

quent and earnest call to much private prayer.

And, at the end, effort should be made to follow it up by such instrumentalities as circumstances would permit, and the disposition of the people suggest, that so the spiritual benefit obtained might live and grow on until the time should come when the full work of a parochial mission could be wisely undertaken.

Mount Forest, 18th May, 1876.

CALENDAR.

June 4th.—Whitsunday.
Deut. xvi. 1-18; Rom. viii. 1-18.
Isa. xi; Gal. v. 16.
Ezek. xxxvi. 25; Acts xviii. 24-xix. 21.

5th.—Boniface, B.
2 Chron. xix; St. John xvi. 1-16.

6th.—
xx. 1-31; Heb. xi. 1-17.

7th.—
xx. 31 and xxi; St. John xvi. 16.
xxii; Heb. xi. 17.

8th.—
xxiv; Heb. xii. 1-28.
xxv; St. John xviii. 1-28.

9th.—
xxvi. & xxvii; Heb. xiii.

10th.—
2 Chron. xxix. 3-21; St. John xix. 1-25.

11th.—
xxx. and xxxi. 1; St. James ii.

CONFIRMATIONS.

THE BISHOP OF TORONTO will D.V., hold Confirmations during the month of June next, as follows:—

Toronto, All Saint's, Sunday, June 4th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, Ascension, Sunday, June 4th, 7 p.m.; Omemee, Tuesday, June 6th, 7.30 p.m.; Manvers, Wednesday, June 7th, 11 a.m.; Oavan, St. John's, Wednesday, June 7th, 4 p.m.; Baillieboro', Thursday, June 8th, 11 a.m.; Milbrook, Thursday, June 8th, 7.30 p.m.; Perrytown, Friday, June 9th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, St. Bartholomew's, Sunday, June 11th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, St. Matthew's, Sunday, June 11th, 7 p.m.; Toronto, St. Philip's, Sunday, June 18th, 7 p.m.

NOVA SCOTIA.

His Lordship the Bishop administered the rite of confirmation on the 30th ult. to thirty-nine persons, old and young, at Christ Church, Dartmouth. One of the candidates was a woman, nearly eighty years of age, besides several other middle-aged people.

The following is the reply of his Lordship the Bishop to the vote of thanks passed at the Easter Meeting of St. Luke's Parish, published by direction of the Vestry:—

"I have received with much satisfaction the very gratifying expression of the love and esteem of the parishioners of St. Luke's, contained in the resolution adopted at the Easter meeting. We are bound to persevere in the performance of our duties, notwithstanding all discouragements, but we are cheered and encouraged when we find that our efforts to do good are appreciated by those for whom we labour.

"I thank the parishioners for their good wishes and their prayers that I may long continue to minister among them, but even if my life shall be prolonged, I cannot expect long to retain the vigor requisite for the efficient supervision of this diocese, and when my strength fails, I shall serve you best by making way for a more able man.

"The change in our circumstances has been very great since the beginning of my Episcopate, and I pray that the measures adopted in accordance with my advice may conduce to the strength and prosperity of the Church in this Province.

"So long as St. Luke's continues to be the Cathedral Church of this diocese, I shall feel that the Parishioners have a special claim to my services, and I shall always be glad to give such assistance in the pulpit or otherwise as may be desired, if by any means I may be useful to them.

"(Signed) H. NOVA SCOTIA."

DIOCESAN SYNOD.—I have received notice of motion to amend the Church Act, by substituting in Sec. iv. some fixed day of meeting instead of the movable "Monday in Easter week," and by altering 2nd clause of sec. viii.; so that it shall be read thus:—"all men of full age who are members of the C. of E. habitually attending the services thereof, etc., and who have commenced such attendance at least three months before the day of meeting." ALFRED BROWN, Secy.—Halifax Ch. Chronicle.

DARTMOUTH.—The ladies of Christ Church, have again shown their interest in the church in a manner which is sufficiently explained by the annexed correspondence:

To the Wardens of Christ Church Dartmouth.—We, the undersigned, have much pleasure in presenting the Church with a new font and tablet; the latter, we regret, was not completed in time for Easter. Signed, Mrs. Maroon, Louise Johnston, Azenath Tremain, Bessie Harvey, Bertha Passow and others, per Helen McKenzie, Secretary.

