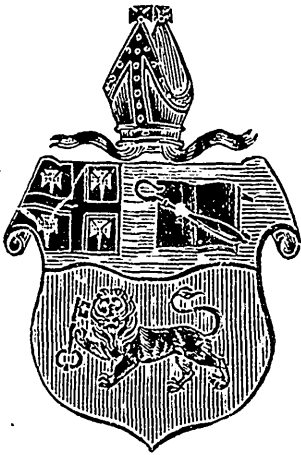


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## Fifty-Second Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

### FOURTH NOTICE.

We have now passed in review most of the methods, which have been adopted by our Church Society for the carrying on of our Church work. There is one other object which has not yet been mentioned, and that is the providing of Bibles, Prayer Books and Religious Publications, either gratuitously or at reduced prices. Now the advantage of all this needs no explanation. We will therefore simply draw the attention of the Clergy and others to the fact that we have a Depository of the Books of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, at 98, S. John street, Quebec City, and that any Clergy or others needing any information as to Grants or as to Books, may write to our Honorary Secretary, the Rev. A. J. Balfour, S. Peter's Rectory, Quebec City, who is always glad to offer all possible assistance.

And beyond all these objects which are, as we have seen, being more or less vigorously prosecuted, we have, besides, one great object in view, which we would most earnestly press upon the attention of all our readers everywhere. It is well known, and it has already been stated, that all the Clergy of our Mission Districts receive their Stipends regularly according to a certain scale from our Diocesan Treasurer in Quebec. This is undoubtedly a great advantage in many ways, but it has long been felt that we really ought to be able to raise *i. e.* to increase our scale. At present, our Clergy receive \$600 per an-

num for their first five years of service, then \$700 for the next five years, then \$750, then \$800, and again after twenty years' service \$850. No doubt, as we have seen, there are sundry special advantages, by the help of which our Clergy, with great care and economy, are preserved from the misery of debt. But there can be no question about this matter. For all who engage in other pursuits must agree that this scale of ours ought to be raised : and we should be glad, indeed, if some of those who are blessed with this world's goods, would take this matter earnestly in hand— and would, by generous self-denying gifts and by helpful organization, devise some plan by which our Clergy could receive some addition, at any rate, to their slender incomes.

We owe the greater part of our prosperity thus far, humanly speaking, to the fact that we have some of the best known Merchants and Bankers in Quebec, at the head of affairs, and that others equally eminent, who do not take active personal part in the work of our Church Society, have absolute confidence in the management, and we believe that this matter of raising the scale, under which our Clergy receive their stipends, only has to be taken up by those whose far-seeing judgment and substantial assistance have done so much for the Church in our Diocese already, and we shall soon arrive at some plan, by which this most desirable object may be attained.

Meantime, we may well thank God, that we have a most contented, hard-working body of Clergy, who have none of them ever raised a finger to urge this matter upon those who administer the funds of the Church, and who indeed, put on such

a good face, that people might be apt to think that like the Parson in the old Country, they are "passing rich on £40 a year." Such wealth, however, may well receive some addition, if only we can possibly find the means.

### Visitation and Conference of Clergy, Bishop's College Lennoxville.

At the coming Conference, which will open on Tuesday evening, the 4th instant, Papers will be read as follows:—

I. "Hindrances to Church Progress and how to overcome them." By the Rev. A. Stevens and Rev. A. J. Balfour.

II. "Evangelistic Work as a help towards healthy Parochial Work." By the Rev. W. T. Forsythe and Rev. E. Weary.

III. "Sunday School Work, Day School Work and Catechising." By the Rev. Principal Adams, Rev. E. A. W. King and Rev. C. H. Brooks.

IV. "What are Church Principles, and how may they be best instilled into the hearts and minds of our people?" By the Ven. Archdeacon Roe and Rev. Canon Thorneloe.

V. "The Cathedral and its relation to the Diocese and the Church at large." By the Very Rev. Dean Norman and Rev. Canon Von Iffland.

VI. "Special work among Men:—(a) Young Men, (b) Men in Families." By the Rev. L. W. Williams, Rev. A. H. Robertson and Rev. James Hepburn.

VII. "The Spiritual and Devotional Life."

(a) "The intellectual trials of the Spiritual Life." By the Rev. F. G. Scott.

(b) "The respective influences of Devotion and Work in forming the Spiritual Life." By the Rev. Professor Wilkinson.

(c) "The difficulties of Private Devotion, and the aids to it." By the Rev. Professor Allnatt.

We trust that our Clergy will do what they can to promote the success of the Conference by taking care to be present from the opening Service on Tuesday evening, with Sermon by the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec to the very end on Thursday evening, when it is hoped that all will return to their homes strengthened and refreshed. The Bishop will deliver his Visitation Charge on Wednesday evening, September 5th, at the Service which commences at 7.30 p.m.

