

FREDERICTON.—A Women's Aid Association for the Diocese of Fredericton has been formed by the ladies of Fredericton. The officers elected are as follows:—President, Mrs. Maunsell; Secretaries, Mrs. A. F. Street and Miss Wilmot; Treasurer, Mrs. Campbell. In addition to those there is a Managing Committee, besides sub-committees for special work. Lady Tilley is Patroness of the Society. It is hoped that branches of the association will be formed in the various parishes in the Diocese, all to work under one President. The object of the association is to awaken and deepen interest in the work of the Church in the Diocese, and to help on the work in every possible way, specially by prayer and by raising funds for the furtherance of the work. Any person may become a member of the association by undertaking to pray every Sunday for the work of the Church in the Diocese, and by paying an annual subscription of forty cents. This is a new feature in the work of helping to further the interests of the Church in this Diocese, and one which commends itself to the good judgment and sound earnestness of every loyal Churchman. It means new life, new energy, brighter hopes and more funds for the Home Mission work of the Diocese.

RICHMOND.—This parish, which has been vacant for about seven months, is now to have a clergyman. The Rev. E. J. B. Williams has been appointed Deacon in charge. Mr. Williams expects to be ordained Priest at Trinity, and then no doubt he will be collated to the Parish and inducted Rector.

The parishioners feel deeply grateful to Canon Neales, of Woodstock, and his Lay Reader, Mr. Saunders, for their kindness in supplying services during the vacancy.

A tower and spire is about to be erected on the Parish Church in which to place the new bell.

KINGSCLEAR.—The Bishop-Coadjutor preached at the first of the Special Lenten Services which are to be held in the Parish Church on Friday evenings.

MONCTON.—The Rev. A. J. Reid, of this parish, was ordained priest at the Cathedral, Fredericton, on Sunday, the 21st instant. Mr. Reid still continues his work as Curate of the Parish.

FREDERICTON.—Sidesmen have been appointed in the Cathedral to act as ushers, under the direction of Sheriff Sterling. Thus strangers and visitors may more than ever be made to feel welcome and at home in the Mother Church.

DEANERY OF ST. JOHN.—This Deanery met on March 16th, at St. Paul's Church, Portland, where the Holy Communion was celebrated at 9:30 a.m., the Rev. G. Schofield being the celebrant and Rev. C. O. Dobbs the preacher.

The Chapter then proceeded to the Rev. Canon DeVeber's residence, where the business of the Deanery was transacted, after the reading of the Holy Scripture.

The Chapter having applied for a grant of books from the Associates of the Rev. Dr. Bray, England, a letter in reply was read by the Rev. W. O. Raymond, stating that the request was granted, and the books would be forwarded.

The Chapter adjourned until Monday, March 22nd, in order to finish the rest of the business.

The Rev. C. Kenrick has resigned the curacy of St. Paul's Church. After April 1st he will discharge the pastoral duties of St. Stephen's Church until the return of the Rev. T. E. Dowling from England.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The report of the Needle-work Society of this Parish for 1885 has

just been printed. There are now fifty-nine members, who meet once a fortnight from Christmas to Easter. They have realized this year by subscriptions, donations and the annual Christmas sale, \$376. This sum, with the proceeds of last year, \$221, will be devoted to the erection of a Parish Room for the use of the surpliced choir, who find the vestry too small to accommodate them.

St. Paul's Church Needle-work Society was founded in 1866, just before the building of the new church. It has thus been in operation for nearly twenty years, under the same President, the wife of the Rector, Rev. Canon DeVeber. During this time \$5,551 have been realized. This sum enabled the society to import from England stained glass of beautiful design for the large west window, to put an iron railing round the church grounds, and to give \$2,167 towards paying off the church debt, which was fully liquidated last year. Smaller sums have been given to the poor, to the Sunday-school, and towards the expenses of the surpliced choir.

SHEDIAC.—A meeting of the Deanery was held in the Parish of Shediac on March 11th and 12th, at which were present Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, (Rural Dean); Rev. C. F. Wiggins, Rector of Sackville; Rev. F. W. Vroom, Rector of Shediac; Rev. A. J. Cresswall, Missionary of Albert County, and Rev. A. J. Reid, Curate of Moncton.

1 Tim., chap. 1, was read in Greek, and carefully discussed.

The Choral Union festival, which had of necessity been postponed, was appointed to be held on Wednesday, June 9th.

