

their power, to prohibit and to suppress this innovation, which is a great scandal in the eyes of many devout Church people, and is detrimental, in consequence, to the spread of true religion.

### SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE HOLY COMMUNION.

BY THE BISHOP ON NEBRASKA.

Communicants are earnestly advised to mark the prayers before service which they intend to use, that they may not be distracted at the time from the solemn worship in which they are to be engaged. Be early in your place at Church, and on your way thither be calm and collected, putting away all unholy and worldly thoughts, dedicating yourself to Jesus; recite what He has done for your soul; what glories He laid aside; how meanly He lived; the pains He suffered; the shame He endured; the life He lived and the death He died. As you enter the Church, think of Him on His throne of glory interceding for you and presenting before His Heavenly Father that great sacrifice of Himself in which you are about to take part.

When it is your time to go forward to communicate at the altar, kneel reverently at the chancel rail with the body upright and the head slightly bowed, so that you may readily receive the Holy Sacrament. And when the priest comes to you hold out your *ungloved* hand that you may receive the sacred element in the palm. Take the chalice with *both* hands, that you may with more reverent care communicate therefrom. Be very careful to make earnest petitions to the adorable Jesus for yourself or others while at the altar. Do not allow attention to be diverted or your thoughts to wander as you wait for an opportunity to approach the Holy Supper, or while you kneel at the altar for reception of the Sacred Mysteries.

After communicating, return quietly to your place and there kneel reverently. *Never* unless from an *imperative* cause, leave the Church until the Thanksgiving has been said and the Benediction closes the most exalted act of Christian worship that our Incarnate Lord Himself has expressly commanded. Use the time, while others are communicating, in praying for the Bishop and clergy of the diocese, for your own pastor and the parish in which you dwell, as well as for your kindred and friends.

Every pastor will wisely suggest a manual of devotions to be used at the time of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and it is well that every communicant should be supplied with one which may be helpful.

Every communicant, young and old, rich and poor, should be taught that they are not only members of a parish, but are associated in *diocesan relations*, and proud to support the Church in the diocese.

### NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**ORDINATION.**—Rev. C. F. Lowe was advanced to the holy order of Priesthood by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in St. Luke's, Halifax, March 6th. There was a very large congregation and the ordination sermon preached by the Lord Bishop was especially impressive. A full choral celebration of the Holy Communion followed. Mr. Lowe is now in charge of St. Eleanor's, Summerside, P.E.I., and doing a good work to that most important parish. A young man of great promise and full of energy, has a future of great and goodly promise before him there. Mr. Lowe returned to his charge this week by the novel and perilous way of crossing the Straits in the ice-boat. The Island is to be congratulated on the new clerical life that is being poured into it lately by

the acquisition of such men as the Revs. Simpson, McKenzie and Lowe.

**HALIFAX.**—*Trinity Church.*—The *Mail* says: Judging from the number of people who attended the Church Army Gospel Temperance meetings at Trinity Church recently the Army are meeting with great success, most every seat in the church being occupied. The services conducted by Dr. Hole, Captain Winfield and his lieutenant are very interesting. The meetings last a little over an hour and are well worth attending, Captain Winfield making everything interesting.

*St. George's.*—The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Partridge, spoke last week to his congregation on the proposed new Cathedral. In the course of his remarks he said: On the 12th of August, 1787, an event of great importance to the colonies of the British Empire occurred, viz., the consecration of Charles Inglis, D.D., some time Rector of Trinity Church, New York, to be first Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the first Colonial Bishop. The consecration of Dr. Seabury not only caused the Scottish Episcopate to exert the spiritual power inherent in the Church apart from state connection, it also gave an impetus to the Church in England to do for her own children in the part of America that was still loyal to the Crown what ought to have been done a full century earlier. From this small beginning has sprung the long line of Colonial Bishops now numbering 81, in all parts of the Empire, carrying the historic faith, ministry and Sacrament to the children of the Church of England everywhere. This is an age when every great event of a hundred years old and upwards must have its commemoration. I do not say that the practice is not good. Only the memorial must be worthy of the event commemorated, or the result is to the injury rather than benefit of religion. The preacher then went on to point out what steps had been taken in the Provincial Synod of Canada, the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and by the committee appointed by the latter, and said that everything now depended upon the zeal and energy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, and of the City of Halifax. But in these days the utility of a thing is what determines its success. The people are asking what is *the use and the need* of a Cathedral. It is well that they should ask. It is better they should be told. We must first disabuse our minds of the idea that a Cathedral means simply an ornate building, of a certain or uncertain architectural design, in which a daily service is kept up by clergy and a paid choir in the presence of empty pews; and where the clergy live a life of useless leisure. The days of that type of Cathedral are gone by forever. The Cathedral of the future is something very different. The preacher then went on to explain the Cathedral system as adaptable to this continent. It is of importance that Halifax should not only talk upon the subject but *act* well financially. About one-fifth of the church population of Nova Scotia is centered there; the wealth of the province, in cash, naturally gravitates there, and the *immediate* benefits accruing from an imposing Cathedral structure and service will be specially felt by Halifaxians. A suggestion from an outsider is that if Halifax churchmen will conscientiously tithe themselves for six months for the Cathedral, the corner-stone will be a hidden jewel in a heavy golden setting when the offerings are placed thereon.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

