

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The late Miss Annabell Thomson, in addition to several legacies to charitable institutions, bequeathed her shares of Bank of New Brunswick stock in trust to the corporation of Trinity Church, the income to be paid to her trusty servant, Mary Wilson, and at her death to be disposed of as the corporation sees fit.

Church of England Institute.—The fifth lecture of the series was delivered by the Rev. Canon Partridge, of Robesay, to an audience which completely filled Trinity Church S. S. Hall. In the service preceding the lecture, the Litany was said by the Rev. R. Mathers. The subject of the lecture was "Schools of thought in the Church of England." The lecturer began by laying down certain postulates which the discussion of such a question required as to the limits of authority on the one hand and of free thought on the other. In a true Church those must to a certain extent co-exist; what was matter of faith must be laid down by authority, what was only matter of opinion must be unfettered as possible. In all ages of the world there had been epochs of thought; succeeded by periods of repose, when men's minds rested upon the latest phase of opinion, until a new wave came and carried them to another point. Thus, after the Reformation came an era of Puritanism, out of which the Church was saved by Laud, and the High Churchmen of the earlier part of the 18th century. Those fell into decay and were succeeded by the warmth and vigor of the Evangelical movement of the latter part of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century. This again had its day and became effete, when the "Tractarian" epoch formed a wave of church revival in which we were still living and working. We had now three distinct schools in the Church; the Low, the Broad and the High, of which each had an office and characteristics which the Church could not afford to lose. Canon Partridge concluded an able and most interesting lecture by an earnest appeal to all to strive together for the common faith and the common good in charity, and with the mutual respect and forbearance which alone could permit hearty and effective co-operation.

Church of England Institute Debating Club.—Much interest was manifested in the meeting at the Church of England Institute rooms last week, and there was a gratifying attendance. Readings were given by Messrs. T. Thorpe, A. P. Tippet, E. H. Hoyt, and the president. Mr. I. Allan Jack read the continuation of an original paper on Art in Common Life. The subject for debate announced for March 18th was: Would it be desirable to substitute a Legislative Union for the present Federal Union of the Provinces of Canada?

Richibucto.—Geo. V. McInerney, Esq., Barrister, lectured in St. Mary's, Church course, March 3rd. His subject, "Canada after two centuries," was ably handled, and delivered to the largest audience of the course. Rev. J. N. Jones lectures March 17th on "The Life of Dickens."

APPEAL.—The people of Cunnah Rapids, New Brunswick, are trying to build a small church in which to meet for Divine Worship. The frame has been got out, and logs are, during the present winter, being hauled to be sawed into boards and shingles. Land has been given for the site, and the men intend doing the main part of the work themselves. It is much wished that the building should be plastered, so as to be ready for service before the coming winter. That this may be done a sum of money is required, in order to purchase nails, laths, lime, etc., etc. The Church people are few and poor in this world's goods, and, therefore, an appeal is made to Churchmen at large to assist in the good work. The smallest pecuniary help will be most gratefully received, as well as anything in the way of furniture or fittings. Will not some of the clergy in prosperous parishes assist us by an offering?

JOHN O. INGLEDEN.

Cole's Island, Queens Co., N. B. Reference is permitted to the Rev. B. Shaw, Rector of Cambridge.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON OF N. B.—Matters of great importance came up for anxious consideration at a meeting of the Board of Home Missions held at St. John on the 2nd inst. It was found that there would be a deficiency of over \$5,000 at the close of the fiscal year. The missionary expenditure for the current year, as at present, would largely exceed any reliable estimate of receipts. It was felt that the incomes of the clergy must be handled without reduction. In making up the proposed schedule for the current year it was absolutely necessary to make some advances in the local requirements of every mission. This was done after much deliberation, and so apportioned according to the best judgment of the members of the Board. The increase is not large in any instance, and can be so provided if taken up in each mission in a proper spirit. It ought at once to be fully understood that there will be an absolute necessity to enforce this increased requirement. Should a vacancy occur in any of the missions, the Bishop may find it desirable to provide for a time occasional services. No new work can be undertaken this year.

