

Star, with cargo, had arrived outside the Nun. No pilot was sent out to bring her in, so the captain sent his boat, with five men, to get her: the boat capsized on the bar, one of the sailors was drowned, the rest going to the boat. Being obliged, they were drifted away to sea past Brass, and by the time the flood set in, they were away down by an opening called the Nicholas. Cannibals live in this vicinity; hence, any merchandise being cast on Nicholas shore must be given up as lost. These four sailors were drifted ashore there, and picked up by the Natives. Providentially for them, one of the Brass Church converts, called Carry, had some trade business with the Nicholas people, and his boys, who also attend church, were there at the time. They inquired and reported to their master about the sailors. At once Carry went and after a good long talk, and showing them how God had tamed the Brass people from such shameful practices, through the Word of God, he succeeded in rescuing the sailors, and returned them to their ship at the River Nun. Carry's words, when he handed the sailors to the captain of the ship (with whom I had conversation two days after), were these; "Had I not known God, and become a Christian, these, your men, would not have been alive to-day; we thank God." This is a testimony, from the mouth of a captain, of the effect of Christianity, and the power of the Gospel.

BONNY.—Here the persecution which has so greatly tried the native Church for the last three or four years has, we trust, come to an end. An event has occurred which has tended to diminish the opposition to Christianity. One of the principal chiefs lost his favorite wife, and according to the custom of the country no less than \$2,000 worth of goods in silks, satins, corals and money, were buried with her, and 350 kegs of powder were fired away in eight days. This chief was one of the most prominent of the persecuting party. It now appears that this favorite wife constantly urged him on to acts of oppression being herself devoted to the "julus" (idols); so that by her death the Church loses an inveterate and influential foe. During her last illness which was long and painful, the missionary tried in vain to obtain access to her.

Communication is kept up between these various stations by the Mission steamer *Henry Veon*, which the C. M. S. sent out from the Clyde last year for the use of the Bishop and his Missionaries.

And lest some of our readers should share a popular delusion and imagine that such an expenditure of labour, of money, and of men, is useless, that the natives are happy and peaceful under the shade of their palm-trees, we give the following dreadful incident (by no means a solitary one) which took place at Alenso, a settlement which we have already mentioned, as one of the Mission Stations. A Missionary writes:—

"A leading man at Alenso died lately, and an attendant was to be provided to accompany him into the world of spirits.

A slave, who professed to be a doctor, was bought, and decoyed from a neighbouring village, under the pretence that he was appointed to offer sacrifices to the dead, towards which a goat was also bought, and brought to Alenso.

On his arrival at the house where the corpse was laid out, the goat was taken away from him, and at once the doctor was pounced upon by two stalwart men. The poor man knew then that the victim was himself, and not the goat. A pipe was brought to him, which he smoked, a new cloth was exchanged for his rags, and while he was having his last smoke, the daughter of the deceased chief stood before him, and began to eulogize her deceased father. The address was directed to the victim, as if to the deceased father, in order that he should be well informed to repeat the same to the inhabitants of the world of spirits when in attendance.

The news of the intended sacrifice was

soon circulated; it reached the ears of the missionary, Rev. J. Bock, who, with some Sierra Leone friends in the factories, hastened to the spot. A large hole had already been dug; the poor man was led into it and ordered to lie on his back with his hands extended. The missionaries and friends used all arguments, entreaties, and pleadings possible in behalf of the release of the man, but failed. Bullocks were offered in place; these they finally refused; and while they stood begging, the corpse was brought and laid on the poor slave, and an order given that he should embrace it which was obeyed. Our friends could no longer bear the sight, but turned away from the horrible scene for the grave was being filled up, and thus a man was buried alive as a sacrifice to the dead."

LATE INTELLIGENCE.

