

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—The corner stone of the new chancel for Christ Church was laid on Saturday 20th Aug. The day was fine, and the people and Masonic Fraternity gathered in goodly numbers—not only from the Local Lodge—but from New Glasgow, Pictou, Westville, and the Vale. The procession from Albion Lodge to the Church Yard was very well worth seeing, Grand Lodge having been formed with R. W. Bro. Lewis Johnson, P. D. G. M. as G. M. under warrant from the G. M. Mason of N. S., D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. McGillivray as Deputy Grand Master. The other officers being filled by G. R. W. Brethren J. Green, John K. Fraser, D. C. Fraser, John McDougald (M. P.), Kenneth J. McKenzie, A. H. McKay, Joseph G. S. Hudson, David A. Dickson, &c., &c. Rev. Bro. Jno. Edgecumbe, Rector of Pictou, acted as Grand Chaplain, and after the 100th Psalm had been sung, read a lesson from Holy Scripture. Rev. and R. W. Bro. Moore then, as Rector of the Parish, used the Service of the Church as provided by the Provincial Synod of Canada, after which the Grand Master, *pro tem.*, proceeded with the Masonic ceremony, assisted by his officers. As the stone was lowered into its place—at each of the three movements—a stanza of "God Save the Queen" was sung, led by the trumpeter. The G. M. having taken the gavel from the hands of the Senior Grand Deacon, struck the stone three times, and declared it "well made, well proved, truly laid, true and trusty." The Grand Officers then poured the "corn and wine and oil" upon the stone. The D. D. Grand Master next presented Past Master McQuarry to the G. M.—the Architect to the Grand Master—who handed him the plans, square, level, and plumb. The laying of the stone was then proclaimed E. W. & S. to the blare of the trumpet. R. W. Bro. D. C. Fraser, (formerly M. I. C.) then made a short, but very happy oration. He told the general audience, that though many things might to them seem unmeaning, everything there was pregnant with deep significance. Even the rough stones ready for the workman's tools taught how man might be improved by culture, in that everything in the Ritual had serious meaning. He ended by saying he was "sure the Parson would be glad of any cash they would give to the building fund." A finale which the Grand Master likened in deep importance to the "U. S. of a ladies' letter." These hints were by no means thrown away, a handsome sum being gathered by two Masonic brethren at the gate, as all retired, well pleased, we believe, with an imposing ceremony, for which thanks are due to R. W. Bro. Johnstone, (himself a Vestryman of the Parish), and to all who so ably assisted him. We pray that here the true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love may ever remain—dedicated, as the building is, to Prayer and to the Praise of our Most Holy Saviour and the whole Trinity.

HALIFAX.—A meeting of the Corresponding Committee of the Central Board of Domestic Missions for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, which consists of the Revs. Dr. Hill, J. Abbott, D. C. Moore, Messrs. W. C. Silver, W. Gossip, and Dr. Cowie, was held on the 25th, in St. Paul's Library, in order to begin their work. We are informed that Rev. J. Abbott was chosen Chairman, and Rev. D. C. Moore, Secretary; and that an appeal is to be made immediately to the Churchmen of the Diocese. W. Gossip, Esq., will be the Treasurer.

APPEAL.—To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nova Scotia.—We, the undersigned, having been appointed a Corresponding Committee to the Central Board of Domestic Missions of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, in pursuance of our duties, desire to call your most serious attention to the state of the settlers who are pouring into the Dioceses of Algoma, Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan and other parts of our great North-Western territories. From authentic statements relative to their circumstances, both temporal and spiritual, it is manifest that they need assistance in organizing and maintaining the services of the Church. The Provincial Synod, at its last session, resolved to make a simultaneous and energetic effort, in all the Dioceses in connection therewith, to raise funds from which to aid the emigrant members of the Church of England in the organization and support of Missions. For this purpose a Central Board was established, with Montreal as its headquarters, and Corresponding Committees were appointed in all the Dioceses to promote the work. We, therefore, earnestly request the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese to take such steps as they may, in their judgment, deem best for obtaining funds for the furtherance of this object. The circular already sent to each clergyman in the Diocese will be found to contain all necessary information.

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JOHN ABBOTT,
D. C. MOORE,
W. C. SILVER,
W. GOSSIP,
A. J. COWIE, M.D.