Should the Society be met in its present difficulties with a readiness to assist on the part of their missions to whose support it has so long contributed, the means may be found sufficient for the current year. The Bishop's Pastoral Letter herewith submitted should reach the ear and the heart of every Churchman in the Diocese. No further debt must be incurred. Some excuse for this debt may be found in unforeseen calamities and financial depression. Our present position conveys timely warning. We want more faith, but this kind of faith which will hinder us from acts of presumption.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on the first Wednesday in March, H. W. Frith, Esq., who has been nearly ten years Treasurer of the Society, felt called on to resign his office, to take effect on the 1st May next. In making this announcement to the meeting the Lord Bishop, as President of the Society, expressed his deep regret, a feeling which he was assured, was shared in by all the members of the Society.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That while this Committee accepts Mr. Frith's resignation with great regret, they cannot fail to express their high appreciation of the uniform kind attention and courtesy which has always marked the intercourse of Mr. Frith with the members of this Society, and of the care and strict integrity with which he has discharged the arduous duties of his office."

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Samuel Schofield was elected to fill the office when it became vacant, an appointment which is considered to a very satisfactory.

WESTFIELD.—We have to announce the death of the Rev. E. S. Woodman, for upwards of twenty years Rector of this Parish. Mr. Woodman was a man of sterling qualities, and was closely identified with his people's interest and welfare. He will be greatly regretted and much missed.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The following are the important clauses of the revised Church Act of 1879:—

7. The outgoing wardens of each parish shall prepare and submit to the annual meeting of parishioners a return of the property of the parochial corporation, whether real or personal, and of all moneys that may have been invested by or on behalf of the corporation during such year, and a schedule of the securities and the rate of interest upon which such investments have been made which return the incoming wardens shall within three weeks forward to the Registrar of the Diocese. And if at any time the Bishop has reason to believe, in consequence of information received, that the property of any Parish is not rightly administered, he may institute legal proceedings against the corporation, or any officers, of the said Parish, through whose default or neglect loss may have been occasioned.

8. The following persons shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of Parishioners of any Parish of the Church of England:—

(1.) Men of full age who are, and who have been for not less than six months, communicants in the said Parish.

(2.) Men of full age, who are members of the Church of England, habitually attending the services thereof within the

parish for which they claim to vote, except when temporarily hindered by absence from their ordinary residence, or any other unavoidable impediment, for at least three months previous to the day of meeting, being pewholders, or otherwise contributors towards the funds for the maintenance of the ministrations of the said Church of England, in any Church or Chapel, subject to the control of the corporation of the said parish, and who are not more than six months in arrears in respect to such contributions.

Provided always that any person, before voting, may be required by the chairman of the meeting, or any parishioner present, to sign the following declaration:—"I do declare that I am a Member of the Church of England, and belong to no other religious denomination, and am qualified, as required by clause 2, section 8, of the Church Act." And also, when not voting as a communicant, to produce a receipt or certificate from the Church or Chapel Wardens, or one of them, or the Vestry Clerk, showing that he is such pewholder or contributor, and that he is not more than six months in arrears, as aforesaid.

10. All engagements for the salary of a Minister, or for the temporary performance of Divine ministrations shall be made by the Church Wardens and Vestry, and any subscription towards the payment of such salary, or other engagement, may be made for and collected by said Church Wardens.

12. No person shall be elected a Church Warden or Vestryman who is not qualified to vote at a Church meeting under clause eight.

SACKVILLE.—The following additional sums towards the new Parsonage, the Rector wishes gratefully to acknowledge:—"From a Missionary in the Diocese of Fredericton, \$2; and \$1.25 in two sums through the offertory in the Sackville Parish Church."

WILMOT.—We direct attention to an advertisement from the Church Wardens of this Parish to be found in another column. Wilmot is a thriving town and beautifully situated in the rich Annapolis Valley.

We have received in many ways valuable testimony to the worth of the articles on Foreign Missions, which we weekly give our readers; but the following we like best of all.

If we can only succeed in educating the children to take an interest in the Missions of the Church, we may expect a coming generation of more liberal givers to all Church objects:

WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS, March 10th, 1880.

