

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

MANITOBA.—REV. CANON GRISDALE'S LETTER.—(Continued.)

We camped about three miles south of Pine Creek, and had the privilege of inviting to bed and board in our tent a stranger whose horse was too tired to travel further. There was a slight frost during the night. The next day we travelled about twenty-five miles and camped 2 miles west of the signboard which directed us to leave the old trail for the new trail to Rapid City. From this point onward we saw ducks by hundreds, but as we had no dog with us we made a virtue of leaving them unmolested, and discharged our shots at the prairie chickens almost exclusively. We reached Rapid City at 4 p. m., and camped on the hillside east of the Little Saskatchewan. Now my work was to begin, and I lost no time in making the acquaintance of some of the leading Churchmen residing in, or near to, the city. Mr. Butchart, who had almost finished the erection of a large store for the hardware business, although not a Churchman, kindly placed it at our disposal for afternoon service on the Sunday following. Mr. Thompson, acting for the proprietor of the town site, offered six building lots for church purposes, unfettered by any conditions. Dr. McIntosh, Mr. Balkwill, Mr. Merrick, and others were very sanguine with regard to Church work in the district. Saturday I spent in visiting the farm of Captain Mollon, and in looking up other Church people who did not live very near to the city. We found it rather cold in tent during the night. The morning of Sunday dawned with the appearance of a storm of some kind, but soon the sun won the victory, and we had a day of glorious beauty. Three o'clock, the hour for service soon came. Worshippers came along the various roads—some on horseback, some in wagons, some on foot; all looking so bright and happy that we could see there was no disappointment with the country of their adoption. Hope was written on every face. Between eighty and a hundred found places in the building. A lady had come some distance to start the tunes of the hymns, and to lead the chants. The singing was hearty and good. In the sermon I placed before them the character of the patriarch Abraham as one well fitted in many points to be the guide and example of the colonist. At a meeting of Church members which followed, a committee of nine was appointed to look after the interests of the Church, and specially in the first place to see to the raising of three hundred dollars towards the stipend of their future clergyman. One and all seemed anxious to take part in furthering church work, and I felt encouraged when I thought what may be done, if we can secure the services of an earnest and active clergyman. The members of the Committee are Captain Mollon, Dr. McIntosh, and Messrs. Lindsay, Thompson, Treherne, Balkwill, Howard, Merrick and Hodson.

On the morning following we started by a S. W. trail for the Sioux Reserve, which is situated between the Assiniboine and Oak Rivers, about 30 miles by road, from Rapid City. This reserve is occupied by one of several bands of Sioux Indians who came over from the States after the terrible massacre there. For years they had no fixed abode, but about four years ago the Canadian government granted them reserves. When I visited this reserve three years ago, there was not a single Indian living upon it. Now I found twenty-three tents there, some of them built of logs. The Sioux living on the reserve have had excellent crops of Indian corn, potatoes and other roots. They had also done considerable fall-plowing. We have a large mission house in this reserve which has been waiting for a tenant for two years. The Sioux are very eager for a missionary. It is proposed that Mr. Burman, now studying at St. John's College, should occupy this position in the early spring of 1880. Judging from what has been done by the Indians whilst they have been left to themselves, and from the anxious desire which they expressed that their paposes should be taught only in English, I think that great things, under the blessing of God, may be expected from the Sioux Indians. Our return journey to Winnipeg was mainly by the route we had taken in going out. The whole trip took up a little more than a fortnight. It was time pleasantly spent. Every such journey must give to the traveller enlarged

views of the coming greatness of the Great North-West.

DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

At Prince Albert, the Bishop of Saskatchewan has founded his new training College, which, when finished, will comprise a main building 55 x 30 feet, and 18 feet high. Teaching has already begun in the temporary College, which boasts a tutor in Cree, and will soon have others competent to teach the Sioux and Black-foot tongues. The object of the College is principally to train natives to act as interpreters, catechists, and schoolmasters, and some as ordained missionaries. The Bishop hopes to secure students speaking all the dialects used in the diocese. A strong effort is to be made to elevate the Indian population by furnishing them a literature of their own, in their various dialects. A secondary object of the College will be the training of white students for the ministry, and also a Collegiate school, open to all denominations, for a limited number of pupils in the higher branches of classics and mathematics. During his recent visit to England the Bishop succeeded in raising a diocesan endowment fund of \$52,500. He is going back again for the third time, and hopes to raise enough for all the wants of the College.

DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

At Chomains, a new Anglican church has been built for the use of three Indian tribes with a population of 500. The Indians themselves hauled the lumber a distance of twelve miles.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Venorable Archdeacon Whitaker is expected in Toronto in a few days. He will not return to England until next summer.

TORONTO.—The Church of the Ascension.—Since the resignation of the late Incumbent, this Church has been, at the Bishop's direction, under the charge of the Rev. Canon Givens. Lately he has had the valuable assistance of Mr. Henry Grassott Baldwin B. A. Canab—who has been nominated to the Incumbency—and under their united endeavours the congregation has greatly increased. The Bishop of Toronto has arranged for Mr. Baldwin's ordination on His Lordship's return, which is expected early in the ensuing month. The cure of a parish circumstanced as this is, is an extremely arduous undertaking, but Mr. Baldwin's qualifications and advantages peculiarly fit him for the position, and the fact of the Church itself being a memorial to his late universally-beloved and lamented father, will go far to insure his success.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Kingston Auxiliary (in connection with the Church of England), on behalf of Missions to the French speaking people of Lower Canada, was held at St. James' Church school house on Monday evening, the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick presiding. Revs. R. V. Rogers, Henry Wilson, F. W. Dobbs and J. J. Roy (Agent of the Society), were all present.

Rev. H. FARROW, missionary in North Frontenac, is collecting in Kingston, to complete the erection of a church in his poor mission.

STUBENHAM.—On the 12th instant, the church in this village was re-opened after being closed for some weeks for repairs. Rev. W. B. Carey, of St. Paul's, Kingston, preached an earnest sermon.

LANDSPORNE.—A new church, St. John's, was recently opened by the Ven. Archdeacon Parnell. The building cost \$3,500, all of which, except some \$50, has, through the exertions of the Rev. William Houston, the incumbent, and the ladies of the congregation, been paid up. The church is of Gananoque freestone. The windows are of stained glass by Spence, of Montreal. The Archdeacon preached from Psalm cxxxiii. 8. "Arise, O Lord, unto Thy rest; Thou and the ark of Thy strength." This is the second church erected in this parish through the exertions of Mr. Houston.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The annual University lectures was delivered by Archdeacon Leach, L. L. D., Vice-Principal of

the University, on Thursday, 19th inst. His subject was "Lord Bacon: a poet." There was a large attendance, and the learned gentleman was very frequently applauded.

The first of a series of Temperance meetings was held on Wednesday evening, the 20th, in the school-room of St. Jude's Church, the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, in the chair. There was a very large attendance, and among the speakers were the Rev. T. Gales, Rev. Mr. Scrienger, T. S. Browne, Esq., John Douglall, Esq., and others. It is the intention of the friends of the temperance cause to hold these meetings in various parts of the city, in order to awaken and revive interest in this good work.

THE REV. EARNEST E. WOOD has taken temporary duty at Lacolle.

THE REV. MR. DEMOULIN intends preaching sermons on special subjects the four Sunday evenings of Advent.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—Bishop's College has received a very costly and valuable gift from the Emperor of Russia, a fac-simile copy of the famous Codex Sinaiticus, in four handsome volumes. A Latin letter of thanks has been returned to the Royal donor.

THE REV. CANON ELLEGOD, of Montreal, has consented to deliver another lecture in Quebec on Palestine.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—Subject of next debate at the Church of England Institute, will be, "Is it advisable to introduce choral services into our Parish Churches?"

