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VISITATION OF THE BISHOP AMONG THE MISSIONS IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE.

The Bishop of Quebec, accompanied by the Rev. Armine Mountain, one of his Chaplains, embarked on Monday night, August 8th, in a schooner for Gaspé Bay, and in the afternoon of the Friday following, reached the entrance of the Bay, where the vessel was becalmed. His Lordship had reason to be very thankful that Her Majesty's War Steamer Basilisk just then hove in sight, and her commander, the Hon. Capt. Egerton, (a signal having been made from the schooner,) most obligingly took the Bishop and Mr. Mountain on board, and towed the schooner to Grande Grève, within the Bay, where they were landed about nine o'clock, P. M. This accommodation enabled his Lordship to effect certain arrangements which were particularly desirable, respecting the appointments for Sunday the 11th, and other objects which were dependent upon these. The Bishop and his Chaplain were received for the night, at the establishment of Messrs. Janvrin of Jersey, in charge of Mr. Falle, who paid them every possible attention. By the kindness of that gentleman and his neighbors, messages were sent up and down the coast, to assemble the congregation and candidates for confirmation at eleven the next morning (Saturday,) at the Church of Little Gaspé in the immediate neighborhood, a dependency upon the Mission of Gaspé Basin, from which it is distant about a dozen miles. A message had been before sent by boat to the Rev. F. DeLamare, at that place, who received it at 3 A. M., and came down, before breakfast, to Grande Grève. About one hundred persons assembled in the Church and one male and nine females were confirmed. Two candidates were prevented from attending. The Bishop preached from a text in the 2nd lesson, incorporating with his sermon the address to the persons confirmed. In the afternoon, he was rowed up, with the two Clergymen, by a crew of volunteers, to Gaspé Basin, and became the guest of the Rev. Mr. DeLamare at the S. W. Arm, a league beyond, at which place also Mr. Mountain benefited by the hospitality of Mr. Eden.

On Sunday, the 11th August, a Congregation, believed to exceed three hundred persons, assembled in Gaspé Basin Church. Twenty four (nine males and fifteen females) were confirmed. The Church was consecrated, having been made complete in all its appurtenances, and fitted up with remarkable neatness in the interior, in part by the work of ladies upon the spot; in part also by means of the bounty of some friends of the Church in Jersey, whom Mr. DeLamare, during a visit to that Island, had interested in the cause. The burying ground, which has been neatly enclosed, was consecrated after the conclusion of the services in the Church, in which the sermon of the Bishop was made appropriate to the different solemnities of the occasion.

In the afternoon, his Lordship, with his two clerical companions, after having partaken of the hospitality of Mr. McCallum, crossed the Basin and proceeded to the Church of Sandy Beach, four miles farther down the Bay, which lies within the vacant mission of Mal Bay. The Church of this place, which exceeds, in its dimensions, the usual scale of our Country Mission Churches, has been neatly painted, within and without, and wants only the steeple to make it complete. The people

are also building a parsonage-house, which is well advanced, and have pledged themselves, through their Church-wardens, to contribute handsomely, according to their ability, towards the maintenance of a Minister. The Rev. Mr. Smith, (now at Port Neuf,) who left the Mission in May, had previously been engaged in preparing candidates, at the different stations, for Confirmation, and the Rev. Mr. DeLamare has paid such attention to the congregations, in the vacancy, as he could in justice to his own charge bestow. Seven persons, of whom six were females,* were here confirmed, some others having been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Congregation amounted perhaps to a hundred. The Bishop preached, interweaving with his sermon the address to the persons confirmed.

Monday, 15th August.—The Bishop and his companions having returned to sleep at the S. W. Arm, the Church of that place was consecrated in the forenoon of this day. It has been fitted up and furnished in the same manner as that at Gaspé Basin, already described, and precisely by the same means. The Congregation consisted of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty persons. It had not been intended to hold a confirmation here, but four young women, disappointed at other places, presented themselves, with their tickets, and were admitted to the rite. His Lordship charged them, as in other instances, in his sermon. The burying-ground (in which the Church stands) was also consecrated. Portions of the service are chanted in this Church and at Gaspé Basin, and many acknowledgments are due to the parties, (being in each case the same individuals,) who have successfully promoted the cultivation of psalmody. In the afternoon of the same day, the Bishop, with the two Clergymen and Mrs. Eden, the hostess of Mr. Mountain, (a lady who has taken a leading part in all Church matters upon the spot, appropriate to feminine hands,) drove down to Point St. Peter's in the Mal Bay Mission, distant from S. W. Arm about twenty-four miles, stopping by the way to inspect the parsonage-house which is in course of erection at the Basin. His Lordship took up his quarters at the Point with his old and familiar hostess, the widow of the late Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Mountain was indebted for his accommodation to the kindness of Mr. Alexander.

Tuesday, 16th August.—The Church of Mal Bay (within a mile of Point St. Peter) having been, some time ago, burnt down, the Congregation assembled this morning in the school-house. About seventy persons were present, of whom twelve (nine males and three females) were confirmed. The Bishop addressed them as before described, and charged it earnestly upon the Congregation, in the prospect of having the vacancy speedily filled up, to exert themselves heartily in the work of replacing their lost Church by a new and better edifice. He took for his text the latter part of v. 39 of Nehemiah, chap. x. Two of the candidates having recently arrived from Jersey, were unable to understand English, and the Bishop therefore addressed a few words of advice to them afterwards in their own language. In the evening, the Bishop and his two companions were rowed across, accompanied by the Church-wardens, who kindly provi-

* Several young men, in different parts of these Missions, who would otherwise have been subjects for Confirmation, were absent on the Whal-fishery upon the borders of Labrador.

ded a boat, to Percé, about ten miles from Point St. Peter, and were lodged for the night at the establishment of Messrs. Robin of Jersey, (at present under the charge of M. de la Perrelle,) which is always open for the accommodation of the Clergy.

Wednesday, 17th August.—The Church at Percé, (a place of wonderful scenery of a grand and wildly romantic cast.) is a dependency upon Cape Cove, distant nine miles, from which latter place the Rev. R. Short came over to meet the Bishop. The number of Protestant residents at Percé is extremely small, and only four persons (all males) were presented for confirmation, being about one-tenth of the whole number attending. They were addressed and exhorted as usual by the Bishop. Mr. DeLamare had now returned to his own Mission, and the Bishop and Mr. Mountain drove over with Mr. Short to Cape Cove, where they became his guests, Mr. Mountain being received, for the night, at the house of Colonel Case.

Thursday, 18th August.—Twenty-two persons (twelve males and ten females) were confirmed this day at Cape Cove, and the Church, as well as the surrounding burying-ground, was consecrated. The sermon of the Bishop was delivered with reference to the different solemnities performed. The Congregation, who are almost without exception fishermen, have been long in bringing their Church to a condition fitting it for consecration, but they made great exertions to have it ready for the Episcopal visit of the present year. A meeting of the Church-wardens and heads of families was held, after service, at the house of Mr. Short, to confer with his Lordship respecting the acquisition of the property of that gentleman for a parsonage-house and glebe, Mr. Short himself being prepared to make a large sacrifice to forward the object.

Mr. Short kindly provided a couple of horses and vehicles to convey the two travellers, with their baggage, to Port Daniel, distant forty miles, and they were accompanied by his own son, and also for some distance by another member of the Congregation. They accomplished half the journey before night and slept at the establishment of the Gaspé Fishing and Mining Company, at Pabus, where they received every friendly attention from the resident agent, Mr. Rémond.

Friday, 19th August.—The Bishop reached Port Daniel from Pabus about one o'clock, P. M., on this day, and was there met by the Rev. Mr. Milne, who serves the Churches of New Carlisle and Paspébiac, being resident between the two, and holds also stated services at Port Daniel, distant eighteen miles, and at Hopetown upon the same road, distant six miles from his house. The Bishop confirmed four persons in a school-house on the hill above Port Daniel and addressed them, together with a Congregation of fifty persons or upwards. The party then returned to enjoy the hospitality, not for the first time experienced, of Mr. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Lauder who keep house together, in the beautiful bay below.

