

The meeting of the next Missionary Council is to be held in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D.C., beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The date is fixed a little later this year to accommodate the residents of that city who are not accustomed to return very early from their summer outing. It will be remembered that the Council is composed of all the Bishops of the Church and an equal number of presbyters and an equal number of laymen. Under the constitution of the Society (contained in Canon 8, Title III. of the Digest), the Council will receive the report of the Board of Managers for the fiscal year, which ends on the 31st of August, and is authorized to take any necessary action in regard to the missionary work of the Church, which shall not conflict with the general policy of the Board of Missions as from time to time determined upon at its triennial sessions.

In Louisville, Kentucky, there are now 12 Church parishes, with white congregations, a larger number than any of the Protestant denominations.

SOME STATISTICS.

(From a Correspondent.)

Population of:	
A—England and Wales in 1881.....	25 958 286
“ Scotland .....	3 731 370
“ Ireland .....	5,159 839
Total .....	34 849 495
B—Romanists in Ireland.....	3,951,888
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In Great Britain and Ireland:	
C—Anglicans.....	18 800 000
“ Presbyterians .....	3 900 000
“ Methodists .....	3 500 000
“ Independents .....	1 200 000
“ Baptists.....	1,000 000
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The Roman Catholics, therefore, in Great Britain and all other religious bodies not mentioned above in Great Britain and Ireland do not number more than 2,500,000, when taken together.

- A—Census returns for 1881,
- B—Encyclopedia Britannica Act Ireland, taken from census returns for 1881.
- C—Ency. Brit. Act “Protestants,” based on details of Church membership in census returns for 1880.

After preparing the above statement I found a paragraph in the *Weekly Empire* of Oct. 18th in striking agreement with it, which states that according to the Roman Catholic returns for 1888, the estimated Roman Catholic population in England and Wales, is 1,354,000; in Scotland, 326,000; in Ireland, 3,961,000; total 5,641,000. Is there anything more needed to show the great strength of the Church and the weakness of Romanism in Great Britain. Yet notwithstanding these facts, and facts like these, we find men deploring the growth of Popery in England—surely these fears are shown to be without foundation. PALERMO.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisements of Jas. Pott & Co., New York, of Sunday-school Library and Books for Churchmen. See page 11 and 12.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Clergy or others desiring SPECIMEN COPIES of the CHURCH GUARDIAN can obtain them by addressing the Editor P. O. Box 504, Montreal.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

KENTVILLE.—Sunday evening, Sept 30th, the services in St. James Church Kentville were of more than usual interest. It being Harvest Sunday the church was beautifully decorated, flowers being tastefully arranged over the altar and festoons of autumn leaves hung in profusion over the chancel while the chancel floor was covered with fine specimen of the fruits of the field and garden.

It being also the occasion of the farewell sermon by Rev. J. O. Ruggles who has severed his connection with the parish, the church was crowded to listen to their beloved pastor in his final address. The reverend gentleman was particularly felicitous in the handling of his subject “Gather up the fragments” and reviewed his connection with the parish dating from 25 years ago. He touched upon the general relations that had always existed between himself and parishioners, and feelingly recalled to recollection the many whom he had baptized, married and buried during his long pastorate. He then leavened his words of affection with those of good advice, pointing out that while much had been done towards promoting the spiritual welfare of the congregation by the combined efforts of Pastor and people, much more might have been done had all done their duty.

The revered gentleman closed with warmest expressions of gratitude to the members of his parish for their kindness to himself and family, and expressed his profound regret that circumstances would not admit of his continuing in a position which had been a source of so much gratification to him.

WINDSOR.—The memorial window in the Hensley Memorial Chapel, King's College has been completed, and is greatly admired, it being of a most beautiful character, exhibiting that rich harmony of color, which has gained for first-class English artists in this department of Church decoration a world-wide renown.

The window consists of three lights. The central light, which contains the figure of Christ as the Good Shephard, is a memorial to the late Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and bears the following inscription:—“Sacred to the memory of the Right Rev. Hibbert Binney, D. D., Fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia, who entered into rest April 30th, 1857, in the 68th year of his life, and 37th of his Episcopate.

