

above every season. . . . Let not widows be neglected. After the Lord be thou their protector. Let nothing be done without thy consent; neither do thou anything without the consent of God, as indeed thou doest not" (Poly. 1-4).

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### SPRINGHILL MINES.

The beautiful church here has been enriched by the presentation of three beautiful stained glass windows, the gift of Dr. J. A. Byers, a vestryman of the parish. The windows form a memorial to his late daughter, Elonir Crawford Byers. The subjects are The Virgin and Child, St. Simeon and St. Anna. The windows are placed behind the font and appropriately represent the three principal Saints connected with the presentation in the Temple of the Holy Child. The colouring is rich. Much of the glass is opalescent and jewelled, and the artistic treatment is of a high order of merit. The windows were executed by the Hobbs' Manufacturing Company, of London, Ont.

The Cottage Hospital nurses have many demands made upon them for nursing in the homes of the sick. Many endowed or free beds are greatly needed in order to carry on the work efficiently.

A private school for higher junior education has been started in one of the Parish House rooms, and is conducted by Miss Louise Hayward, of England.

Many of your readers may be glad to learn that a five dollar bill will sustain the full work of the hospital for one day, and they may be glad to bear the burden and heat of the work for one or more days.

The Rector has issued an interesting quarterly paper called "Church and Hospital Work," a quarterly "devoted to the threefold mission of preaching, teaching and healing." The first number gives an interesting account of how the church and hospital were built.

### Diocese of Quebec.

#### MARBLETON.

Missionary meetings have been held throughout this parish, under the direction of the active and energetic missionary, the Rev. E. Weary, owing to whose zeal and enthusiasm they proved very successful. The first was held in the Church hall in Marbloton, at which the Rev. T. S. Chapman and members of the choir took part. On the evening of Tuesday another meeting was held at Erle schoolhouse, which proved a success. The third one was held at Duddsville Centre on the next evening, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wright, of East Angus, and Mr. Bishop of Bishop's Crossing. Mr. Weary, in his address, referred to his four years labors as Missionary on the Labrador coast, giving some account of his experiences, which proved most interesting.

#### NORTH HATLEY.

A new Anglican church, beautiful in form, and to seat 200 was formally opened at North Hatley on the 23rd inst., by the Lord Bishop of Quebec. He wore his scarlet convocation robes, and his pastoral staff was borne by Rev. G. H. Parker, who acted as chaplain. The service was very hearty, the choir being assisted by singers from Waterville and Eustis, and led by Mr. Doroy, organist, of Sherbrooke.

After special hymns, prayers and brief Evensong, with lesson read by Rev. Albert Stevens, the Rev. Ernest King, missionary in charge, made a brief statement as to the cost and funds needed for completion, and referred to Mr. Goodhue, Mr. T. Armstrong, Mr. Neil, the Ladies' Guild, Miss May and sister, and to the summer visitors as prime movers and helpers in the enterprise. The good Bishop's address was most interesting, fatherly and inspiring, and was listened to by the large congregation with marked attention and pleasure. His Lordship spoke with special commendation of the great results brought about in so few months since his last visit. Some further details may perhaps be reported for your next issue.

#### WINDSOR MILLS.

Special Mission services were held in St. George's Church, Windsor Mills, for a week, commencing on Saturday evening, Jan. 20th, the Mission preacher being the Rev. W. T. Forsythe, Rector of Stanstead. A deep interest was manifested throughout by those who were able to attend. A special Mission service was held each evening, consisting of a short form of prayer, with an address, followed by an altar meeting and an instruction. The addresses were of a practical and awakening character. The instructions were teachings of definite Church doctrine—the subjects touched upon being, Prayer, Baptism, Confirmation, Worship, the Church, the Intermediate State and Holy Communion.

The Mission preacher preached at the morning service on Sunday, the 21st, at which the Holy Communion was celebrated. The attendance was fairly good throughout, but not so large as could be desired, owing to several unforeseen local causes.

The concluding evening service was on Friday, the 27th, when the final address was delivered, based on the text, "What shall I do with Jesus." The work of the Mission was concluded on Saturday morning with a celebration of Holy Communion and a few parting words from the Missioner, exhorting to faithfulness in the duties of the Christian life.