St. Mary's C. of E. Temperance Society.—St. Mary's C. of E. Temperance Society held its regular monthly meeting last evening in the school room adjoining the Church. Rev. F. H. Almon, President of the Society, acted as chairman, and opened the meeting with prayer, after which the choir sang the 390th Hymn. Then followed an address by Mr. W. P. Dole. Mr. M. F. Manks sang The Watch on the Rhine in a pleasing manner, and was loudly applauded. Rev. L. G. Stevens, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Portland, gave two select readings, and the choir rendered another selection. The audience dispersed after the singing of the National Anthem, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Almon.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's.—A concert, fancy sale, and tea meeting, will be held by the ladies of St. Luke's on Dec. 2nd and 3rd, for the benefit of the building fund. Mrs. John Eagles is the Secretary-Treasurer.

RICHBURTO.—A successful concert was given by the choir of St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday of this week, for the purpose of raising additional funds to complete the advancement of the chancel, now being built on the Parish Church. It is expected that the Church will be opened again for service by Christmas-tide. In the interim, services are held in the Sunday School Room.

MONCTON.—A handsome memorial window in Vitreum has been placed in St. George's Church by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foot, in memory of their infant children. The subject is "Christ blessing little children." The appearance of the window is very effective.

STANLEY.—The new Church at this place begun in May last, is now completed, and will be consecrated in a few days, when reference will be made to the style and finish somewhat more fully. The cost of the building is in the vicinity of \$2,200, and the zeal manifested by the people (none of whom are wealthy) in finishing their Church six months after its commencement, cannot but be a great encouragement and source of thankfulness to their clergyman. The community have been much indebted to Colonel C. W. Raymond, of Woodstock, for the interest shown by him throughout in the work. In order to give expression to this feeling, a public meeting was held at the request of the Parishioners, in the Temperance Hall, on the evening of Thursday, the 20th inst., which, despite the inclemency of the weather, was largely attended by members of all denominations.

The following address, which was presented, speaks for itself.

To Lt.-Col. C. W. Raymond.

SIR,—We, the undersigned members of the Corporation and Building Committee of St. Thomas Church, on behalf of the Church people of Stanley, desire, on this, the eve of your departure from among us, to express our warm appreciation of the service you have rendered us in the erection of our new Church.

Not only are we indebted to you for the plans and specifications you so kindly furnished at the outset, and which met our cordial approval, but also for the zeal, energy, and faithfulness with which you superintended the construction of the building.

We look upon our new Church as one that is a credit and ornament to our little village, and we humbly trust it is in some measure worthy the sacred purpose to which it is to be set apart—the worship and praise of the Almighty. And we would add our hope, that after you and we have passed away from mortal life, it may still stand for many a year, itself the most fitting memorial of your love for your Church and your regard for our welfare.

We also desire to express our high regard for you as a Christian gentleman, and we pray that God's choice blessing may ever attend you and yours.

In conclusion, permit us to express the hope that your long sojourn amongst us has afforded some degree of pleasure to yourself as well as us.

Signed by Church Wardens, Vestry, and Building Committee.

To this Address, Col. Raymond made a very feeling and suitable Reply, after which a leading gentleman at the place on behalf of those without the pale of the English Church, spoke in very gratifying terms in regard to the kindly feeling that all classes and creeds held towards the recipient of the Address.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. George.—We understand that this parish is soon to have an additional Curate, a lady parishioner having offered to bear the expense. If this prove to be correct it will give great satisfaction to very many whose hearts love the old church. This congregation ought to be the largest, as the district is the most populous, of any in the city. Three men are not too many to do the work that ought to be done, and even that number will find their time very fully occupied. The memory of that godly man of noble mien and childlike faith—the Rev. Dr. Uniacke—is still green, and his loving, gentle words still live in many hearts. We trust the Rector may soon find himself in a position to call to his assistance such help as will enable him to do the work that is to be done, and awaken an enthusiasm for Christ and His Church throughout the parish.

St. Luke's.—Canon Townshend, as Canon-in residence, will preach at the Cathedral on Sunday morning next.

Don't forget the Missionary Meeting in connection with the Board of Home Missions at St. Luke's Hall to-night. The Bishop will preside.

Church of England Institute.—The Bishop's lecture on the "Reformation in England" will be delivered on Monday evening next, at the Institute Rooms. We advise all who can to be present.