**REV. R. W. DYER.**—The death of this venerable and devoted clergyman, took place at the rectory, Alberton, on Friday evening, the 5th Feb., in the 79th year of his age. The Rev. Robert William Dyer was born at Deptford, Kent, England, March 6th, 1808. He was educated at the famous Westminster school,

and in 1840, came out to Newfoundland as teacher, under the auspices of the Newfoundland School Society, in connection with the church of England. In the same year he was licensed by Bishop Spencer as a lay-reader of the church. Having labored in the colony for five years, Mr. Dyer, in 1845, visited his native land, and while there married Miss Bartlett, a lady possessing special qualities for a missionary's wife, and who, during her after life, proved a true "help-meet" for him. Returning to Newfoundland the same year, Mr. Dyer continued to teach and act as lay-reader until 1849, when he was ordained deacon by Bishop Field, at St. John's, and appointed assistant minister and school-master at Greenspond, where he labored uninterrupted for ten years.

While in Newfoundland; Mr. and Mrs. Dyer had often to suffer from privations. He had to endure much hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. But though often wearied in the Master's work, he never wearied of it, and was willing to spend, and be spent, in promoting His cause.

In 1859, Mr. Dyer was appointed missionary to Cascumpec, (now Alberton) P. E. I., and in the following year was ordained to priest's orders by Bishop Binney, in the Parish church of St. Eleanor's.

For twenty-seven years, he toiled in this somewhat extensive and scattered charge, and it was only last Easter, when the infirmities of age were creeping rapidly on, that his resignation was accepted.

During his incumbency, and mainly through his zeal, a parsonage was built at Alberton, and also a church at Kildare Cape. Mr. Dyer generally travelled some twenty-five miles every Sunday, and conducted three services. The call has now come, and the aged servant has entered into his rest. He has departed to be with Christ, which is far better; and has received the joyous welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday, and was attended by a vast concourse of people of all creeds and classes. The following clergymen were present; Rev. Messrs. Reagh, Johnstone, Carr, (Presbyterian) Harper, McKenzie, and Mr. Forbes; lay-reader. The funeral services were conducted by Mr. McKenzie, (Mr. Dyer's successor), assisted by Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Reagh delivered an impressive address.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Johnstone preached an appropriate discourse to a large congregation. To the widow and family, we beg to tender our respectful sympathies.

**CHARLOTTETOWN.**—The Lenten Services at St. Peter's are as follows:—Besides the weekly celebration on Thursday morning at 7.45, and matins daily at 9, evensong is followed by a meditation except on Wednesday, when there is a meeting of the Confirmation class after evensong, and on Friday when an Instruction upon the Blessed Sacrament is given after choral evensong. Sunday services are Holy Communion at 8, children's service at 3, evensong at 7, with a second celebration on alternate Sundays at 11, preceded by matins at 10.15, and followed by Litany at 2.30. On the other Sundays matins and Litany are sung at 11 o'clock. Special services have also been announced for Holy Week.

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**ST. JOHN.**—The Deanery of St. John met at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 1st, when the Holy Communion was administered to nearly all the members. The Rural Dean was the celebrant. Rev. A. Gollmer read the Epistle, and Rev. Canon Brigstocke the Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon DeVeber, from 1 Tim., 14: 13, 14, which was very instructive.