### Ordination.

A full account of the Ordination, which is arranged to take place in the Cathedral, on Sunday Morning, the 9th instant, will appear in our next issue. Morning Prayer will be said by the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Rector of S. Paul's, S. John, New Brunswick; the Ordination Sermon will be preached by the Very Reverend the Dean of Quebec; the Candidates for Holy Orders will be presented by the Venerable Archdeacon of Quebec; the Bishop will be the Celebrant, and will be assisted in the solemn laying on of hands by some of the Gaspé Clergy. There will be six Candidates, four for Priests' and two for Deacons' Orders. The Prayers of the faithful are earnestly desired in their behalf, that they may be filled with the Holy Ghost and become able Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Quebec Cathedral.

The Rev. H. J. Petry has gone with his son, Mr. Hamilton Petry, to the West, for a further holiday. The Cathedral Services during September will therefore be, for the most part, in the hands of the Very Reverend the Dean.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Morning Services are plain.

The Evening Services are Choral.

On Sunday, September 9th, since the Morning Service will be the Bishop's Annual Ordination, the Service will be Choral, and the Evening Service will also be Choral as usual.

#### WEEK-DAY SERVICES.

During the month of September, there will be daily Choral Cathedral Service, at 5 p. m.

#### HOLY COMMUNION.

On the first Sunday of the month, at 8 and 11 A.M.; on the second Sunday, at 8 A.M.; on the third Sunday, at 11 A.M.; on the fourth Sunday, at 8 A.M.; on the fifth Sunday, at 8 A.M.

#### SAINTS' DAYS.

Friday, September 21st being S. Matthews' Day and Saturday, September 29th being S. Michael and All Angels' Day, there will be Holy Communion at 8 A.M. Full Morning Prayer at 11 A.M., and Evening Prayer (Choral) with Address at 5 P.M.

### The Labrador Visitation.

NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF THE REV.  
JAMES HEBBURN, M.A., ACTING AS  
CHAPLAIN TO THE LORD BISHOP  
OF QUEBEC.

By the kindness of Sir Charles H. Tupper, the Minister of the Marine and Fisheries Department at Ottawa, and of Commander Wakeham, of the D. S. S. "La Canadienne," it had been agreed that the Lord-Bishop of Quebec should be permitted to visit the North Shore in the Fisheries' Steamer on her summer trip. Accordingly on Thursday morning, June 21st, after an early breakfast at the Parsonage, Gaspé Basin, we went on board and were most kindly received by Captain Bélanger and his Officers. We were soon out of harbour, but we had not gone far, when we were obliged by fog to lie under Ship Head, about eighteen miles from Gaspé Basin, for the rest of the day. In the evening however the weather cleared and we steamed away, leaving the smiling French Canadian villages of the North Shore of Gaspé Peninsula on our left, and then, passing the West Point of Anticosti during the night, we found ourselves early the next morning at Sheldrake, on the Canadian Labrador.

During the next day we passed Thunder River, the Dock, Ridge Point, Magpie, S. John's River and Long Point, and arrived in the evening at Mingan, where we were most kindly received by Mr. Scott, the Agent at the Hudson's Bay Post, and his family.

It was now found that the steam machinery of our boat needed some slight repairs, and it became consequently necessary for her to return to Quebec. It was thus that the Lord-Bishop was enabled, after only ten days' absence, to return home and to attend to several important duties, and especially to be present at the Annual Convocation of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Instead of returning with him, I felt that it would be better for me to remain behind and visit the line of Coast which we had passed on the previous day, and not included within the bounds of our Labrador Mission.

I expected that I should only have a week for this work, and therefore I knew that I must make haste. However I went to work with a good heart, and certainly the welcome with which I was received everywhere made me feel abundantly rewarded

for my labour. I visited eight stations from Mingan to Sheldrake (about forty-five miles), and held Service at each. The people and the Agents of the several fishing Rooms were most kind in helping me on my way from day to day; but contrary winds &c. made it necessary to do half the distance on foot. There is a passable road all along, and in places the sand on the beach is pleasant walking; in other parts it is very fatiguing, and it is just the same with the hills. The whole journey however was performed without any discomfort, and there was spare day for recreation and sport before the "Canadienne" returned.

But, if one was disposed to criticize the weather, or the roads, it would be impossible to say any but the kindest and most grateful words of the people.

Mr. Scott, of Mingan, a friend of former days on the Labrador Coast, was quite his old self, and his family was most pleasing. On Sunday morning, Service was held with the Scott family,—five souls. The Holy Communion was celebrated, and three partook. On the previous day I had been driven six miles with a horse to Long Point to baptize two children,—one, a child of Frank Hamilton; and here it was arranged that he should come for me the following day to Mingan. He appeared in good time and drove me home. The people were visited before tea and asked to assemble for worship in the evening. Thirteen met, and the Service was very hearty and enjoyable. The accent of Mr. Vibert (an old Jerseyman), in his responses, recalled vividly happy reminiscences of twenty years ago at Mr. Robin's, of Old Fort Island. Next day Mr. Bossy, of St. John's River, received me warmly, and showed great zeal in sending information to the men scattered around to meet in his Room at 9 p. m. It chanced to be a very busy day, but the men hurried through their work, and met for prayer with evident joy, to the number of nineteen. They were from different parts of Gaspé, and for years past had had no religious ministrations during the three or four months of absence from home. The unexpected privilege was heartily embraced. The next evening at Magpie was similar; the Agents, LeBouthillier and LeDain, exerting themselves to secure a good gathering. Here a great charm was lent to the Service by Mr. LeBouthillier accompanying the Hymns on his violin.

