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Fifty-Second Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

FIRST NOTICE.

There has lately been issued in good form from the Quebec Morning Chronicle Office, the Fifty-second Annual Report of the Church Society of our Diocese. This report has grown to be a volume of nearly three hundred closely printed pages, and it is a most interesting, 28 well as a most important record of our Diocesan Church life and work. Bv this time parcels of these Reports have reached all our Clergy, who are no doubt distributing them among their people. If. therefore, there are any of our readers who have not had a copy, and who would like to have one, they should at once ask their Clergyman for it, and as they read it, they should consider what a blessing the e-istence of such a Society is to their own and every other Parish in the Diocese. For, from the very first page we gather that the Society, which was founded in 1842, has six different objects, all of which must commend themselves to the heart and mind of every earnest Churchman as tending to promote good, sound, solid work. For this month we shall speak only of one single department of the Society's labours i.e. the Mission Fur d, which is raised to meet

the contributions or assessments made up in the Parishes towards the support of their Clergymen. Now, when it is known that we have thirty-six Parishes or Missions which must have aid from the Mission Fund, if the work of our beloved Church is to be continued in them, and when it is remembered that we spent last year on Stipends for Clergy and Lay Readers for these and three self-supporting Parishes under our Board about \$26,600.00, while the assessments in all these Districts only amounted to a little over \$12,000.00, it will at once be seen how vit. Uy important it is, that every friend of our Church work should subscribe regularly and liberally to our Mission Fund. We are aware that there are some who are unwilling, for one reason or another, to contribute as they ought to outside Missionary work. Thev say that charity begins at home, and that they do not know what is done with their money in far off lands. Be it so : here is an opportunity, although the work is most truly of a Missionary character, and although the Fund is called our Mission Fund, for those, who feel such scruples, to pour their gifts bountifully into our treasury, in order to enable us to continue our good work in our own Parishes under the direction and care of our own Bishop. Indeed, owing to the fact, that the help which we have for many years received from the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is now fast shrinking and will soon cease, in order to enable the Society to renderaid in other directions, and owing also to the fact, that the interest of money is falling, and consequently our income derived from

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our over invested capital is becoming less and less every year, we must, if our work is not to be crippled and spoiled, obtain a very large increase of support for our Mission Fund. And therefore weask every Churchman and every Churchwoman, and even every one of the children of the Church, young as well as old, to agree at once to make some annual offering to this Mission Fund. It is true that there is a collection in Church once a year for this work : but what is given upon a plate once a year, even if all were to give, as they ought to do. to the full extent of their power, is not what may fairly be looked for from those who love their Church and enjoy her privileges, nor can such offerings. valuable as they are, of themselves, suffice for so extended a work. We do trust therefore that every Clergyman in the Diocese will bring this matter personally before all his people in the course of his house to house Monday, June 4th-Go to Magog. visitation, so that we may at once alter the face of things and get rid of the anomaly, thatthere are actually seventeen of our Parishes which have not a single subscriber to the Church Society, while there are many others, where there might easily be more subscribers, if the matter were only really Saturday, June 9th-Go by G. T. R. to understood. And we also express the earnest hope that all our Clergy, realizing the importance of this matter, will choose one or more collectors to go right through their Parishes in the Fall, and collect selfdenying gifts towards our Mission Fund. We trust, in fact, that some of our wealthier lavmen will be found to offer in one sum a contribution of \$50 or upwards, so that they may become, on election, life members of our Church Society. But there are many who cannot possibly do this, who might very well subscribe \$2 per annum and be elected members of the Corporation, while those who can only give SI per annum will receive a copy of the Annual Report. And at the present time we would ask all friends, in subscribing, unless they have some strong personal preference, to devote their kind and generous gifts rather to the Mission Fund than to any other branch of our Church Society's work. And if this Article should meet the eye of anyone who wishes to make a large offering or to leave a legacy, in order to help forward the ministrations of his Church, such an one cannot do better than devote his offering towards our Mission Fund. All donations and subscriptions may be paid to the duly appointed collectors or the Parish Clergyman, or they may be sent direct by post to our Treasurer, Edwin Pope, Esq., P. O. Box 505, Quebec City.

The Lord Bishop's Engagements for June.

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- Friday, June 1st-Corporation Meeting at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. Second Lecture on English Church History at ditto.
- Saturday, June 2nd—Third Lecture on English Church History at ditto. Confirmation at Bishop's College Chapel at 7.30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 3rd-Early Celebration of the Holy Communion at Bishop's College Chapel. Preach at Morn ng Service at ditto. Preach at Afternoon Service at East Sherbrooke. Confirmation at S. Peter's, Sherbrooke, at Evensong.
- Confirmation in the evening.
- Tuesday, June 5th-Go to Acton Vale. Confirmation in the afternoon. Go on to Richmond and lecture on English Church History, at 8 p.m.
- Richmond for Melbourne.
- Sunday, June 10th—Ordain Deacon at S. John's, Melbourne, for the Mission of Melbourne. Preach at S. Anne's, Richmond, in the evening.
- Monday, June 11th-S. Barnabas' Day. Return to Quebec. Give address at All Saints' Chapel, at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 12th-Consecrate Burial Ground at Levis, and preach in the evening.
- Wednesday, June 13th-Celebrate the Holy Communion, and attend Ruridecanal Conference at Levis, and return to Quebec.
- Friday, June 15th-Leave Quebec by I. C. R. for Dalhousie.
- Saturday, June 16th-Proceed by S. S. "Admiral" to Gaspé Basin.
- Sunday, June 17th-Services and Confirmation at Gaspé Basin, &c.
- Monday, June 18th-Confirmation, &c., at Sandy Beach.
- Tuesday, June 19th-Confirmation, &c., at Peninsula.
- Wednesday, June 20th-Leave Gaspé Basin by S. S. "Canadienne" for the Labrador Coast.