The leading persecutor among the Native chiefs at Bonny, who had taken the name of "Captain Hart," died on April 6th. On his death-bed he publicly renounced all trust in his idols, and ordered them to be thrown into the river, complaining that though he had been their upholder, they could or would do nothing to save his life. No sooner was he dead than the people turned in fury upon the idols, and threw two canoe-loads into the river, breaking in pieces those that would not sink.—*Church Missionary Gleaner July.*

United States.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.—A successor to the late Bishop of Northern New Jersey has been chosen. After seven ballots, the Rev. Thos. F. Starkey, D. D., was elected. The Bishop elect is Rector of St. Paul's Church, Paterson, N. J. The Clergy and Laity have shown the right spirit in electing one of their own Presbyters, whose work and character are well known, in preference to a comparative stranger, and we believe that as in the case of Western Michigan, Albany, and other Dioceses who have done this, they will never regret their choice. Dr. Starkey is thoroughly familiar with the men, means, and needs of the Diocese, and will not have to wait years to gain experience and knowledge.

NEW YORK.—We are pleased to learn from one of the Professors in the General Theological Seminary, New York, that the Junior Class which has just entered, is the largest ever gathered within the walls of that venerable "School of the Prophets," and that the character of the class is such as to give marked promise of future usefulness for the Church.

The Treasurer of the Domestic Committee reports the receipts for Domestic Missions proper, at \$97,535.23,—for the colored people, \$13,215.15, for the Indians, \$30,832.72, giving a total of \$141,683.10. The Specials amount to \$13,162.32, but these are in no way under the control of the Committee. The expense of administration amounts to only 7 1-10 per cent., or in other words, of every dollar, 93 cents have gone to the workers in the field.

MINNESOTA has received an immense immigration during the past season; and it requires great vigilance on the part of all her clergy to occupy for the Church—many new openings presenting themselves by the founding of new towns and settlements.

REV. DR. YARNALL, for 36 years Rector of St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, has been on a visit to Minnesota for several weeks. In company with Rev. T. M. Riley he visited the White Earth Mission among the Chippeways of Minnesota. He was delighted to notice the great progress they had made in civilization and Christianity.

The Missionary spirit, which seems to be awakening all over the land, has of late received a new impetus in California, and is pushing forward the interests of the Church of Christ in new directions.

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

Bellefleur.—A special sermon was preached on the morning of Sunday week last, by Rev. W. C. Clark, L. L. D., Rector of Christ Church, Belleville, in accordance with the appointment of the Church of England S. S. Institute. A meeting of the Sunday Schools was held in the afternoon, with a short and suitable service, and a practical and interesting address by the Hon. Lewis Wallbridge, who has taken an active part in Sunday School work for more than 30 years. The speaker dwelt upon the respective duties of parents, children and teachers, impressing upon his hearers that self-denial is the first of Christian duties; and stating for the encouragement of others, that among the various trials and experiences of his life none had afforded him so much pleasure and satisfaction as that of a Sunday School teacher.

OTTAWA.—In the Anglican Churches All Saints Day was celebrated according to the usual form of observance. At St. John's and St. Alban's services were held by the Rectors. At Christ Church Archdeacon Lander conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Mr. Forrest, of Morrisburgh. At yesterday morning's services Archdeacon Lander delivered an instructive sermon on the subject of All Saints, and the intention of the Church in appointing the day in commemoration of the faithful departed.—*Citizen.*

NORTH FRONTENAC.—This extensive district hitherto little known, has now been brought into close connection with Kingston by the completion of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. In consequence of the barrenness of the country it is not thickly settled, and the settlers are, for the most part, in narrow circumstances. Amongst them are many church-people, who, however, until recently enjoyed no regular ministrations, visits being only occasionally made them by the missionaries at Lanark. About a year since the Rev. H. Farrer was ordained to a new parish called North Frontenac. This Parish is of vast extent, and embraces much waste land, but settlers are scattered over it. There are twelve mission stations, where Mr. Farrer is warmly welcomed by many who have long been denied the ministrations of our Holy Church.