The next day Ridge Point was visited, and also the Dock, at each of which places three were found and ministered to. The

following day I was able to reach Sheldrake to see Mr. Philip Touzel. I heard of him at every place and was most anxious to see him before turning back. The delight of seeing a Minister of the Church of England, —the old Church of his boyhood in Jersey, —was very great. He welcomed me to his home for the summer if I could remain. Very reluctantly I told him I could only stay a few hours, as I was obliged to return six miles to Thunder River, where I had made an appointment for the evening. But, before leaving, I celebrated the Holy Communion, and all the adult members, four in number, received. Mr. Touzel had resided 43 years in this place and had never seen a Minister in his home except Mr. Brick, who at the time was a Methodist, though now a Clergyman of the Church engaged in Indian work on the Peace River. Time failed me to see a few other persons three miles further on, and I turned back, Mr. Touzel's family, accompanying me. At Thunder River we had an interesting Service in Mr. Le Gresley's Room, where I met the Le Brun family. These people have been resident here almost without ministrations for thirty years, and yet they are all, although in the midst of a Roman Catholic settlement, still clinging to their Church.

A heavy tramp of seventeen miles, over the hills and along the rocky beach, brought me back to my warm-hearted friends at Magpie. We had another delightful evening together, and so thoroughly did the men enjoy it, that they lingered after the Service and sang Hymns with the violin accompaniment for a good half hour.

The following day, Saturday, was dreary, but after dinner the Agents took a boat with four oars, and rowed me to S. John's River for a Sunday Service. On the Saturday evening I walked out about a mile to visit a Mr. Chambers, who had been thirty years without ministrations.

On Sunday the Morning Service was attended by thirty, and was most hearty and enjoyable, and there were six Communicants. Several young men were found here anxious for Confirmation, and I gave them hopes of seeing the Bishop towards the end of the month. These hopes were not realized, as the "Canadienne," on her return, was again needing some repairs, and we were therefore obliged to cross directly from Mingan to Gaspé. In the evening, after a good walk contrived by Mr. Bossy's company, I met the Long Point people, and we had Evening Service. The next day found me once more in Mingan awaiting the Bishop. It is a matter of regret to his

Lordship that he will not be able himself to visit this new section for two years; but he hopes soon to be able to send to the Coast a second missionary, and to include in the Mission these and other places which have hitherto been unvisited.

And now the "Canadienne," having completed her repairs, sailed from Quebec on Monday morning, July 2nd, and arrived at Mingan on the afternoon of July 4th. Having received me on board, we steamed on eighteen miles to Esquimaux Point, a considerable French settlement, where we visited our three English families, and then spent the night in our berths. Next day, having received on board Dr. Tremblay, who went below with us, at the instance of the Government, to attend in the way of medicine and surgery to the wants of the people on the Coast, we steamed seventy-five miles to Natashquan, which has hitherto been considered the Western limit of our Labrador Mission. Here we found seven young men from the Gaspé Coast, who had been prepared for Confirmation at home, but had always been absent fishing on the Labrador shore, when the Bishop visited their own Parishes.

These were brought together and encouraged to embrace the present opportunity. This they did gladly, and at a most earnest Service in the house of the Agent, Mr. LeGrand, all received the blessing of the Holy Rite.

From this time forward, Confirmations were held almost every day, and once there were three in one day, the first taking place at 7 a. m. Indeed, every day the Bishop was able to minister to some, even when there was no Confirmation.

At all places except at Mutton Bay—the headquarters of the Mission—the classes were small, found in little settlements and sometimes in solitary families. They had evidently been prepared with very great care by the missionary, Rev. I. N. Kerr, for he knew exactly their whereabouts, their names, ages, relations to one another, etc., etc., and was moreover known, respected and loved by all, and especially by the very poor. He is happy in his work and is ready to remain for a while to develop it, as he hopes and feels it will develop. He sees a great sphere of usefulness in ministering to between six and seven hundred English speaking people during the whole year, with the addition of about three hundred on shore in the summer months, besides some three thousand schooner men, who spend between two and three months on the Coast every year. A few of these may be met in any harbour,

but they are generally found in the leading places, e. g. Blanc Sablon, Bonne Esperance, Old Fort, Shecatia, St. Augustine Grosse Isle, Mutton Bay, Mecatina or Harrington.

It is to be fervently hoped that the Lord Bishop, having now explored the Mission and having realized its necessities, will be successful in his efforts to secure a second Missionary, besides doing something additional in the way of education. For we have at present only one Missionary and one School-master (Mr. Willis), and we certainly need at least two Clergymen and two Teachers to help them. Towards the cost the people should do something to help themselves, for there are some, who have good homes, and money saved in the Banks of Quebec. There are others, who are no doubt poor, and who always will be poor, as long as they think they can obtain assistance from Government or from Christian or philanthropic sources. What is chiefly wanted is more educational and religious opportunities, with ability to meet any extraordinary emergency. But there should be no doles and no general distributions, either of food or clothing. Such distributions tend to destroy the courage and independence of the people and are sure to do more harm than good. For where there is no known assistance, all are taught to depend upon their own efforts, and in addition to this, those who are able should certainly be taught, that it is an absolute duty and a high privilege to contribute towards the cost of the education of their children and above all towards the ministrations of religion. But they cannot do all, and consequently it will be needful for the Bishop to secure for the purpose considerable help, and to this end donations and annual subscriptions towards the Labrador Missionary and Educational Fund will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Bishop's Chaplain, the Rev. R. A. Parrock, Bishopsthorpe, Quebec City.

