

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton, under commission from the Metropolitan, on Sunday last ordained six deacons to the Priesthood, and admitted one Layman to the Diaconate. Of these the larger number have been trained at King's College.

Rev. R. W. Hudgell officiated at St. Matthias Mission on Sunday evening.

The coming Eucernia of the College will be honored by the presence of Rev. Dr. Barnard, President of Columbia College, New York, and Rev. Dr. Winslow, Secretary-Treasurer for America of the Egypt Exploration Fund. The latter is expected to give an address on the results achieved by the Fund.

The Rev. J. Bell Cox, whose imprisonment for contempt of Lord Penzance's Court, was chronicled last week, has been released, the period over which the sentence extended having expired before the arrest took place. An action for false imprisonment would now be in order, but it is not at all likely that any such step would be taken. The general opinion seems to be that a ritual settlement will be facilitated by these prosecutions, the public mind being impatient of imprisonment for conscience sake in these days.

BAPTIST.

The closing exercises of Acadia College which took place last week, were of a very interesting character. Many of the graduates and friends of the institution were present. The attendance during the term at the college was 90, and at the seminary 83. L. E. Wortman, M. A., of St. John, has been appointed to the chair of Modern Languages. He is a gentleman of considerable ability, and a graduate of New Brunswick University.

Rev. L. Beattie, who has occupied the position of pastor of the Baptist Church at Parrsboro for some time, is about to sever his connection, and seek another sphere of labor.

Rev. Mr. Kidson, of New Brunswick, it is expected will shortly become pastor of the Baptist Church at Margaree, C. B.

It is reported that eleven of the nineteen members of the senior class of Morgan Park Theological Seminary at Chicago are seriously considering the call to Foreign Mission work.

METHODIST.

Rev. Mark Grey Pearse left Halifax last week for St. John, and held a number of meetings in that city.

Last Sunday Anniversary services were held in Robie St. Church. In the morning the Rev. Ralph Brocken conducted service, and in the evening addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Lathern and the Rev. J. J. Teasdale. During the year about thirty families have been added to the church, while the attendance at the Sunday School has doubled.

A new Methodist Church was opened last Sunday at Welsford, N. B.

The evangelistic bands in connection with the Methodist Churches, of St. John, have started a paper, called the *Glad Tidings*.

The Hymn-Book Committee appointed by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, last year, have made a new hymn book for the Church, which the bishops will review, and which will then be given to the printers.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. G. Murray has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at New Glasgow, and proposes going to British Columbia.

Mr. J. R. Coffin, who lately graduated at Pine Hill College, has received a call to P. E. Island.

On account of ill health the Rev. C. S. Lord has resigned the pastoral charge of the church at Morigomish. He will go to Bermuda and accept the charge of a church there.

Rev. H. K. McLean was inducted into the pastorate of the church at Lochaber, Pictou Co., on Tuesday last.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) met on the 18th of May in St. Louis. The Rev. Dr. Strickler, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected Moderator. A majority of the committee on Organic Union recommended that a committee of ten be appointed to confer with a like number from the Presbyterian Church (North) concerning the whole subject of Organic Union between the two assemblies, and to report next year. A minority report recommended that no steps be taken in the matter. After a lengthy debate a motion that a committee of eight with the Moderator be appointed to confer with a like number from the Northern Assembly, was carried by a vote of 95 to 48. Columbia Seminary, which has been closed during the past year on account of the action of Professor Woodrow, will be opened in September. Last year, sixty-one evangelists held meetings in thirty-eight of the Presbyteries. It was decided to decline the invitation to hold next General Assembly at Philadelphia and to meet next year at Baltimore. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of the centennial celebration on that occasion.

In Victoria, Australia, the Presbyterian College buildings, costing £40,000 sterling, have recently been opened.

The United States (North) General Assembly met at Omaha on the 19th May. Among the numbers were Indians, Hindoos, Africans, as well as many other nationalities. Dr. J. T. Smith, of Baltimore, was elected Moderator. A paper was presented, intended to facilitate re-union with Southern Presbyterian Church, which, after a lengthy discussion, was unanimously accepted. Arrangements were made for the Centennial services to be held in Philadelphia next year.