The Ladies of the Victoria Road Clothing Society intend holding a sale of Useful and Fancy Articles in St. Luke's Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 11.

DARTMOUTH.—After paying all expenses, one hundred and twenty-six dollars was realized by the recent Fancy Sale. So profuse was the generosity of those who sent provisions, that the Rector was enabled to have a tea and entertainment for the Sunday scholars on the following evening, which was immensely enjoyed by the little people.

SYDNEY, C. B.—St. George's Parish.—A Juvenile Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has been organized in this parish, and now has a membership of 24; the prospects are that it will soon be increased. The senior branch is steadily advancing, there being 32 registered members. The Rev. David Smith, since his return from England, has been unanimously elected President of the Society.

A Bazaar was held by the ladies of St. George's, on Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st of November. It was intended that the Bazaar should occupy

only one day, but a most violent storm preventing many people from attending, it was continued on the following day. The weather was again unfavorable, but notwithstanding adverse circumstances, the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars was realized.

WEYMOUTH.—Consecration of the new Parish Church.—The Bishop of the Diocese arrived in Weymouth on Monday evening, 17th ult., and was met at the station by the Rector of the parish. Several clergymen came also at the same time. The Rector deemed that it was fitting, on the eve of the consecration of the new church, to invite his parishioners once more to prayer in that House of God in which their forefathers had, during several generations, offered their united prayers to the throne of grace. Shortly before 7.30 the Bishop and the clergy entered the church. Evening prayer was said by the Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector of Granville, and the lessons were read by Mr. Draper, a candidate for Orders, now acting as lay-reader at Rosette, during the disability of the Rev. W. S. Gray. After prayer, the Bishop addressed the congregation, and referred to the special circumstances under which they were assembled, for the last time, in their ancient church. It is, perhaps, needless to say that his Lordship's address was marked by faithfulness, counsel, and encouragement, and was delivered with such solemnity and feeling as could not fail to make an indelible impression upon the large congregation present.

The following day presented an animated appearance. Numbers for miles round were seen converging towards the spot; several friends were expected from Yarmouth by train that morning, who were anxious, as well as those who had already arrived from Digby, to join their fellow-Churchmen in taking part in the solemn services of the day.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—We have commenced our Winter Classes, as follows: 1. Women's Bible Class, at 3.30 p.m. on Thursdays. Mr. Osborne. 2. Young Men's Bible Class at 3.30 p.m. on Sundays. Dr. Leeming. 3. Men's Bible Class at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Mr. Osborne.

The Classes Nos. 1 and 2 have been in operation for three winters, and have been of great interest and profit to the members. We are trying to establish No. 3. The Word of God is our charter, and we hope by earnest effort in these classes to direct our people to that which maketh wise unto salvation. Something is needed to supplement the Pulpit and the Church Services, and we believe a study of the Word will make the ministrations of the pulpit more profitable, and will make clear the teaching of our Prayer Book. One good sign of any Church is that the Congregational aspect goes into the background, and membership by Communion increases. I think we can say this. A good congregation is pleasant to see, and evidences a popular preacher; but how many of these hearers ever become consistent members? Alas! very few. Work, spiritual work, which will abide, is not the result of popular preaching, but of diligent teaching. We know of congregations breaking to pieces when a popular man has left a Church. None remain but the genuine Church people. We trust these Bible Classes will be the means of leading souls from preacher to Christ, from hearers to doers, from mere formal attendance upon worship to real spiritual participation in Christ.—Com.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

BELLORAM.—The inhabitants of Belloram, Fortune Bay, are making great efforts to forward the erection of the new Church in that settlement. The building is a very handsome one (the chancel too small), and reflects credit on all concerned; all the labour thus far has been free and voluntary.

GARNISH.—The Church people at Garnish, in the mission of Harbor Briton, are erecting a large church in the settlement, 60 feet long with a well proportioned chancel. The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland was able to hold Confirmation Service in it, though the windows in the Nave were not put in. The Chancel windows were put up pro tem. for the Bishop's visit. All the labor has been free, and a good deal of the materials provided by the people.