Throughout our tour the Confirmation and other Services were always full of interest and impressiveness. In a little room with only a dozen, and mostly children, it was remarkable to observe how each and all felt moved by the Prayers and by the earnest loving words that were spoken by the Bishop. I need not say that on this his first visit to the people he has secured a place in every heart.

Our first Sunday was spent at Harrington, where we stayed at a most substantial and comfortable house built by Mr. Bobbit, and it was indeed a happy day.

The weather was perfect, so that all were able to gather together from the different islands, and, there being a nice little building used for school and Services, a good congregation of a hundred was easily accommodated. The work began on the previous evening, when, owing to the fishing, only five women were able to be present.

But Sunday morning brought out the men in full force. A more attentive congregation could not be found. Two men were confirmed. The Holy Ordinance was explained with the force and skill of a master, the invitation to the Holy Communion was very earnest, and it was joyful to see how many were found ready to unite together in the Holy Feast. There were three Services during the day, all attended by fully one hundred out of a total population of one hundred and forty including babes.

Our second Sunday was spent at Bonne Esperance, and was quite as happy as the first. Here we had the advantage of an organist, the daughter of the principal man, and our kindly host, Mr. Wm. Whiteley, and the Services were very bright and hearty.

The Eastern limit of the Mission, Blanc Sablon, was reached on Tuesday, July 17th, and the Confirmation might have been held in the evening of that day. However, since the S.S. "Canadienne" was not to return westward until the following Monday, it was decided to defer the Confirmation until Sunday. An interval was thus left for rest and meditation, at the house of Captain Blandford, who offered us most cordial hospitality. This break was much needed by the Bishop after ceaseless toil, he having delivered no less than thirty-two Addresses or Sermons in a fortnight. Meantime I was anxious to utilize the interval in visiting friends further East, whom I had not seen for seventeen years. Mr. Kerr accompanied, or rather led me on foot about forty miles, and the road was very trying, so that I must confess I felt I was not quite as young as I used to be. This trip gave me however boundless satisfaction, for I was remembered everywhere and was recognized by nearly all that knew me formerly.

The Sunday, when at length it came, was quite a Red-letter Day. A good practice of Hymns and Canticles for two hours on Saturday evening, with Mr. Morel as organist, prepared for the day. A large store-room was fitted up for use, Union Jacks forming the partition of the Vestry. There were four Services—9 a.m., 11 a.m.,

2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Mattins at 9 attended by one hundred. The other Services were attended by between two and three hundred. How to describe the heartiness and power of these Services, I know not. I am afraid of exaggeration. In departing at night every one exclaimed: "It has been a day of joy. I am glad I have been here."

Our return trip, which began on the following day, was made as far as Esquimaux Point without any halt for Services. Here we spent our last Sunday. The five English persons of the place were increased by Dr. Grenfell's crew, who happened to be in Port, the whole making a very attentive little audience. The last Service here was held by the late dear Bishop seventeen years ago.

On the following day, as soon as the fog cleared off, we steamed up to Mangan and thence during the evening we again passed the West Point of Anticosti, and early on Tuesday, July 31st, we found ourselves once more in Gaspé Basin, where we were welcomed and congratulated by many friends.

To sum up, it is worthy of notice that our present Missionary, the Rev. Isaac Newton Kerr, covers two hundred and eighty-four miles of coast, extending from Natashquan to Blanc Sablon and embracing eighteen stations, six times a year, four times in his sail boat and twice with dogs, a truly heroic work. But there are still at least nine stations in 138 miles of Coast further West which ought to be visited, as well as two or three stations on the Island of Anticosti.

All these twenty-six stations were included in our visitation, and the Bishop himself visited twenty of them and held Services at almost all. He held in fact twenty-five Services including five Celebrations of the Holy Communion, and gave thirty-six Addresses. Fifty-six candidates were confirmed, thirty-two male and twenty-four female. There were in all one hundred and thirteen persons who received the Holy Communion, and the Offerings at the five Celebrations amounted to \$14.89.