The Missioner also preached at the regular service at Christ Church, Brompton, on Sunday afternoon, and delivered addresses at a special

service held in the same church on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It is too soon, perhaps, to speak of any very definite results, but from the earnest attention given and devoutness manifested, it may well be hoped that much good fruit as to attendance at the services, an increased number of communicants, and a deepening of the spiritual life of the whole congregation will be the practical outcome of this our first Mission in this place. *Laus Deo.*

### Diocese of Montreal.

#### SYNOD MEETING.

Though little appeared upon the agenda paper on the opening of the Synod, considerable business arose out of the reports of the various committees, and this occupied the attention of the Synod for two days. An important change was made in the method of electing the Executive Committee, Provincial Synod Delegation and Diocesan court. In reference to it, the Executive Committee reported advising that the ballot which had been hitherto taken in the Synod room, should hereafter be taken in the Synod office, the ballot boxes remaining open for one hour in the charge of scrutineers, and each delegate being furnished with a printed ballot paper, containing the list of those who had served in the previous year, from which

each delegate was at liberty to strike the name of any whom he desired to replace by another member of Synod, and only such ballots being counted as were cast on the ballot paper furnished. The new scheme passed without much opposition, and was put in force at the session, and apparently worked satisfactory.

The report of the Executive Committee occupied a good part of the second day. The opinion was general that a much larger amount might be raised throughout the diocese in behalf of the Mission fund, and the suggestion contained in the report to appoint an agent from time to time, to visit the several parishes, under the direction of the Executive Committee, met with general approval. Some, however, desired such an officer to be appointed permanently for the year, but the suggestion of the committee that he should be appointed from time to time prevailed ultimately. The schedule of grants as proposed by the committee for the year was adopted, together with the recommendations of the Executive Committee; one of which was to the effect that to some fifteen or twenty missions (the names of which were read out in the Synod at the request of members), the amount granted should not be drawn, but the locality should increase their contributions, so as to relieve the fund in whole or in part; it being felt that the grants in these cases (made in order to comply with the Canon) nevertheless exceeded what should be made or claimed, having regard to the capabilities of the missions concerned, the claims of other portions of the diocese and the condition of the fund; an admitted indebtedness of about \$9,000.

Another important movement was the appointment of the committee to consider a scheme proposed by the Deanery of Clarendon, for the formation of a general Diocesan Sunday School Association, a Sunday School fund, and the employment of a Diocesan Sunday School agent. We hope in a later number to give the scheme in full.

The oft talked of "Quebec Scheme" came in for prolonged discussion upon a motion introduced by the Rev. Mr. Dixon, to the effect that all monies collected for support of the clergyman in parishes or missions receiving a grant from the Mission fund should be transmitted to the treasurer and form part of the fund, and the entire stipend of the clergy be paid out of the general fund so augmented.

The proposition though somewhat in line with the Quebec scheme, did not purport to introduce the whole scheme, nevertheless, it aroused a long and warm debate, which resulted finally in a tie vote upon amendment proposed to the motion of 51 to 51, when the Bishop being called upon as chairman for the casting vote, gave it as was understood, in accordance with parliamentary precedent, in favor of the existing state of things. The result is that the motion was adopted with amendments to the effect that the Executive committee should consider the matter, and report at the next session of Synod.

Perhaps the most earnest and important debate of the session took place on the question of 'Sunday Observance,' or motion for the adoption of the report of the committee upon that subject. The Rev. Canon Anderson, one of (if not) the oldest present members of Synod, and of venerable years, moved the adoption of the report, an admirable one in itself, in a short speech of much earnestness and beauty.

The Synod was a unit in favor of Sunday Observance, but some members appeared to find fault with one clause of the report, which condemned the running of trains and street cars on the Lord's Day. Those who listened to the many speakers who took part in the debate could have no doubt whatever as to the unanimity of sentiment in favor of strict Sunday observance. Several of them referred to the desecration of Sunday during the summer months by visitors from city churches to coun-