The Rural Dean of Kingston, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, recently visited a portion of the mission, administering the Holy Communion in the townships of Olden and Kennebec, and holding, with Rev. H. Wilson, a Missionary Meeting in the township of Oso. Everywhere the people welcomed them gladly, and they returned from their visit with the happy conviction that Mr. Farrer is doing the much-needed work well. It is hoped that church-people throughout the Diocese and throughout the Dominion will give liberal assistance to this poor and extensive mission, to which their attention is now called.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

THE Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal of the Diocesan Theological College, has been appointed by the Bishop to the charge of Trinity Church, until other arrangements are made.

THE Rev. George Forneret has been elected to the Rectory of Dunham, and appointed by the Bishop but he has not yet signified his acceptance of the living.

ARUNDEL.—On the 3rd ult., the Bishop consecrated the new Church in Arundel, and afterwards Confirmed eight persons. His Lordship, the Venerable Archdeacon Lonsdale and Rev. H. T. Evans, who accompanied him, at the close of the Afternoon Services, addressed the congrega-

tion in terms appropriate to the happy occasion. The congregation is to be warmly congratulated on the fact that the attractive and well-finished Church, with an extensive glebe, has no encumbrance of debt.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

We find from the Report of the Synod just come to hand, that there were present at the late session 67 clergy and 76 lay delegates. Six clergy and forty lay delegates were absent.

SACKVILLE.—Opening Service of the Church School-House.—These services were held on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at 7 p. m. A choral service was sung by the Sunday-School children with the Rev. C. Pelham Mulvany as officiating clergyman. A sermon was then preached by the Rev. Mr. Stevens, of Portland, St. John. The school building is a most beautiful Gothic edifice in first pointed "early English" architecture with a stained-glass memorial window in remembrance of the late Mrs. Cogswell. The singing was good, giving evidence of careful training on the part of the organist, Mr. Arthur Cogswell.

SAINT GEORGE AND PENNFIELD.—Thanksgiving services were held lately in this Mission. The Churches were neatly and appropriately decorated, the attendance large, and music good. The sermons for the day, by the Rector, were on the subjects of "The Manna," and "The Parable of the Tares."

There was a slight mistake in THE GUARDIAN of the 6th inst., under "Gleanings from the D. C. S. Report, &c." It is reported there that "the largest number confirmed was 65 in Fredericton; the next, 43 in Richmond." It should be,—the next, 46 in St. George and Pennfield Mission."

THANKSGIVING.—The second Sunday in October was appointed some years ago by the Synod as a Day of Thanksgiving. Many parishes observe that day, while clergymen who have lately come into the Diocese appear not to have had it brought to their notice. It is much to be desired that there should be a day universally observed in the Diocese at an earlier season than the usual time appointed by the civil authority, while, at the same time, the latter day should be marked also by religious service. The 6th of November was observed by many parishes, some of whom had also kept the day appointed by the Synod. In St. John the Rev. Wm. Armstrong preached in St. John's Church. He was assisted by the Rev. W. O. Raymond, of Stanley. At Moncton the Holy Communion was celebrated at 9 a. m., and the communicants were requested in their devotions to return hearty thanks for the blessings of a bountiful harvest. In the evening the Thanksgiving Service was held, and at the close the *Te Deum* was sung. The congregation then adjourned to the Church Room at the Rectory and spent the remainder of the evening. In other places we hear of services held to mark the day. The people of New Brunswick ought to be truly thankful for the unprecedented harvest with which they have been blessed.

THERE is a lull in Church news just now. It is a temporary stillness, before the rush of the Christmas work comes on. We hope to chronicle increased spiritual life and work all along the line this Christmas. Let the tried and experienced workers induce others to join them. How can we be more happy than when we are working for Christ and His Church!

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The various Churches in the city were well attended on Thanksgiving Day, and a considerable number received the Holy Communion. The offertories were devoted to the Board of Home Missions and the Clergy Super-