

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

In publishing in last week's GUARDIAN the Petition of the Metropolitan and Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, we missed the name of the Bishop of Huron, but made no comment, being persuaded that the omission of His Lordship's name could not be attributable to any unwillingness to sign it. And we are now able to state that we were right in our supposition, and that the Bishop has sent in a Petition from his Diocese against the Bill, which is therefore unanimously opposed by the Bishops of this Province, whose opinion and protest, with reference to the point at issue, ought to have weight with the Dominion Parliament.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**NORTH FRONTENAC**—As your valuable Church paper has such a large circulation and is read by so many members of the Church; permit me to ask the publication of a short account of the recently opened mission of North Frontenac, and crave the indulgence of your readers for the facts about to be stated. This mission embraces 12 townships in the northern part of the County of Frontenac in the province and Diocese of Ontario, and covers an area of at least 1600 square miles of a rough and hilly country, much of which has been known chiefly to the hunter and the lumberman. A few years since the government opened it for settlement by offering free grants to actual settlers. There, then, have settled many people from the older townships of Ontario and the other provinces, and among them quite a large number who either are or were members of the Church of England. Many of the settlers are necessarily poor, coming as they have done, empty-handed into such a wild track. As to the future prospects of these people I will not venture a word. As a missionary, I have to deal with their present condition and point them heavenward in the path of the Cross. The people are extremely kind and hospitable, and some are devotional, having come eleven miles to church on Sunday morning. I have known some young people to travel on foot over seven miles of the roughest road imaginable, to our evening service. In Barrie I found persons who had not seen a clergyman for fourteen years. This place I reach in winter by rowing single-handed in a boat some thirteen miles on a lake, and in the summer by a walk of six or eight miles more. One poor woman devoutly and audibly thanked God that she was able to look once more on the face of a clergyman of the good old Church of England. Some said that it revived the memories of their younger days to hear the Church Service and to join in it once more. One firm, consistent working churchman said that he would not have missed for five dollars the instruction and pleasure he derived from our Christmas Morning Service and Sermon. What a lesson and a reproof to careless Churchmen and Churchwomen who have the services of the Church every Lord's Day; but who so frequently are absent from them for trivial reasons. Some of the children are very intelligent and many of them have learned most of the Catechism by heart. I will relate one more little reminiscence, and that must suffice for the present. A pious member of our church stands aloof from dissenters' meetings, on principle, though frequently pressed to attend them. Instead, being a parent he gathers his family around him on Sunday, and reads with his wife the prayers in the Order for Morning or Evening Prayer, and then reads a sermon, after which he instructs the little ones in the Catechism—this is his regular practice. I mention it as a model for others to follow who are on some Sundays without Church Services. That man remembers and obeys the Divine admonition, and Almighty God will surely bless him and his—to these similarly situated, might not Christ's admonition "Go and do thou likewise" be extremely applicable.

Faithfully yours,  
in Christ,  
H. FARRAR.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The following circular, which will explain itself, has been sent to the clergy in the Diocese of Quebec. It will doubtless be equally interesting to the laity

who receive our paper, and may also suggest a way of making "CHURCH WORK" similarly useful in other Dioceses.

We therefore gladly print it here.

(CIRCULAR.)

LEVIS, P.O. MARCH, 12th 1880.

Sirs,—You will receive immediately after, if not by the same post with this letter, a copy of "CHURCH WORK" localized for the Diocese of Quebec.

It is believed that this paper will commend itself to you as containing just such information on many points, and in just such brief form, as will be both useful and attractive to the Families in your congregations.

The four pages forming a cover to the paper will contain short paragraphs such as will convey month to month to both Clergy and laity, all incidents of value affecting the Diocese, its Missions and Institutions, its Bishop and his official acts, the Clergy and their Congregations, the Church Society and its Funds &c. Will you not take a special interest in it. 1st by recommending it personally to your Families. 2nd, by inducing some of your Sunday School Teachers, or active young people to obtain subscribers. 3rd, by forwarding brief items concerning your Mission, its work and progress. A Post Card to me, will oftentimes suffice to carry an item which will prove of general interest. The price is 40 cents a year, the money must accompany the address of any one to whom the paper is to be sent. Prompt action is desirable, as "CHURCH WORK" began its 5th volume on 1st March.