Over the inscription are the arms of the late Bishop, quartered with the arms of the See, and surmounted by the mitre.

The North window of the triplet has in scroll work the following:—“This do in remembrance of Me.” “If ye love Me keep My commandments,” and bears the following inscription:—

“This Chapel is sacred to the memory of the Rev. J. M. Hensley, D. D., seventeen years Professor of Divinity, in King's College.”

The South window has the following text on two scrolls:—As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do show the Lord's Death till He come.”

This window bears the following inscription: “This Chapel was built by the munificence of the late Edward Binney, Esq., of Halifax, N. S.”

The central window is the richest of the triplet—the figure, especially, being most gracefully designed—Our Blessed Lord holding in His right hand the Shepherd's crook, and with His left arm tenderly clasping a lamb to His bosom. Flowers (roses principally) are shown at the left side: at the right sheep of the flock are seen—while overhead, and spanned by a beautiful arch, is the blue sky. Underneath the figure is the text—“I am the Good Shepherd.”

The texts are all on golden scrolls, and these resting on a rich groundwork of carmine and

green, are particularly striking and handsome.

The decorations are largely floral, the designs exhibiting a chaste and beautiful blending of colors. This three fold Memorial window is indeed an exquisite production of the decorative art; and speaks well for the skill of the well known designers and makers—Messrs. Cox, Buckley & Co., Strand, London. It adds very considerably to the interior appearance of the edifice.

During Dr. Brock's residence in Windsor, the Hensley Memorial Chapel has been otherwise improved—the walls have been tinted and the Chancel neatly and tastefully finished in maroon and gold. The heating is now done by means of a furnace, the unsightly stove-pipe being dispensed with, which is also a change for the better.

LOCKEPORT.—Upon the evening of his departure from Lockeport, which was Thursday the 11th, inst, Rev. S. Gibbons was presented with an address by his former parishioners expressive of the deep feeling of sorrow they felt at parting with one who had laboured with such zeal for their spiritual and temporal welfare, in all times of sickness and sorrow his administrations were extended to one and all in true charity, and they hope that his kind Christian words and services were highly appreciated by all who were thus benefitted by his sympathy and help. Reference was then made to the great progress of the parish, under his careful management and untiring labour of love for its welfare. The address also conveyed to Mrs. Gibbons the great sorrow felt at parting with one who will ever be remembered for her many acts of kindness and charity; and asked her acceptance of the accompanying small purse, as a token of their best wishes for her future happiness.

The address was signed by Geo. Redding, J. E. Richardson, Church Wardens, on behalf of the congregation.

Mr. Gibbons made a fitting and happy reply and asked for his successor the same loving sympathy and cooperation as had been extended to him. The local papers thus referred to the matter: The parish in being called upon to part with the Rev. S. Gibbons, is losing one of the most able and successful clergymen in the Church of England in the diocese of Nova Scotia. His removal from our midst to the Parish of Parrsboro is a great loss to us—but a gain to them.

As a speaker and Christian gentleman he has but few equals—His great zeal and powerful teachings of the principles of the doctrine of Christ cannot but bring back more fruit than at present apparent, in due season.

As a business man he was most upright and thorough in all details, and some of the results of his labours can be seen in the reduction of the debt upon the Rectory, the beautiful Church at Jordan Falls and the Church Parish Room at West Green Harbor.

Although, kind Providence has in the past blessed us with good Priests, yet we feel the parting of our last Rector the hardest of all to bear.

AMHERST DEANERY.—The Chapter met at Maitland on St. Luke's Day. Maitland is not easy to come at, and the interminable rain, together with a choice of 22 miles from Shubenacadie and 22 back, in an open coach; or 12 each way from and to Truro, with the addition of a risky ferry across the river with “a Bay of Fundy tide,” doubtless had much to do with the small attendance. Early celebration for the Holy Day was taken by Rev. J. R. Parkinson assisted by Rural Dean Moore. The celebrant at 10.30 was the Rural Dean assisted by the Rector, Rev. G. B. Martell, both had a goodly number of recipients. The Deanery sermon was by Mr. Parkinson—an admirable discourse; the *ad clerum* portion being particu-