Saturday, 20th August.—Mr. Milne and Mr. Carter drove the Bishop and Mr. Mountain to New Carlisle. A Confirmation was held on the way in the school-house at Hopetown. The recipients of the rite were ten in number, (of whom two only were males,) the Congregation about seventy. The services were closed in his usual manner, by the Bishop. The party from Port Daniel, reinforced at Hopetown by the arrival of Mrs. Milne, dined at Paspébiac, with Mrs. Bruce, an English lady resident at that place, with whom Mr. Mountain had before been a guest, and then proceeded to the residence of Mr. Milne.

Sunday, 21st August.—Twenty persons (six males and fourteen females) were confirmed at New Carlisle Church in the forenoon of this day, in presence of a Congregation of about two hundred and fifty. The Bishop preached, after having made a separate address to the recipients of Confirmation. In the afternoon, fifteen persons (of whom nine were of the male sex,) were confirmed in the Church of Paspébiac. The Congregation was about equal to that of New Carlisle. His Lordship followed the same course in his address, as in the morning. This was the last Confirmation held in the District, exclusive

of those in the Magdalen Islands, and the whole number of persons confirmed, so far, was 132. The candidates, generally, in all the Missions, exhibited a marked seriousness of deportment, furnishing grounds for the hope that their Confirmation was regarded by them in a light which would tend to make it a real blessing to them individually. The female candidates were almost invariably dressed in white, which, so far as exterior matters are concerned, has a very pleasing effect.

Wednesday, 21th August.—The Bishop and his Chaplain remained for some days enjoying the society of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Milne, an arrangement having been made by the Hon. Capt. Egerton for conveying them to the other side of the Bay of Chaleurs on Friday the 26th. Wednesday being the festival of St. Bartholomew, divine service was held in both Churches, and after that of the morning the burying-ground of New Carlisle was consecrated. The Bishop preached upon both occasions. The spare days of the week were occupied in correspondence upon the affairs of the Diocese, and in visits to families belonging to the Church.

Friday, 26th August.—The Bishop and Mr. Mountain went in the morning of this day on board the Dart, armed schooner in Her Majesty's service. They embarked under the salute of a cannon on Paspébiac beach and a great display of flags, demonstrations of respect and goodwill which, in accordance with the maritime habits and associations of the population, were made in several different parts of the Gaspé coast which the Bishop visited, —recourse being had to small arms where the vehicles of louder intonation were not at command. The Dart is commanded by Lieut. Knockner, who had come on shore the day before with a note from Capt. Egerton of the Basilisk, to the Bishop. There are two other officers and twenty-six men on board. His Lordship took occasion, with the willing consent of Lieut. Knockner, to preach upon the deck, in the afternoon, to this little Congregation, who, while on their present service, are without opportunities of hearing the word of God. They behaved with great reverence and attention. The officers, despite of all remonstrance, surrendered the best accommodation for the night to their clerical visitors.

Saturday, 27th August.—The Bishop and his companion were transferred this morning, off Miscou, to the Basilisk. The object of these arrangements was to enable his Lordship, having visited that portion of his Diocese which faces the shores of New Brunswick, to reach Chatham on the Miramichi River, in order thence to proceed by land to Fredericton, and there take part in the services on the high occasion of consecrating the new Cathedral Church.

Sunday, 28th August.—The Basilisk not belonging to that class of vessels to which a Chaplain is allowed, the Church service is ordinarily read on board by a layman, but upon the present occasion prayers were read by Mr. Mountain (who wherever the Bishop visited took a share in the services) and his Lordship preached. The officers and men made a very attentive Congregation of about one hundred and forty persons. The Ministers of Christ feel it always to be a privilege granted to themselves to afford the ministrations of the Church to bodies of men who seldom and sparingly enjoy them. The Basilisk was now at anchor; for the state of the tide did not admit of her passing the bar to ascend the River Miramichi. The Bishop, therefore, and Mr. Mountain went ashore after service, and after a pull of some miles, landed at Hardwick in the Bay du Vin, a very rough, obscure and backward part of the Province of New Brunswick, but one where there is a remarkably neat and well-arranged Church, furnished with three bells and a small organ, being one of four Churches upon a line of country upwards of fifty miles in length, all served by one man, the Rev. J. Hudson, and often three of them in one day. They are all built upon correct models, the Missionary himself having been the Architect, and beautifully fitted up within. The two travellers were soon greeted by Mr. Williston, one of the Church-wardens, who took them to his house, and found means, in the

absence of the clergyman, to notify such members of the Congregation as were not too distant, of service to be held at five o'clock, when Mr. Mountain said the prayers and the Bishop preached to a Congregation of something more than forty persons. The Church-wardens very cheerfully took the responsibility of getting an ex post facto sanction from the Missionary (who appears to be exceedingly beloved), and the Bishop was not much afraid of getting into a difficulty with his brother of Fredericton, for taking unauthorized possession of a pulpit in his Diocese.

The Salmon-fishery is very extensively and profitably carried on by the residents upon this part of the coast, and it is conducted under the strictest regulations, each landed proprietor having his own exact limits in the waters.

Monday, 29th August.—After having been hospitably entertained and lodged at Mr. Williston's, the Bishop and his Chaplain set out at 5 A. M. for Chatham, a distance of twenty miles, in order to take the stage thence to Fredericton. The charge for their waggon to Chatham was, without their privity, defrayed by the Church-wardens and neighbors, and all resistance to this arrangement was found to be in vain, the only way left of returning the amount at least for the benefit of the Diocese, being the reservation of it to be added to what should be given at the collection to be made in the Cathedral on the day of consecration, to which all the Parishes sent up contributions.

The town of Chatham and two smaller places in the neighborhood, Douglstown and Newcastle, have been created by the lumber trade, which has recently received some impulse in this quarter, where a promise now appears of increase and improvement. There are in Chatham, a Parish Church and a Chapel of Ease of the Church of England, and there is a Church of the same Communion in Newcastle. The distance from Chatham to Fredericton is about 113 miles. The stage is an open waggon, which lingers by the way, in a manner not at all suggesting the idea of its conveying Her Majesty's mail. Leaving Chatham at 9½ A. M., it reached Boiestown, a poor looking village, at a distance of about sixty miles, after midnight. The Bishop and Mr. Mountain slept at this place, and on the following day reached Fredericton, just too late, unfortunately, for the afternoon service at St. Anne's Chapel. The Bishop of Fredericton had his house full of visitors from the American States who came to attend the consecration, and the Bishop of Quebec and his Chaplain, by previous invitation, were the guests, during their stay, of His Excellency Sir Edmund and Lady Head, at Government House, a privilege which will be understood by others who may have enjoyed it. They remained nearly a week at Fredericton, engaged in public services, meetings, and hospitable entertainments connected with the great occasion which had brought them together, for the description of all which the account may be consulted which appears in another column of this paper. The Bishop of Quebec had the happiness of receiving a very affectionate greeting from many old members of his first flock, in vastly differing circles of society, including some of the negro population. In the afternoon of Sunday, 4th Sept., his Lordship preached at St. Anne's Chapel, in addition to the other duties mentioned in the account just referred to; and early on Monday the 5th, left Fredericton to return to Chatham from whence he was to be conveyed in the Basilisk to the Magdalen Islands. The Bishop and Mr. Mountain reached Chatham on Tuesday, the latter part of which day and nearly the whole of Wednesday (the Basilisk not having arrived) were spent in writing, and preparing for the press the manuscript of the Bishop's sermons preached in the Cathedral at Fredericton, the publication of which had been desired, to make up a volume with those by other hands delivered also upon the occasion of the consecration. The Basilisk having come up to Chatham on Wednesday, they went on board in the evening of that day, and leaving the harbor at daylight on Thursday, reached the Magdalen Islands, distant from Chatham about 150 miles, on the morning of Friday the 9th. They landed at House Har-

bor, where the Rev. F. Boyle, the Island Missionary, resides. Mr. Boyle was absent at another island called *Grosse Isle*, but the Bishop became the guest of Mrs. Boyle, and Mr. Mountain was accommodated at the house of Mr. Flockhart, consular agent for the United States of America.

