging improvement upon the year preceding. The number of Clergy in the Diocese is now 48. Additional Missions or Missionary Stations have been opened during the year at Malbaie, in the district of Gaspé, Shigonac, in the Baie des Chalours, and at several places in the Eastern Townships. A new Church has been built and opened for service at Stanstead, and three more are in course of erection, viz., at Port Daniel, Danville, and Robinson Village. The movement for the formation of endowment funds in the several Missions is progressing. Frampton, Three Rivers, Nicolet, and Point Lévi, to which may be added two of the Quebec chapels, and Lennoxville, have set a good example which, it may be hoped, will serve as a much needed stimulus to the rest. An abstract of the total amount raised in each mission for Church purposes is still a desideratum in this report. We trust that ere long some means will be found for supplying it.

QUEBEC CATHEDRAL.—An interesting scene was witnessed on Sunday afternoon last, May 27th, in the Anglican Cathedral, when the children of the different Sunday schools in connection with the Church of England within the parish, assembled by special invitation, together with their clergy and teachers, to attend divine service. The lower part of the church, with the exception of the pews immediately under the windows, was entirely filled by them, and additional seats had to be brought in besides those which are placed in the middle aisle. After the prayers a psalm was sung by the children, led by the organ, and the Lord Bishop then ascended the pulpit and delivered a plain and affectionate address, partly to the congregation at large, partly to the teachers, and partly to the children themselves. So goodly a gathering was a most cheerful sight, and gives, we trust, a hopeful promise for the interests of the rising generation.—*Quebec Mercury.*

THE SYNOD.—The second meeting of the Synod is summoned for Wednesday, July 4th. There will be Divine Service in the Cathedral in the morning, and the Clergy and Lay Delegates are to assemble at the National School-room at 2 P.M. The Synodical elections have been entirely free from the violence or party-spirit which was so displeasingly prominent in 1859. One congregation, however, which we refrain from naming, in the hope that they will come to a better mind, is not altogether satisfied with the state of things, as the following suicidal resolution pretty convincingly testifies:

“That as the right of Veto is vested in his Lordship the Bishop of Quebec, which right virtually rests on him the final disposal of every measure brought before the Synod; and inasmuch as delegates may be elected by an unlimited number of nominal congregations under one case, entirely out of all proportion to the whole number of members in the cure itself, this meeting is of opinion that by