There were several interesting incidents. At one place the Bishop and myself in our boat, rowed by six men from the "Canadienne," were taken by an affrighted fisherman for Indians! At another place, an old man kissed the Bishop most affectionately, as he set his foot on shore. At Mutton Bay, where we stayed with another branch of the Bobbit family, in addition to largely attended hearty Services night and morning, all gathered together for the Consecration of their burial ground. At

Lydia's Cove a dear child was baptized and then an elder sister was confirmed. But perhaps the most touching service of all was at S. Augustine. For no sooner had the "Canadienne" arrived in harbour, than a funeral party came in a large sail-boat to the fish-stage where the Bishop had landed, and asked him if he would read our beautiful Burial Service over the remains of the steward of a schooner now lying in port. The poor man had passed away full of hope on the previous evening, and now the captain of a neighbouring schooner, who had read the first part of the Service on board, brought the corpse in a well-made coffin, covered with the Union Jack, and begged the Bishop to accompany the poor fellow's mates on their sad errand. We started at once, sailing with a brisk wind—fourteen of us—some four or five miles to a Burial Ground, consecrated by the late Bishop on his last visit, on a beautiful Island surrounded by grand rocks and islands in all directions. As we sailed along, the men who were of German descent and from Nova Scotia, sang grandly in parts Hymn after Hymn, until we reached the Island. Having effected a landing on the rocks we formed a simple procession, and setting down our sacred burden, willing hands soon dug in the dry peat soil a most comely grave. And now Hymns were sung and the solemn Service was said, and the Bishop gave a tender, earnest address. And then, when the grave had been marked up, we returned as we came, feeling that all had been done that could be done in the joyful hope for our friend and for ourselves of the glorious Resurrection unto Life—Eternal Life! To be permitted to take part in such a solemn event was sweet—sweet indeed!

But it will be evident to our readers that very little of all this work could have been performed without the help of "La Canadienne." And certainly our opportunities were far greater and our difficulties and our discomforts were far less than those of the late revered Bishop, of whose efforts and hard work we heard at almost every point. While therefore we were never tired of praising the virtues of our good ship, we owe most hearty thanks to Captain Bélanger, his Officers and Men, who throughout our tour, while they carried out to their full extent the objects of the Government in the way of collecting dues and enforcing the fisheries regulations, did all in their power to assist us in our efforts, and to enable us to accomplish our utmost desires.



## OBITUARY.

The Rev. James Hepburn, Rector of Richmond, reports :

Mr. Arthur Wilcocks has sustained a very grievous loss in the death, on Sunday evening, July 29th, of his beloved wife, after nearly forty years of happy union. She was a model wife and mother: the most unselfish of women. He and his family have the profound sympathy of the whole community. By her labours of love for the suffering and afflicted, and by her gentleness and kindness to young children in particular, she has endeared herself to all. She will be greatly missed in the congregation and in all the organizations of the Church.

Mr. Wm. Brooke, nephew of Sir Rajah Brooke, of Borneo, died peacefully in the bosom of his family on Sunday, August 12th, at the ripe age of eighty years. He had been feeble for a year, and had been spared, because of the wonderful and affectionate care of his wife and family. He had been a resident of Richmond for more than forty years, and filled many public offices, and filled them well. He was a man of integrity and of sterling worth.

Mr. Jennings, agent of the G. T. R., lost his youngest son Maurice by a painful accident on Monday, August 13th. He was a lovely lad of four years, and the pet of all the railroad men. There was no lack of sympathy towards the afflicted parents, as was shewn by the beautiful gifts at his bier, and by the immense concourse that followed him to his grave. It was a striking experience to hear the little lad pray in the intervals of rest from pain, and calmly say "good-bye" to his parents, and tell them, "I am going home to God."

## DISTRICT NEWS.

## EAST FRAMPTON.

A meeting of the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Quebec was held at Frampton, on July 24th and 25th.

The Clergy present were the Rev. I. M. Thompson (Rural Dean), Rev. J. B. Debbage, Rev. F. J. Boyle and Rev. T. Rudd.

The Conference was opened by a Service held in St. Paul's Church, East Frampton, the Rev. J. B. Debbage taking the first part of the Service, and the Rev. T. Rudd the second part.

The Rev. I. M. Thompson preached, taking his text from Rom. VIII, 13-17.

The second day of the Conference commenced with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Incumbent (Rev. F. J. Boyle) was the Celebrant, assisted by the Rev. T. Rudd.

The Rural Dean preached a very impressive Sermon to a large congregation—more than sixty of whom partook of the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon the Rural Dean, Clergy, and a large number of the Congregation drove over to West Frampton, for Divine Service.

The Rev. J. B. Debbage, former Incumbent of West Frampton, conducted the Service and delivered an Address.

This being the first time that Mr. Debbage had visited West Frampton since he left, a large number of people assembled to welcome their old Pastor once more among them.

On returning to East Frampton, the Conference was closed by a Service at the Church, and although it was a very stormy evening, yet a large number of people were present. All the Services during the Conference were well attended.

The congregations were most attentive and reverent, and during the Sermon they all listened with breathless interest to catch every word which fell from the preacher's lips.

After Service, many expressed their deep gratitude and their high appreciation of the Services held during the Conference, so that we have every reason to hope that lasting good has been done.

Miss Boyle kindly presided at the Organ at all the Services.

The Rural Dean and Clergy present expressed their appreciation of the hospitality so thoughtfully tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Boyle during the Conference.

The next meeting is to be held at Leeds, on August 21st and 22nd.