N. B.—Copies to be sent to Wm. Gossip, Esq., Halifax.

WINDSOR.—The Rev. Andrew Gray, of Chelsea, Mass., lectured on "Some more chapters in the

history of the Early British Church," on Tuesday evening, before a large and highly appreciative audience. The numerous charts, which are Mr. Gray's own, added largely to the interest, and to the knowledge imparted. We hope to give our readers some notes of the lecture in our next.

MUSIC AND FRENCH.—With great difficulty, the services of Madame Marie de Fénelon have been secured to teach the above subjects for the ensuing year at St. MARGARET'S HALL. This lady is a PARISIAN, and has proved herself a first-class teacher of the French Language, both conversationally and grammatically. She is also a very superior musician, having been a pupil of Signor Giorza, who is considered to be second only to Verdi in Italy. Madame de Fénelon has not only studied at the leading European Conservatories, but has taught with much success, both at Paris and Florence. All pupils at St. Margaret's Hall will have the benefit of this lady's instruction in these subjects.

THE "SCOTT ACT" IN HANTS COUNTY.—It may be desirable to remind the friends of temperance in the County of Hants that the polling in regard to the Canada Temperance Act is appointed to take place on Thursday, the 15th September, and it is hoped that the several Temperance bodies throughout the County will make, in due time necessary arrangements by the organization of efficient Committees, so as to secure as large a vote as possible in favor of the Act. Every effort should be made to accomplish this object. In agreement with the recommendation of the County Temperance Convention, the clergymen of Windsor purpose presenting before their congregations the importance of all the friends of sobriety taking hold of this matter earnestly, and of casting their vote in favor of the Act on the day of polling, and it is probable they will take Sunday, September 4th, for this purpose. We beg to suggest to clergymen elsewhere in the County who may not have already given attention thereto, that the first Sunday in September would be a suitable time to take up this question, and that it might be advisable to stir up the minds of their people on this point on the Sunday immediately preceding the day when the vote will be taken.

JOHN McMURRAY,
President of County Convention.
D. P. ALLISON, Secretary.

WINDSOR, Aug. 23, 1881.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PETITCODIAC.—On Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 10th and 11th, the usual quarterly meeting of the Deanery of Kingston was held in the above mission, when the members of the Deanery received the genial hospitality of the Rev. C. Willis, Rector of the Parish, and his amiable lady. Ten of the clergy of the Deanery were present, together with Rev. H. H. Barker, the newly elected Rector of Shediac, and Rev. R. D. Bambrick, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The Chapter met at 11.30 a. m., the Rev. Canon Medley, Rural Dean, presiding. The 2nd Chapter of the Acts was read in the original Greek, and fully discussed both in its critical and spiritual aspects. Psalm VI was read in Hebrew. Several important subjects relating to the well being of the Church were then taken up, amongst which was a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, informing the Deanery that as there would be a reduction in the grant of the S. P. G. for the coming year of about \$2000, the Deanery would be expected to raise its share of the deficiency. An energetic committee was appointed to visit the missions and set this matter before the people. On motion of Rev. Canon Partridge, two very important questions were raised. The first was the affiliation of the Sunday School of this Deanery with the Sunday School Teachers' Association in St. John, and though that with the Church of England Sunday School Institute. This step will it is hoped, much increase the capacity of our Sunday School for effective work, and raise the standard of our teachers. It is expected that by next year there will be several of the teachers ready to undergo examination for certificates from the Institute. The other matter was that of better lay organization in our Parishes. It was strongly felt and expressed by the member of the Deanery that this is greatly needed; and that every communicant at least should be enrolled in a working organization which would give full scope for his Christian zeal. Committee or the Deanery were appointed, with Canon Partridge as chairman, to give effect to these resolutions. The next meeting will be held at Kingston in the third week in October, when several papers will be read on prominent subjects connected with our work, as well as critical and exegetical discussions of the Scripture subjects appointed. On Thursday afternoon the brethren separated, feeling that a most pleasant and profitable session had been held.

