

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—During Lent extra mid-day services, with short lectures, on Wednesdays and Fridays. In Holy week service twice every day with lectures on "the seven sayings on the Cross." Good Friday was observed with the same service as Sunday both here and at New Glasgow. Some ladies of the congregation have obtained a new surplice for the parish, to be used first on Easter Day.

NEW GLASGOW.—The weather has hindered working at the Church, especially the finishing of the bell cot and hanging of the bell which Mr. W. B. Moore has kindly given. The Monday evening and Good Friday services were well attended here.

HALIFAX.—The Easter Services in the various City Churches were unusually well attended even for Easter, and the decorations, we are glad to announce, were more effective, although less profuse than in former years. The Bishop's Chapel continues to occupy the foremost place in the beauty of its decorations and in their admirable arrangement. Better than decorations, however, is the gratifying fact that the number of Communicants was very large, and the proportion of men much greater than last year. The following show the numbers in each of the Parishes—St. John's, three celebrations, at 7, 8, and 11 o'clock, Communicants 295; St. Paul's, at 11 o'clock, Communicants 250; Garrison Chapel, three celebrations, at 7, 8 and 11, Communicants 220; St. George's two celebrations, at 8 and 11 o'clock, Communicants 123; Bishop's Chapel, two celebrations, at 8 and 11 o'clock, Communicants, 116; St. Mark's at 11 o'clock, Communicants 80. The Rev. F. Partridge, B.D., the new Rector of St. George's Church, preached in that Church morning and evening to large congregations.

St. George's.—The Bishop of the Diocese inducted the Rev. F. Partridge, B.D., into the Rectory of this Church on Monday evening at 6 o'clock. A number of the city clergy were present and a good congregation. We congratulate the Parish on the consummation of their hopes, and the new Rector on the unanimity and good feeling which his advent has awakened.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

D. C. S. DEFICIENCY FUND.—From R. B. Had-dow, Esq., Newcastle: Miss Percival, \$5.00, Mrs. Muppin, 3.00; Miss Harley, 5.00; J. C. Miller, 10.00; W. C. Miller, \$1.00; C. S. W., 5.00; Geo. Burchill, 15.00; Mrs. J. H. S. Sweet, 6.00. Total, \$50.00.

GEORGE E. FAIRWEATHER, Treasurer.

St. JOHN.—The compiler of Church news in the Diocese of Fredericton is inaccurate in the enumeration, in the last issue of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, of those Churches in the City of St. John in which the sittings are free. There is a Church in that city known as the Church of Saint John the Baptist, the services at which are free to all and at all times. The compiler, surely, cannot be ignorant of the existence of a Church, at which the Bishop of the Diocese had recently officiated, and which, I am assured, is crowded with worshippers at all ordinary services. Those Churches cannot justly be called free where the attendance of those who may wish to be present, at which the Rev. Dr. Chalmers designates "the greatest solemnity of our blessed faith," is prevented by the vicious pew system.—Com.

St. JOHN.—The Easter Meetings of the several City Parishes were largely attended, and the financial condition of most of them appears to be good. We shall publish the result of the elections in our next.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

HOLY WEEK is being generally observed, and the services better attended most everywhere.

MONTREAL.—Is not Mr. Jenkins, Church Warden of St. Jude's, too sensitive? Your correspondent saw it stated that an effort was being made to reduce the interest on the debt on that church, and for that purpose the Rector had gone abroad. Where is the unkindness in making the remark, "What a position to be in?" The Rector's going abroad to obtain means to reduce the principal as well as interest does not alter the case. It is all the same, a very uncomfortable position to be in, and no one, perhaps, can feel it more than the Rector and Wardens. There is no unkindness, therefore, in saying so, and the remark has a general bearing: What an uncomfortable situation is it for any Church to be in debt. Churchmen of Montreal know it too well. No city in our Dominion is more burdened with churches deeply in debt. It is uncomfortable all round. No unkindness therefore in making a general deduction from the case of one particular church whose action to relieve itself is, of course, unavoidable under the circumstances, and also praiseworthy; but nevertheless not pleasant to any concerned.