#### ST. GEORGE, BEAUCE.

The Rev. T. Rudd reports :

A Font has been placed in the Church at Cumberland Mills by Mr. G. Robinson and Mr. Taylor of Quebec, in memory of Mrs. Robinson and her little boy Christopher. It is octagonal in shape, of a very pretty grey granite. In fact it is very much the same shape as the one presented to St. George by Mrs. W. Pozer, only a little larger.

When I expressed a hope in my last letter, that some other generous hearted Christians would present fonts to my two other Churches, I did not expect that as regards one of them my hope would be realized so soon, although at the time I wrote the letter, this font had actually been ordered. I am very thankful.

#### SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports :

The yearly visit of the Lord Bishop we all look forward to with a great deal of pleasure, and this year we had the benefit of two visits ; one before and one after his episcopal tour of the Labrador Coast.

On the occasion of his first visit, about the middle of June, as our candidates for Confirmation were not quite ready, his Lordship kindly consented to deliver one of his able and highly instructive lectures on the History of the Church of England. The day happened to be unpropitious, rain

setting in during the afternoon, and increasing towards night, at which time the lecture was to be given. In spite of this, however, a good congregation assembled, and after a short Service his Lordship was listened to with the most eager and earnest attention. The lucid and practical character of the lecture made it of singular benefit here. It seemed to "take" with everybody, and we heard many expressions of pleasure afterwards concerning it.

During the afternoon of the same day, his Lordship, in company with his Chaplain and the Rector of Gaspé Basin and myself, took a drive through the Barachois District, when he expressed himself as pleased with the look of the settlement and at the same time gave his approval to the idea we have been entertaining of building a small Church there. We shall therefore be encouraged, now, to go on with the project, and hope in another year to have the building begun. This is a great undertaking for a small and not well-to-do community, but I cannot help feeling that God is calling us to the work.

When our chief Pastor made his second visit, it was for the special purpose of holding a Confirmation. The Service was therefore held on Wednesday morning, August 1st—a good congregation being present—when thirteen candidates were presented for the Sacred Rite. Among these I was particularly glad to have one elderly person, and three grown-up young men, who had missed former opportunities of Confirmation, through absence. This Service was much enjoyed by us all.

In the evening of the same day his Lordship, with his usual kindness and readiness to do all the good he can, gave another lecture, giving some account of his own work in the Parish of South Acton, London. This, also, was highly acceptable to our people, and was listened to by a good congregation with the keenest interest. It seemed to come, too, with singular appropriateness after the Church History Lecture mentioned above, furnishing, as it did, many practical examples from our

times, of what the Church may do in unpromising circumstances, and so raising our hopes that God may also be pleased to do great things through ourselves.

A collection, amounting to \$4.55, was taken up at this Service—the first in the Diocese—towards a new fund which the Bishop proposes to raise with a view to increasing the efficiency of the work in the Labrador Mission.

A fitting close to the visit of our Bishop, was an early Celebration of the Holy Communion on the following morning, at which there were fifteen Communicants.

#### MALBAIE.

The Rev. G. R. Walters reports :—

The Lord Bishop of Quebec visited this Mission on his return from Labrador, on Thursday, August 2nd. I drove to Douglastown Ferry, some sixteen miles distant, to meet him.

A Confirmation was held in St. Peter's Church, in the afternoon at 3. The Church was well filled. Service bright and hearty. Twenty-five Candidates were presented, one in her 73rd year. Another of nearly the same age was prevented from being present, owing to sickness, and living some eight miles from the Church. Of two other young lads who had been preparing for the Sacred Rite, one was taken sick, and died about a week before his Lordship visited us, and the other, was confined to his bed, suffering from the effects of a fall from off a high store.

The Bishop's instructive, earnest and loving address was listened to with rapt attention, and cannot fail to build up the people in the faith of their own Church of England, and to do much spiritual good.

After the Service, all confirmed that afternoon were presented by his Lordship with a copy of "Our only Hope," as a memento of their Confirmation Vow. It is to be hoped that the beautiful Address, Prayers, Meditation, Self-examination and Preparation for Holy Communion, written

on the pages of this little manual, will not be neglected, but daily used, and especially should the headings in italics over the Private Devotions to be used in Church during the Celebration of the Holy Communion be carefully read. For thus we shall have more reverence and devotion displayed among our Communicants, and they will draw near to God's Altar, more humble minded, to partake of His Sacred Feast.

Friday morning was ushered in (as Fridays generally are on the Coast) with heavy rain, a strange coincidence, but an exact repetition of Friday spent here twelve months ago. This was very discouraging, and prevented his Lordship from consecrating the grave-yard adjoining our new unfinished Church at Barachois.

His Lordship drove up, however, and saw and approved our little Church and grounds. As he was due at Corner of the Beach for the evening, we retraced our steps to the river and proceeded on our way.

After dinner at Mr. Edward Mabe's, the Bishop paid a visit to every family residing at the Corner, and spent a brief quarter of an hour in each house. This visit was immensely appreciated, and it will long be remembered.

After a refreshing tea at Mr. Philip Vibert's, the Church bell called all for Evening Prayer, at 6.30 p.m., when the Bishop delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture on "The Early History of the Church of England," tracing most graphically its origin, growth, and continuity. We need not say that the whole was much appreciated. There were no candidates of a suitable age for Confirmation this year, at this station, but next year, it is hoped, a class will be presented, and also at Barachois, when at the same time, we trust the new Church will be consecrated.