Mr. Wainwright:

Dear Sir,—Two little girls, Adelia Munro and Lucy Dennison, who have been reading the CHURCH GUARDIAN, have become much interested in the accounts from India and the Islands of that region. Wishing earnestly to do something for their benefit, they have been diligently working since Christmas, and last Saturday held a bazaar and got \$2, which you will find enclosed. Please apply to Foreign Missions, and acknowledge in the CHURCH GUARDIAN.

Yours, etc., MRS. M. A. DENNISON.

HALIFAX, St. Mark's.—Mr. Fitzgerald Ward, a member of the Church in this Parish, recently made and presented a handsome Font Cover to St. Mark's.

Such an act as this is worthy of imitation, and reflects credit upon the donor. The Lenten services in this Church have been very well attended, and a deep interest in religious matters is showing itself.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—Saint John's Church, with other places of worship closed since the 11th of February, by the request of the board of health, on account of small-pox in our midst, was opened last Sunday (March 7) for evening service. The disease, while it is to be hoped is under control, still prevails. Three persons have died. Five persons are in the hospital; among this number there are two members of our church.

ROSETTE.—We were under a misapprehension when we stated, a few weeks ago, the arrival home of the Rev. W. S. Gray. The vessel in which he was to have sailed from England arrived, and our correspondent must have taken it for granted that Mr. Gray was in it. We regret that the vessel in which Mr. Gray

did sail for home has been out 63 days, and her delay is causing anxiety among the friends of those on board.

AMHERST.—Canon Townshend has just received an acknowledgment from the Bishop of Algoma of the last contribution from his Parish, making for 1879 upwards of \$60 which that Parish has contributed to the Diocese of Algoma. Well done, Amherst!

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—The adjourned discussion took place on Friday evening, the 27th ult., subject: "What ritual is allowed in the Church of England as by law established?" The following gentlemen took part in the discussion:—Messrs. D. Davies, C. Wilson, J. Haszard, T. Williams, E. Palmer, A. B. Warburton, A. Peters, L. H. Davies, Capt. Maxwell, R. N., and Revs. D. Fitzgerald and Alfred Osborne. Lieut. J. Whitty Dixon, R. N., the lecturer in reply. A well written paper was read in objection to "the ritual of the Church of England as by law established," by Mr. J. Haszard. Other speakers followed in favour of Ritualism as the true exponent, more or less, of the Church of England. Mr. T. Williams made the speech of the evening against the Ritualistic position, but allowed that law was somewhat in their favour. Mr. Louis H. Davies argued from a broad church platform—broad without limits. Mr. Osborne also took up the broad position, but with limits. The Rector showed there was life in the Evangelical party before the Tracts for the Times were issued, against the assertion that the Evangelical party was asleep all that time. The debate was very lively, and displayed, as all debates do—that much reading is required before the matter can be well understood. When the Association was first formed, it was intended that the lectures and debates should be the means of bringing forth the truth, but we are sorry to say that much of the time is taken up in mere statements of personal opinion.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Diocese of Quebec has now 57 clergy, including the Bishop. There are eight Missions, whose Endowment Funds have now a capital of more than \$2,000 each. Six Missions have Endowment Funds ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Nine have the nucleus of a fund, which has not yet reached \$1,000. Only 11 Missions have no Endowment Fund.

The Bishop of Quebec is looked for in May. His letters have told of the great benefit and enjoyment of his extended tour. His return home will be hailed with a glee of welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Lohley, Principal of Bishop's College, had been elected Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, but there is now great rejoicing because his valuable services are not to be lost to this Diocese after all, he having declined the appointment, although a much more lucrative one.

The Lent Services in the Cathedral and St. Matthew's, on Wednesday and Friday, at 8 p. m., and St. Peter's and St. Paul's on Tuesday and Thursday, have been well attended.

The Rev. G. V. Houseman, Rector of Quebec, is expected back from England very shortly.

The Rev. M. M. Fothergill has been suffering from a painful attack of rheumatism.