Quebec Cathedral.

SUNDAY PREACHERS DURING JUNE.

Second after 11 a.m.—The Very Rev. the Trinity, Dean.
June 3rd. J 7 p.m The Rev. H. J. Petry
Third after Trinity, June 10th.] 11 a.m.—The Rev. H. J. Petry 7 p.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.
Fourth after) 11 a.m. — The Very Rev. the Trinity, June 17th.) 7 p.m.— The Rev. H. J. Petry
Fifth after Trinity, June 24th. (11 a.m.—The Very Rev. the 7 p.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.

NOTE.-There will be Special Services in All Saints' Chapel on S. Barnabas' Day, (Monday, June 11th.) viz. : the Holy Communion at S a.m., Morning Prayer at 11 and full Evening Service with Address at 5.

THE DAILY SERVICES.

These Services are held in All Saints' Chapel as follows : -

Morning Prayer at 9.30.

Evening Prayer (Choral) at 5.

On the evening of Whitsunday a Surpliced Choir with full Cathedral Services, which had existed in Quebec Cathedral from the day of its consecration for about forty years, but had been discontinued for the last fifty years, was resumed for the Sunday evening and Week-day Services, leaving the Sunday Morning Services, in accordance with the preference of a portion of the worshippers, perfectly plain. Again we would express our earnest trust, as we did last month, that all will accept this moderate and equitable understanding and unite earnestly on Sundays and Week-days according to their ability in the Worship and Praise of Almighty God.

An Organ Recital was given in the Cathedral on Monday evening, May 21st, by the Organist, E. A. Bishop, Esq., who rendered the following programme with his usual Richmond and Melbourne, and since sunkbrillancy :--

Postlude in D	Smart.
Air varied in F. minor	Wesley.
March Pontificale	Lemmens.
Elevation	Saint-Saens.
Air with variations	Freyer
Offertoire in G.	Batiste.
Allegretto in D	Tours.
Military Symphony (1st mover	nent)Haydn.

Church Society

CENTRAL BOARD.

A Stated Meeting of the Central Board, presided over by the Lord Bishop, and attended by fifteen members, was held on May 15th. A letter was read from Mr. John Hamilton, declining the honour of becoming a member of the Advisory Committee on Investments, to which he had unanimously been chosen, in the room of his father (resigned) -- his reasons being that he strongly felt the desirability of enlarging the circle of those actively interested in the work of the Church Society, and thought the present vacancy a good opportunity of enlisting other men-he himself already being on many Committees.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented. This report recommended a grant of \$100 towards the erection of a small Church at "Newport Point" in the Mission of Shigawake, nine miles distant from any place of worship, on the usual conditions (i, e) that this liquidates the debt on the completed edifice. Also, a like sum towards the erection of a Parsonage at Peninsula, Gaspé, on similar conditions. In response to applications, grants were recommended towards the higher education of the children of some of the Clergy, and the amount of each specified, amounting in the aggregate to \$415. Through the generosity of Mr. Robert Hamilton, each of these latter grants is doubled. The Report as a whole was adopted. The Report of the Education Committee, recommending grants to tifteen schools in various parts of the Diocese, for the ensuing scholastic year, amounting in the aggregate to \$645, was also adopted.

Mr. Edwin Pope, Treasurer of the Church Society, presented a report, which showed an opportunity of investing all the moneys on hand, and to be received from securities maturing during the current year. The Report was adopted.

A correspondence from the Vestry of S. John's Church, Melbourne, embodying a claim to a portion of the revenue of the old Rectory belonging to the Parish of en in the erection of the new one in the town of Richmond, and asking for the intervention of the Church Society, was, after some discussion, referred to a committee, to be reported upon.

A letter from the Rev. A. H. Robertson, relating to the sale of a Burial Ground in Cookshire, was referred to the Legal Counsel,

A letter from the Rev. H. E. Wright, asking for permission to sell the present Parsonage at East Angus, recently obtained, and to erect another more commodious and suitable, was held over, awaiting fuller information.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

The regular mid-quarter meeting of the Board was held on 16th May, when the Treasurer reported that, with very few exceptions, the congregations, owing a quarter's assessment on 1st April, had since paid the amount due. With reference to those still in arrear, five in number, the usual course was taken, and the Secretary requested to ask the Clergy for explanations. The Mission of Magog, not having responded to the proposal of the Board for an increase of assessment, it was decided to close the connection with that congregation on 1st July next.

The Venerable Archdeacon Roe was appointed to the charge of the Mission of Brompton and Windsor, and Mr. W. J. Curran, to be shortly ordained, was appointed to the Mission of S. John's, Melbourne, in both cases, from the 1st July next, the Archdeacon, however, undertaking to be responsible, as General Missionary Agent, for the work at Brompton and Windsor from the present time.

The above were the matters of chief interest considered at this meeting.

Woman's Auxiliary.

The Annual Meeting of the Quebec Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, May 9th.

Morning Prayer was said in the Cathedral at 9.30 s.m., followed by a Celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was the Celebrant, assisted by the Dean of Quebec, and the Rev. H. J. Petry, M.A. Between sixty and seventy members attended the Service, and a very instructive address was delivered by the Lord Bishop.

After Service the members assembled in the Church Hall.