His Lordship left Corner of the Beach for Percé on Saturday at noon.

On Sunday, the 5th, the Incumbent was much cheered at the Celebration of the Holy Communion in Malbaie, to find so many

of the young people, recently confirmed, coming to the Sacred Feast. Fifty communicated, being the largest number at one time in the history of the mission.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Walters has just started a Sewing Guild, in connection with S. Peter's Congregation. The object is to work for a "Fancy Sale," to obtain, if possible, a much needed new Organ, and a Church Hall, which latter could be constructed out of the Nave of the old Church edifice still standing, a disgrace to the grave-yard, and to the congregation, as well as an eye sore to the Clergyman. A little united congregational effort could soon remedy this.

At a recent informal meeting at Corner of the Beach, it was decided to at once take steps to stain and varnish the interior of the Church. Mr. Geo. Vibert very generously offered \$10 towards the work. But there still remains another pressing want, viz. : a new Church Organ. If the ladies would but band themselves into a Sewing Guild, and work with this one object in view, the music from a sweet-toned Organ, would soon be heard accompanying the praises of the congregation in the Lord's House.

Much credit is due to the young people of the Corner, for their pains in so nicely decorating their Church with flowers, on the occasion of the Bishop's visit.

#### CAPE COVE AND PERCÉ.

The Rev. W. G. Lyster reports :

The Church people of this Misson have been cheered by a short visit from the Lord Bishop, who officiated in both Churches, on Sunday, August 5th.

On the 4th a wagon was driven by Mr. E. Tuzo over the hills to Corner of the Beach, where the Bishop was met and taken back to Percé, at which place he was welcomed by the Rural Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Amy, at the establishment of Messrs. Chas. Robin, Collas & Co.

Here, almost from time immemorial, the

Bishops of Quebec have been hospitably entertained ; and to this house the "New Bishop" came last year, so that on this occasion his Lordship felt quite at home in his old quarters.

The Bishop greatly enjoyed the drive over the mountain, through some of the finest scenery in Canada ; and on his arrival at Percé, the charms of the "Split Rock," the Capes and Bonaventure Island were admired and duly appreciated.

There had been a good deal of rain during the previous week ; but Sunday was what people call a "perfect day." So at 10.30 a.m. a large congregation, including a considerable number of people from quite a distance, crowded the little Church. After Morning Prayer, the Bishop preached a most instructive Sermon, which was listened to with the utmost attention.

After Service, the Rural Dean drove the Bishop to Cape Cove, nine miles, and at 4 p.m. an exceptionally large congregation assembled in St. James' Church, for Evening Prayer, and had the pleasure and advantage of hearing from the Bishop a sound Gospel discourse, upon the Holy Communion.

The intelligent interest in the Sermons, evinced by both congregations, was exceedingly gratifying.

On Monday, August 6th, after a hurried cup of tea at 5 in the morning, the Rural Dean drove the Bishop to the landing place where the passenger boat was awaiting ; and half an hour later, his Lordship was put on board the "Admiral," and was soon on his way to Newport Point.

There were no Confirmations held in the mission on this occasion, for the excellent reason that all the young people of suitable age had already been confirmed.

Nevertheless, the Bishop's visit has been one of great interest and advantage to us all. His Lordship is no longer a stranger, and he will be sure of a hearty welcome whenever he comes.

## SHIGAWAKE.

The Rev. Rowland Fothergill writes :

I have long felt that perhaps I ought to write a few lines for the *Diocesan Gazette*. It is now nearly a year since I was placed in charge of this Mission, and things have gone on much as usual. The congregations have been good, with, I think, a slight increase of late at Port Daniel. At Newport Point, nine miles below L'Anse aux Gascons we are building a Church. Mr. Walters, of Point St. Peter, has given the plans. The greater part of the money has been raised on the Coast, and we have received grants from the S. P. C. K. and Church Society. Mr. Robert Hamilton has also very generously promised \$50. Still there is need for a little more aid in order to complete the building.

We have just received a most welcome and helpful visit from the Bishop. Landing at Newport Point, from the steamer "Admiral," on Monday, August 6th, his Lordship went through the Mission, holding Services at all four of our Stations.

At Newport Point we had a very hearty Service on Monday evening. It had to be held in the little old building in which Mr. Nicolls began Services at this place. Next year we hope to welcome the Bishop in the new Church.

On Tuesday, there was a Confirmation at L'Anse aux Gascons, when seven Candidates;—all men—received the laying on of hands. Mr. Sumner, of Montreal, very kindly played the Organ, and the Service was bright and hearty.

At Port Daniel, on the Wednesday morning, we had an earnest Service, and the Bishop preached to a very fair congregation, taking for his subject, the Holy Communion. He thoroughly impressed all who heard him, with the result, I am thankful to say, of increased numbers at the Celebration on the following Sunday.