The Rev. Ernest E. Wood, who spent two years in the Diocese of Saskatchewan has been discharging a part of Rev. G. V. Houseman's duty during his absence, and is now helping in the work in St. Matthew's and St. Peter's during the temporary indisposition of Rev. M. Fothergill and Rev. Chitwood Hamilton.

Two Lay Readers have been licensed to read Service and Sermon for the two congregations in the Mission of Riviero du Loup until a clergyman is appointed.

The only other vacant Mission in the Diocese is Shegawake, on the Bay of Chaleurs. An account of Rev. Dr. Roe's visit to this Mission, during his Christmas vacation, will appear in the Church Society's Report, now in the printer's hands.—Quebec Diocesan Record.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Quarterly Meeting of the Standing Committee was held at the Chapter House, on Wednesday last. Several reports of the sub-committees were presented, and a large number of applications for grants from the Mission Fund considered. There was a large attendance of members.

STRATHROY.—Rev. J. B. Richardson, rector of Memorial Church, London, preached in St. John's Church, Strathroy, on Thursday evening, the 4th inst., to a large congregation.

CLINTON.—On Thursday evening last, the members of the Bible Class connected with St. Paul's Church Sabbath School, met at the residence of Rev. C. R. Matthew and presented that gentleman with a handsome study chair, accompanied by an address expressing their appreciation of his labors in their behalf. They also presented Mrs. Matthew with an elegant bouquet stand. The evening was afterwards spent in social enjoyment.

LONDON.—Christ Church.—The Rev. Alfred Brown delivered an excellent lecture on the "Life and Reign of Henry the Eighth," in the School of Christ Church, on Monday evening the 22nd ult. There was a large attendance, and throughout the lecture their attention was deeply engrossed by the utterances of the speaker.—Evangelical Churchman.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

WAKEFIELD.—Some of your readers may be glad to hear that the insurance on the Wakefield Parsonage, burned down on the 25th of Oct. last, has just been received. The amount is small—only \$200; but yet, a very material assistance to a poor mission. The house was old and small, therefore the small insurance. We are making efforts to rebuild, but do not hope to commence before the summer of 1881. We wish to secure a sufficient sum of money to pay both for materials and labour without leaving a debt on the house, as we consider the plan of commencing a building without sufficient funds to carry it through a very objectionable one, especially when that building is Church property, and therefore would rather suffer present inconvenience and loss, than run the risk of after trouble and emergencies. We—both Mission and our own family—have received very substantial aid from Clergy and Parishes of the Diocese, for which we cannot be too thankful.

The house was insured in the "Sovereign Fire Insurance Company," of Toronto. S. FULLER.

UNITED STATES.

VIRGINIA.—Alexandria.—The new Emmanuel chapel of the Theological Seminary will be built of stone, trimmed with stone and terra-cotta. It will contain about five hundred sittings, and will cost \$10,000. The width of the nave and aisles will be thirty-seven feet, across the transepts the width will be fifty-five feet, and the entire length of the building will be seventy four feet. It will be Gothic in style, and will be finished with ash and Georgia pine.

OHIO.—Hartwell.—The plans have been prepared and accepted for a new church at this point, and bids for the work have been received. When completed it is to be wholly paid for, and the hope is entertained that on the next visitation of the Bishop there will be not only persons to be confirmed, but a church to be consecrated.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Marblehead.—St. Michael's Church.—The one hundredth anniversary of the re-opening of this church after it had been closed during the revolutionary war was observed on the 6th February. The regular morning service was held, when an address was delivered by the bishop of the diocese. In the evening, a large number of the members of the parish assembled at the rectory, where an address was read by Mr. Samuel Roads, Jr., in which he gave an account of the closing of the church—in consequence of the outspoken loyalty to the king on the part of the rector; the Rev. Joshua Wingate Weeks, who was the sixth minister in the history of the parish—and of the re-opening on February 6th, 1780, when Mr. Woodward Abraham said prayers and read a sermon. Mr. Abraham continued to serve until a rector, the Rev. Thomas Oliver was obtained. The building was erected in 1714, and is now the oldest of our churches in New England.