Yours faithfully,  
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## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Two Parishes are now vacated, Sackville has not called a Rector yet. Westfield is also vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Woodman. The salary is reported as \$772 and a House. The contributions of the people to the stipend are only \$180. There are 100 acres of Globe land, and invested glebe funds to the amount of \$2,200. There are two churches and one station. The Parish is pleasantly situated on the St. John river, and has also handy railroad connection with St. John.

**DEANERY OF KINGSTON**—This Deanery has been summoned to meet at Rothesay on the 7th April, to consider the Bishop's Pastoral on the D. C. S. The meeting is a special one.

**ST. MARY'S**. The new School House was burned on the 24th, and our Church which stands near it caught fire, but the flames were extinguished. The building was damaged by the water and fire. Rev. W. Jaffrey is the missionary at this place.

At SHEDIAC AND MONCTON, there have been daily services during Holy Week with addresses on special topics, in Shediac on the "Typos" of Christ, in Moncton on the Epistles for the day. The attendance at both places has been very gratifying. At Moncton on Easter Even. There was a Service of instruction for Communicants. The "Story of the Cross" was sung on Good Friday Evening.

**WELDFORD**—Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Rector of St. James Church, St. John has been doing duty in this Mission for two weeks, during the absence of his son, on account of temporary ill-health.

**ST. JOHN**—The usual services were held on Holy Week in the different Churches. In St. Mary's Church, the services were at night with addresses by city clergyman.

**Trinity Church**.—Contributions have been given towards the furniture required for the School House. A Bill has passed the Legislature enabling the corporation to issue Debentures for the completion of the Church based on property in the city. These are redeemable in twenty years. It is fortunate that Trinity has such property, but it is not a good example for the Mother Church of the Diocese to set the country churches. The church will be mostly built by the proceeds of Insurance. The Merritt legacy and the proceeds of Debentures. Where is the liberality of the congregation! Where are the sons and daughters of the Church, who offer willingly "of their abundance?" If Trinity has such

contributions to her Building fund, we think it is a case where light ought "to shew before men" so that the country churches might be encouraged by seeing their good works." The country laity often put the city members to shame in their relative contributions to Church building and other needs, taking into account the difference in their means. We believe it would have a good effect in many ways, to publish the names and amounts on the subscription list for the rebuilding of the church of the loyalists.

**ANDOVER**.—It is reported that Rev. L. A. Hoyt will resign his pastorate to take charge of the Indian School and that the Rev. Mr. Hoady will succeed Mr. Hoyt.—*Cor. Telegraph*.

**SUSSEX**—The Concert before spoken of as likely to be given by the choir of Trinity Church and others is indefinitely postponed. This is to be regretted as the people were looking, soon, for one of those treats so often enjoyed in listening to this choir.

The Lenten Lectures delivered by Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Mr. Lockward and others are spoken of as being of a very instructive kind.

**MONCTON**.—The Easter Services at St. George's Church were attended by crowded congregations, both morning and evening. A handsome reredos covered the end of the Chancel. Above it was the text: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. In the centre was a beautiful floral cross, made of choice hot-house flowers, of which a calla lily formed the top. Vases of flowers were on the table, and the Font was trimmed with flowers. Fifty-four persons remained to the Holy Communion; 42 at mid day, and 12 at the early service. The singing was particularly good at both services, all the choir being present except three, detained by illness. In the evening, Psalms 113, 114 and 118 were chanted antiphonally to separate chants. The anthem was "Christ being raised from the dead,"—by Sir G. J. Elvey. The Rev. Mr. Pontreath preached in the morning from St. John 10—11, 18, and in the evening on 114th Psalm,—"Israel's deliverance from Egypt, a type of man's deliverance from sin."—*Times*.