The Morning Session opened with Prayer, followed by the reading of the Branch Reports, which were most encouraging.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

The Afternoon Session was called for 2.15 p.m. Present : Mrs. Hunter Dunn, President ; Mrs. Petry, Mrs. Von Itland,

Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Fyles, Vice-Presidents; Misses L. H. Montizambert and Edith Carter, Secretaries; Miss Burstall, Editor of the *Leaflet*, and members, making in all between 100 and 110 present. !

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The meeting opened with a hymn and the Missionary Litany.

The President gave an address. Reports were read from the Treasurer, and from the Secretaries of the different departments.

Several letters and appeals were read.

Resolutions of thanks were passed to Mrs. Boomer, and Ethel Allman's teachers, for their kindness to her, during the past three years. It was decided that Ethel Allman should continue her studies until the end of August, and that before undertaking the education of another child, the parents should be invited to contribute towards the same, if it were found to be in their power to do so. The Secretary was instructed to write certain letters with reference to this subject.

Resolved, "That all Diocesan Life Membership fees be paid over to the Diocesan Treasurer, and that the same be voted for some special purpose at the annual meeting."

The amount received in answer to the special appeal was distributed as follows:

\$75 to the Bishop of McKenzie River.
\$50 to the Rev. J. W. Tims.
\$50 to the Rev. J. Brick.
\$25 to the Rev. G. Stocken.

Resolved, "That the profits from sale of Leaflets be given to the Diocesan General Expense Fund," and "That the same sum as last year, namely, \$150, be granted to the Lady Missionary in Japan."

It was resolved, "That when the Exeentive Committee of the Provincial Board of Management meet in October, at Quebec, the representatives from the different Dioceses be invited to address the members at a meeting to be held for the purpose."

Resolved, "That the various branches be requested to express an opinion as to the most suitable time of the year to hold the annual meeting."

Resolved, "That in future the Leaflet be distributed from Quebec, and that Miss Edith Montizambert be appointed assistant distributor."

Resolved, "That the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary join the 'Woman's National Council of Canada.'" The Officers were re-elected, with the substitution of Mrs. Ready for Miss Gill, resigned.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Doxology.

The First Bishop of Quebec.

Churchmen of the Diocese of Quebec, who on the 1st of June last celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Diocese with so much heartiness, will be much interested in reading the following, which appeared in the Church Times, of London, Eng., on the 13th of April :--- "The descendants of the learned and excellent Jacob Mountain, first Bishop of Quebec, have just put up a memorial brass to their ancestor in the porch of All Saints' Church, Thwaite, Norfolk, Eng., as follows :- To the Glory of God ; Jacob Mountain, first Bishop of Quebec, 1793-1825, was born at Thwaite Hall, and baptized in this Church. This Porch was restored by his Descendants A.D. 1893, to commemorate the 100th an-niversary of his Consecration." The brass appeared for the first time on Easter Day, and very much surprised and delighted the parishioners, who were quite ignorant of the fact that this small parish was the birthplace of one of the most self-denying and hard working Bishops the Church of God ever possessed.

Our only Hope.

The following are reviews of "Our only Hope," a little manual of devotion, which our Bishop presents to all who are brought to him to be confirmed. The first notice is taken from the *Canadian Churchman* of Toronto.

"OUR ONLY HOLE" is the name of an admirable little manual compiled by the present Bishop of Quebec. Those who have heard of the Bishop's reputation as a writer—still more those who have had the advantage of seeing and hearing him—will expect a "rich treat" (in a spiritual sense) in these pages intended for the newly-confirmed : and they will not be disappointed. We have never seen anything quite so well adapted for this purpose. The "booklet" is from the Morning Chronicle (Quebec) press, and very neat.

The other notice appeared in S. Andrew's Brotherhood.

"OUR ONLY HOPE." By the Rt. 15 c. Andrew H. Dunn, D. D., Lord Bishop of Quebee.

This is an admirable manual which Bishop Dunn makes it a custom to present to those upon whom his hands are laid in confirmation. It contains a brief address pointing out some of the duties which the one continued has assumed,

prayers for private use, suggestions for cultivating the habit of meditation on some portion of Scripture, hints for self-examination and a preparation for the Holy Communion. A number of blank pages at the end give space for the writing in of any special prayers and devotional notes. The manual will be found extremely useful to both young and old, whether newly confirmed or not.

The Book has been placed on sale at the S. P. C. K. Depot, S. John Street, Quebec City, whence copies may be obtained at 10^{-10} cents, or free by Post at 12 cents.

POETRY.

The Voice of Nature.

Oh! give me the freedom of Forest and Water, Give me the wild music the swift rapids make, Let me bear evermore the Woodland's sweet voices,

The soft sighing branches, the plash of the lake.

Let me lie down and sleep amid Nature's caresses,

With nanght to disturb the sweet peace of the soul.

Avaant all ye cares of the great world around me !

Defile not my Refuge with clamor and roll.

The Forests, the Waters, by God were created, Their Solitudes own Him their Master and King.

But man's puny artifice fashioned the cities, Man's own devices man's bitterness bring.

The Soul can commune in Nature, God's Temple.

Neath the blue vault of lieaven it worships its Lord.

While the great book is opened, so plainly, before us.

We read in its pages, "He must be adored."

The voices of Nature are mighty and noble

Yet, what is more gentle, more tranquil, more kind,

The whirl and the yoar of the swift mountain torrent.

The soft, gentle ripple, the sough of the wind.

The dark sweeping strength of the Cyclone's mad fury.

The crash and the roll of the thunder-storm wild.

The seals sonorons boom, on the rocky crags breaking,

Show Nature's vast power to man, her weak child.