At Shigawake, on the Thursday morning, we had a very bright Service indeed. The singing was especially good, and sixteen

Candidates received the grace of Confirmation. On Thursday evening, the Bishop gave a very interesting lecture on Missionary work in England. All three Churches were prettily decorated.

At L'Anse aux Gascons the men received him with a salute of guns. Many have spoken of the help that they have received from this second visit of his Lordship to this rather extended Mission, and we cannot be too thankful, that God has put it into his heart to pay us annual visits, and so do away, to a great extent, with the feeling of isolation, which is perhaps the greatest draw-back on the Coast.

## NEW CARLISLE.

The Rev. Edgar B. Husband reports :

Sunday, August 12th, was to us a day of good things, a day for much thankfulness, a day of rejoicing and refreshment. The occasion was a visit from the Lord Bishop of the diocese to confirm twenty-two people.

Arriving from Shigawake on Friday afternoon, his Lordship gave a lecture in the evening at 7 o'clock, in S. Peter's Church, Paspebiac, upon the early history of the English Church. I only regret more were not present.

On Saturday evening, another lecture was given in S. Andrew's Church, New Carlisle, upon modern mission work in England, at which there was a fair attendance.

On Sunday, his Lordship drove to Hoptown, and held a Confirmation at 10 a.m. The little Church was crowded, the wonder is how so many managed to get in. There were one hundred and thirty inside, while many stood in the porch during the whole Service. This was the first Confirmation in the New Church. There were four Candidates from Paspebiac, and four belonging to Hoptown. His Lordship's addresses were listened to with rapt attention,

and cannot fail to produce much good, and encourage others to come forward another year to give themselves up to God. After Service his Lordship drove to Paspébiac, and after partaking of the hospitality of Mr. Romeril, at Messrs. Charles Robin & Co.'s establishment on the beach, held Service in the Church, preaching an eloquent Sermon on Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. He pointed out what true belief was, how there can be no real belief, without obedience and union with Christ, especially in frequent Communion with Him, through the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood. May God's word, spoken through His Chief Pastor, stir many of us up to a greater regard for our Blessed Lord.

In the evening another Confirmation Service was held at New Carlisle, when twelve received the Apostolic Rite. There must have been over four hundred persons present.

Again his Lordship spoke words which must have gone to every heart. He spoke first to the Candidates, and then to the people. He congratulated the latter on the work which they had done this year towards their new Church, and remarked that, when finished, it would be one of the finest in the Diocese. He spoke also about the system of free pews, which is now being tried for one year. He explained in many ways the great advantage it had been to his own work at South Acton, on the other side of the Atlantic, and advised those, who wished to retain their old seats, to come early and there would be no difficulty. We were very fortunate in having amongst us Mr. Sumner, of Montreal, who kindly played the Organ at Paspébiac and New Carlisle, and so added much to the heartiness of the Services.

On Monday morning the Bishop left by the S. S. "Admiral" for Quebec, after first holding a private Confirmation for a poor afflicted sufferer, unable to go to Church, and her old father in his seventieth year. Such Services as these ought to stir us all up to renewed energy, to rededicate ourselves to God's service, and should inspire us all to do some definite work for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. There is very much to be done. May God help us to do it with a will.

### Holidays.

We would venture to suggest that some of our hundreds of readers, who have lately been enjoying a well-earned holiday, might write for the columns of the *Diocesan Gazette* some account of the Holiday resorts

which they have visited, exhibiting their virtues and their attractions, so as to help their neighbours to form plans for future years.

### Clergy House of Rest, Cacouna.

We are very glad indeed to hear that this summer the delightful House at Cacouna has received a larger number of Clergy of our own and other Dioceses than ever before. Such rest, with good food and rare opportunities of interchange of thought and ideas, with actually no expenditure beyond the very neat little sum of fifty cents a day, ought to be most attractive and beneficial. We offer our most hearty congratulations to all the kind promoters, and we trust and believe that a visit to the "House of Rest," combined with a happy participation in the well ordered Services of the beautiful little Church of lovely Cacouna, will soon be accounted as a necessary part of our clerical education, as well as one of the sweet enjoyments of our clerical life.

### Special Notice to the Clergy.

After the Visitation at Lennoxville and the Ordination in Quebec, the Bishop hopes to leave for England for a few weeks of rest and change. He will sail (D.V.) in the S. S. "Laurentian" on Sunday, the 16th instant, and will return by the R. M. S. "Parisian," leaving Liverpool on October 25th, and arriving in Quebec about All Saints' Day. The Ven. Archdeacon Roe has been appointed to act as Commissary during the Bishop's absence, and all necessary business should be referred to him. His address is now Windsor Mills, P. Q.

Much of our space in our next two issues will be given to the report of the proceedings at the Visitation, but there will be plenty of room for other matters. The Editor will therefore be glad to receive from the Clergy accounts of their Harvest Thanksgivings and other special occasions. It is most desirable that the *Gazette* should be a full Chronicle of our Diocesan life, and this can only be attained by the hearty cooperation and frequent contributions of friends in all directions.

### POSTSCRIPT.

The Sermon at the Evening Service, in the Cathedral, on Sunday, September 9th, will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe in the presence of the newly ordained Candidates and other Clergy.



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