Saturday, 10th September.—Some description of this most singular group of Islands was given in No. 1, vol. 1 of this paper, (for Sept. 1850) together with some particulars of the extraordinary state of spiritual destitution in which the Protestant portion of the inhabitants (amounting now to 230 souls and constituting, perhaps, one-tenth of the whole population) were found by the Bishop, when he visited them in 1850. His Lordship having then afforded them his own passing ministrations, and having ascertained both their dispositions and their wants, established a Missionary among them, in concert with the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*, in 1851. The gentleman selected for this service, was Mr. Boyle, already mentioned, an élève of Bishop's College at Lennoxville, from which valuable institution, within the few years of its existence, no less than twenty-four gentlemen have come forth, having made their theological preparation in whole or in part within its walls, who are now occupying the Missionary field in Lower Canada, besides others who have left the country. It was necessary that the Bishop should proceed at once to Grosse Isle, where the Sunday was to be passed, and being accommodated by kind neighbors with a boat, he went up there accordingly, with Mr. Mountain. The distance is rather a long twenty miles. They were lodged upon their arrival at the house of a Mr. Keaton, a settler of the place, where they found Mr. Boyle, and the family did their best for their accommodation. About half a mile off there was an elderly woman long confined to the house by ill health, who had never been baptized. Mr. Boyle had been engaged in preparing her, and it was arranged that the baptism should take place this night. A small band of friends and neighbors such as her cottage would hold, was accordingly collected, and the evening service of the Church was performed, the voice of psalmody was raised, and a familiar sermon was delivered by the Bishop. It was a rare opportunity for the poor sufferer, but the occasion was most marked and, according to all good hope, blessed to her by her reception into covenant with God in CHRIST by holy baptism, which took place, at the hands of Mr. Mountain, after the second lesson.

Sunday, 11th September.—A pull across the head of the lagoon and a walk of about a mile, brought the party to the house of a Mr. McLean near the Church, where they robed. This Church has been raised by great exertions, and this object would hardly have been yet accomplished but for the purchase, at a reduced rate, of a wreck: for it is upon wrecks that the Islanders in a great measure depend for any more considerable building,—the islands themselves not affording timber. The frame is raised and covered in, but the windows had not been set up, and the whole building being quite unfinished, had never been used for service till this day. It was temporarily adapted for the occasion, and a Congregation assembled of between forty and fifty persons, to whom the Bishop preached. Two male adults were baptized by his Lordship, during the service. After the Bishop and clergy had partaken of some refreshment at the house of Mr. Clarke, service was again held in the afternoon, when thirty-one persons were confirmed,—the Bishop introducing into his sermon a special charge to the persons thus ratifying their baptismal vows and receiving the solemn benediction of the Church. The party returned afterwards to Mr. Keaton's. The night being fine, but the appearance of the weather indicating the approach of a change, and the wind, which is wonderfully uncertain in these regions, at the moment favoring the enterprize, it was deemed advisable to embark, about 8 P. M. on the return to House Harbor, a son of Mr. Keaton's volunteering to aid, and a youth being also with the party belonging to the family of Mr. Munsey, a Magistrate and merchant at House Harbour. There was besides a little girl as pas-

senger, who was engaged to assist in the little household affairs of Mr. Boyle. A fine moon, for a short time, was with them; but darkness supervened and worse disaster followed; for before midnight, the wind veering round and becoming, at the same time, boisterous, they were obliged, with all speed, to run in shore to anchor, and jumping into the water, gained the beach on foot. After clambering a little broken bank, finding that they were many miles from any house, they got under the shelter of some dwarf and creeping firs which served as some protection from the rain, now coming down in frequent showers, and some of the party managed to collect sticks and make a fire. Here, with the protection of their cloaks, they snatched such sleep as circumstances afforded, the child being the soundest sleeper of the party.

Monday, 12th September.—At the dawn of day the wind was found to have changed again, but some consultation was held, as it blew very hard and the waves ran high, whether the slight and small boat which Mr. Boyle had in use, gave warrant for the adventure of proceeding. It would have created a monstrous and most inconvenient delay to fetch a cart for the baggage and to proceed on foot; and the Missionary himself as well as the two youths who aided him, being expert in the management of the craft, it was decided that the party might, without rashness, embark. They reached House Harbor, in time for a rather late breakfast, and marched up to Mr. Boyle's in such condition and appearance as may be supposed to have been the consequence of the adventures of the night. These details have been the rather given, in order to furnish an idea of the task, generally, of the resident Missionary, who frequently goes from island to island entirely alone and has been known to be out in his boat for a whole night.

Mr. Muncey (mentioned above) has afforded the use of a building on the beach at House Harbor, which has been fitted up with a desk and a few benches for the attendance upon divine worship of the very few Protestants scattered about this part of the islands, and Mr. Boyle gives them their turn of service. A Confirmation was here appointed for the afternoon of this day. Sixteen persons assembled, of whom four were confirmed. The performance of psalmody was provided for without difficulty, the family of Mr. Muncey being all musical. The Bishop preached and charged the recipients of Confirmation as usual. The scene was different from that of the consecration of Fredericton Cathedral; the Church was a small wooden store: the accommodation of the simplest possible kind: the worshippers a little band, the candidates for the holy rite, of course fewer still: but the promise of Christ was not forgotten nor His Grace, it is humbly hoped, denied. And it was indeed a comforting thought and pregnant with matter of thankfulness that the ministrations of the Church have now been fairly introduced among the long and sadly destitute Protestants inhabiting these detached and distant islands, and a beginning has been made which promises, in God's good time, to shew the work of Religion at least keeping pace with the advance, in other respects, of the settlements.

Tuesday, 13th September.—The object in view this day was to reach Entry Island, distant by water twelve miles from House Harbor; but the wind rendered the attempt utterly hopeless. It was agreed, therefore, to make a détour by land, first gaining Amherst Harbor as a resting place for the night. The distance is commonly computed to be thirty miles. Partly by the kind accommodation of Mr. Muncey and that of a French gentleman, and partly by hire from French Acadians, three horses were at length procured for riding, and a fourth to draw the baggage cart; and the Bishop set out on horseback, with the two Clergymen, at one o'clock, p. m. After reaching the *Etang du Nord* where there is a Roman Catholic Church and a kind of straggling village, the road lay for ten miles on the margin of the waves, along one of the tracts of sand-beach which connect the different eminences on which the settlements are formed. At *West Point*, the road ascends a hill, and entering

a wood passes along the cliffs for about fourteen miles. Under the light of a beautiful moon, the travellers rode into Amherst Harbor about 9 o'clock, p. m., and procured quarters at a house kept by one of the Acadians.

Wednesday, 14th September.—The Basilisk was now lying in the Harbor, and with the help of one of her boats, the Bishop and the two clergymen, accompanied by two of the very few Protestant residents of the place, went over to Entry Island this day. The distance is six miles. Notices were sent round among the inhabitants, and after a couple of hours the Congregation was collected at the house of Mr. McLean. Twenty-five persons were confirmed, being about half of the number present. The Bishop addressed them in the usual way. A conference was held, after service, with the heads of families respecting the erection of a Church on the Island, a doubt having been raised whether Amherst Harbor would not be a preferable location,—but the inhabitants of Entry Island decided to carry on the undertaking, by the divine blessing, near their own doors and a very cordial spirit was manifested among them. The two friends, also, who came over from Amherst Harbor, very liberally promised £10 each. Admiral Coffin, the proprietor of the Islands, has kindly promised his help in all enterprises for the spiritual good of the people or the general improvement of their condition.