OAK POINT.—A correspondent of the *Telegraph*, in writing of Oak Point and its scenery, bears the following testimony to one of our most esteemed clergy:

The Church.—Oak Point Church is a neat and commodious wooden structure with a spire, standing about midway from the end of the Point to the mainland. It is well arranged inside; with sixteen single pews in the centre, and eight large square pews on each side. It will contain about 200 people, and is usually well filled. The chancel, reading desk and pulpit are all in good modern style

and the Christmas decorations, which are always tasteful, attest the zeal of those who worship there. On my many visits to Oak Point I have never failed to be impressed with the simple services in this little Church, which seem to fulfil the idea of what public worship should be, plain and sincere. The worthy Rector, Rev. D. W. Pickett, who has filled that position for more than twenty years, has never failed on any occasion that I ever heard him preach to give his hearers an admirable sermon, practical in its teaching and wholesome in its tone. It is by such workers as he who, without ostentation and without the world's acclaim, go forward in the path of duty that the great work of the Christian churches is done. The care of their flocks is in their hands from the cradle to the grave. They baptize the infant, unite those who have resolved to be joined in marriage, minister at the bedside of the sick and dying and read the solemn service of their church at the open grave. Their work is humble in the world's esteem, but it is great, and if it does not bring them either earthly honors or applause, surely they are not without their reward.

The Place of the Dead.—Close to Oak Point Church is the graveyard, the place of burial of many generations. It is a beautiful spot, with many neat monuments, and more tastefully kept than most country churchyards. The prospect on both sides is charming, and the soil is dry and sandy. Here, methinks, a man might be content to sleep after life's battles and cares were over, in the midst of one of earth's loveliest landscapes. On either shore the water laps the beach of sand, the wind sighs in the trees overhead, the woodboat's sails rattle in the breeze as she tacks to weather the point, the steamboat's paddle sound like distant thunder as they leave behind a track of foam. But all things are for the living—for the dead only rest. The once busy brain has no more work to do, the industrious hands have finished their last earthly task, the eyes are closed to all the earth's beauties and no more will well with tears. The heart's last sorrow has left it, the lips have uttered their last farewell. How great the relief to lay the burthen down which so few could endure; but for the sake of those they would leave behind. We weep over the graves of our friends and do not think how many things there are in this world that are worse than death, which, after all, is but the door to immortality through which all must pass. Not many days ago I saw a little family group weeping in this very churchyard over the graves of those who had preceded them. "How many of us," said one, "are lying here, there are more of us here than there are now living." That was indeed true, for only four were living, while five were lying beneath the earth at our feet. No doubt the same remark has been made thousands of times, and made with abundant weeping, but the dead are always the majority, and neither philosophy nor religion can sometimes reconcile us to the loss of our friends. Alas that so much beauty, virtue, manhood and courage should have gone down into the grave! But such is the common lot.

BAIE VERTE.—This Mission is now enjoying some extra services, having secured the writer, a Divinity Student of King's College, to act as Lay Reader during the vacation. The Mission, being a part of the Parish of Westmoreland, has had one service a week, except in very bad weather, when the Rector, who lives at some distance, is not able to come. Now we have two services each Sunday, a Bible Class, Sunday School and prayers, with an address on Thursday evenings. To all of these services the people give a hearty response. The Church, which is about 40 years old, has been repainted and carpeted this summer; the fence has also been repainted, and the whole presents a very neat appearance. Wanting a small library, an altar cloth and chancel carpet, we concluded to hold a festival to raise money for the above objects. The evening appointed (Thursday, 18th inst.) proving fine, there was a goodly number gathered to do justice to the beautifully arranged tables. The ladies of this Mission cannot be praised sufficiently for their skill and perseverance, although the results repaid them for all their efforts. The amount realized, clear of all expenses, was \$70, sufficient to buy the articles mentioned, as well as to start a fund to buy a bell, which is very much needed. All donations to this fund will be thankfully received by the undersigned.

