

has remained faithful to the cause. The House of Commons has frequently passed the bill and on occasions its promoters have caught the bishops napping and rushed the second reading by a small majority, but at a later stage the Lords spiritual, mustered in overwhelming force and threw out the bill. It is probable the bill would pass if the promoters would drop the clause making its operation retroactive, but this would not suit the noble and wealthy patrons who want their irregular unions legalized and their offspring legitimized at the same time, nor the few hundred humbler couples, who every year defy the law and marry within the prohibited degree. The discussion recalls the remark of an American that Englishmen seem to always marry the wrong sister first.—*Press Despatches.*

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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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MAITLAND.—Our Easter services were very bright and hearty with unusually large congregations. In Holy Trinity Church a beautiful brass altar cross with illuminated vases to match, the gift of Nelson Murphy, Esq., in memory of his late beloved wife, were dedicated to God before the beginning of Morning Prayer.

The Cross, ordered from M. S. Brown & Co., of Halifax, N.S., has this inscription upon its base: "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Clauria A. Murphy, who died on March 1st, 1889, aged 55 years."

Mr. Murphy has also presented Holy Trinity with a new bell, which is on its way to us now.

Two other beautiful and useful gifts have been given to the Church this year by two of her devoted sons.

R. E. King gave a magnificent lamp, and Thomas Dickie gave a beautiful and much needed bookcase for the library.

The other parts of the parish have not been behind hand. The ladies of Northfield presented Mrs. Martell with a handsome autograph quilt, as a token of the love and esteem with which she is regarded by them.

On Easter Monday we had a most successful parish meeting in St. John Baptist Church. The parish is clear of debt with a small balance on hand. The church and rectory are in excellent condition.

Last year too we gave up our B. M. M. Grant, so that we are now, with the exception of the Endowment fund money, self supporting. Our people are doing nobly. Their zeal for the Church's welfare is showing itself in many ways, for which "we thank God and take courage."

YARMOUTH.—"Entered into life eternal on the morning of Good Friday, April 19th, James C. Parish, M. D., aged 75, of Yarmouth, N.S."

In his death the church has lost a loyal and generous son, the community an example of Christian manhood, and the family and friends a dear and valued councillor.

Holy Trinity.—The report of the Rector and wardens of the past year's work has been issued in neat pamphlet form, for free distribution among the parishioners. From it it appears the receipts amounted to \$2,829.68, and the expenditure to \$2,812.84, leaving a balance in favor of the account of \$16.84. This balance, however, is only an apparent surplus, because the salary of the Missionary at Tusket and All Saints is still not quite all paid, as the accounts of the Committee who manage the affairs of that Mission will show. The present financial condition of the church is encouraging. The past due coal bill has been reduced from \$225 to \$100, and this, with a note for \$400 borrowed some few years ago, are the only outstanding

amounts for which the parish is indebted. The regular and ordinary expenses of the year have been met and paid. The wardens give voice to a complaint which is not *local*, we fancy. They say:

"We do not receive the amount of offertory contributions which, in common fairness, we ought to receive. Some who attend the services of the church, and occupy comfortable seats which they look upon as their own, and which they expect to find reserved for them, enjoying all the accessories of music, light, warmth, &c., yet seem to possess their minds with the idea that no obligation rests upon them to contribute, in proportion to their means, so fair an amount as will help to pay for those conveniences which they content themselves with now enjoying at the expense of others. Such persons could not belong to any other social organization, or go to any other public resort without being obliged to contribute towards the payment of that which they receive; and putting the matter on this common, every-day ground, there is no reason why the church should not receive a fair return for what she gives. With an open door for any who choose to come among us, and seats free to all, it should, however, be kept in mind that a church, to be in this position must have some source from whence to keep her seats free, and in our case that only source is the offertory, to which every right principled person will contribute according to that which he hath. The common sense rule should apply to church matters as well as to the circumstances of ordinary life—Pay for what you use. Only those have any claim to free worship, who have no worldly means for contributing thereto."

