

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

BRIGHT AND QUEENSBURY.—The Right Reverend H. Tully Kingdon, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor, held a special Confirmation in the Parish of Bright, and in Lower Caverhill in the Parish of Queensbury, York County, on the 22nd and 23rd of September. The Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, went by train to Upper Keswick. He was met at the Church door by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. W. LeB. McKiel. Service in St. Paul's, Upper Keswick, at 10.30 a. m. Morning Prayer and of 3rd Collect. Confirmation and Holy Communion. The church, which was specially decorated for the occasion with banners, &c., was crowded to the doors with a very attentive congregation. There were sixteen confirmed—12 females and 4 males, varying in age from 65 to 11 years. One of them, aged 41, was baptized by the Rector but a short time before the day of Confirmation. The Bishop addressed the candidates at length before he put the question to them, and again after the administration of the Rite. Some of the newly confirmed partook of the Lord's Supper at once. May all the rest soon follow their good example. At the conclusion of the service the Bishop, with the other clergy and some invited guests, adjourned to the house of Mr. Jeremiah Burt for dinner. Dinner over, the Rector's team drew up to the door, and the Bishop, accompanied by the Rector and Mrs. McKiel, left for the Church in Lower Caverhill, twelve miles distant. Lower Caverhill was reached at 4 p. m., where we found a full church, but only two candidates, the rest having a long distance to come, some ten and others sixteen miles, were not present because the men could not leave the harvest fields to bring them. Service being ended, some of the congregation were introduced to the Bishop, while the horses were being hitched. Good bye was said, and away we went for the Rectory in Bright, sixteen miles, which we reached at 9 p. m. The next morning (Friday) was very fine. The Rev. E. Alexander, Sub-dean of the Cathedral, came by the morning train from Fredericton to be present at the Confirmation. The service in All Saints' Church at 10.30 a. m., consisted of Litany, Confirmation and Holy Communion. There were four confirmed, all of whom made their first Communion at once. After dinner at the Rectory the Bishop, accompanied by Mr. Alexander and the Rector, was driven over to the Station to catch the afternoon train for Fredericton. At this special Confirmation there were 22 confirmed, and it is confidently expected that there will be as many more ready for the Laying On of Hands next summer. The Coadjutor Bishop has won golden opinions from all who attended the services in Bright and Queensbury. All are delighted with his kindly, pleasing manner, and well pleased with his plain and very instructive addresses to the candidates for Confirmation and the newly confirmed.

St. JOHN'S—Church of England Institute.—The Anniversary Services are arranged to be held in Trinity Church on Thursday, Oct. 27th. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 p. m., Evening Prayer and sermon at 8 p. m. The Bishop Coadjutor will be the preacher. All clergy who may be in the city on that day are invited to attend the services, and bring their staves, etc., with them. On Wednesday, Oct. 26th, the Council have arranged for a reception of the Most Reverend the Metropolitan and the Right Reverend Dr. Kingdon (Bishop Coadjutor), and Conversations in the Rooms of the Institute at 8 p. m., and will be glad to welcome there any member of the Church.

MAUGERVILLE, Mission Service and Harvest Home.—On Wednesday evening, the 23rd September, a Mission Service was held in the Church at Maugerville, Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rector. The Service was conducted by Rev. W. LeB. McKiel reading the prayers, and His Lordship the Coadjutor for the lessons. Addresses were given by the Rev. H. H. Neales, of Richmond, on the early Mission work in British Columbia. Also by Rev. W. O. Raymond, of Stanley, on Missionary life in the Island Hawaii. Canon Brigstocke made a few appropriate remarks on the subject for the evening. On Thursday morning at eleven o'clock a special Thanksgiving Service was held to render thanks to Almighty God for the returns of another harvest. Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Greer, of Oromocto, the lessons by His Lordship the Coadjutor, who also delivered a powerful address suitable for the occasion, taking his text from Galatians vi. 7. S. The Holy Communion was administered to a large number by His Lordship the Coadjutor and the Rector. All the congregation remained until the close of the Service. After Service, a lunch, prepared by the good people of Maugerville, was served on the grounds adjoining the Rectory. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in various ways until 7 p. m., when there was another hearty Service, prayers being read by Rev. G. G. Roberts, of Fredericton, and an eloquent and impressive sermon by Canon Brigstocke, from the text, "Consider the lilies of the field," Matt. vi., 28. The offerings, which were for the S. P. G., amounted to \$20.05.