Mr. Patton, who keeps a school on the Island, was prepared to accommodate the Bishop for the night, and Mr. McLean, a respectable settler, was equally desirous of making Mr. Mountain his guest: but the weather favoring their return to the Basilisk, it was suggested before the meeting broke up, that it would be desirable to go on board at once, instead of waiting for the boat which Capt. Egerton had promised to send in the morning; the continuance of fair weather being extremely uncertain, and the island being quite inaccessible under other circumstances. The requisite number of rowers soon stood forth as volunteers for the service. They embarked accordingly between nine and ten o'clock, p. m., and reaching the Basilisk about eleven, took leave of the Rev. Mr. Boyle and the rest of the party in the boat, who went on to Amherst Harbor. The visitation of the Gulf was now closed; and great indeed were the grounds of thankfulness for its having been so successfully accomplished and for the fruits to be witnessed as well of Christian beneficence on the part of the great Church Societies in England,* as of Missionary labour upon the spot. When it is stated that the Bishop had held eleven Confirmations, consecrated three Churches and four burying-grounds in the District of Gaspé, and had held three confirmations and found a Church so far advanced as to admit of his using it, in the Magdalen Islands, where three years ago he had himself visited places never before trodden by the foot of a Protestant Minister, it will be perfectly understood by those who are acquainted with the subject, that all this imports something more than the facts of the proper completion of certain buildings and the performance of certain ceremonies: and that it carries with it, with every necessary deduction on account of human error and infirmity, much happy verification, (although, indeed, upon a small and humble scale), of the divine promise that *the wilderness and the solitary place shall blossom as the rose*. The number of persons confirmed in the Magdalen Islands, was sixty-one, making a total in the District of Gaspé of 193.

Thursday, 15th, to Saturday, 17th September.—It was a great object for the Bishop to reach Quebec as speedily as might be practicable, in order to hold an Ordination which he had appointed on Sunday the 25th (the Sunday after the Ember-days,) with the candidates for which he, of course, desired to have personally some previous intercourse, himself, although their examination was provided for by means of other official

* The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel has maintained the Missions: the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has assisted largely in building Churches and has supplied Church service books as well as Bibles, Prayer-books and tracts for distribution.

hands. In order to farther this object, Capt. Egerton, with his accustomed kindness, made the effort to gain such a point above Gaspé Bay, on the south shore in ascending the Gulf of St. Lawrence, lying within the permissible range of the service upon which he was engaged, as would enable his Lordship and his companion to procure conveyances by land up to Quebec; and had this effort succeeded, the Bishop might have reached Quebec on the evening of the 21st. The weather, however, proved so unfavorable that, after running into Gaspé Bay, anchoring there for the day, and standing up for a higher part of the north shore, it became necessary to change the course and make for Miramichi, which was reached on Sunday morning. It now remained for the Bishop to go round by Fredericton, St. John, Portland, and Montreal.

Sunday, 18th September.—The Basilisk did not move this day from Chatham, Capt. Egerton having occasion to procure water for the ship and not choosing to engage the men in this labour on Sunday. The Bishop spent the forenoon on board in order that his own ministrations and those of Mr. Mountain might be once more afforded to the officers and men. They then took leave of their kind friends on board, with whom they had at four different times been embarked. To Capt. Egerton, as well as to Admiral Sir George Seymour, who was pleased to give directions that every accommodation should be afforded to the Bishop, which was compatible with the objects of the service, their warmest acknowledgements are fully due. After service they went on shore; and arrangements were subsequently made in concert with the Rev. Mr. Bacon, the Rector of the Parish, for his Lordship's preaching in the evening, at St. Mary's Chapel, in the town of Clatham, his Chaplain reading prayers. There was a large Congregation.

Monday, 19th, to Saturday, 24th September.—On Monday after breakfast, the two travellers set out in the mail-waggon for Fredericton which, after travelling all night, they reached on Tuesday morning barely in time to get on board the nine o'clock steamer for St. John, eighty miles below the former town. Their object was to be in time for the Portland steamer which, in their previous visit to Fredericton, they had seen advertised for *Wednesday*. Having learnt, however, on the way down, that the arrangement had been changed and that *Friday* was now the day of starting, they came up again in the night steamer from St. John, to pass *Wednesday* with the Bishop of Fredericton and to enable the Bishop of Quebec to see something more of his old flock. On *Wednesday*, being the festival of St. Matthew, they attended Divine Service at St. Amé's Chapel, and the Bishop of Quebec took part in the administration of the Holy Communion. Before leaving Fredericton, a message was despatched by the electric telegraph to Quebec, to postpone the Ordination to the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. On *Thursday*, the 22nd, they went down again to St. John; on *Friday* morning embarked for Portland, distant about 280 miles from that city; on *Saturday* went on by train to Lennoxville (180 miles) and would have proceeded the same day to Montreal, if they had not ascertained that they should not reach that city in time for the steamer from thence to Quebec. The Bishop thought it best, as he could not reach Quebec, to pass the Sunday in his own Diocese and was glad of an opportunity of some intercourse, *en passant*, with the inmates of Bishop's College.

Sunday, 25th September.—The Bishop who, together with Mr. Mountain, had taken up his quarters under the friendly roof of Mr. Doolittle, the incumbent of Lennoxville, preached in the morning at the Church of the Mission. In the afternoon he called together the students, in a body, and addressed some observations to them specially designed for those who are in preparation for Holy Orders. After having partaken of the hospitality of the Rev. J. Butler, his Lordship went over to Sherbrooke, where he preached in the evening, being for the twenty-fifth time, commencing with his address at Little Gaspé on the 13th of August. Mr. Mountain remained for the night at Professor Hellmuth's in Sherbrooke, with whom and his lady

the evening had been passed, and the Bishop went to sleep at Mr. F. Bowen's. Acknowledgments are due, also, to Major and Mrs. Johnson, for kind attentions received at their hands. After a five o'clock breakfast the next morning, with their respective hosts, they took the early train for Montreal and reached Quebec by the steamer on the morning of *Tuesday, 27th September*, after an absence of seven weeks.

It was a matter of much regret to the Bishop that he should have been absent from Quebec during the visit of the members of the deputation sent by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the General Convention of the Church in the United States. The Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, and the Rev. E. Hawkins came to Quebec in the early part of September, and both preached in the Cathedral during their stay. They were followed by Bishop Spencer, late of Madras, who also preached, on St. Matthew's day, in All Saints Chapel.

ORDINATION, CLERICAL CHANGES, &c.

The Ordination fixed for *Sunday, 26th September*, was unavoidably postponed on account of the return of the Bishop having been delayed, as mentioned in the foregoing journal, by unforeseen circumstances. It was held, therefore, in the Cathedral on the following *Thursday*, being the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. Morning prayer was said by the Revd. E. W. Sewell, the lessons being read by the Revds. F. Smith and C. Stewart, B. A. After the Anthem, (which was taken from Isaiah lii, 7. 9. and was very effectively sung) the Bishop of the Diocese preached from Hebrews i, 14, adapting his sermon to the occasion both of the Festival and of the Ordination. The Candidates were then presented by the Revd. Official Mackie, D. D., and the ordination service was proceeded in. The Epistle was read by the Revd. J. Torrance, and the Gospel by the Revd. W. A. Adamson, D. C. L. The two last named clergymen, with the Official and the Revd. Armine Mountain, assisted in the imposition of hands. The following gentlemen were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests:

The Reverend Henry Roe, Missionary at New Ireland.

The Reverend A. A. Allen, Travelling Missionary of the Church Society in the St. Francis District.

The Reverend R. S. Birch, Missionary at Frampton West and Cranbourne.

The Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy (the Revds. R. Ples and R. Carden being present besides those mentioned above) by the Bishop and the Rev. Official Mackie, and by the Official and the Rev. A. Mountain to the laity.

