

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

I AM directed by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia to notify the Clergy of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, that their attendance will be required at the Visitation to be held in St. Luke's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 6th, at 3 p. m., and that no one may absent himself without leave of absence previously obtained from his Lordship. All Clergymen, Ordained since the last Visitation in 1874, or who have changed their Cures since that date, must produce their letters of Orders and Licenses, which I shall be prepared to inspect, within the half-hour before, or immediately after the Visitation Service in the Chapter Room. The Clergy, the Rural Deans, and all who have places in the Procession, will appear in their surplices, all others in gowns or cassocks.

By order,

C. B. BULLOCK,

Registrar of the Diocese.

Halifax, June 7th, 1880.

TRURO.—We learn from Parish Church Work that at a meeting recently held, a sufficient sum of money was subscribed to finish the interior of the new Church, and that work will be begun at once, in order to make it ready by the Fall. The Vicar and Parishioners are to be congratulated on their being able to worship in their large and handsome building.

CAPE BRETON.—The Rev. S. Gibbons informs us that during the past Winter the distress in parts of Cape Breton was very great, and yet the people seemed willing at all times to welcome their minister, and to give of their little to God. We trust the increased demand for coal and the opening up of other Mines in the Island, will, with a good harvest, make the people more comfortable, and make things brighter for the future of the Missionary.

HALIFAX.—The Church Woman's Missionary Association has contributed towards the support of Missionaries in the ten years of its existence between four and five thousand dollars. It now earnestly solicits contributions in needle work or money from the women of Nova Scotia.

B. H. M.—Secretary's Appointments for June, 1880.—Seaford, June 11th to 18th; Kentville, June 19th to 22d; Berwick, 23d to 25th; Aylesford, June 23rd to 25th; Annapolis and Rosette, June 26th to July 2nd.

R. WAINWRIGHT, Secretary.

LONDONBERRY MINES.—The services in this Mission on Sunday week were of peculiar interest and importance.

His Lordship the Bishop was present to consecrate the Church and New Cemetery, and to hold a Confirmation. At 11 o'clock the Bishop, attended by the Rev. Jno. D. H. Browne, acting as his Chaplain, was met at the door of the Church by the Vicar of the Parish, the Rev. J. A. Knulback, the minister in charge of the Mission, the Rev. V. E. Harris, and the Church Warden and other principal Church inhabitants of the place, when a petition, read by the Vicar, was presented, praying his Lordship to consecrate the Church.

The request of the petitioners having been acceded to, the Bishop and clergy, preceded by the Wardens, walked up the Nave to the Chancel, singing responsively the 24th Psalm. Having come to the Lord's Table, the Bishop had presented to him, on behalf of the donors, the Deed of Conveyance, which he placed thereon; after which his Lordship, in a most admirable and effective Address, made plain to the congregation the object of the service.

It was not, he said, after the manner of an exorcism or incantation, meaningless and absurd, but the Solemn Dedication of the building to the Service and Public Worship of Almighty God, to be for ever separated and set apart from all profane and common uses. His Lordship urged upon the people the importance of cultivating a reverent manner and a devout spirit when in the Sanctuary, and exhorted them to remember that if on entering a neighbour's house they would not fall to salute him and thus

recognize his presence, how much more ought they, when entering God's House, to have respect unto the Most High, and to fall down and acknowledge His presence, and to beseech Him to have regard to their service of Prayer and Praise.

After the Address, which we much regret not having the space to report in full, the Bishop offered up a Prayer of Consecration and a number of very appropriate Collects, to each of which a hearty congregational Amen resounded through the Church. His Lordship then directed the Sentence of Consecration to be read, which he signed and ordered to be recorded in his Registry, together with the Petition. Morning Prayer was then proceeded with, followed by a pointed Sermon, delivered by the Bishop, from James i. 22: "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only." At the Holy Communion, which followed, a large number remained to obey the dying command of their Lord and Saviour.

In the afternoon his Lordship consecrated that portion of the New Cemetery reserved for the Church of England, in the presence of a large number of people, and with a most solemn ceremony. The Bishop's Address was especially striking and impressive.