Several matters of business, including the establishing of a Book Depository, Sunday-schools, the *Diocesan Chronicle*, and the Deanery Library, were dealt with.

On Thursday evening a good congregation was assembled at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Woods, when Evensong was said and addresses delivered by Rev. A. J. Reid and the Rural Dean.

Mr. Reid spoke of the "Drift towards Unity," referring to the gradual dying out of prejudices against the Church, and the increasing tendency to return to the "old paths where is the good way." The case of the Rev. Mr. Green, the eminent Presbyterian minister of Chicago who has lately entered the Church, was alluded to, and his four reasons read. Extracts were also given from Mr. Beecher's eulogy of the Episcopal Church, and the people were exhorted to learn from the praises of an outsider to appreciate the good things which our Church possesses, and to teach them to others.

The Rural Dean spoke in behalf of the Bishop Medley Scholarship Fund, calling attention to the great need of Clergy in the Diocese, and the present insufficient means of supplying them. It is hoped that his words will bear fruit when the collection for this important Fund is made.

At the morning meeting of the Chapter, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That this Deanery desires to place on record an expression of its deep sympathy with the Rev. Arthur Hoadley, Rector of Moncton, in his impaired state of health, and of the sincere regret with which it learns that he finds it necessary to resign the charge to which he has so earnestly and faithfully devoted himself. His earnest zeal, his wise counsel and his prompt aid in every work which might promote the welfare of the Church in this Deanery will be greatly missed among us, especially at the meetings of the Chapter, at which, whenever possible, he was wont to be present. It is our earnest prayer to God that his removal may tend to the improvement of his bodily health, and that the blessing of the Master whom he has so faithfully served may ever rest upon

him and upon those whom God has given him."

The Chapter adjourned, to meet again at Sackville on June 10th.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—*Bishop's College.*—On Thursday, March 25th, the festival of the Annunciation, the usual missionary union services were held. These services take place once a term. At 11:15 a celebration of the Holy Communion was held, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Judge, M.A., Rector of Cookshire, an alumnus of the College. The text was Romans xi. 12. The sermon was strikingly thoughtful. The preacher dwelt on the compensating advantages that could be traced by a reverent, thoughtful observance of the ways of God's providence, even in such an apparently discouraging fact as the slowness of the world's conversion. The very fact that the Jews as a nation rejected Christ, though lamentable from many points of view, had probably made the type of Christianity more Catholic. The slowness of the conversion of the world might be compensated for by the ultimate spread of a higher type of Christianity. The Christian nations were the leading nations of the world, and their progress in other ways that were good, such as civilization and knowledge, could not be looked upon as a mere coincidence. They, when they have learned the lessons of Christ even more fully than at present, will be able to spread a higher type of Christianity than if they had been lower in the scale in other respects. These thoughts were not urged to deprecate effort, but rather to encourage those who were inclined to cry, in despair, "Lord, how long?" For of the ultimate success of Missions, and the ultimate up-rearing on every shore of the Cross of Christ, we were assured, and every member of the Church was bound in some way or other, at home or abroad, or both, to do Mission work and be a Missionary in a true sense.

Festival Evensong was held at 7 p.m., after which a meeting of the Union was held in the College Hall, and was attended by the great majority of the students and Boys.

The Treasurer (Mr. A. Sharpe) stated that the income per term for the last two terms from subscriptions was equal to the annual income of previous years. The number of subscribers was 83, and the income from offertories and subscriptions for the last two terms was upwards of \$40.

Mr. Murray read an interesting paper on the Mission to Savannah during the years 1846-'53, and the Rev. A. H. Judge delivered an address full of interest and feeling on the brief and heroic career of Bishop Mackenzie, who died in Africa in 1861.

Principal Adams spoke of the recent death of Bishop Hannington, and said that none need be discouraged at such deaths as these, premature and sad as they appeared to us. Those who were killed in battle contributed just as much often to the victory as those who survived. The life of a Missionary was as heroic as that of any soldier fighting for love of country, and as full of adventure as any explorer's life could be, and the Missionary had the advantage of building a part of the edifice of God's Church: his work would be immortal. The Principal urged all present to become imbued with the Missionary spirit, and hoped many more would go forth into the Mission field from Lennoxville.

The Rev. Dr. Roe spoke of the paramount of intercessory prayer for Missions, and of making our gifts acts of real sacrifice.

A vote of thanks to Messrs. Judge and Murray was passed.

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