Of what rash presumption are mortals then guilty,

Who dare to compare them to powers like these,

And make God's Creation a jest for their wis-

Translate to their purpose IIis boundless decrees !

L. D. Von IFFLAND.

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New Members for the Cathedral Choir.

There can be no doubt it is one of the highest vocations, to be called upon to take part in leading the praises of God's House, and all who possess the needful gifts should be only too glad to assist. We are permitted to say that Mr. E. A. Bishop, the Organist and Choir-master of the Cathedral, will be glad to hear of Ladies and Gentlemen with good voices and able to read their part ; and there are also a few vacancies for Boys with a good ear for music and voices that can be develop-ed. The attendance of these boys will be marked, and they will receive rewards in proportion to their ability and regular attenddance, besides the great privilege of valuable free lessons in singing from one of the best of teachers.

It is needless to say that the Choir of Ladies and Gentlemen, which is one of the very best in Canada, stands entirely upon an honorary footing, and its members deserve the highest thanks, not only of the Cathedral, but also of the Diocese at large.

All applications for admission to the Cathedral Choir should be made to Mr. E. A. Bishop, 92 D'Auteuil Street.

The Secret of Power.

The Bishop of Ripon, in a pastoral to "The Clergy and all Fellow Workers," writes :-

" Is it too much to say that the temptation of our own day is to those mistaken confidences. which the prophets of old denounced ? We rely on our organization as Israel refied on lits horses and on its chariots and its allies. We rely on our carefully-made plans, our privileged position, our noble lineage : and we forget that these are merely external advantagesvalueless unless filled with the living power of God. We need to remember the Apostles' words-' The second Adam was made a quickening Spirit." The realisation of this saves us alike from false confidence and false diffidence -on the one hand from the danger of imagining that we can do everything without Him, and on the other from that of thinking that even with Him we can do nothing. To realise that our means are inadequate is to learn humility. To realise that we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth is to learn faith. Our store, like that of the disciples, is ever unequal to the demands made upon it. In His hands the scanty supply becomes enough-we may, in His might, grow equal to the burden which is put upon us-when we are weak we are strong-joy and courage enter with us various groups and portraits, and also

into our work, the tasks become easier, for He is at hand; the difficulties disappear, for He makes a way for us. As saintly Henry Vaughan sang-

"Lord ! with what courage and delight ! I doe each thing

When Thy least breath sustains my wing ! I shine and move

Like those above.

And with much gladnesse

Quitting sadnesse.

Make me faire dayes of every night!"

Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Principal Adams reports :--

The Rev. George Abbott Smith, B.A., one of our graduates and a recently appointed member of our College Council, visited us on May 15th, and gave a lecture on "Athen-ian Architecture and Art," The lecture was illustrated by the Magic Lantern and was very interesting. The proceeds were for the Chapel Restoration. On May 14th he gave a lecture in the Church Hall, Sherbrooke, on his Mediterranean trip, and repeated the same at Waterville on May 16th.

The Preacher at Convocation (June 29th) will be the Right Rev. Bishop Hall, of Vermont. Bishop Potter has promised to visit us in 1895 instead of 1894.

S. Matthew's Church, Quebec.

One of the successful organizations in connection with this Church, lately set on foot, is the Church Lads' Brigade, numbering already nearly fifty all told, including the Chaplain, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, and the strength of the Company is increasing every week.

In order to help the funds of the Brigade the Lord Bishop of Quebee most kindly gave a lecture in the Parish Room on the evening of the Monday in Whitsun Week. The subject of the lecture was the story of the formation and marvellous growth of the Parish of South Acton. in England, of which His Lordship was vicar until he came to Quebec. The lecture was well illustrated by some excellent views of the beautiful Church of All Saints, the other smaller Churches and Chapels of ease in the Parish, dependent on the Mother Church, the Parish Hall, Men's Institute, Vicarage and other buildings, all of which were erected under the direction and largely by the generous help of the then Vicar, our present Bishop. Other views were also shown of characteristic scenes in the Parish,

some of the Cathedrals of the old Country including St. Paul's, London, Ely and Truro, the last being a beautiful specimen of a modern Cathedral. The lecture, which occupied nearly an hour and a half, was deeply interesting and instructive, and clearly proved that the Grand old Church of England is at this present day alive and very vigorous, and that when her methods and system are loyally carried out in accordance with the rules of her Book of Common Prayer, by able and zealous workers, in an earnest, generous, and truly Catholic spirit. she is able to win people by thousands to Christ, and when won, to supply their spiritual needs and hold them firm in their allegiance to the King of Kings.

At the conclusion of the lecture, the Rector, on behalf of those present and the Church Lads' Brigade, thanked His Lordship warmly. A well known hymn was very heartily sung by all present, and the Bishop then pronounced the Benediction.

On the following Monday evening the Parish Room was well filled by a goodly number of our earnest Church people from the different congregations and several of the Clergy of the City, who had come together to hear one of the "Sisters of the Church" give an address upon the work of the Church Extension Association both in England and in Canada.

The Chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who, after a few well chosen words upon the subject of woman's work in the Church, introduced Sister Frederica. Sitting in the chair in a quiet and winning manner, the Sister gave a most interesting account of Some of the great work done among the London poor. by the Sisters of the Church, commonly but somewhat erroneously known as the "Kilburn Sisters." Sister Frederica then proceeded to tell about the work they are now doing and hope to do, in Canada. This work so far has been chiefly educational, the aim of the Sisters being to provide at the lowest possible cost a sound, general and religious education.

In the face of the noble and self-denying work which is being done by the Sisters of the Church, ignorant prejudice against them, because they are united together in a community, and wave a distinctive habit, is being overcome.

