

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DIGBY.—Among the Canadian visitors who have registered their names at the office of the Canadian Government in London, England, during the week ending 19th December, 1878, is that of the Rev. John Ambrose, the respected rector of this parish.

DIOCESAN SECRETARY.—It is reported that the Rev. Chas. Croucher, at present missionary at Glace Bay, C.B., is to be the first occupant of the newly created general Secretaryship of the Diocese. If this be true, the Diocese is to be congratulated, as Mr. Croucher has proved himself an able "deputation," in other matters and on former occasions, but it will be difficult to supply his place as an untiring and devoted missionary. The name of Rev. Hastings Wainwright is also mentioned in this connection.

HALIFAX.—The Church of England Institute gave the first of a series of literary and musical entertainments, at Argyle Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 16, presided over by the Rev. Dr. Hill. The programme was excellent in both selection and performance, and included instrumental quartettes, by four young gentlemen amateurs, Messrs. T. Payne, H. Haggarty, J. Duffus, and H. Cornelius; a duet, "I Know a Bank," by Dr. and Mrs. Slater; a song and piano solo from Professor King, an original paper on Canterbury Cathedral, by the Rev. J. Padfield; readings, by F. H. D. Veith, Esq., and a dialogue from C. Stubbing, Esq., the Master Wiswell. The proceeds of the entertainments are for the furnishing fund of the Institute. It was announced that the second entertainment will take place at St. Georges' School House, on Tuesday, 28th inst., to be followed at intervals by others at Dartmouth and St. Lukes.

SPRINGFIELD, P.E.I.—A very successful missionary meeting was held in St. Elizabeth's Church, on the evening of the 9th December. After the shortened form of prayer, with a few special collects, addresses were made by the Rev. T. Richie, Rector of St. Eleanors; the Rev. G. W. Hodgson, of St. Peter's, Charlottetown; and the Rev. T. W. Johnston, of Crapaud. A good attendance and a highly interested auditory showed the deep interest taken in the missionary work of the Church by the people of Springfield, and the large collection of \$15.66 in aid of the funds of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, showed their liberality. One of the speakers spoke warmly of the pleasure it gave him to see so neat and well kept a Church, and well remarked that it was a sure sign that the congregation worshipping there would not be behind hand in assisting every good work required by their holy religion. After the meeting the clergy and the principal members of the congregation met under the hospitable roof of Wm. Haslam, Esq., the senior warden, where a supper was provided by his amiable lady, and enjoyed by her well pleased guests.

HALIFAX.—The meeting of the Church of England Institute was largely attended, and a lively interest was manifested in the proceedings. The Lord Bishop (Patron) the Archdeacon, the Rev. Dr. Hill (President), and other clergymen were present, and many leading laymen from the different city parishes.

Rev. Dr. Hill, President, introduced the topic of the evening, which was the proposal of the Special Committee to introduce certain recreations in the rooms to attract young men and make the Institute more popular and useful. He called upon C. Stubbing, Esq., who very fully explained the views and propositions of the committee. The Bishop, Archdeacon, Revs. Dr. Hill, Troop, Sills, and Messrs. Stubbing, Stewart, T. Brown, W. C. Silver, W. Gossip, Wiswell, Shreve, Carman, Curren, W. M. Brown and others took part.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously: Moved by His Lordship the Bishop, seconded by W. Gossip, Esq., and Resolved,—That it is expedient and necessary for the welfare of the Institute to render it more attractive, and

that the suggestions of the Special Committee, to introduce such recreations as chess, draughts, and musical, debating and elocution classes, be approved and adopted."

Moved by S. H. Shreve, seconded by the Venerable the Archdeacon, and Resolved,—"That if, upon inquiry of similar associations, it is found that billiard room and gymnasium have not been attended with evil results, this meeting recommend to the annual meeting the introduction of the same into the Institute."

Moved by Thomas Brown, seconded by S. H. Shreve, That the principle having been affirmed of adding additional features of recreation for the younger members of the Institute, subject to favorable information from similar Institutions abroad, Resolved—That it is advisable before this meeting closes to ascertain what amount of material support the members present can guarantee as a basis for further proceedings.

The meeting responded by subscriptions to the amount of \$100, and adjourned after the Benediction was said by the Bishop. The first meeting for debate will be held on Monday night next, subject: "Is the Pen or the Sword the better road to fame?" Opener, Jno. Menger; Respondent Rev. J. O. Troop.

MONTREAL.