The Church was neatly and tastefully decorated with texts, flowers cut and in pots, moss, ferns, fruits, vines, and vegetables. The choir rendered the usual mission and harvest hymns to good effect.

The Church was the recipient of two handsome presents, one a Chalice Vail the needle work and gift of Miss J. Smith, the other a Fair Linen Cloth with point lace trimmings from Mrs. Carman, both ladies are members of the Church.

The congregation, and especially those of other parishes, went away feeling that another day had been well spent in thanking the God of all mercies for His goodness of another year's harvest.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALLAX.—Parish of St. Luke.—At a special meeting of the Vestry held Oct. 4th, the Wardens and all Vestry present, the following Resolution was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed:

Whereas, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto His Rest His faithful servant, the Rev. John Abbott, the late Rector of this Parish,

Resolved, That we, the Wardens and Vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, in the City of Halifax, hereby record our deep sense of the loss the Parish has sustained by the decease of a Priest and Pastor, whose kindness of disposition, and ready and untiring sympathy with his people in their joys and sorrows, and whose unwearied ministrations in the orderly and devout services of the sanctuary during the long period he has been connected with them, and the seven years he has been their Rector, had won the love and esteem, and

Whereas, In recognizing the loss the Parish has sustained, we cannot forget the personal and poignant grief of his family.

Resolved, That to Mrs. Abbott and the other members of the family of our deceased Rector, we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Further Resolved, That the Wardens and Vestry do attend in a body the funeral of our late Rector, and that a copy of this record be sent to his family.

HALLAX.—The Rev. Dr. Hill, the President of the Church Institute, called together some of the friends of the Institution on Tuesday evening to take steps for improving its financial condition, and also to prepare a programme for the coming winter's lectures, etc. The value of the Church Institute is admitted on all sides, but it has not been sufficiently supported. It ought to have a building of its own.

The collections taken up on Sunday for the Dispensary amounted in all (including all bodies of Christians) to \$656.79, of which four of our churches gave \$254.50, viz: St. Paul's, \$132.00; St. Luke's, \$74.00; St. George's, \$27.50; St. Mark's, \$20.00. The other city parishes have yet to be heard from.

WILMOT.—The regular meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held at Weymouth, on Wednesday, Aug. 11th, 1881, the following members being present, viz: The Rev. the Rural Dean and Rev. Messrs. James J. Ritchie, John Ambrose, and Henry D. DeBlois, Secretary. Service was held on the evening of the 11th, at St. Peter's Church, the desk was occupied by Rev. John D. H. Bessey, and the sermon preached by Rev. H. D. DeBlois, from Psalm xxviii. 4. Morning Service was also held in the same Church on the 12th. Prayers were said by Rev. John Ambrose, and the lessons read by Rev. Messrs. Browne and DeBlois. The preacher was Rev. James J. Ritchie, who took for his text 1 Chron. xviii. 15. At the Holy Eucharist the Dean and Rev. H. D. DeBlois were celebrants. After dinner at the Rectory, the usual business Meeting of the Deanery was opened by prayer at 2.30 p. m. The Minutes of previous meeting having been read and approved, the Dean in a very feeling address, called the attention of the Deanery to the sad fact, that since the last meeting death had called away one of its most valued members to his rest, whereupon the following Resolution was moved by Rev. James J. Ritchie, seconded and supported by Rev. Messrs. Ambrose and DeBlois, and passed, viz:

"The Members of this Deanery, at the Regular Meeting of their Chapter, held at Weymouth, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, 1881, beg to express their heartfelt sorrow and regret with which they have learned the sudden and unexpected decease of their lamented brother, the Rev. William M. Godfrey, late Rector of the Parish of St. Clements, County of Annapolis, who, for the greater part of a long and arduous ministry, not only laboured acceptably in his own Mission, but also took, since the inception of this Deanery, a warm and continued interest in its success. And further, this Chapter desire to offer his bereaved widow and family their sincere sympathy and condolence under the great loss they have sustained."

A letter having been read from the Board of Home Missions, strongly urging its claims upon the attention of the Chapter, the Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Clerical Secretary of the Diocese, and of the Board, by request, addressed the meeting in a very able and lucid manner, agent the financial condition of the Diocese, when after a lengthy and interesting discussion, the following Resolution was moved by Rev. John Ambrose, seconded by Rev. H. D. DeBlois, and passed, viz:—

"That the Rev. the Dean, and Rev. James J. Ritchie, Rector of Annapolis, be a deputation, either in themselves or by proxies of their appointing, to visit, with the consent of the respective In-

cumbents, the different Parishes in the Deanery and strongly urge the pressing and imperative claims of said Board of Home Missions upon their notice."