It certainly would be a great blessing if in our cities and large towns schools could be established where our children could receive a good, sound, general and religious education in accordance with the beaching of the Auglican Church. Sister Frederica appealed for volunteers and funds to help in carrying on their educational work in Canada.

After the closing remarks of the Bishop and the giving of the Benediction, many remained behind to speak with the Sister and receive further information about the work.

Good and Useful Work.

The following is a summary of the work done by Rev. T. W. Fyles, M.A., the S. P. C. K. Chaplain at Quebec and Levis, during the year 1893 :--

"Met 121 ship-loads of passengers. Crossed the St. Lawrence 166 times. Found 64 situations for immigrants. Wrote 319 business letters besides uncounted notes of commendation. Made 25 visits to hospitals and other charitable institutions. Travelled 6,497 miles. Delivered 12 public addresses."

We may well thank the S. P. C. K. for providing for such good and practical work.

DISTRICT NEWS.

ST. MICHAEL'S, BERGERVILLE.

The Easter Services at this beautiful little Church were very bright and joyous, both choir and congregation joining heartily in the praises and thanksgivings befitting the day.

The decorations were indicative of the good taste and unsparing pains always bestowed by the ladies of St. Michael's in adorning God's House on the great festal days, and were, if possible, even more chaste and appropriate than on former occasions. The aggregate number of Communicants at the two Celebrations, considering all circumstances, was very good, though doubtless some were absent who ought not to have stayed away.

In connection with this important and necessary Christian duty it may be mentioned, as a matter connected with an object of general interest, that it is proposed to establish in this Parish, what no doubt has been successfully carried on in many Parishes, viz : some form of organization for instruction and preparation for the Holy Communion. It is proposed to have meetings once a month at which there will be a short service of devotion followed by instruction on some one of the many topics connected with this Sacament. It is hoped that in this way, by God's blessing, greater appreciation of the benefits of more frequent Communions and a truer sense of the duty incumbent upon professing Christian's may grow in the minds of all. It is not proposed to limit the attendance at these meetings to regular Communicants, but it is expected that, whilst all the young people who have been recently confirmed, or who have been confirmed in former years and have not formed the habit of receiving regularly, will be sure to come : those who have ceased to communicate. perhaps for years, or who have never commu- to the Holy Communion, there to consecrate The Bishop nicated at all, will also come. very kindly came out to St. Michael's on the ceive Him into his heart." evening of Friday, the 6th April, and at the : special service held, in which Canons Foster appointments, which were as follows : During and Thorneloe, and the Rev. R. A. Parrock, Holy Week, daily Mattins at 9 o'clock, and at besides the Rector took part, introduced the 7.30 evensong, with an address by the Rector subject, speaking particularly of such Commu- each day, except Good Friday, when a special nicants' unions in classes as a means of retain- service of readings and Hymns on the Pasing the more recently confirmed in the com- sion took the place of the address. On Good plete fellowship of Christ's Religion, and detail- Friday, the Three Hours Service, (from 12 to 3) ing the happy results experienced in his work commemorative of our Lord's final sufferings on at South Acton from such an organization. the cross, was held for the first time in the The form may vary according to the special circumstances of each Parish, and may perhaps in some cases be altogether informal, but the of Holy Communion, one in the Church of the object in view is the same, to arouse and deepen the sense of obligation to observe the Lord's command, and to aid in the intelligent and There were also the usual morning and evenspiritual preparation for its due observance.

There was a second representation of Mrs. Jarler's Wax Works in the Mountain School House on May 18th. There was a large audionce, many having come out from Quebec, who were prevented last month by the state of the roads. The programme reflected the greatest credit on Miss Forsyth and all concerned. Miss Rawson kindly sang several songs during the intervals and was tumultuously applanded. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

SHERRROOKE.

Holy Week and Easter were observed in this Parish much as in former years, and were, it is hoped, seasons of real spiritual refreshing. According to his custom the Rector issued just before Holy Week a special Pastoral, reminding his people of the solemn meaning and purpose of the season. In this pastoral the following words were used :

" The value of special seasons of devotion and self-denial is coming to be recognized by all bodies of Christians. The Church's season of Lent, however, is more than a season of devotion and self-denial. It is a commemoration of our Blessed Lord's sufferings and death. the Advent is much improved.

It culminates in Holy Week, the greatest, saddest, most eventful and most blessed week of the year. Every good Christian, putting aside common tasks and pleasures, should follow the Master through this, His final week of woe, and thus prepare to rejoice with Him at Easter-tide. Every confirmed person amongst us should this week recall his vows, and preparing with earnest self-examination and prayer, should resolve to come on Easter Day himself afresh to Christ's service and to re-

There followed a notice of the various Parish.

On Easter Day there were four Celebrations Advent at 7 o'clock, taken by Dr. Adams, and three in St. Peter's, at 7, 8.30 and mid-day. ing services at St. Peter's, a Sunday School Service in the afternoon, at which the children's offerings, the result of Lenten self-denial, were made towards the Indian School of Algoma, amounting to \$22.00; Evensong at the Church of the Advent at 4 o'clock; and a Mission Service at Brompton Line at the same hour.

The experiment of the Three Hours Service was attended with very gratifying results. About 150 people were present in all, of whom at least 100 remained from beginning to end. The congregation was most reverent and seemed deeply impressed by the solemnity of the service.

The Easter Congregations were very large. The Churches were tastefully decorated and the music was hearty and uplifting. In St. Peter's, the results of Mr. Dorey's excellent training were most apparent, the service being very brightly and beautifully rendered. The total number of communicants was 387. Dr. Adams, the Principal of Bishop's College, with his wonted kindness, in addition to taking the Church of the Advent Celebration, assisted and preached in St. Peter's.