St. George's.—The consecration of the Bishop Elect took place on the 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. About 11 o'clock the procession entered from the vestry. There were about one hundred clergymen wearing surplices, who occupied the front pews, while their Lordships the Bishops of Fredericton, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Algoma, Ontario and Niagara entered the chancel. After the conclusion of the morning prayer, which was read by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, No. 145 of the Church Hymnal was sung, and his Lordship the Bishop of Ontario ascended the pulpit. He said it was customary for a sermon to be preached at services of consecration, but there was no subject laid down, and it appeared to him befitting to speak of the necessity of the order of Bishops in the church and how they should be esteemed by the people. There were large numbers to whom it was not at all evident from scripture: he would therefore consider why episcopacy was necessary, and then why it is not evident to all men. It was of divine institution, and had been in existence for over 3,000 years. A great fallacy was to suppose that the Christian Church was a new organization, arising out of the Reformation. Judaism and Christianity were one, the only difference being that the former was prospective and the latter retrospective. After showing the intimate connection between the new dispensation, he said we must all be members of the one true church, or members of self-appointed imitations of it. The writing of the New Testament was not the cause of the church, but the effect of it; but many have thought the New Testament was a recipe by which they could establish churches, and the result has been a failure, and there are numerous conflicting sects, all claiming to be the true church. In conclusion, he urged the clergy and the laity of the diocese to esteem the Bishop now consecrated highly in love for his work's sake. He would have many difficulties to contend with; there would be those who would accuse him of tyranny if firm, and of laxity if tolerant. Many would want him to make bricks without straw, and extend the church without means. He referred to some of the advantages of his position, such as his acquaintance with the needs of the diocese.

The Bishop of Fredericton then sat in the centre of the chancel, and the Bishops of Quebec and Algoma presented the Bishop elect, saying, in the words of the service, "Most reverend father in God, we present unto you this godly and well learned man to be ordained and consecrated bishop." The Bishop of Nova Scotia had previously read the commission, and the Bishop elect had retired to the vestry and put on the Bishop's robes, Canon Evans acting as the chaplain.

After the prayer, the six Bishops advanced and laid their hands on the head of the Bishop elect, who was kneeling before the chancel, the senior bishop saying:

"Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the imposition of our hands; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is given thee by this imposition of our hands, for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and soberness."

Bishop Bond then entered the chancel and sat with the other Bishops. The communion service was then administered. Mr. Harrison presided at the organ.

The Installation took place on Sunday afternoon at Christ's Church Cathedral. Shortly after three o'clock Bishop Bond having promised in writing to abide by the Canons of the Cathedral, the clergy formed procession and proceeded down the centre aisle to the west door of the church, which was closed. One of the Bishop's chaplains having knocked for admittance, the Rector, Canon Baldwin asked, "Who is there?" The Bishop of Montreal, who prays the Rector of Montreal to install him," was the reply.

The doors were thereupon swung open and the procession entered and marched to the chancel in the following order: Vergers, Clergy, Messrs. E. E. Shelton and Jackson Rae, churchwardens; clerk of the church; Messrs. George Macrae, Q.C., and Samuel Dawson, delegates to the Synod; the Lord Bishops of Fredericton, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Algoma, Ontario, and Niagara; the chancellor of the Cathedral, Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q.C.; the Rector of the Cathedral, and lastly the Bishop of Montreal.

On their way to the chancel the choir sang the hymn, "Pour out Thy Spirit from on high."

The bishops and their chaplains and the rector entered within the chancel rails, the remainder of the clergy remaining without. The Rector, Canon Baldwin, then came to the front and read the senior bishop's authority as prescribed by the canons of the Provincial Synod to install the Bishop of Montreal. The act of consecration was then handed to the Chancellor, who administered the usual oaths to Bishop Bond.

The oaths having been taken, the Rector conducted the Bishop to his throne, and said:

I, Maurice Scollard Baldwin, Rector of the Parish of Montreal, and Canon in this Cathedral Church, do now induct, install and enthrone you, the Right Reverend Father in God, Wm. Bennet, Lord Bishop of Montreal; and the Lord preserve thy going out, and thy coming in; and mayest thou remain in justice and sanctity, and adorn the place delegated to you by God; and may He, who is abundant in grace, strengthen you, through His dear Son, faithfully to walk as chief shepherd of His flock. Amen.

Evening prayer was then said, the Rev. W. R. Curran, of Hamilton, the Rev. Dr. Sullivan, of Chicago, the Rev. Canon Baldwin and the Rev. Robert Lindsay taking the different parts, while the Rev. Canon Evans gave out the hymns and anthems. After the reading of the lessons and the singing of the anthem and 408th hymn, the Rev. Dr. Williams, Bishop of Quebec, preached from Ephesians xi. 19-22.

The Cathedral pulpit was occupied by the Bishop of Algoma in the morning and by the Bishop of Niagara in the evening.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia preached in the Church of St. John the Evangelist in the morning. The Bishop of Fredericton was to have preached there in the evening but was too much fatigued.

ONTARIO.

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KEMPTVILLE.—S. Anne's, Oxford Station.—Some three years ago, the Rev. John Starnage, rector of this parish, conceived the plan of adding no less than four more new churches to the two he had already erected in the mission. Three were to be built in outlying parts of the parish, the fourth is now well known as the "Archdeacon Patton Memorial Church," and is to replace the present wooden edifice. His recent visit to the mother country to excite the interest of his English friends, has placed him in a position to carry