THERE are many Parishes in the Diocese we would be glad to hear from. A few notes even sent to the N. B. editor will always receive prompt attention. Is there not some one in the back Parishes who reads this sufficiently interested in the Church and her progress to send us items, addressed to Moncton.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**YARMOUTH**.—I cannot believe your remarks in a late number about "dearth of news from N. S." were intended entirely for the clergy, for I am glad to see that the correspondence part of the paper is as well occupied by the laity as by those who have "taken Orders," and I think the Parish News column should attract the pens of the former equally with the debateable ground of exchange of opinions. Really, however, there is very little of news to inform you of in our western Parish at present, and presumably it is the same in the other parts of the Diocese. Our energetic Curate, (Rev. R. Shrove), closed the winter's Bible Class last Friday evening, the evenings now being too fully occupied by business men, and too short to insure a good attendance any longer this season; so until All Saints' Day we will have no Friday evening Bible Class to look forward to. The class under Mr. S's management has been both interesting and instructive; and all who have attended regret that it has come to an end, but hope that next winter will see our class resumed with an increased attendance. The first of the season was occupied with the first two chapters of Acts, from which brought out much conversation and many thoughts, and the last four evenings have been taken up with "The Apostolic Succession," and have proved fully as interesting as, if not more so, than the first of the series. We have two flourishing Sunday Schools in connection with the Parish, one under the superintendence of the Curate, being held in the "upper school-house," a building just across the street from the church, and the other ably managed by W. H. Moody, Esq.; (a thorough go-ahead Churchman), and a competent staff of teachers in a neat building erected on the site of the old church, and distant about a mile from the

upper school. There is an average attendance of nearly a hundred in the two schools, and a considerable amount of interest manifested. At present both schools are using the "Leaflets," published at St. Catharine's, Ont., and are finding them very serviceable; but it occurs to your correspondent that a part of your paper could be made very valuable by publishing a weekly lesson for our S. Schools—either the "Leaflets," or an improvement on that system, so that every S. S. in the Diocese could use the same lesson, and be sure of its regularity in coming. I sincerely hope, if this is not done, that the Synod, at its regular meeting this season, will devise some plan for S. S. teaching; for now, beyond the Catechism, we have nothing ordered to be taught, and a school cannot be kept learning Catechism alone all the time. Probably, after the Easter meetings are over, you will have an abundance of news to chronicle. Let us hope that the "spirit of love and charity" will be present at every business meeting of our body, and that each brother will be to those who differ from him in some things.

"—his faults a little blind,"  
"—And to his virtues ever kind."

**HALIFAX**.—The congregations at all the Churches were large on Easter Sunday, and there were ten hundred and ninety-three Communicants. About two hundred others will receive on Sunday next, having been unavoidably prevented from partaking on Easter Day. The exact number at the several Churches was as follows:—St. Luke's 260; Garrison Chapel 242; St. Paul's 230; Trinity 92; Bishop's Chapel 84; St. George's 80; Dartmouth 55; St. Mark's 50.

**WINDSOR**.—This Parish has adopted CHURCH WORK as its Parish Magazine. There are several interesting items that have appeared in its first number which we shall transfer to our columns next week.

**LONDONERRY MINES**.—Easter Services largely attended.—Communicants numbered twenty-five.

**TRURO**.—Full congregations and sixty-three Communicants on Easter Day.

**HALIFAX—Trinity**.—A crowded Church on Sunday night last, testified to the respect entertained for, and the regret at parting with, their beloved Pastor by the people of this congregation. Having received notice from the Rector of St. Paul's that after Easter Sunday, his services would be no longer required, Mr. Ancient had announced that on that evening he would preach his farewell sermon. Mr. Ancient's loss will be severely felt, and the Church and Halifax will suffer accordingly.

**HALIFAX**.—We are indebted to the Recorder for the following summary of the proceedings at the Easter meetings of the several parish churches.

**St. Luke's**.—Liabilities \$1133.32; assets \$529.38. The receipts for the year were \$6,779.39 and the expenditure \$5578.01.

After some discussion it was decided to adopt the system of regular weekly offertories towards the current expenditure and indebtedness instead of pew rents, each giving according to his means. Those who did not agree to this to continue the present system of paying pew rent and making offertories. The following were elected for the Vestry:

Wardens—E. H. Keating, James Goslip.

Vestrymen—Capt. Clarkson, C. B. Bullock, W. H. Pallister, B. B. Bond, E. P. Archbold, W. B. Reynolds, W. N. Silver, D. Robertson, F. Wainwright, Dr. Cowie, C. J. Wyld, Arthur P. Silver.

Auditors—A. C. Edwards and C. J. Spike.

Vestry Clerk—W. H. Wiswell.

Delegates to the Synod—J. T. Wyld and W. C. Silver.