It had been expected that the Lord Bishop of Fredericton would have been present and have preached on this occasion; but his Lordship was unfortunately prevented from reaching Quebec till *Friday*. On that day the Bishop preached at the monthly service before the Communion in All Saints' Chapel, and on *Sunday* at the Cathedral in the forenoon, and St. Matthew's Chapel in the evening. His Lordship left Quebec on *Monday* to attend the General Convention at New York.

The Reverend J. H. Nicolls, M. A., Principal of Bishop's College, has returned to the Diocese, having been compelled to shorten his visit to England on account of the illness of the Rev. Dr. Hellmuth. He arrived at Quebec on the 2nd instant, and proceeded to Bishop's College on the 4th instant.

A sermon was preached in the Cathedral on *Sunday, 21st August*, by the Rev. Dr. Adamson, and a collection made in aid of the Funds of the National Schools, amounting to £28 19s.

The Rev. F. A. Smith has resigned the Mission of Portneuf, and is about to resume the charge of that of Sandy Beach, in the District of Gaspé. The Rev. C. H. Stewart, B. A., and T. Pennefather, B. A., have been appointed to the curacies of Sherbrooke and Lennoxville respectively.

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

GENERAL FUND.

Life Subscriptions—Rev. L. Diddle, G. B. Symes, C. Welber	£	s.	d.
Smith, W. F. Wood, £12 10s. each,	60	0	0
Annual Subscriptions—W. H. Tiltone, 50s., J. D. Armstrong, 25s.			
H. Paul, 30s.	5	5	0
Collection at Cacouna,	4	0	0
Arrears of collections at Cape Cove,	1	5	0
	£60	10	0

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Donation from a seafaring man,	£	s.	d.
Collection at St. Paul's and St. James' Church, Gaspé Basin,	4	10	0
Do Montmorenci,	1	10	0
Do St. Paul's Chapel, Quebec,	1	12	0
Do Eaton,	1	0	0
Do Cape Cove, (1852,)	1	0	0
Do New Liverpool,	3	17	10
Do Pointe Levi,	4	2	6
	£20	14	4

LOYD FUND.

Second donation from Rev. W. Lloyd, £25 0 0

R. SYMES,

Quebec, 1st October, 1853. Treasurer, Church Society.

The Rev. G. Milne, M.A., on behalf of the Congregation of St. Andrews Church, New Carlisle, begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following sums, collected by the Lady of the Hon. Mr. Justice Thompson, to assist in finishing the said church.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec,	£5	0	0
Hon. H. Black, Q. C.	2	10	0
G. B. Symes, Esq.	2	10	0
J. Racey, Esq.	2	10	0
Hon. Mr. Justice Meredith, (2nd subscription)	1	5	0
E. Jones, Esq.	1	0	0
Mr. G. Smith,	0	5	0
	£15	0	0

The Rev. E. G. W. Ross, thankfully acknowledges the sum of £4, received from the visitors at Cacouna, and transmitted to the Church Society of Quebec; also the sum of £10 Ss. from the same and other visitors at River du Loup, for the purchase of a Church Bell; also an Offering of £7 5s. for his personal acceptance. All these several donations are duly appreciated as tokens of their liberality in the cause of the Gospel, and of their regard for his humble efforts to promote the same.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held on the 3rd August, in accordance with the constitution, there were present:—Revs. Dr. Bethune (in the Chair), E. J. Rogers, C. Baneroff, J. P. White, F. Wilson, J. A. Morris, Wm. Bond, R. Lonsdell, J. Fulton, J. Irwin, R. Lindsay; Hon. Judge McCord, E. L. Montizambert, Esq., S. C. Bagg, Esq., Col. Wilgress, Captain Maitland, E. E. Shelton, Esq., McCrae, Esq., W. F. Grasset, Esq., J. S. Roles, Esq.

After Prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following Report of the Lay Committee was read, viz., on an application for repairs to the Church at Longueuil, and fencing in the Church property:

1.—The Lay Committee having accepted the offer of Rev. E. J. Rogers and Mr. Shelton to examine and report upon the nature and probable cost of the necessary repairs to the Church, and these gentlemen having examined the same, and made their report, this Committee recommends that a sum of three pounds currency be voted for the repairs, to be expended under the direction of the above named gentlemen. It is further recommended that the tender of Mr. Adams for fencing, at the rate of 10s. per perch for a four rail fence, be accepted, to be paid on certificate of Messrs. Rogers and Shelton. The work has been completed to their satisfaction, and according to tender.

2.—The Rev. T. Machiu's application for the payment of the sum of £25 as per vote of 4th of May last. This Committee being satisfied from the certificate of Messrs. Gilmour and Wells, Treasurer and Superintendent, that the "condition attached to the vote has been complied with," recommend the immediate payment of that amount to the order of those gentlemen.

3.—A letter from the Rev. J. Mountain inclosing a certificate of the present state and value of the lands in the township of Halifax. The Central

Board is recommended not to sell these lots at present, as they will no doubt be of much greater value ere long—and that in the mean time steps be taken to eject the squatters at present thereon, unless they choose to become tenants on payment of a reasonable rent per annum.

4.—The application of the Rev. Mr. Johnston, on the subject of the McMaster Farm. The consideration postponed until information on the subject be received from England.

5.—The application from Saint Johns, and the conditional vote of the Central Board thereon, of the 4th of May, and the Report of the Lay Officer of this Society, conveyed by the Chairman of this Committee, having been taken into consideration, the Central Board is respectfully recommended to amend their resolution of the 4th of May, by striking out the words, "a mortgage shall be given the Society for the said sum, with,"—in the beginning of the second paragraph of the said Resolution.

Moved by Rev. C. Baneroff, seconded by Rev. R. Lonsdell, and resolved: That the Report be received and discussed, clause by clause.

Moved by E. E. Shelton, Esq., seconded by Rev. F. Wilson:

That the first clause be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Rev. J. A. Morris, seconded by Rev. J. P. White, and resolved:

That so much only of the clause be adopted as recommends that £3 be granted for the Repairs of the Church, and that the Board considers it to be the duty of the Congregation to fence the ground.

Moved by S. C. Bagg, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. A. Morris, and resolved: That the 2nd clause be adopted.

Moved by Rev. J. P. White, seconded by E. E. Shelton, Esq., and resolved: That the 3rd clause be adopted.

Moved by Rev. C. Baneroff, seconded by Rev. J. P. White, and resolved: That the 5th clause be adopted.

In consequence of the adoption of the 5th clause of the Report of the Lay Committee, the Rev. C. Baneroff withdrew the notice of motion given at the last meeting of the Central Board.

The Rev. R. Whitwell, having given a deed of 50 acres of land which at present exceeds the value of £30 for the endowment of the mission of Bromé,

Moved by Rev. R. Lindsay, seconded by Rev. C. Baneroff, and resolved:

That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Rev. R. Whitwell, and that he be elected a life member of this Society.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CONSECRATION OF THE CATHEDRAL.

This most interesting and important event took place on Wednesday, August 31st. For several days previously the Clergy of the Diocese, and several from the neighboring provinces and the United States, had been assembling in Fredericton, so that on the morning of the Consecration "great was the company of the preachers" gathered around the eminent Prelate whom God in His providence has placed over this important Diocese, and whose labors have been so zealous and successful. Of his Lordship's Clergy all, with a very few exceptions, were in attendance to cheer him with their presence, to aid him by their prayers, and to assist in rendering the service in some small measure worthy of the greatness and solemnity of the occasion. From abroad the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of Quebec and Toronto, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Southgate of the American Church, with several Presbyters from Nova Scotia, Canada and the United States, came, animated, as their words and deeds testified, by a spirit of true Catholic love, rejoicing in the prosperity of their Brethren, and anxious to mingle their prayers and praises with those of their fellow-members of Christ's Mystical Body on this high festival.