In the evening the Church was more than crowded, the aisle and every available space being filled, many having to remain outside the door. The candidates for Confirmation, thirty-one in number, were presented to the Bishop by the Missionary in charge, and were addressed by his Lordship in a manner that, we cannot doubt, must have made a deep impression, not only upon them, but upon all who heard him. Twelve males and nineteen females received the "Laying on of Hands."

His Lordship, in the course of his address, spoke in terms of praise of the work of the past year and of the satisfactory condition of the Mission, which is soon to be made a Parish. He referred to the new Parsonage in course of erection, and expressed the hope that he would soon be called upon to consecrate an addition to the Church, which, he felt sure, would soon be, if it was not already, too small for the congregation. Mr. Harris, in the past year, has baptized one hundred and forty persons, sixteen of whom were adults, a number of these latter having come from the ranks of dissent.

The day was as beautiful as it was possible for a June day to be, and everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner. The Church owes her thanks to the popular and very efficient manager of the Steel Company's Works, Geo. Jammo, Esq., for his willingness at all times to aid the Mission, and more especially at this time for his kindness to Bishop and attendant Priests.

We cannot close without referring to the able assistance Mr. Harris receives from the young men of the congregation. It was a noticeable feature the number of young men who seemed actively interested in the Church's work, and who, we learn from the Incumbent, are ever ready to support him.

HALIFAX.—Saint Andrew's Waterside Church Mission.—Services were re-commenced on Sunday evening, in a new Loft kindly placed at the disposal of the Mission by Messrs Pickford and Black; the one formerly used being now occupied for business purposes. The new Loft is in some respects an improvement upon the old one, being for one thing much lighter. The Committee, has purchased a good harmonium, the music having been hitherto led by the Chaplain, with the assistance of a boat's crew from the flag-ship, and some of the choristers of the Bishop's Chapel.

The Chaplain desires us to call attention to a few urgent needs, and hopes that there may be some notice taken this time, though little has been taken of former appeals. Besides general subscriptions of money, books, and magazines, for the ordinary work of the Mission. They need help towards paying for the harmonium, and a flag lately purchased; as well as for cleaning etc., the Loft. A few helpers are also needed to visit the vessels and invite the men to the Services. Here is a chance for some of the young men who are anxiously looking for Church work.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Church has lost an eminent servant of God, in the death of the Rev. John Stannage, the Rector of this Parish, formerly of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, which took place on the 13th ult., after a very brief illness.

Fourteen years ago, when Mr. Stannage came to this Parish, there was but one Church and Parsonage; now there are five Churches, one of them, the "Patton Memorial," a most handsome and valuable structure not yet completed, with a parsonage for each; and St. James' Hall, and other Parish buildings, altogether worth, probably, over \$40,000; besides having obtained an Endowment Fund for Oxford Mills of \$4,000, and large sums for other purposes.

Very few men have been permitted to see the fruits of their labours as did this devoted servant of Christ, and but few men in the history of the Church in Canada have accomplished what our departed brother was enabled to do for his Master.

May his life and labours stimulate those who remain to take up the work, and with increased earnestness and faithfulness to prosecute it to the end.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM.—The contribution from this Parish to the D. C. S. Deficiency Fund, by a misprint erroneously reported in our last issue, is now \$180.00.

FREDERICTON.—Fredericton Deficiency Fund.—The statement found below that Fredericton will contribute over \$1000 to this Fund is most encouraging. The meeting was not large in numbers, but it abounded in liberality. We hope the city of St. John will soon come forward, so that her "light will shine before men." St. John is never behind in contributions to the misfortunes of others. We have every reason to believe that the loyal Churchmen and Churchwomen of the city will not allow the extension of the Church to be retarded, or the Mission work to flag, for the sake of a few dollars, but will raise an amount proportioned to the members and means of the congregations. How the Church in the land would grow and thrive if only all realized the measure of their responsibility. Dear Reader, what are you giving to your Lord who gave Himself for you?

FREDERICTON.—The meeting in the interests of the Diocesan Church Society, held last night in the Temperance Hall, was not largely attended, but what it lacked in numbers was made up by the enthusiasm and zeal manifested by those present for the welfare of the church. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by the Metropolitan of Canada, who made some very fitting introductory remarks, explaining the position in which the funds of the Diocesan Church Society were, and showing the necessity there was for taking steps to meet the deficiency. He described the state in which the missions in the province were 30 years ago, and compared it with their position now. The gentlemen who moved and seconded the different resolutions made suitable speeches.