H. C. WADE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS EXAMINATION.—Please correct report in your next issue by stating that 13 out of the 14 candidates received certificates instead of 11 as stated in issue of 28th August, I have only just received official notice, and as some of the candidates were only known by numbers their names do not appear in the *Magazine*. Your attention will oblige,

ARTHUR P. TIPPET,
Secretary S. S. Teachers' Association.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Singularly, little ever appears in the Church papers of the older Provinces in reference to Church work in this Diocese. This, I suppose, is easily accounted for. Nobody makes it his duty to convey any correspondence, and consequently your papers are compelled to be silent for lack of information. Permit me, therefore, to give you a few

items of news from time to time. Church work is advancing very favorably notwithstanding our great want of men and means. Of course we find it impossible to keep pace with the tide of emigration. New districts are constantly opening up, and new spheres for Church work which we are unable to take up. We are thankful to note any awakening of sympathy for us and interest in us on the part of Church people in the older Provinces. Some help has already reached us from Montreal, Toronto and Huron; but what are the Maritime Provinces going to do for us? At the present crisis aid is all important. Now is the time for the Church to establish itself in the new districts. We only require a start—we only require to station men, and, if they are of the proper calibre, self-support will soon be forthcoming. Just now the settlers have everything to do in making homes for themselves, but if they can only obtain timely assistance now they will, at no distant date, be in a position to help themselves. Prosperity awaits them all, and if the Church is only once planted in their midst, it will grow with their growth and prosper with their prosperity. Our Secretary of Synod, Rev. Canon Grisdale, recently made an extended tour through the West for the purpose of obtaining information as to the best centres for Church work. Everywhere he found numbers of Church people, and in every case they showed a willingness to organize, and offered to do what they could in the way of Church building and supplementing ministers' stipends. This is the history of numerous other localities. The Bishop and clergy are putting forth all the efforts in their power, "but what are they among so many?" The staff of St. John's College do an extensive work in the districts within reach. On an average the members of the staff, with the help of students of Theology, conduct about 10 services a Sunday. This is a plain and unembellished statement of the position of affairs; surely then the Maritime Provinces will come to the front and make a systematic effort to help us.

Our Indian Missions are prospering favorably. The Bishop left in July to make a visitation to the Cumberland group of Missions, but owing to the steamers failing to make connection on the Saskatchewan, he was unable to get further than Grand Rapids. He, however, inspected the Mission at that point, which is under Mr. Badger, and found it in a very encouraging condition. He confirmed nearly 40 candidates.

The Diocese sustained a very serious loss a few days ago in the death of Rev. Henry George, of Portage La Prairie, who was struck with apoplexy on Tuesday, August 2nd, and only lingered till the following Sunday. Mr. George was one of the pioneer clergymen of the North-West, having come to the country some 27 years ago as an agent of the Church Missionary Society. He was first stationed at Fort Alexander, afterwards at Devon, and later on at White Mud River. On the death of the late Archdeacon Cockran (whose daughter he married), he took the incumbency of Portage La Prairie, which he held up to the time of his death. Mr. George was a sterling Churchman, and a man much respected by all who knew him. His death is lamented throughout the length and breadth of the land where he laboured so long. He leaves behind him a widow, two sons and four daughters to mourn his loss.

MANITOBANENSIS.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Aug. 16, 1881.

The anxiety that had existed for some time, respecting the probable action of the House of Lords when Mr. Gladstone's Land Bill was sent to them for approval, has at last culminated in a crisis of no mean import. When that august Chamber passed the second reading of the measure without even challenging the formal division, it was thought they would do nothing to imperil the measure, or that would bring about a conflict with the Lower House. Although it was not thought their Lordships would say "aye" to the measure *holus-bolus*, still it was expected they would make no alterations that would give serious umbrage to the framers of the Bill. And indeed, it was taken for granted, that should Mr. Gladstone make any definite and decided stand against any of their amendments, they would throw up the sponge, and let the Bill pass as its author willed it, leaving the responsibility of the future working of the measure to lie at his door. But these peaceful prognostications were very much shaken when the Lords set to work carving and "amending" Mr. Gladstone's bantling in such a way that it was evident that right hon. gentleman would not allow his offspring to go forth so mutilated and disfigured. Hence, when the Bill was returned to the Lower House by the Lords, the majority of their lordships' amendments were disagreed to. It was at this point the crucial test arrived. Would the Lords give way by allowing the obliteration of their legislative labours in so ignominious a manner? Nearly all the leading papers, of all political creeds, answered the question in the affirmative. But the action of the Lords on Friday night, when they had the Commons' handiwork returned to them, was such as to upset all peaceful surmises. Their lordships would have none of the Commons' reforming work upon their labour, and disagreed with the emasculating of their amendments, and re-amended the Bill in much the same shape as when they previously sent it to the Lower House. The crisis was