REPLY.

To Miss Helen McKenzie and the other ladies who signed the presentation note:—The Churchwardens of Christ Church, Dartmouth, beg to acknowledge the receipt of the ladies' note, accompanied by a new font and tablet.

On behalf of the rector and congregation generally, they wish to convey their thanks to those ladies who have thus again testified their willingness to beautify the house of God with those beautiful and appropriate church articles.

Signed, J. B. Wallace, C. A. Creighton, Church Wardens.

Dartmouth, 15th May, 1876.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP BINNEY is engaged in a visitation of the Western portion of his diocese, and on the 10th inst., preached at North Shore, Hubbard's Cove. On the next day thirty-four candidates were presented. The account in the Church Chronicle says:—

"After these lengthened services, one would suppose the Bishop would take some rest, but no; having inquired after an aged parishioner with whom he was acquainted since he came first to these parts, and on being told she was on her dying bed he went to her to pray with her, and for her, before the Lord would be pleased to take her hence." On the 12th the Bishop visited Blandford, and preached and confirmed nineteen candidates. The Bishop will be absent till the middle of June.

DIGBY, N. S.—The induction of the Rev. John Ambrose, M.A., as rector of

Digby took place at Trinity Church, Digby, on Wednesday the 10th inst. Morning prayer and the Litany ended, the inducting priest, the Rev. P. J. Filleul, Dean, proceeded to the institution of the Rector by first reading the Bishop's mandate and the Letter of Institution. The Churchwardens, W. B. Stewart, and A. W. Savary, Esqrs., being in attendance outside the altar rail, with the Rev. John Ambrose, the senior Warden, W. B. Stewart, Esq., then delivered the keys of the church to the rector-elect, and at the proper time the Prayer Book and Book of Canons, etc., were given to him by the Rev. P. J. Filleul. The Service, which, by the direction of the Bishop, was according to the American form, was solemn and edifying. A learned and interesting and practical sermon on the duties of pastor and people was preached by the Rural Dean, from 1 Cor. iv. 1-2. There was a good congregation considering the unfavorable state of the weather; and of these a large proportion remained to partake of the Holy Communion, at which the Rector was celebrant.

FREDERICTON.

The following circular has been addressed by the Lord Bishop to his clergy:—

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—It is my intention to hold a Confirmation in your parish, of which I trust you will give early notice to your parishioners. You will, I trust as soon as possible, obtain the names of persons of age to receive the benefit of this ordinance, and will not fail to instruct them publicly and privately on the principal points of the Christian Faith, on their baptismal vows, on the nature of the obligations they propose to enter into, on the duty, privilege, and necessity of acting up to their baptismal covenant, on the Divine help they should ask and may expect, on the duty which they owe to the Church, on the necessity of leading a holy and Christian life, and particularly on the inconsistency, the miserable, though very common inconsistency, of neglecting to become Communicants after having been partakers of Confirmation. I trust you will present to me no candidates for Confirmation who have not been well and truly instructed and examined, or who refuse to attend private opportunities of instruction without sufficient reason. The alarming and open attacks on the foundations of the faith made now in all quarters, the strenuous and persevering efforts to detach our young people from the faith of the Church of England, furnish additional and forcible reasons (independently of your own sense of duty), to urge you to be more than usually earnest and careful in the preparation of your flock at this time; and the same reason ought to prevail with all well-disposed members of our Church, to second your plans and well-directed efforts. May they be begun in God's strength, and followed by His blessing. It is desirable to read this notice at an early day in the Church in time of Divine service.

I remain Reverend and dear Sir, your faithful friend and brother, J. FREDERICTON.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held May 17th in the school room of St. John's Church. The meeting was opened by singing, reading of Scripture and prayer. The minutes of the former meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr. C. A. McDonald, and confirmed. The Rector—the Rev. Geo. Armstrong—and Mr. Jarvis addressed the meeting. The choir sang an anthem, and Mr. Manks a song. Mr. C. A. McDonald gave a humorous reading. Dr. Ooster presided