Early in the morning the Royal standard and other national flags were unfurled from the windows of the tower, and the sweet-toned bells rung out a merry peal. The apprehensions of unpleasant weather, with which the clouds and mist had agitated many breasts, were soon happily removed; and, long before the hour appointed for the commencement of the service, the spacious nave and aisles were crowded to their utmost capacity. At eleven o'clock the procession formed at the Province Hall, and moved in order to the Cathedral. A number of boys bearing appropriate banners preceded and flanked it. The Members of the Legislature present, the Officers of the 76th, the Members of the Bench and the Bar, the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, the Master Workmen, the Mayor of the City, with other inhabitants and strangers, were followed

by 65 of the Clergy in surplices, one of the Architects,—Frank Wills, Esq—the Archdeacon, and the four Bishops in their Episcopal robes. On reaching the Cathedral grounds the Bishop and Clergy commenced chanting the 121st Psalm to the 5th tone. When the procession arrived at the great western door it opened to the right and left, and the Bishops and Clergy first entered chanting the 21st Psalm as they went up the nave, the choir accompanied by the full organ joining in at the 7th verse as the procession approached the chancel, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates." The Bishop of the Diocese proceeded to his stall on the south-side of the choir; the other Bishops occupied the three sedilia in the sacarium, and the Presbyters and Deacons were arranged on either side of the deep and spacious chancel. While the Clergy and people were taking their seats and preparing for the solemn services which were to follow, a beautiful voluntary was performed by Mr. HAYTER of Boston, who kindly presided at the organ during the entire four days' services, and by his rare skill and admirable taste added not a little to their dignity, and impressiveness. As soon as entire quiet pervaded the building, the Bishop commenced the Consecration office, being in the main that of Bishop ANDREWES, (which is that of the American Church with some alterations), with additions from Bishops PATRICK and WILSON. After the Consecration Prayer, the sentence of Consecration, engrossed on parchment, signed and sealed by his Lordship, was read by the Rev. FREDERICK COSTER, rector of Carleton. From this document it appeared that the building thus dedicated to the Most High God was to be used both as the Cathedral of the Diocese and a parish church, and that the seats, with the single exception of one for Her Majesty's Representative, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, were to be, and to remain forever, free and unappropriated. Morning Prayer was then commenced by the Rev. Mr. POMORE, curate of St. Anne's Chapel, Fredericton. The Venite was chanted to the 5th tone. The proper Psalm being the 136th, was in like manner chanted, antiphonally, by the choir and congregation. The First Lesson—1 Kings c. viii, v. 22-62—was read by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT of New York. The *Te Deum* was sung antiphonally to a chant of Palestrina. The Second Lesson—Hebrews c. x, v. 19-26—was read by the Rev. WILLIAM Q. KETCHUM, curate of Fredericton. At the appointed place an anthem of Dr. ELVEY'S—"Open ye the gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in," &c., Isaiah xxvi, 1-4—was sung by the choir. The Litany was said by the Rev. Dr. EDSON of Lowell, Mass. At the close of Morning Prayer, the following hymn was sung most sweetly by thirty children of both sexes, and the choir at intervals:

Hallelujah! blest and sweetest
Of the hymns of praise above:
Hallelujah! thou repeatest,
Angel-host, these notes of love:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Church victorious,
Join the concert of the sky:
Hallelujah! bright and glorious,
Lift, ye saints, this strain on high:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hear, O Lord, our supplication,
Hear and answer from on high:
May the joy of thy salvation
Visit us continually,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! to the FATHER,
Hallelujah! to the SON,
Hallelujah! to the SPIRIT,
One in Three and Three in One:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! while the endless ages run.

The Ante-Communion Service was then commenced by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Responses in the Decalogue were sung—the music being by Chief Justice CARTER of New Brunswick. The Epistle—1 Corin. iii, v. 16 to end—was read by the Lord Bishop of TORONTO, and the Gospel—John ii, 13-18—by the Lord Bishop of QUEBEC. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. HORATIO SOUTHAM, D. D., the late Foreign Missionary Bishop of the American Church to Turkey, and now rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston. His text was taken from Psalm cxxii, v. 8 and 9—"For my brethren and companions sake I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good." As this discourse will be at once printed in compliance with the earnest and unanimous request of the Bishops and Clergy present, we shall not attempt to give an analysis of it. Suffice it now to say that it was worthy of the occasion and the high reputation of the distinguished preacher. His beautiful exposition of the grounds on which rested the union of the vast and diversified congregation before him in one brotherhood—his clear and forcible statement of the true intent and meaning of the solemnities of the day—and the important practical results which he eloquently set forth as the necessary consequences of the renewed intercourse between the several branches of the Anglican Church, if the proper course be taken, will long be remembered by his attentive and delighted auditors. After the sermon the Offertory Sentences were read by the Rev. WILLIAM HARRISON, Rector of Portland.

The alms amounted to about £282 currency, being, it is thought, the largest collection yet made in British North America. This sum was subsequently increased by collections at two of the following services and by the donation of a lady, to £355, and will be appropriated to the payment of the debt yet resting on the Bishop for the Cathedral, and which would not have existed had there not been a failure in some of the sources whence aid was expected. After the Prayer for the Church Militant had been read, and such of the congregation as did not purpose to receive the Lord's Supper had retired, several vessels for the Holy Communion were brought to the Bishop, who reverently presented them on the holy table, and said the following prayer, originally composed by Bishop PATRICK:

Most Blessed Lord, accept, we beseech Thee, of the oblation we make unto Thee of these vessels, which we humbly dedicate to Thy Divine service at Thy holy table. And as we now give them up wholly to Thy use in the ministrations of the Holy Communion of CHRIST'S Body and Blood so we pray Thee to receive them for Thine own. Preserve them from being any way profaned; and being here set apart and consecrated by our office and ministry to Thy service, let them always continue to be so employed, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord and SAVIOUR Amen.

The Ven. GEORGE COSTER, Archdeacon of Fredericton, then proceeded with the Communion Service, reading the Exhortation and Confession. The Absolution was pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese, who also said the Prayer of Consecration, and delivered the Communion to the other Bishops and the Clergy appointed to assist in the further ministrations of the same. The four Bishops, assisted by four presbyters, then administered the Sacrament to the Clergy and a large number of the Laity. The Prayers in the Post-Communion were said by the Bishop of QUEBEC, and the blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

Thus closed a service which, in point of interest, solemnity, and importance, has rarely been equalled. Notwithstanding the vast assemblage which crowded every part of the building, the utmost decorum prevailed from the commencement to the end of the solemnities. The spirit of the occasion was evidently felt by all. The music was exceedingly appropriate and admirably performed. The choir was strengthened not only by several of the clergy, but by a valuable addition from the choir of Carleton, headed by the accomplished Rector, the Rev.

F. COSTER. The responses came back from the goodly company of the priests and people of the LORD, as in ancient times, "like the noise of many waters." That it was indeed good to be there,—on such a festival—and in such company—with such feelings of brotherly love and unity pervading the whole assembly—for such high and holy purposes,—was the language of many hearts. And then too the confident hope rose up in the mind that God in His infinite goodness to His Church would allow occasions of a like nature to be multiplied to the confounding of her adversaries, to the strengthening of the faith of her children, and to the gathering in of multitudes now wandering in the mazes of error and unbelief.

After the services of the morning, the Bishop received the visiting Bishops and the Clergy of his Diocese at his residence. At the close of the repast a cordial welcome was extended to his brethren from abroad by the Bishop in a very neat address, in which his Clergy heartily joined, and an unanimous desire was expressed for the publication of the Consecration Sermon of Bishop SOUTHWATE. The Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO and the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT responded to the kind sentiments uttered by the Bishop.