Mr. Hunter, as Reader and Cathechist, is doing a good work. Already the interest in Church matters in East Sherbrooke has greatly increased, and the attendance at the Church of The third annual Festival of the Association of Church Choirs of the Deanery of S. Francis was held in S. Peter's Church, on Thursday evening, May 17th. The Service was throughout bright and hearty; the Rev. E. Weary intoned the prayers, while the lessons were read by Principal Adams and the Rev. E. A. W. King. The special preacher was the Rev. Prof. Watkins, of Lennoxville.

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At the subsequent meeting, Canon Thorneloe was elected President, Mr. A. Dorey Musical Director, Mr. Wells Sec.-Treas. Bishop's College was selected as the place for the next Annual Service.

NEW CARLISLE AND PASPEBIAC.

The Rev. E. B. Husband reports :

The Lenten and Holy Week Services have been well attended. On Easter Day, Holy Communion was celebrated at New Carlisle, 64 communicating, an increase on the previous year. At Paspebiac, at 11 a.m., 27 communicated; many being unable to be present through sickness. The Easter offering in New Carlisle was \$8.95; Paspebiac. \$15.55. Holy Communion was administered in S. James' Hopetown, the following Sunday, 9 communicating. At the Vestry Meetings, the Church Wardens' reports showed increases during the past year.

The old Church in New Carlisle is no more; the congregation determined to pull it down and get into the new. Many promised work and money. They are working with a will, and there seems every hope now that our new Church will be ready to worship in soon.

DANVILLE.

The Rev. T. Blaylock reports as follows :----

" Our Holy Week and Easter Services were very successful. At the two Celebrations in Danville, there were fifty-seven Communicants, in the whole parish ninety-one. Kingsev Falls I could not reach, but the services there are well kept up, sixty-five being present last Sunday evening. My Easter offering was forty-five dollars. The Vestry Meeting at Danville showed the accounts to be in a pros-The ordinary Offertories for the perous state. first time more than met the expenses, and the assessments had covered the increased amount asked by the Board for the past year. On the whole the Parish seems prosperous, and I have much cause to thank God and take courage."

The Vestry Meeting of S. Augustine's Church Danville, was held on Easter Monday Week. Notwithstanding the increased assessment the accounts were found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Church-Wardens reported a considerable increase in the amount of the Offertories. Votes of thanks were carried to the Church-Wardens, the members of the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Blaylock, Mrs. G. F. Cleveland, and the Altar cloth. Too much praise cannot be given to the Church-Wardens, Messrs. G. F. Cleveland and C. R. Thurber, for their attention and careful husbanding of the finances.

RIVIÈRE DU LOUP.

The Easter Services in this Mission were hearty and cheerful; and the Congregations almost as large as is possible in winter, very few of the resident members failing to be present.

In the old Church, commonly known as "the Parish Church," the Altar and Sanctuary, and the space in front of them, were bright with beautiful plants, many loaded with blossom, others of great beauty of foliage, and all, it is hoped, picturing forth and helping the worshippers to realize the glorioustruth of the Resurrection which they so sweetly preach, and thus truly having their share in setting forth the glory and goodness of God; for surely for this purpose chiefly, and not alone to please the eye of man, do we make use of them to brighten our Church yearly, when the Queen of all our Festivals comes round. If they fail in doing this, it were better not to have them there.

The Upper Church, too, taught the same lesson in the same way.

The organist and choir did their full share in rendering the Services joyous, and in leading the Congregation, and lifting up their hearts, we trust, in thankful praise to God. The smallness of their numbers made this no easy task; so that they may be grateful for the success of their efforts in this direction.

Our thanks are hereby tendered to those ladies who so kindly lent the flowers; and we must by no means omit to record that by far the greater part of the plants which brightened the "Station" Church were lent by ladies who are not members of our own Congregation.

To them our special thanks are due, and are most heartily and sincerely given.

A friendly gathering of the members of the Congregation took place at the Parsonage, on Tuesday, April 17th, when a pleasant evening was passed in music and singing, and various cheerful anusements. Refreshments were kindly furnished by the ladies of the Congregation.

BARFORD.

The following Services were held in this Mission on Easter Day :

- 1. Church of the Advent, Perryboro', 7.30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion : twenty-five Communicants.
- 2. St. Cuthbert's, Dixville-11 a.m., same as at Perryboro', and same number of Communicants.

- 3. St. Paul's, Stanhope-3 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.
- Dixville-7.30 p.m., 4. St. Cuthbert's, Evening Prayer and Sermon as at Stanhope. Each Service was well attended. Owing to sickness in Church families at Dix ille and Perryboro', several Communicants were prevented from being present.

The Easter offerings amounted to \$24.02. The Vestry meetings of the above mentioned Congregations have been held and the following officers elected :

Cuthbert's-Incumbent's Warden, St. Thos. Grady, re-elected ; People's Warden, Geo. Gill.

St. Paul's-W. G. Nelson, Incumbent's, and W. H. Bishop, People's Warden, reelected.

Church of the Advent, H. F. Walker, Incumbent's, and H. W. Perry, People's Warden, re-elected.

The financial standing of each Congregation was satisfactory. St. Paul's reported a balance in hand of \$17.46.

A subscription list has been started, and, if enough can be raised, it is proposed to reshingle, repaint and put a new furnace into the Parsonage, and paint the fence. To complete the work it will require about \$250, which amount will be difficult to raise, owing to the increase in the assessment and the B. W. M. M. F. subscriptions; but each Congregation seems willing to do its hest.