The first resolution which was moved by G. E. Fenety, Esq., and seconded by Rev. R. M. Edwards, was as follows:—

"Whereas, His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, in a pastoral letter, has plainly set forth the grave financial difficulties of the Diocesan Church Society, and has clearly shown that the present emergency demands the prompt and hearty assistance of all the members of the church; therefore."

"Resolved, That it is our duty and the duty of the Churchmen in New Brunswick to put forth every effort—first to meet the present deficiency, amounting to upwards of \$5,000, and secondly by increased annual subscriptions to provide for the continuance of existing missions and for the extension of the church in new and poor districts."

The second resolution, moved by E. L. Wetmore, Esq., seconded by Geo. Schofield, Esq., of St. John, was:—

"Resolved, That in accordance with the views expressed by His Lordship the Bishop in his pastoral, this meeting strongly recommends the holding of public meetings in the different parishes, settlements and missions to be addressed by clergymen and by such lay members of the church as can be procured to undertake the duty."

The third resolution, moved by G. R. Parkin, Esq., and seconded by Wm. Carman, Esq., is as follows:—

"Resolved, That all persons present be now afforded an opportunity of contributing, in addition to their annual subscriptions, such sums as they may be able to give towards making up the aforesaid deficiency."

In accordance with the last resolution, a subscription list was opened and, though the meeting was but a small one, \$745 were subscribed, and this does not include subscriptions of \$50 from Judge Weldon and \$50 from the Chief Justice, which were previously acknowledged. Over a thousand dollars will be subscribed in Fredericton.—Telegraph.

DORCHESTER.—We are pleased to learn that a considerable amount is likely to be made up for the Deficiency Fund. A special collection was taken up recently, amounting to over \$40. Other sums will be added to this.

ST. JOHN.—St. Paul's Church, Portland.—A meeting has been held in the interests of the D. C. S., and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Canon Medley, Canon Partridge, and Rev. H. H. Barber of Newcastle, on the past, present and future of the Society.

Sunday School Teachers' Association.—A meeting of this association was held on Tuesday evening in St. Luke's Church, Portland, which was attended by about 60 Sunday school workers. The subject for discussion was Teachers' meetings, their object and the way they should be conducted. It was decided to hold a grand centenary service in Trinity Sunday school on the 2nd of July.

SACKVILLE.—Rev. G. O. Troop, B. A., Curate of St. Paul's, Halifax, will preach in Sackville next Sunday.

ST. JOHN.—It appears we were in error when referring in our last to Mr. Vroom's Ordination, we spoke of him as having been elected Curate of Trinity Church, St. John. Mr. Vroom has not been appointed to that position.

DEANERY OF SHEDIAK.—A regular meeting of this Deanery was held at Hopewell Hill on Wednesday, June 2nd. The only members of the Deanery present besides the Missionary, the Rev. George Love, were the Rev. R. Simonds and the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. The Rural Dean, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, was forbidden by his physician to take the journey. This is the first time in 30 years that he has missed a Deanery meeting. The other members were prevented from attending for various reasons, which was the more to be regretted, as this was the first meeting held in the County for a great many years. At 9 a. m. the three clergy present met in the Church at Hopewell Hill, and the Rev. R. Simonds was asked to take the Chair. It was determined to take up only such business as was necessary. After hearing a statement about the union of the choirs in the Deanery, which was discussed at the last meeting, it was resolved to form such a union. Revs. E. Pentreath, O. S. Newnam and E. B. Chandler, Esq., were appointed an Executive Committee, with power to make all necessary arrangements. E. B. Chandler, Esq., was appointed Conductor. It is proposed to hold the first annual service in Trinity Church, Dorchester, some time in September, when it is hoped that the choirs from Sackville, Dorchester, Shediac, Moncton and representatives from Albert Co. will be present. The music and hymns will shortly be issued to the choirs. The Rev. Mr. Simonds, who will be Rural Dean after July, was requested to arrange, if convenient, to have the next meeting in the Parish of Sackville.