The Cathedral was again opened for Divine Service at six o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. MOUNTAIN, of the Diocese of Quebec, said Evening Prayer. The Proper Psalms, the cxxxii and cxxxiv were chanted to the 5th tone. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. BACON. The chant for the Magnificat was Battishill in E flat. The Second Lesson was read by the Rev. A. COSTER. The Nunc Dimittis was sung to a composition of the Bishop of FREDERICTON. The Anthem was by Dr. BOYCE, and taken from Job xviii v. 12—et Seq.: "O where shall wisdom be found?" &c. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of QUEBEC, from 1 Chronicles, xxii 1: "Then DAVID said, This is the house of the Lord God." In the opening of his discourse, the Bishop touchingly alluded to his former connection with Fredericton as his first pastoral charge, and the scene of his earliest ministerial labors. After a full exposition of the teaching of Holy Scripture in reference to holy places, the Bishop proceeded to refute, in a very masterly manner, several of the current objections to the views of the Church on this subject. His able and eloquent sermon was listened to with deep attention by the large congregation which had again filled the Cathedral. At its close, HANDEL'S grand Hallelujah Chorus was sung with remarkable precision and energy by the choir. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese.

On the following day, Thursday, the Bishop held his Triennial Visitation in the Cathedral. All the clergy of the Diocese were present in the chancel, in surplices. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. THOMPSON. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. JARVIS, and the Rev. Mr. DE VEMER. The Anthem was by Dr. BLOW: "I beheld, and lo! a great multitude which no man could number," &c., Revelation vii 9. After Morning Prayer the Bishop proceeded to deliver his Charge, after having received and confirmed the nominations of the several Rural Deans. We have not space to give an analysis of this masterly production, nor is it necessary, as it will soon be published. It was marked by his Lordship's usual perspicuity, eloquence and strength—his deep Catholic feeling, and his lofty views of the responsibilities and duties of the Church of CHRIST, and of all its members, and especially of those "who bear the vessels of the LORD." His closing words were most solemn and touching. Every heart was melted, and we retired from the Sanctuary feeling that we had indeed heard words of wisdom and power not soon to be forgotten.

In the evening we again repaired to the Cathedral, when prayers were said by the Rev. G. TOWNSHEND, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and the Rev. J. D. L. STREET. The Lessons were read by the Rev. J. DIXON CARDE, of Connecticut, and the Rev. C. M. PARKMAN, of North Carolina. The Anthem was by the Bishop of FREDERICTON: "Great is our Lord," &c.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, of New York, from St. John iv, 24: "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The aim of the preacher was to set forth and illustrate the great truth, that all external worship is vain, unless accompanied by a devotion of the heart. After sermon the Hallelujah Chorus was again most admirably sung.

On Friday morning, the Clergy again assembled, when the Litany was said by the Rev. G. ARMSTRONG. After which they repaired to the Library, with the Bishop, for the transaction of business. The Rev. W. Q. KERCHUR was appointed Secretary. The oath of office was administered by his Lordship to the several Deans Rural who had been elected and confirmed for the next three years. He then proceeded to call the attention of his clergy to several matters, whereupon the following measures were adopted. A committee was appointed to act with the Bishop in selecting some additional Hymns to be appended to the Hymn Book published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and to recommend the work for adoption in the several congregations. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr. PODMORE for his noble donation to the Cathedral Library. An order was adopted with great unanimity and heartiness, for the publication of the Bishop's charge, and the several sermons delivered during the three day's services. A committee was raised to prepare an address to the visiting Bishops, and the clergy from other Dioceses; and one to prepare an address to the Bishop of the Diocese.

In the evening, Prayers were said by the Rev. C. LEE and the Rev. I. EDWELL. The Lessons were read by the Rev. W. ARMSTRONG, and the Rev. W. H. SHORE. The anthem was by CROFT—"Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms—cry aloud." The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. EDSON, from Ephesians iv, 4, 5, 6: "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one GOD and FATHER of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all." It was a sound and able exposition of this important passage, and delivered with an earnestness which did not allow the attention of his hearers to flag. We are glad to know that it will be published with the other discourses.

After the service the Bishops and Clergy assembled in the Library, when the following address was read in the name and on behalf of himself and his clergy by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO; and to the Rt. Rev. HONORIO SOUTHWATE, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and to the Rev. the Presbyters of the American and Colonial Dioceses attending the Consecration of Christ Church Cathedral—

The Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick:—

We, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, now assembled in this city, having brought to a close the business on which we came together, could not think of separating, without an attempt to give expression to the feeling with which we have seen the delightful solemnities of the last three days graced with the presence, and forwarded by the assistance, of three distinguished Prelates—two of them belonging to our own branch of the Church Catholic, and the third a Missionary Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States—together with that of several Presbyters of other Dioceses, American and Colonial.

We are grateful for the honor you have all been impelled by the best of feelings to do to a portion of the Church not long ago so small and insignificant; and shall not fail to derive hope and courage to grapple with the difficulties of our position, from the kind interest you have shown in our well-doing, and from the animating words you have addressed to us.

The presence among us, on this great occasion, of such a noble band of Fathers and Brethren in the LORD, some from very distant parts of the world, has enabled us to exhibit an example of Catholic union upon which we shall never cease to look back with comfort and encouragement; and we trust this is only the first of many occasions on which similar examples of it will be exhibited on this side of the Atlantic.

We entreat, Fathers and Brethren, your prayers to the throne of grace upon our labours, in the cause of CHRIST and His Church, which you have done so much to stimulate; and shall from our hearts pray God ever and in all things to prosper you and yours.

(Signed.)

JOHN FREDERICTON,
and on behalf of the Clergy.

Fredericton, Sept. 2, 1853.

The Bishop of Quebec and Bishop Southgate responded to this address in brief but pertinent addresses. The venerable Bishop of Toronto had been obliged by other duties to leave Fredericton early in the evening.

The Archdeacon then came forward and presented the following Address to the Bishop of the Diocese:

To the Rt. Rev. JONS, Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

MY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP: Your Clergy cannot permit this their first meeting in the permanent Cathedral of the Diocese to separate without offering your Lordship their heartfelt congratulations on the completion of this great work, which they pray may long continue to afford your Lordship, personally, all the satisfaction that you have anticipated from it, and to the worshipping people over whom you preside, all the religious advantages you have hoped and prayed for.

It is needless to assure your Lordship that your Clergy highly appreciate the excellent charges you have delivered to them on different occasions, and especially at this present Visitation. Their unanimous vote to request its publication is sufficient evidence of their feelings on that subject.

Your Clergy would beg further to thank your Lordship, and through your Lordship, the other munificent contributors, for the inestimable gift of the Cathedral Library, a collection of books of such valued literature as cannot fail to supply, to a considerable extent, the deficiency of their own generally limited collections.

Deeply sensible of the solemn truth, of which your Lordship so feelingly reminded them in your excellent address, that probably, they shall all never again meet in this world, they would conclude with their most fervent prayer, that God may long continue your Lordship's presidency over this extensive Diocese, and bless it with increasing happiness to yourself and the flock over which the HOLY GHOST has made you the Overseer.

On behalf of the Clergy of the Diocese,

(Signed) GEORGE COSTER, Archdeacon.

Fredericton, September 2, 1853.

His Lordship's remarks in reply were most impressive.

We have thus brought our account of the Services and Meetings connected with the Consecration of the Cathedral at Fredericton to a close, with the exception of a very interesting assembly of a number of the Laity of the Diocese at the residence of the Bishop on Thursday, after his Lordship's visitation. There were present His Excellency Sir EDWARD HEAD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, the Attorney General, the Master of the Rolls, the Mayor of the City, with a large number of gentlemen of high standing, military and civil. The visiting Bishops and several of the American Clergy were also present. After lunch a number of speeches were made pertinent to the occasion. The Bishop of Quebec and Bishop Southgate replied to the very handsome terms in which the Bishop of Fredericton alluded to the presence of his Rt. Rev. Brethren and the other Clergy from abroad, and which drew from all present the heartiest signs of concurrence and approbation. The Lieutenant Governor, the Master of the Rolls, and other Laymen also spoke. And most gratifying it was to witness the great good feeling which pervaded the company, and the hearty manifestations which were exhibited of high respect for their Diocesan, and to listen to the strong testimony which was borne to his arduous, self-denying, and successful labors, and to his eminent singleness of purpose. We must not omit to mention that special honorable mention was made on this occasion of the accomplished Architects—Messrs. Butterfield & Wills.