East Angus.

The Rev. H. E. Wright reports as follows

Christ Church, East Angus :- The Easter Services in this Church were unusually well attended this year, the number present being larger than at any regular service since I have been in charge of this Mission, now nearly three years. The services were bright and hearty, and all, I am sure, felt that it was good to be present. The Communicants were largely in excess of other years. The first year I was here. there were twelve, last year twenty-four, and this year thirty-two. " And yet there is room.

The Vestry Meeting of this Church was held on Easter Monday, and the financial report of the retiring Warden, Mr. R. C. Cowling, was very satisfactory, showing that beside our regular expenses, we had expended quite a large sum of money and yet our accounts balanced. Mr. J. F. Wilson and Mr. Sylvans Warner were respectively.

Judging from present signs, we are about to set out on a joyful and prosperous year, the example and influence of the present manager of the mills being strongly on the side of God and His Church.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, Ascot Corner:-The work in this part of the Mission does not show any great change. At our Easter Vestry Meeting, Mr. Alex. Bell was elected People's Warden, and Mr. J. Kees, of Stoke, Clergyman's Warden.

One incident however I think deserving of great praise, and it is this : The young girls of this Church, without any prompting from parents or Incumbent, formed themselves into a Guild and began work for the Church, and on Sunday last, as the result of about two months' work, they placed in my hands \$11.00 " for the Church to be used as I thought best.'

This is the right kind of spirit and the right kind of work, and with God's blessing the Church must succeed.

I hope this may be an encouragement for them to continue their good work, and that others may "do likewise."

JOHNVILLE.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of Johnville Congregation was held on the 16th April, at the house of Mr. Eugene Smith. There were present : the Revd. B. G. Wilkinson, Messrs. F. S. C. Oakes, Eugene Smith, John Smith and Muncaster. The receipts for the year were found to be \$54.51; expenditure \$51.31. The Church-Wardens elected were Mr. A. Huntin (in the place of Mr. Oakes, who resigned after having held office as Clergyman's Warden and done his duty thoroughly since 1890), and Mr. Muncaster. Mr. John Smith, the delegate to the Synod of the Diocese, having resigned, Mr. Eugene Smith was elected in his place. Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Oakes, for the efficient and conscientious way in which he had for some years superintended the Sunday School, and to Mr. Muncaster for the satisfactory performance of his duties.

WAY'S MILLS AND BARNSTON.

The Rev. C. H. Brooks reports :--

Two very pleasant Vestry Meetings, one at Way's Mills, held at 8 p.m. March 26th, at the Parsonage, when Mr. O. E. Webster was elected Clergyman's Warden, and Mr. W. H. Davidson, People's Warden for the coming year, while Messrs. S. W. Sergeant and William Cramer were appointed elected People's and Clergyman's Warden Auditors ; the other at Barnston, held at 2 p.m. March 27, at Mr. Buckland's house,

when Messrs. G. S. Buckland and James Smith were elected Wardens, Messrs. A. Putney and W. W. Brown Auditors.

COMPTON.

The Rev. G. H. Parker reports that there were good congregations on Easter Day, notwithstanding the fact that the roads were in a bad condition and people at a distance could not come to Church. The Sacred Edifice was bright with floral decorations suitable to the festival. There were two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, at which there were 47 Communicants. The Easter Offering amounted to \$32.

MALBAIE.

The Rev. G. R. Walters reports :---

The Easter Services here were of a hearty character, our Easter Hymns being bright and heartily sung, our congregation quite large in the morning; and larger number of persons remained to Holy Communion than for some years past; a happy feature in the service was that several young persons made their first communion. Let us trust that the good resolves that day made may by God's help be life long.

At our Easter Vestry Meeting on the Monday following, Mr. Charles LeMarquand, accepted the office of Minister's Warden, which position he has held for some years, and Mr. John LeGros, Jnr., was elected for the third term People's Warden.

The interior of St. Peter's Church is a who evid net work of scaffold poles and boards just now, as it is undergoing staining and varnishing, some of the larger rafters and decorations being done in a rich Burnt Sienna; the combination is effective, and will, when completed, add to the internal dignity of the building.

Gaspé Basin.

The Easter Services were well attended, and the number of Communicants was larger than in former years. During the Octave, including the sick and infirm, upwards of one hundred and seventy persons communicated. This marked increase is an encouraging sign, but there is still room for great improvement in respect of the observation of the Rubric concerning Easter Communion.

The Easter Vestry Meetings were held on Easter Monday, and were satisfactory. The same Wardens were re-elected at the two Churches.

The contracts have been entered into for

the work on the outside of the New Church in the Township of York, and this part of the building will be finished by the month of October. I hope that the following year will see the completion of the building. The people are providing the material and a great part of the boards, and as these are sawn by hand, they represent a good deal of hard labour given with a good heart to the work.

COOKSHIRE.

The Week Evening Services in St. Peter's Church were very well attended. The Services on Easter Day were very bright and hearty. The number of Communicants, 36 at the Early Celebration, 53 at the 10.30 Service, 89 in all, was the largest ever known in the history of this parish.

The Easter Music was beautifully sung, including special Anthems at Morning and Evening Services.

LEVIS.

There was a very successful entertainment at the Rectory on the evening of May 15th, organised by the Misses Thompson, with the object of providing funds for the repair of the Church. The first part of the programme consisted of a very good selection of songs and readings, contributed mainly by local talent, after which the Rev. A. J. Balfour exhibited an interesting series of lantern slides. There were close on one hundred people present. who evidently enjoyed themselves tho-It is gratifying to know that the good sum of sixteen dollars has been handed over to the Church as the result of the concert.

