

a claim for church preferment, Theodulph was soon after promoted to be Bishop of Orleans, where he died. This hymn has been "on the lips of children" of the Church ever since.

With Theodulph closes the last of the classical period of Christian hymn writing, which the growing tendency to rhyme and accent rather than quantity was now modifying more and more. The hymns of the later writers, such as Theodulph and Rabanus, were written in an ecclesiastical and literary dialect, no longer like those of Prudentius, Ambrose and Gregory, in a language "understood of the people." The hymns of the great St. Gregory were the last words of vernacular Roman poetry.

(To be continued.)

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. Fallows is lecturing in Halifax, assisted by two preachers named Windeyer and Brown, on the *Distinctive Features of the Reformed (?) Episcopal (?) Church (?)*. May God forgive them if they add a new schism to the manifold denominations in that city!

CANON TOWNSHEND, M. A., Rector of Amherst and R. D., preached at the 4 p. m. choral service in the bishop's chapel, Halifax, on Nov. 4.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, WINDSOR.—This school removed into its new building Nov. 3. We hear the Rev. C. E. Willets, M. A., had 44 boys in attendance, and that the number is like to increase.

*The Church of England Temperance Society* held its annual meeting in Argyle Hall, Halifax, on Monday, Nov. 5, and on the following evening a public meeting was held at the same place, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The Ruri-decanal Chapter, comprising the missions in Guysboro, Antigonish, and Richmond counties, contains but few members, who are removed long distances from each other. The extreme limits of the Chapter are more than one hundred miles distant. In consequence of these difficulties, which although passing and external, yet cannot be surmounted without mutual forbearance and courageous perseverance, the meetings of the Chapter are not frequent, and the attendance at the best is but small. But these periodical conferences are found to be enough and more than enough, to cheer and refresh the minds and hearts of both clergy and laity, especially invigorating and stimulating them in their spiritual life.

The meeting of the above Chapter, intended to be convened on the 21st of Oct. in the mission of Arichat, was a failure as regards the attendance of the clergy, there being present besides the Rector, the Rev. F. M. M. Young, but one member, the Rev. A. C. Macdonald, of Bayfield. The Dean was, we believe, unavoidably absent. However, the suggestions long entertained by the Incumbent of the parish, that deanery meetings should comprise as one of their objects real, hearty, evangelistic (not the perverted evangelism of ultra Protestantism) and protracted services for the benefit of the parish in which meetings of the Chapter should from time to time be held, found expression and character in this case. The service began on Sunday morning, and was followed by the Sunday School visitation in the afternoon. Then came the hearty evening service. Monday morning service came next, at which there were good congregational singing and hearty responses. Morning prayers and sermon were followed by the administration of the holy communion, the celebrant being the Rev. Mr. Macdonald. The inclement weather kept many

of the country people, who usually travel eight and ten miles to the services, away, but of those present a large proportion remained to feed on the Bread of Life in the Holy Sacrament. Monday evening was still more noticeable as indicating an earnestness, on the part of the people, to worship God and to be instructed, as a goodly congregation came out on a most disagreeable night. Tuesday evening brought the series to a close, with a conscious feeling on the part of all, that it was good for them to have been there. The preacher at all the services was the Rev. A. C. Macdonald. His addresses will, we hope, be long remembered.

It is pleasing to record that a good church feeling prevails in this parish, and that there are indications of the desire of the people to aid in promoting the cause of God and His Church. Several alterations have been lately made, so as to make the church building more suitable for the glorious object for which it was consecrated. The old pews, with their doors, as if entrance into them were difficult and only obtained on the payment of an admission fee, have given place to the modest and more churchly seat, with its wide and open entrance, comfortable for standing to praise, sitting to hear, and kneeling to pray. Other improvements have been made, and more are desirable, this feeling being earnestly entertained by the Incumbent. Not the least desirable would be the setting up, which should be the central object in all churches—symbolic of sacrifice—the Lord's table in place of what is now its substitute. It should not be forgotten, in this account of the services, that the organist, for one so young and having taken her place only a few months ago, performed her part well. Let us hope that these services, as all the services of this parish, shall be owned and blessed of God. Let us hope that none of the kind-hearted parishioners of St. John may, for the sake of gaining to day, throw away to-morrow for ever. Be it theirs to fasten their thoughts, not on the passions and parties of the brief to-day, but on the hopes of the long to-morrow. The day, the year, may belong to the destructives and the partizans, but the morrow, the coming century, belongs to the comprehensive, discriminating, all-embracing, Catholic Church, which have the promise not of this present time only, but also of the times which are yet to be.

"Come, my friends—  
Souls that have taught and wrought and thought with me,  
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world."

### FREDERICTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

*Anniversary Services.*—The St. John Sunday-school Association held its anniversary services on the Festival of All Saints. The morning service with sermon, and the celebration of Holy Communion was at St. John's church. Evening prayer was said and a sermon preached in St. Paul's church, Portland.

*Lotteries.*—One of the means used to erect the Academy of Music, destroyed by last summer's fire in St. John, was a "Grand Lottery." Now it is proposed to re-erect it in the same way. The *Daily Telegraph*, however, one of our leading papers, has declined to advertise the proposed scheme. This is a very admirable course for a secular journal, and has drawn forth the following letter, which will be heartily greeted by churchmen, from Canon Brigstocke:—

*The Lottery Business.*

SIR,—As a rector of a Church in this city, and therefore greatly interested in and responsible for the increase of true religion, I beg to thank you for the stand which I see by your issue of the 30th you have taken against lotteries, so far as to decline advertising them in the columns of your paper. By the very nature of their machinery they unquestionably form one of the greatest hindrances to religion, and as such are fraught with incalculable mischief. I trust your example will be followed by the whole press of the continent. Such a course would do much to lessen the evil they propagate.

Yours obediently,

J. H. BRIGSTOCKE,

Rector of Trinity Church.

*"Week of Intercession."*—The fourth annual issue of "Subjects for Meditation during the Week of Intercession," for 1877, has just appeared, compiled by Revs. Canon Brigstocke and T. E. Dowling. Instead of a simple sheet, as heretofore, this issue is in the shape of a convenient pamphlet of twelve pages, of which eight pages are devoted, one to each day, in the octave of Intercession. The whole is admirably arranged, and tastefully printed with red letter borders, headings and capitals. The subjects are:—

St. Andrew's Day.—Nov. 30. General Intercession for Missions. Saturday, Dec. 1. The Divisions in Christendom one great obstacle to Missionary Work. First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 2. The Hastening of Christ's Kingdom. Monday, Dec. 3. The Increase of the Ministry. Tuesday, Dec. 4. The Sanctification of the Ministry. Wednesday, Dec. 5. The Native Ministry in Heathen Lands. Thursday, Dec. 6. The War in the East in relation to the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Friday, Dec. 7. The Jews. The following is the page devoted to St. Andrew's Day, and illustrates the arrangement of each subject:—

St. Andrew's Day, Friday, November 30.—General Intercession for Missions.

"Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Psalm II. 8.

O Almighty God, Whose dearly beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature; hear us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and look upon the fields now white unto harvest; bless those labouring for Thee in distant lands, and prosper Thou their handiwork; send forth more labourers into Thy harvest to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace to labour with them in prayers and offerings, that we, together with them, may rejoice before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Read Psalm LXII. 8-12. Isaiah LII. 14-15. Isaiah LXV. 1. Malachi I. ii.

Hymn: Church Hymns, No. 294. Hymns A. and M., 359.

On the last two pages is a form of Thanksgiving for the knowledge and progress of the gospel of the kingdom, to be used daily in private and household devotions.

The editors deserve our thanks for so excellent a guide and help for the devotions of Intercession Week; and their work merits a wider recognition than the Diocesan one which it has.

*KINGSTON DEANERY.*—Local church news from the Diocese of Fredericton will not be uninteresting to many of your readers, and as it is not very often that we have anything from the ordinary routine of missionary work in the country, I venture to trouble you with a short account of a meeting of the Deanery of Kingston which was held in Sussex last week. On Wednesday, 31st of October, eight out of the fourteen clergy who comprise the Deanery assembled at the rectory for a meeting in Chapter. In the absence of the Dean Rural, the Reverend Canon Walker, who has previously filled that office, was called to the chair. The meeting was formally opened with prayers and hymn singing; and, after the dispatch of some preliminary business, chapter xvi. of the Book of Revelation was read and discussed. After this a very excellent paper was read by the Reverend B. Shaw, which was so well appreciated by the brethren present that a unanimous desire was expressed that it should be printed. The subject of this paper was, the "Efficiency of Prayer." If it is in your power without infringing on the columns of the CHURCHMAN, we should feel honoured by its appearance in that paper. Next in order came a very valuable paper on "Church Music," read by the Reverend F. Partridge, which was well received, and caused quite a long discussion, which is, I think, the chief end and aim of such papers. When the discussion came to a close the Chapter adjourned till the following morning at 10. At 8 p. m. evensong was said in Trinity Church, which is hard by the rectory, "Brightly gleams our banner" having been sung as a processional hymn. After evensong, two addresses were given, one by Revd. F. Partridge on "Retreats," the other by Revd. S. J. Hanford on "Individual Efforts." On the following day, being All Saints Day, the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m., at which about