As the services of the following Lord's Day—the 15th Sunday after Trinity—may be regarded as, so to speak, supplementary to those of the Consecration, it may be well to add a brief notice of them.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. TIPPEY, the Second by the Rev. Mr. NEALES. The Litany was read by the Rev. W. Q. KETCHUM. The Ante-Communion was read by the Bishop of FREDERICTON, the Archdeacon reading the Epistle. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of QUEBEC, from the same text as on Wednesday evening. He now considered the words as applied to the individual believer, and showed in what sense each member of CHRIST was a temple of the Lord God, and the duties hence resulting. It was a most impressive discourse, evincing great thoughtfulness, an intimate knowledge of the

human heart, and an ardent desire to promote the spiritual welfare of his hearers. We have rarely listened to a sermon of more power. And the venerable appearance of the preacher and the earnestness and solemnity of his manner added great weight to his words of counsel and warning. The Holy Communion was then administered to a large number of recipients.

Divine service was celebrated again at three o'clock, when Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. W. ARMISTEAD. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, and the Second by the Archdeacon. The sermon—an excellent practical discourse on the great duty of Confession of Sin—was preached by the Rev. J. DIXON CALDER of Connecticut.

At half-past six o'clock another service was held. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. KERENTUM and the Rev. Mr. PODORE. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. NEALES, the Second by the Rev. Mr. SMOKE. The sermon—exceedingly appropriate to the occasion—was preached by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

(The foregoing account is taken from the N. Y. Churchman, which also contained a detailed description of the Cathedral itself. This we have been prevented, much to our regret, by want of space, from transferring to our columns.)

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE,

July 1853.

The LORD BISHOP of LONDON in the Chair.

The Bishops of Llandaff, Montreal, and Nova Scotia, and Bishop Carr, were present.

The following issue of the Society's publications, between the audit of 1852 and the audit of 1853, was reported to the Board.

Bibles	153,799
New Testaments	79,483
Prayer Books	321,928
Other Books	1,154,253
Tracts, &c.	2,571,847
	4,284,310

A Letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Montreal, dated, 79, Pall Mall. The following are extracts:—

"I hope to attend on the first Tuesday in July, and personally to thank the Society for their assistance rendered to my Diocese. I also wish to take the opportunity of asking for further aid, specially towards church-building. The principal assistance which our people can give in the country districts is by labour and materials, which they are always very ready to do if I can promise them some money grants for such expences as must necessarily be paid for in cash. This I have hitherto been able to do by the aid voted by your Society, (now quite expended,) and through our own Church Society. I thought of asking for a grant of £300,—a sum not exceeding £100, to be drawn for in January in each year. We have also to thank the Society for grants of Service Books, of which I shall send particulars in due time."

It was agreed that £300 be voted for the purposes of church-building in the Diocese of Montreal.

The Bishop acknowledged the Society's previous aid in his diocese, and expressed his intention of forwarding a report of the several cases in which he shall have assigned sums from the amount just granted.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, in the Diocese of Quebec, requesting, with the sanction of the Bishops of Quebec and Montreal, assistance towards the purchase of a printing press and types for the use of the two dioceses. Mr. Nicolls said,—

"The Church population in Lower Canada is but one eightieth of the population,—less than 50,000, according to the Census of 1852, out of nearly 900,000; and I think it can be shown that we raised last year £15,000 for Church purposes. Would the Society then be willing to help us in the object of a press? Whatever is given might be given either to the Bishops for the dioceses, or to the College which supplies their

Clergy, at the discretion of the Society. And I should think it desirable that if a gift were made, care should be taken that, if the experiment should fail, the property should revert to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; at any rate, could never pass into any other hands than those of the Church; and an annual report might be made of its progress to the Society for the time over which any annual allowance should extend."

It was agreed to grant £50, towards this object, should the cost of the press and types amount to as much as £150. In the event of the outlay being less, the Society would still contribute one-third of the expense.

UNITED STATES.

THE MINNESOTA MISSION.

(Concluded from the last number.)

We hope soon to hear from the chief of Kabsahgahsqualjee-mobag, and if our wishes are gratified in respect to the location, then we hope measures will soon be taken to have his wishes in turn met. I am happy in believing laborers will be raised up to us in this field. Several devoted females have offered their pious labors, which are most truly required in teaching Christianity and the *Domestic life* to the Pagan. I will now return to our humble Mission House on the borders of this lake. At the close of the winter, the principal chief of this band informed me of his own and several of the principal men's intention, after returning from their Sugar Camp, to commence the cultivation of the soil in good earnest, and also the construction of houses for themselves. A half-breed told me a few days since that nearly all the Indians were talking about *working* instead of hunting, as a means of their future livelihood. This (under the benign influence of the Gospel) can alone save them from utter extinction.

And now to close what I have to say respecting their temporal improvement, let me testify to their most ready acceptance of the white man's dress, which is very important in view of success in labor, for the *blanket* is decidedly hostile to the free exercise of the limbs. It was only a few days since that the first chief of the Chippaways inhabiting the east side of the Mississippi at Mille Sac, which is a large lake about one hundred miles distant, visited us. His object was to inform me of his intention to move to our lake the present spring, and to begin the cultivation of the soil and the building a house for his family. He desired to tell me of his appreciation of what we had done the past winter for his people, and that he was now coming to us that his children might learn the civilized life, for he intended placing them beneath our entire control. This chief's name is BEAR'S HEARR. He is about forty years of age. It is a rare thing for a chief to change his quarters, and doing this for the sake of our Mission, will have a most powerful influence over the Indians as a nation, in commending the good we may do them to their acceptance.

And now, I have written you a long letter, respecting the *temporal* state and improvement of the Indian. I could write you as much more in relation to his *spiritual* growth, and would take great pleasure in doing so, but I fear your patience has already been well tried. I shall therefore make my words as few as possible, and yet try to convey to your mind some correct idea of the teachableness of the Indian, and what he may become in a religious point of view.

Our Mission House has been the Church during the winter. And it has been most gratifying to us to observe the uniform attendance of many of the natives. The room has been crowded on each Lord's Day, morning and evening. But in addition to the Sunday services they have also voluntarily come up to an Ojibwa service *every night* of the week. We have been greatly encouraged, not simply with their attentiveness to listen, but readiness to practice what they are taught. In public worship they conduct themselves with the utmost propriety. They kneel at prayer both *vocal* and *silent*. And

they have made a very fair beginning at *responding, singing and chanting*. In the absence of the ability to read, they are taught to repeat the service *orally*. Several are preparing for Holy Baptism, and on the third Sunday in Lent last, these presented their children, eight in number, for this initiatory Sacrament. All were dressed for the first time in their lives in *pure white*. I have never had a more solemn and deeply interesting service than this was, during the entire of my ministry.

We have the *Prayer Book* in Ojibwa and also the New Testament. I am now able to read these quite well, so as to dispense with an interpreter during the week-day services.

The little church, whose corner-stone was laid the 1st November last (All Saints' Day,) is now in progress, and we hope to have it in readiness for consecration by the Bishop on occasion of his first visit to the Indian Mission.

I must now close, begging an interest in your addresses at the Throne of Divine Grace. I remain your grateful and obedient servant for CHRIST and His Church,

J. LLOYD BRECK.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED.—Rev. J. Kemp, 10s.; Messrs. Tilley (2 years) and Lloyd.

NOTICE.

THE next stated Meeting of the CENTRAL BOARD of the CHURCH SOCIETY will, D. V., be held at the NATIONAL SCHOOL HOUSE, QUEBEC, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Two o'clock, P. M.

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