WATERVILLE.

The Rev. E. A. W. King reports that there was a larger number of Easter Communicants than last year in this mission and at North Hatley, and the Easter offering to the missionary was exceptionally large at Eustis.

At a recent Vestry Meeting of the Church of St. Barnabas, North Hatley, the following resolution, proposed by R. C. Cull, and seconded by J. H. Campbell, was unanimously passed and will speak for itself:

"We, the members of this Vestry, had hoped that Mr. W. H. Armstrong would be still in office as Church-Warden and Mrs. Armstrong as Organist until the new Church of St. Barnabas should have been fully completed; but, having learned that

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they are about to leave this place in order to make their home in Melbourne, we desire to take this opportunity of expressing our sentiments towards them. We recall with much satisfaction their faithful services, which have extended over more than five years. We gratefully recognize the kindly, constant and valuable efforts they have always made towards the efficient maintenance of our services in North Hatley and towards the comfort of the worshippers and of the clergy, and by sacrifices in other ways for the honour and glory of God. For many reasons, therefore, both of an official and personal character, we shall miss them very much. We would now tender them both our united and best thanks for all they have done. We heartily wish them "God speed" in the new sphere of life upon which they are to enter, and we shall rejoice at all times to hear of their happiness, good health and welfare for the future into whatever circumstances it may please God to call them."

For Whitsunday, a beautiful stained glass window, executed by Castle & Son, Montreal, was placed in the centre of the triplet opening of the chancel in the Church of St. Barnabas, North Hatley. It illustrates pictorially the words of Rev. III 20.—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." At the base is this inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of the Right Reverend J. W. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Quebec, consecrated June 21st, 1863. Died April 20th, 1892. On either side of this, it is hoped some day will be placed similar memorials to the late Bishop Stewart and Bishop Mountain, as soon in fact as the necessary funds shall be contributed.

SANDY BEACH, GASPÉ.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports :

Our Easter Services were bright, cheer-1 ful and hearty, and were attended by good congregations. The number of Communicants was the largest I have yet seen here. Fifty-four communicated on Easter Day, and thirty others on the following Sunday, while twelve more received the Sacrament during Easter week at private Colebra-So that, altogether, ninety-six pertions. sons made their Easter Communion. This seems to me to be a very good showing for a country parish; especially as there were about twenty Communicants who, from various causes, were not able to receive, either privately or publicly; and also, if the fact is remembered, that there are only

sixty-four families connected with the congregation.

The accounts presented at the Easter Vestry Meeting showed a balance of \$34 on hand. The old Church-Wardens were reappointed for the ensuing year, namely : Capt. Robert Pye, for the people, and Mr. Peter Miller, for the Clergyman.

The Services of Supplication for God's blessing, on the three Rogation Days, were unusually well attended this year.

BOURG LOUIS.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this Mission for Confirmation on the evening of the 17th May, being the anniversary of his visit to the same place for the same purpose a year ago, and by an unusual coincidence it was the 25th anniversary of the marriage of the Incumbent and Mrs. Debbage.

An interesting and hearty service was held. there being a large attendance, especially of young people. His Lordship urged upon the Candidates, earnestness and sincerity in seeking the gifts of God in the Holy Rite. After his address he asked the usual question in the Confirmation Service, first in English, and when it had been answered in this language, it was repeated in French on account of one Candidate whose language is French and who answered in that tongue. The Bishop delivered a very earnest address to the people, recalling to their minds what he had said to them a year ago about the examples of Confirmation, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. This time he also spoke of Jacob blessing the Sons of Joseph, and of Moses laying his hands upon Joshua who was to succeed him. He also quoted what has been said about Confirmation by Tertullian, Cyprian and The Venerable Bede. His Lordship also urged the need and blessing of receiving the Holy Communion, by which, though the Bread remains Bread, and the Wine remains Wine to the end, we are yet brought into close union with our Divine Lord. Eight Candidates, four male and four female, were confirmed.

The next morning His Lordship went on to Portneuf.

PORTNEUF.

On Friday evening, May 18th, the Lord Bishop was driven by the Rev. J. B. Debbage from Bourg Louis, and was met about half way on his sixteen miles drive by a carriage sent by the Rev. C. B. Washer, to take him round to Portneuf. After dinner at the Parsonage, a further drive was made to Halesboro' Church, where the Bishop preached, and in the evening there was a Confirmation Service in the pretty little Church at Portneuf, which owes much to the devotion and good taste of its clergyman and worshippers. Next day, the Bishop returned by the C.P.R. to Quebec.

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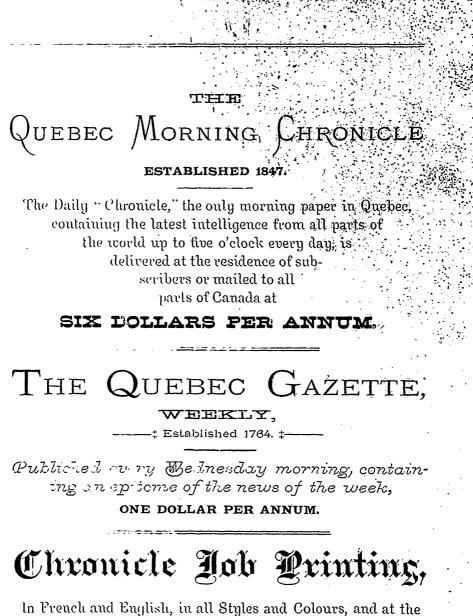
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