ONE OF YOUR CORRESPONDENTS.

During the past year the Art Association of Montreal has paid off the entire debt, \$7,000, on its building to within about \$1,000. The gallery has now for the use of its members and their families nearly all the leading art journals of the world. The art classes are progressing. A competent teacher has been secured for the water color class, and it will be resumed next month. Forty of the members have become life-members during the past year, and over sixty new members have been added, making a total of about 450. A beautiful memorial brass has been erected by the Association, in the lower hall, bearing an appropriate inscription in honor of the late Benaiah Gibb, Esq., the founder of the institution.

BOLTON CENTRE.—The Rev. Mr. Clayton of this Parish, while crossing the Memphemagog Lake on his way to Stanstead, had a narrow escape from drowning, as also his wife who was with him. The ice being weak the horse and sleigh went through, a witness of the occurrence came to their aid and helped them to save themselves; but the valuable horse was lost. That the clergyman and his wife were saved is a matter of thankfulness to their large number of friends outside the Parish as well as in.

The Bishop held a confirmation at St. Martin's in the city at which twenty persons received the rite of confirmation. The service was a n impressive one.

The Rev. Canon Baldwin during Holy W is holding a mission.

The rendering of that celebrated musical composition known as "Stabat Mater," in St. John Church, on Friday evening of Passion Week, (Holy Week) was listened to by an overwhelming congregation, many being unable to get in. It was not even standing room. The St. Cec Society, under whose management the work was carried out, occupied a platform erected near great organ at the Western end; the usual plied choir and the clergy occupying their accustomed places. That the work was rendered in manner that left nothing to be desired, is the opinion of such as heard it. Christians of the Presbyterian Body and others acknowledged heartily impressiveness of the entire service. As to a portion of the original Latin to which exception taken, it had been so altered as to bring it in accordance with Church of England views.

ADAMSVILLE.—A Noble Gift.—It ought to the cause of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God that He has put it into the heart of one of His servants in a country Mission to do so much the extension of His Dear Son's Kingdom. The Mission of Adamsville, in the Deanery of Bedford Diocese of Montreal, was opened by Bishop Oxden in 1874, and the Rev. T. Kilner was the first incumbent. Mr. George Adams, one of the principal inhabitants of the township, is the most earnest promoter of the work. He subscribes \$100.00 annuum towards the sustenance of the Mission, and this is only part of what he does to promote the comfort and usefulness of the Missionary. Mr. Kilner laboured with considerable success, gathering a congregation at Adamsville and building a beautiful little church in East Farnham Village. He left for England last year, and the services have been conducted by students from the Theological College, until the appointment of Rev. J. Merrick to present year. Some years ago Mr. Adams deeded a portion of land to the late Mr. Davidson, then a respected and devoted Missionary at Cowansville on condition of a church being built thereon. The effort was not successful from the want of Church members. Mr. Adams, however, believing in the House of Prayer, built a sanctuary in every way worthy for the worship of God. He lent it to Bishop Oxden for the exclusive use of the Anglican Church, with the only condition that, if requested, funerals might be held by ministers of other denominations. There was doubt whether our Church would progress—the increase of the French population on the one hand, and our people moving away on the other. But why do we doubt? It is ours to preach the truth, and among the French Canadians one day may be the appointed work of the English Church. However, the Church has grown, and Mr. Adams, on the 4th inst., by deed of donation to the Bishop of Montreal, gave for the honour and glory of God the well-built and beautiful little church, with its bell and everything complete for the service of the sanctuary. The lowest estimate of its cost is three thousand five hundred dollars. It is a noble gift, blessed it will be to him who has so piously given it; blessed it will be to those who shall hear of Christ within that house; blessed shall be the influence of that house of God with its regular services of praise and prayer upon the community in which it stands. This gift brings great comfort. It seems to say—"Oh thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" There is untold wealth in the Church for all the work her Master has given her to do, and we ought as a Church to make special intercession for the outpouring of the spirit that all might lovingly give as God has prospered them. Would that some Eastern Township Churchman (and there are very many who could) would do for Dunham Ladies' College what Mr. Adams has done for the Church