OUR QUEEN.

BY MRS. J. H. HEALY.

The years rolled back,
And I beheld within, a tapestried
Chamber in an old baronial pile
Of England's royal line, a stately woman
Bending with look of love above the babe
That lay upon her bosom—the first-born of
A princely house.

Suddenly

The martial tread of her knighted lord
Fell upon her listening ear, and a
Glad smile lit up her pure pale brow, as with
Sword unbound and helm slung wide, he bent
Above the silken couch with voice of love
And tender greetings; then lifted his haughty
Head proudly erect—at thought of the
Lordly heritage of this fair child—his
First begotten.

Again the years rolled back.

And I stood beneath the lofty dome of
England's ancient Abbey, thronged with the
Beauty and chivalry of a mighty
Nation, grand in old historic story
And valiant deeds of high renown.

Gorgeous banners floated

Wide above the shadowy resting-place
Of the glorious dead. Flashing jewels,
Gleaming far from royal robe and knightly
Crest, pale the light of the exultant day,
While, in hushed stillness, amid a circling
Band of warriors low bowed in martial
Homage a fair young girl knelt beneath the
Hand of the mitred priest to receive her
Royal heritage—Britain's ancient crown!

Then loud and high

The glad triumphant hymn of the nation's
Thanksgiving burst through the wide flung portals;
Peal on peal of "mighty music" caught up
By the multitude without,
Till the tumultuous shout of glad acclaim
That rent the heavens floated in billowy
Waves above the listening skies.

Once more I beheld:

And lo! again, in the thronged cathedral
The crowned queen knelt beside the proud prince
She had chosen, while the surpliced priest
Murmured holy benediction
Above the royal pair.

Again

Joyous music swelled forth in billowy
Waves on the perfumed air—the clanging bells
Of the great city rang out a swift, wild
Strain—the wide-mouthed cannon thundered,
And the glad people shouted,—rejoicing
With the wedded Queen and the welcome Prince.

The glad years passed—

Sons and daughters gathered around the throne,
And the glad Queen rejoiced in love of home
And happy people.

Then suddenly

From out the palace halls a cry of anguish
Woke the startled world:
Before the palace gates the dreaded banner
Of a deadly foe stood all unfurled,
And the startled walls heaved prince a summons
From the court of heaven heard.

Oh God! is there no hope?

The great Queen of earth's greatest kingdom kneels
And aces for lengthened life; the royal
Children bow their stately heads in suppliant
Grief beside the couch of the dying Prince.
But all in vain—all in vain, unheeded the
Anguish, unpitied the pain.

The deadly foe with

Unseen footsteps passed the palace gates,
And silent, crossed the threshold of the
Palace halls, "and he, who through all the years
Wore "the white flower of a blameless life"—
"Albert the Good"—went up to the court of
The high God: while the bells tolled,
And the people mourned with the widowed
Queen and the bereaved children.

Oh! royal lady!

Oh, proud Empress of a wide-extending
Many-climbed Empire—great sovereign
Of a mighty nation—gracious ruler
Of our fair Dominion—from all these vast,
Far-reaching realms—from the populous isles
Of thine own universal sea; on this
Thy Jubilee the many-millioned
People greet thee—thy children bless thee—
The kingdoms of the world salute thee;
While, from the veiled glory of that higher
Court, thy royal husband watcheth over
Thee, till at the last, the splendour of thine
Earthly crown undimmed, thou too shalt hear
The call of that great voice to go up higher,
Where, joining thy beloved, thou shalt enter
Thine eternal heritage—God-crowned.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

ODDS AND ENDS.

I quite agree with a correspondent of the *Herald*, in his objection to the term "Bluenose." It has always seemed to me a very undesirable sobriquet for the natives of a great Province.

The liquidators of the Maritime Bank seem to have been under the