The Dean having, according to arrangements made at last meeting, read an able and exhaustive paper, bearing strongly on the same subject as expressed in the above Resolution, an unanimous request for its publication was urged by the members of the Deanery. It was also moved by Rev. H. D. DeBlois, seconded by Rev. James J. Ritchie, and passed, viz: "That the judicious distribution of 'Mite and Missionary Boxes,' so-called, in Sunday Schools and private families be strongly affirmed and recommended by this Deanery." It was also agreed that the time and place of next meeting be left to the Dean, and the proceedings closed with the "Apostolical Benediction." After "Evensong," when the prayers were said by the Rev. John Ambrose, and the lessons read by the Rev. the Dean, a public missionary meeting was held at the Church of St. Thomas, Weymouth-Bidge, when stirring and effective addresses were made by the Rev. the Dean, and Rev. Messrs. Browne, Ambrose, DeBlois, and Ritchie, all bearing directly upon the subject of "Home Missions," and urging the strong necessity there existed for immediate and increased subscriptions to its funds. The elegant and costly parish church recently erected, and filling the breast of the spectators with praise and admiration, St. Thomas', thoroughly renovated and restored, the hearty character of the services, the unbounded and open-hearted hospitality of the good people of Weymouth, and the amount of useful work accomplished, tend to make this a very memorable meeting in the annals of the Chapter. The offertories, amounting to \$117.45, were, in this special instance, devoted to the "Home Mission Fund."

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LENNOXVILLE.—Copy of letter to the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.—Sir,—Many of your readers will be interested to hear of the fresh proofs which have lately been given of the attachment and good will which find a place in the hearts of many towards this institution, and of the reverence and affection in which they still hold the memory of the late Principal, Dr. Nicolls. We have just received from Mrs. Charles Hamilton, of Quebec, a most magnificent altar cloth for the College chapel, which some of the Churchpeople of Quebec have already had an opportunity of seeing. The material is the joint gift of Mrs. Charles Hamilton with the late Rev. George Hamilton, and the work, which is very beautiful, is from the hands of the lady just mentioned, with the kind assistance of members of the Young Women's Guild of St. Matthew's. This gift is accompanied by a complete set of altar linen for use in the Holy Communion, presented by a few friends of the College and "Old Boys," chiefly resident in Quebec. It is of the finest and best material, and beautifully worked. These costly and useful presents are both tantamount as memorials of Dr. Nicolls, and as a mark of appreciation of his many fine qualities, and of all that he has done for the University of Bishop's College. All friends of Bishop's College will also be interested to hear that the subscription to the Harold Endowment Fund, which is meant to secure the services of at least one more Professor, is making good progress, and that the amount already contributed for an organ for the chapel is over \$800. Truly yours,

J. A. LOUNBY, Principal's Lodge, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, October 6th, 1881.

TO THE CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS OF THE DIocese OF QUEBEC.—My Dear Brethren.—Some members of our Church in the city of Quebec having received help and comfort from the Mission conducted by the Rev. Canon Wilberforce, and being desirous that like opportunities for spiritual improvement should be placed within the reach of their fellow Churchmen residing in the country parishes, have subscribed a sum of money sufficient for the maintenance of a Missioner during the time required for holding missions, where they will be appreciated through the Diocese. The Rev. Isaac Thompson, Rector of Melbourne and Richmond, has been appointed to be the Missioner; and I have to request those clergyman who may wish to avail themselves of his services to communicate with him in order to make the necessary arrangements. It is expected that the parish where a mission is held will defray the travelling expenses of the Missioner. A mission is intended for conversion, and for edification—to awaken, and to renew and deepen, spiritual life by a continuous series of devotional services. These should extend, as a rule, over some ten days, including two Sundays; the details, however, will be best settled by the Missioner and the clergyman into whose parish he goes. The Missioner is the sower of the seed. The fruit of the mission will depend upon God, who giveth the increase. But we, my brethren of the clergy, are God's instruments and ministers. And the fruit of the mission will depend in large—very large—measure upon the previous preparation of the ground by the resident clergyman, and his subsequent diligence in gathering in the harvest. One of things most essential to the success of a mission is a due preparation for it. And of this preparation the chief part consists in prayer to Almighty God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In this pre-