in Adamsville, what a weight would be lifted, and what a blessing bestowed. Mr. Adams, we are sorry to add, is in feeble health, but we are sure no one will read this account of his noble work without adding to their thanksgiving a prayer that he may be spared to his family and friends for many years, and through the ministrations of the Church he has so generously aided, see much fruit abounding to the honor and glory of God.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—On Palm Sunday the Lord Bishop of Quebec administered the rite of confirmation to a number of adults in St. Matthew's and St. Peter's churches, of young people of both sexes, and to (adults).

LENNOXVILLE.—(Bishop's College).—In the terminal examinations, just concluded, the following students have acquitted themselves with credit:—Divinity students—Mr. Judge, P.A., first-class, marks in two subjects. Students in arts—Passed in honor subjects: Mr. W. Morris, Mr. R. F. Morris. Third year—Mr. Thompson, first-class marks in every subject; Mr. Lyster, first-class in English literature. Second year—Mr. Petry, first-class in classics, English literature and mathematics and the aggregate; Mr. Lass in history and French. First class in Divinity, mathematics and the aggregate. Mr. Lyster, first-class in Divinity. Non-matriculated—Mr. Fooks, first-class in classics.

Receipt of the fortieth Annual Report of the Society of the Diocese of Quebec. Secretary will please accept our very hearty and hearty thanks for the report which appears to be hardworking, successful; and, happily, no party strifes disturb the harmony of the financial affairs are evidently in the hands of large experience and great zeal. Several benefactors attest the spiritual life several parishes.

LEEDS.—Mission Services.—The Rev. Mr. Thompson, Diocesan Missioner, has a most interesting "Mission" in his services were held in St. James' Church, Leeds, and were commenced on Saturday, March 24th. The day being attended the first night. The number continued to increase, and on several occasions the church was well filled with attentive listeners with rapt attention to his earnest heart-stirring appeals. The Lord's side. The closing day of the service (Sunday, April 2nd,) was very stormy; the weather there was a good and several, who had hitherto been indifferent to the Lord's Table, on that day were very solemnly time, that the "Lord was with us." I can pray that the good seed thus sown will bear an hundred fold.

LOUP EN BAS.—The only resident Catholic has passed to his rest, at the age of 85, Mr. Henry Duquemin, Justice of the Peace. He had lived in Loup en Bas 51 years, and during that time had grown deeply into the affection of all in the place. He was a man whom they were pleased to resort to in all their difficulties, always assured that his judgments would be equitable, and his arbitrations just. Though the roads were broken, and a driving storm was raging, the funeral cortege of Roman Catholics that followed all the way to Riviere du Loup was very large, filling every available seat in the English Church. Mr. Duquemin was a devout communicant.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondents.)

BRADFORD AND WEST GWILLIAMSBURY.—Trinity Church, Bradford, is very greatly improved since the old pews have been taken out, and new seats, all free, put in their places. This not only gives increased accommodation, which of late has been greatly required, but improves the appearance of the whole Church.

St. Paul's, Coulson's Corners has quite awakened from a sleep of indifference. Imagine an old frame building white-washed on the inside, with benches for seats; everything about it dirty and savouring of the dead state of the Church fifty years ago. This was the state two years ago. On Easter Sunday the congregation will worship in a Church beautifully calculated, new seats with ash ends of a very neat and chaste design, new prayer desk and pulpit, new chancel carpet and new organ. A few months ago the congregation subscribed sixty dollars for a new communion service, which was manufactured for them in Hamilton.

Christ Church, Middleton, has money on hand for a new vestry and other improvements which will shortly be commenced. The people are gradually learning that God's House ought to be beautiful, and, if possible, "exceeding magnificent."

