

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

IN accordance with the wishes of the clergy, the Bishop has determined to defer until the end of the summer the confirmations which would, in due course, have been held throughout the Western portion of his Diocese in May and June of this year.

HALIFAX.—Special reference was made in all the city churches to the recent attempted assassination of the Queen. In the Cathedral in the morning the congregation were requested to offer their thanksgiving for her merciful preservation, and in the pulpit, before commencing his sermon, the Bishop said: "Before proceeding with the subject proposed for my sermon to-day, I desire to say a few words with reference to the thanksgiving just now offered, which I assume to be an expression of the feeling of every heart on account of the merciful preservation of our Queen, so greatly beloved by many millions of subjects, from the murderous attempt of a dastardly assassin. We have to thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness in preserving our Sovereign unharmed through a reign of nearly five-and-forty years, notwithstanding that her life has been attempted five times since her accession. It is but a short time since we were sympathizing with the head of the great neighbouring States suffering from the effects of a similar but, unhappily, more successful attack, resulting in the death of the sufferer; and we have had thus brought home to us the reality of the peril to which our Queen was exposed, and of the special Guardianship by which she has been protected. There is no reason to suppose that any significance is to be attributed to the villainous act as a token of any political feeling, and the perpetrator appears to have been previously affected with insanity; but we are reminded that there is a spirit abroad of hostility to all authority and to the persons in whom it is embodied. It should therefore be our prayer that this spirit may be repressed, and we should be careful to inculcate the principles of loyalty and obedience wherever we have control or influence. 'God save the Queen' is frequently upon our lips; let it be the language of our hearts, and when we pray 'that it may please Thee to be her Defender and Keeper,' or 'we beseech Thee to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors, and especially Thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen,' let us heartily offer the prayer, remembering the dangers to which she is exposed, the blessings that we have enjoyed under her long and prosperous reign, and the trouble and confusion that would probably be consequent upon her sudden removal from the throne which she has adorned with many virtues and graces, and strengthened by her hold upon the hearts of her people." In the evening, at the close of the service, the congregation joined in singing the National Anthem.

GRANVILLE.—The Church people of Granville have just presented their Rector, the Rev. F. P. Grotorex, with a horse, and he begs most heartily to thank all those who contributed for the purpose,—more especially are thanks due to those with whom the idea originated, and who spent much time in collecting; and also to the Churchwardens, Mr. Bernard Calnek and Mr. Edward Mills, for the trouble they had in finding a suitable animal, the object being to find one combining a reasonable speed, with a kind disposition. They have been successful in procuring a fine bay mare, 5 years old, at a cost of about \$100. Such kind acts are a source of great encouragement to a clergyman, shewing him that however feeble his efforts for the good of his parishioners may be, they are appreciated; and also tend to cement the bond of union which should always exist between priest and people.

HALIFAX.—North-West Arm Mission.—On the first Monday evening in Lent, the Mission was favored by a visit from Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, who, after Evensong had been said, delivered a most impressive Lenten Address to an attentive congregation. On the Thursday evening following, the Rev. Dr. Hill, Rector of St. Paul's, delivered a very interesting and instructive Lecture on "A Visit to Staffa and Iona." The lecture throughout was finely delivered and attentively listened to. The next of this Winter's series will be delivered (D.V.) about the end of the month, by Mr. J. W. Longley.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO KING'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT. Continued.—Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, Truro, \$100; Max D. Major, do., \$10; Dr. W. S. Muir, do., \$20; W. F. Odell, do., \$10; Calvin Bent, do., \$10; W. Hallett, do., \$5; Rev. C. Bowman, Parrsboro, \$100; Dr. A. S. Townshend, do., \$50; Rev. G. D. Harris, do., \$40; W. D. Campbell, do., \$30; James Fox, do., \$10; Jno. Stickney, do., \$10; Wells Cole, do., \$20; E. W. Beatty, do., \$20; R. E. Tucker, do., \$15; W. Balcom, do., \$2; Mrs. Coster, do., \$5; Mr. Kilpatrick, do., \$1.50; W. Jinks, do., \$2; Dr. J. W. MacDonald, London-derry, \$100; Dr. Neil Sutherland, do., \$20; Wm. Hutchinson, do., \$25; Rev. V. E. Harris, do., \$25; Miss Heirlihy, Windsor, \$2.