At 11 a. m. the Litany and Ante-Communion Service were said, and an address delivered on "Idle Words" from St. Matt. xii. 36 by Rev. Mr. Pentreath. The Holy Communion was administered to eight lay communicants, Rev. R. Simonds being celebrant. A Chancel carpet has been placed in the Church, the gift of the Bishop, and a Communion Rail. A Communion Table and two chairs have been purchased by the efforts of Mrs. C. A. Peck and Miss Nichols, which add very much to the appearance of the interior. The collection was for the Deficiency Fund.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

COWANSVILLE AND SWEETSBURGH.—The Bishop visited this Parish on Friday 21st ult., taking part in three Services; Morning Service with celebration, Funeral service in the afternoon and a meeting in aid of Foreign Missions in the evening. The Morning Service was

rendered in Sweetsburgh Church. The congregations both morning and evening were not as large as they would have been, had not the funeral of Sheriff Cowan occupied the time and attention of the public for the greater part of the day.

The Bishop preached an admirable and most telling sermon in the morning, from the words "As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lords death till He come." As one listened to his earnest remarks and his unveiling of the excuses so many make for not communicating, one could not but feel sorry that a larger number were not present to hear. It was one of the best sermons on the subject heard for a long time. The clergy present at the evening meeting, in aid of Foreign Missions were, exclusive of his lordship, the Rector, Rev. F. W. Fyles, the Revs. H. W. Nye, M. A. Rector of Bedford, J. Kilnor of East Farnham, F. W. Robertson of Abbotsford, W. Ross Brown of Iron-Hill, and J. Kerr of Glen Sutton. Of these, five addressed the meeting, each taking some portion of the Missionary Field for his topic. The Bishop was the last speaker, reviewed the speeches, taking up the prominent points brought forward in each, and showing therefrom how missionary work was successful just according to the spiritual life of those taking part in it, and that this missionary spirit was one that must characterize each Christian in proportion as he realizes his relation to Christ. He also mentioned one point not often brought forward, namely, that many persons fancy that when asked to support Missions at Home or Abroad, when they respond, do so with an air as having done something for God; whereas God can carry on his Church without their contributions, or even their prayers. God asks for their aid in money and prayer because of the benefit to themselves. God had said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In connection with this, and as illustrated of it, his lordship related an incident which occurred in a sister diocese. A parish had been found, after years of work and privation on the part of the clergyman in charge to so far fail in supporting him, as to render no alternative but to deprive them of his ministrations. With this the people willingly enough, apparently, acquiesced. This state of no worship—no preaching continued for a time; but one of the parishioners, a poor man but one who felt the deprivation of religious services, went around among the people and said, "If ye cannot do something for the support of a minister, let us do something for Foreign Missions." They at first laughed at him, but as he persevered, they began to contribute. This continued for some time until it struck the people as a very strange thing that they could send the gospel abroad, and yet not have its benefits at home. It only required a word and the attempt was made to see what they could do for themselves, and to their great surprise as well as that of others, they went beyond anything they had done before, and so had again religious ministrations not only supported by themselves at home, but religion supported by them abroad. This was the result of working for Foreign Missions. "There is that scattereth, yet increaseth."

GRANLY.—This important parish is now declared vacant, the Rector Rev. A. Haslam having resigned. Granly is a parish that the writer makes bold to say has never had any teaching concerning the distinctive principles of the Church—a parish where the differences between the Church and the sects were brought down to a vanishing point, and yet this parish has had a priest, (he, perhaps, would scorn the word) who carried out the view that the sects were as good as the Church, if not better, and lady preachers God sent messengers as much as himself or other ordained men; but lo! the people are not satisfied. They will now it is thought, be more ready to receive one, who will, at least to some degree, maintain that the Church has doctrines to teach which her people should know, whether the sects teach them or not; that she has a ritual that can be so rendered as at least to give the people an idea of common worship.

ADAMSVILLE.—The rumour that the Incumbent of this place, the Rev. J. Kilnor, has resigned proves to be unfounded. He is planning to go to England, to get assistance so that his new and pretty little Church of East Farnham may be out of debt. It will be opened for Divine Service very soon.