SCARBOROUGH.—The Rev. E. H. Mussen, B.A., has resigned this Mission, and has been appointed to Aurora.

NORTH ESSA.—This Mission has recently been supplied with a very handsome set of vessels to be used in the celebration of the Holy Communion. It having been reported that the Rev. W. W. Bates, B.A., Incumbent, who has been here for more than ten years, was about to send in his resignation, the Churchwardens called a meeting a few days ago and took the matter into consideration. The result was that they passed a resolution in which, having spoken of the gentleman in very complimentary terms, they unanimously ask him not to resign.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondents.)

ON PALM SUNDAY the Bishop held the Confirmation, in which I referred in my last, at our Ladies' College Chapel. A thunder storm the night before had made us anxious as to the weather, but a fall dawn soon changed into the perfection of a bright, warm spring morning, in thorough keeping with the hearts and aspirations of the earnest young Soldiers of the Cross, who had been long looking forward to the "Laying On of Hands" and their own hopeful consecration to the service of the Great "Captain of our Salvation." An unusually large proportion of our 90 resident pupils are already confirmed, and several others are waiting for a second confirmation in June; which accounts for the fact that the comparatively small number of 10 candidates came forward on the present occasion. Prayers were said by the chaplain, and Rev. W. F. Campbell, the active Missionary Agent for the Diocese, read the lessons. The Confirmation took place after the third Collect. Before the Laying On of Hands the Bishop most affectionately and impressively addressed the candidates, to whom he also referred afterwards in an excellent sermon on St. James iv. 14—"What is your life?" His Lordship then proceeded with the Service for the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Campbell and the chaplain; and it rejoices our hearts to be able to add that all those just confirmed, in company with about 33 of their fellow pupils, and several visitors, knelt to receive the Communion of the most precious Body and Blood of our Blessed Lord, humbly mindful of the dying injunction, "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondents.)

St. CATHERINES.—St. George's Church—A series of special Lenten Services, extending over eight days, has lately been held in this Church, by the Rev. Ogden P. Ford, of Woodbridge, Ont. These special services opened on Tuesday night, the 21st inst., with shortened Evensong, followed by a forcible sermon on the judgment of a man's life and character by himself, the world, and God. On the following Wednesday morning, and on each succeeding day of the Mission, there was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with an address on some subject bearing closely on the spiritual life, such as the Holy Communion in its two-fold aspect, the necessary preparation for receiving it, prayer, meditation, and the offering of ourselves to God. This was followed at noon, on four of the seven days over which the Mission extended, by meditations on the four last things—Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell, and on the Cross of Christ. During the afternoon of each day, with a short service, consisting of the Litany, or of Collects and a Metrical Litany, was interwoven an instruction on one of the occasional offices in the Book of Common Prayer. And again each night, after shortened Evensong, the attention of large and deeply interested congregations was riveted by one of a series of powerful sermons on sin, repentance, self-examination, temptation, and domestic life, as sanctified by our Lord's Earthly Life, closing on Tuesday evening, the 25th, with a very noble sermon on God. The attendance at the Services was encouraging, and the interest excited by them, evidenced by the fact that each day the number of those who came to receive instruction grew larger, the number of Communicants at the celebration averaging 21 daily. The power of the preacher consists in the clearness of this statement of Divine truths, and the force of his appeals to man's higher redeemed nature. His teaching throughout follows the lines of our Book of Common Prayer, betokening thorough loyalty to the Church of England, among the Clergy of which he cannot fail eventually to occupy a position of great prominence and usefulness. There are very many in St. Catharines, and they not of the congregation of St. George's Church only, who will long remember with gratitude the deep and loving interest which, at the cost of much labour to himself, Mr. Ford has shown in their spiritual welfare; nor let us doubt that there are among them those who will bless God for having permitted him to become the instrument in His hands of their conversion from a life of indifference and worldliness to Himself.