Rev. Mr. Sills, the curate, retires, and the vacancy will not be filled.

**St. Paul's**.—Receipts, \$8,468.28. Balance in hand \$29.80. Outstanding liabilities, \$3,946.67. It was decided at suggestion of the Rector to hold afternoon services only at Trinity church in future, and not fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Ancient, and to take up collections at the morning service as well as the evening service in future.

The officers elected were:—

Wardens—R. Taylor, R. Unisako.

Vestrymen—Wm. Dunbar, J. E. Curren, W. J. Clayton, Geoffrey Morrow,

Augustus Allison, Thos. Clay, E. J. Lordly, C. C. Blackadar, J. C. Malon, Ezra Davidson, E. D. Meanell, and Lieut. Hicks.

Auditors—Jno. H. Symons, and Hon. A. G. Jones.

Representatives to Synod—J. N. Ritchie, and T. A. Brown.

It was resolved to ascertain what amount could be collected towards the exigencies of the parish (repairs to church etc.), and a subscription list being opened at the meeting nearly \$300 was raised.

**St. George's**.—Receipts \$2,567.16; expenditure, \$2,663.57. The following officers were elected:—

Wardens—J. J. Hunt and D. H. Whiston.

Vestrymen—Edw. Marshall, H. Y. Clark, Joseph Starr, James Fidler, E. Wright, A. Woodill, W. Woodill, John W. Marvin, William Taylor, Thomas Forhan, James Wade, R. Wilson.

Auditors—G. R. Anderson, R. Pickford.

Representatives to Diocesan Synod—J. J. Hunt, and D. H. Whiston.

It will be noticed with pleasure that St. George's Parish, which for so long a time remained aloof, has decided to come into the Diocesan Synod, and has elected its delegates.

**GLACE BAY MISSION**.—St. Luke's congregation have again been at work at their church, and at an outlay for materials, and after some twenty-four days labour, got the inside of the church ready for plastering; these added to a previous one hundred and twenty days' labour, makes almost one hundred and fifty days work given by a dozen families within six months. The congregation at South Head met a few days ago and resolved to get out a plan for a Sunday School House, capable of seating sixty persons. St. Paul's congregation have been enjoying a series of sermons, delivered by the Incumbent of Sydney, who preached on Monday and Tuesday evenings—the Incumbent of Sydney Mines, who preached on Wednesday evening, and the Incumbent of Louisburg, who preached on Thursday and Friday evenings. The interest in these services were well kept up by increased attendance, not only of Church people, but of the various denominations around us. May God help the services to the advancement of piety and true religion.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

**CRAPAUD**.—Mr. Johnstone, the popular clergyman of St. John's, Crapaud, was in Charlottetown last week, looking well and speaking hopefully of his charge. The Church at Crapaud is a model for a village Church, and has been considerably improved by the exertions of the clergyman and his parishioners. The improvement in some of the Island Churches during the last few years is worthy of note, shewing, unmistakably, a growing sense of real churchmanship and vigor. It is to be regretted that the same cannot be said of all the village Churches, some are decidedly unchurch-like, and slovenly, but we hope for better things.

We have gleaned from the Report of the D. C. S. recently, to have the following Statistics for 1879:—

Confirmed, 188; Baptisms, 138; Marriages, 19; Burials, 75. There is no report of baptisms, marriages, or burials from St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown. The following is the amount of contributions for all Church purposes reported—St. Paul's, Charlottetown, \$424.29; St. Peter's (including legacy of \$2,324.88) \$5046.56; Milton, \$798.23; St. Eleanor's and Summerside, \$936.85; Crapaud, \$809.25; New London, \$169.81; Georgetown, \$324.50; Alberton, not reported; St. Paul's Charlottetown, has \$2,160.00 on hand towards a new Church. Twenty-eight Communicants were added to the list.

St. Peter's reports the Church consecrated, and an increase in the Sunday School.

At Milton, a handsome Communion Service is reported, and a tower and bell.

St. Eleanor's reports Church improvements.

Crapaud reports \$300.00 raised for Rectory, and \$150.00 for Organ. The Rector is assisted by a number of zealous young people.

At New London, the Parsonage has been repaired, and the Churchyard put in order.

At Georgetown, which has been served