paration all can and should unite. Besides this, however, it will be the clergyman's part to explain to his people the nature and object of the mission, some considerable time beforehand; to enforce the need of it; and earnestly entreat those for whose souls he watches to make full use of the privilege. And I would recommend that he should do this not only (1) in his pastoral and private exhortations, but (2) by preaching on this subject; and (3) by special services of prayer for God's blessing upon this mission; and (4) by the distribution of suitable tracts, which may be procured from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Of the afterwork I need say little, its importance is obvious. The good we hope for from the Missioner's personal work is that through his ministrations hearts will be opened. It will remain for the Pastor to fill them. After the mission, if God's Presence be in it, and His blessing upon it, some who were thoughtless and indifferent will be serious and earnest; some who were shy and reserved will welcome spiritual counsel and assistance; hearts will be opened, and that is what a workman who needeth not to be ashamed above all things desires. Then his way lies plain before him. He can go on, and make full proof of his ministry. Praying earnestly, my dear Brethren, that in and through the mission God may "grant you according to the riches of His Glory to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts, by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all Saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge."

I am, your Brother and Bishop,
J. W. QUARRE.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Governor-General having appointed the 20th of this month as a day of Thanksgiving, the Conference of the Clergy has been postponed till the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November. The selection of the first of these days appears to be rather unfortunate, as many of the clergy are in the habit of duly observing the Feast of All Saints by services in their own Parishes. From the programme of the Conference first issued, it seems that each day's proceedings will be inaugurated by a celebration of the Holy Communion; on Tuesday, the 1st, at the Cathedral, Wednesday, at St. George's, and Thursday at St. James' the Apostle. The clergy will assemble in the Library, Synod Hall, for the reading of papers and discussion each day at 10.30 a. m. and 3 p. m. The following is a list of the subjects to be discussed, with the names of the appointed readers and speakers:—

- 1. "Bible Classes, Teachers' Meetings and Communicants' Meetings, their Organization and Management."—Reader—The Bishop; Speakers—Archdeacon Lindsay, M. A., Rev. H. W. Nye, M. A., Rev. W. Wright, M. D.
- 2. "Church Extension."—Reader—Rev. J. P. Damoulin, M. A.; Speakers—Rev. Canon Baldwin, M. A.; Rev. T. W. Mussen, M. A., Rev. Canon Evans, M. A.
- 3. "Devotion and Inspiration."—Readers—Rev. Canon Baldwin, M. A., Rev. Canon Norman, D. C. L., Rev. Canon Henderson, M. A.; Speakers—Rev. Canon DuVernet, M. A., Rev. Canon Johnston.
- 4. "How to reach the Masses."—Reader—Rev. E. Sullivan, D. D.; Speakers—Rev. R. Lindsay, M. A., Rev. John Ker, Rev. S. Belcher.
- 5. "Lay Cooperation and Woman's Work in the Church."—Reader—Rev. W. L. Mills; Speakers—Archdeacon Lonsdell, M. A., Rev. Canon Norman, D. C. L., Rev. G. C. Robinson.
- 6. "Church Music."—Readers—Rev. E. J. Houghton, Rev. W. B. Longhurst; Speakers—Rev. J. Fulton, M. A., Rev. J. Constantine, M. A.

On the evening of the last day there will be a Devotional Meeting of the members of the Conference at 8 p. m. Advantage will also be taken of the presence of so large a number of the clergy to hold a Missionary Meeting in the Synod Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, at 8 p. m., when addresses will be delivered by Canon Baldwin, Dr. Sullivan and others.

The hand of Death has lately removed from this Diocese two of its oldest and most respected members—the Rev. W. C. Merrick, M. A., Rector of Berthier-en-haut, and the Rev. John C. Davidson, who, at the time of his decease, was leading the life of a superannuated, but by no means idle clergyman, in the Parish of his son, the Rector of St. Armand East. Mr. Merrick was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, but spent the whole of his ministerial life in this Diocese and in one Parish—a remarkable instance of long-continued pastoral relations in these days of frequent change. He was a man of ripe scholarship, great kindness of disposition, and eminently holy life. His death was very sudden, although he had been ailing for some years. He was journeying to the residence of his life-long friend Archdeacon Lonsdell, when the summons reached him, and almost in a moment "he was not, for God took him." The last solemn rites of the Church for the Rev. J. C. Davidson were performed on Tuesday, the 11th inst., in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church at Freighsburg, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends. The surrounding Parishes were well represented by