SHIP HARBOUR.—Wednesday and Thursday, May the 8th and 9th, will long be remembered by the Parishioners of Ship Harbour as days of rejoicing thankfulness. When they had the honour and pleasure of receiving among them the Bishop of the Diocese for the first time. At an early hour on the 8th of May, His Lordship accompanied by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. R. A. Heath, proceeded to St. George's Chapel, Bowers Settlement, when the churchyard was consecrated and 11 candidates received the laying on of hands. After luncheon, which was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bowser, the Bishop drove to St. James' Chapel, Jeddore Head—here 37 candidates received confirmation, after which his Lordship proceeded to the Rectory, and in the evening held a confirmation at 7-30 in St. John's Chapel, Jeddore by the Pond, when 32 candidates were presented. His Lordship spent the night at the Rectory, and started early next morning for the Parish Church St. Stephen's, Ship Harbour, here 18 received, the Apostolic rite, and a cemetery was consecrated. A short address of welcome and good-will was presented to the Bishop in the name of the Rector, Churchwardens, and Parishioners, to which his Lordship made a hearty and suitable response. Dinner was kindly provided for the Bishop and clergy by Dr. and Mrs. Jameson. The Rev. E. H. Ball, Rector of Tangier, was kind enough to attend the service at St. Stephen's and by the request of the Bishop acted as his chaplain. All the churches were tastefully decorated and large congregations were present at all the services. His Lordship confirmed three persons unable on account of sickness to attend the services, one of whom, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, had attained the advanced age of 81 years; making a total of 100 persons confirmed, 52 males and 48 females. Those who listened to his Lordship's eloquent and heart-stirring words of counsel and advice could not fail to be both touched and edified and many young and old, will sincerely utter the simple but beautiful prayer suggested in his Lordship's own words "God bless our Bishop." In the afternoon the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. E. H. Ball and R. A. Heath, were kindly taken

across the ferry by Mr. A. Cowan one of the Ship Harbour wardens; after which they proceeded to Tangier.

WINDSOR.—The new Rector, Dr. Mookridge, of Christ Church arrived from Hamilton on Saturday the 11th inst. At the station he was met by some of the gentlemen of the congregation, and received a cordial welcome. He is presently the guest of Wm. Dimock, Esq. On Sunday morning the 12th inst., a large congregation assembled at the morning service. The lessons for the day were read by Rev. Canon Maynard. Before delivering the sermon, the Rector addressed the congregation briefly saying that in coming before them for the third time, and on this occasion as their Rector, he hoped that God would bless him and them in the work connected with the parish. It was his earnest desire that they should all work together with him for the souls of men. It was quite possible that some things might be done differently, for all could not see eye to eye in matters of detail, but so long as there was unity of purpose in carrying out the great objects for which the Church was established, the minor differences in detail were of no great moment. The world he said was full of sin, and it was the duty of the Church to reclaim the sinner and bring him back to God. In this grand work he hoped to have the hearty co-operation of all who truly loved The Church and her noble work.

TANGIER.—Confirmation was administered in this parish on Thursday, May 9th, and the following day. At 7 30 on Thursday evening the Rev. E. H. Ball presented 17 males and 19 females for the Holy rite. The Rev. R. A. Heath, Rector of Ship Harbour, did duty as Bishop's Chaplain. The Bishops address beamed with tenderness, loving warning, good nature and encouragement and was masterly and eloquent.

After the service, when the Bishop had unrobed, Mr. Joseph H. Townsend read and presented an address in the name of Rector, Warden, and parishioners which was marked by well chosen language and with thoughts which drew the Bishop's commendation. His Lordship made a very pleasing and ready reply.

Next morning, Friday, the 10th, found the Bishop ready for rough work. There being a few candidates at Mooseland, distant 13 miles inland by a very rough road, a few candidates from Moose River, distant 9 miles still further over a still much worse road, and one candidate even from Musquodoboit 15 miles beyond Mooseland, his Lordship took kindly to the drive and confirmed 13 in the unfinished Church at Mooseland. The Missionary will not forget the kind words of encouragement, nor the candidates the lesson of David slaying his Goliath, nor all Mooseland the handshaking and kind words outside the Church door especially to the two youths crippled by mill accidents: nor will Mr. John Prest household forget the pleasant intercourse with their Bishop as they entertained him at dinner. The Bishop took very good naturedly three miles of exceedingly bad road on the return journey but preferred to walk them.

At St. James' Church, Spry Bay, confirmation was administered at 7 o'clock to 8 males and 15 females. It is reckoned that fully 300 managed by one means and another, to find room where only 225 can be comfortably seated. The Bishop's plain, loving, and eloquent appeal to the candidates to become communicants cannot surely fail to bear fruit.

In all seventy-two were confirmed in the parish, 24 males and 44 females. Four male candidates were unavoidably absent.

The Bishop and Rector enjoyed the comfortable hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leslie and proceeded next day, after breakfast, to Sheet Harbour.

And now that the Bishop has left us he has