PARRSBORO.—The Rev. D. H. Hind has been on a visit to this parish in the interests of King's

College, Windsor. On Sunday evening, Feb. 19th, in an able and interesting address, he urged upon a large and attentive congregation the claims of that institution to the sympathy and support of all members of the Church of England, as well as of all true sons of Nova Scotia, who justly feel a pride in that ancient seat of learning, from whose walls have gone forth into all lands men eminent for deeds of arms, ornaments of the pulpit, bench and bar, and others whose conquering skill has been instrumental in developing the resources of the country. By personal canvass on Monday the reverend gentleman obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$305, and it is hoped that others will come forward to aid so good an object as the endowment of the time-honoured University of King's College, Windsor.

WINDSOR.—We understand that, in addition to the generous amounts mentioned by the Rector as having been already contributed towards the new Church, over \$3,000 has since been promised, making the whole amount to the present date between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE.—A guild has just been inaugurated in this Parish, under the title of "The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew the Apostle and Martyr," having for its object the mutual help of its members in living a holy and religious life, and in the devoting of a certain portion of their time in direct work for God and His Church. The Rector is *ex-officio* Warden, and the following have been elected officers:—Mrs. E. Lee Street, President; Mrs. J. Davidson, Vice-President; Miss Dora Buck, Secretary; Mrs. Sweet, Treasurer. The members consist of all young persons who have been confirmed, and who have signed the constitution and rules of the guild. The meetings are held once a week, the first in the month being attended by the Rector, who gives a short address on some portion of Scripture, of the Book of Common Prayer, or of Church History, when follows a conference and general conversation on matters of interest to the guild. The other meetings in the month are opened and closed by prayers, prescribed by the Rector, and said by the President, the rest of the time being devoted to needle-work, which one of the rules provide "shall be either that which is being made to order at such prices as the members of the guild shall deem fit, or else such other work to be sold as soon as may be, or else disposed of at an annual sale,—all proceeds whatsoever being applied to some object selected by the guild." Several ladies have already joined the guild, and there is every reason to hope that it will result in deepening the spiritual life of many, and in binding together in closer love and friendship those who thus endeavour to carry out the Apostolic injunction, to "pray one for another." *Laus Deo!*

ST. JOHN.—Rev. Edward Sullivan, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, Montreal, delivered the last lecture in the Institute Course on the 27th. The title of the lecture was "A Game of Leap Frog," and under that heading he delivered a very able lecture on evolution. The lecture was full of good points, and has been very heartily commended. Dr. Sullivan preached in St. John's Church in the morning of Sunday, the 26th, to a very large congregation. His subject was "Charity." In the evening he preached in Trinity Church on the doctrine of "Predestination." The church was crowded, a good many persons having to stand.

STANLEY.—A bell has arrived for St. Thomas Church, from the firm of Menecly & Co., West Troy, N. Y.

SACKVILLE.—About \$25 were raised recently in aid of St. Paul's Sunday School, by means of a "pound party," at which nearly one hundred persons were present.

WOODSTOCK.—The "Marriage Bell" of Christ Church sang out merrily on Wednesday morning, to celebrate the nuptials of Dr. F. A. Nevers and Miss Bessie Phillips. The Church was well filled at an early hour with the intimate friends of the parties. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Thos. Neales, A. M., Rector, J. R. Tomkins, of East Florenceville, was groomsmen, and Miss Minnie Connell was bridesmaid.

MONCTON.—The Rev. Mr. Pentreath tendered his resignation to the Vestry on the 27th. The Vestry offered an increase of salary to induce him to remain, but while feeling very keenly the separation from the parish and Diocese, he had decided to accept the parish of Christ Church, Winnipeg, to which he has been appointed by the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land. Christ Church is in the northward of the city, on the corner of Princess and Fonseca Streets. It is a new brick veneer building in the early English lancet style. The dimensions are—nave and chancel, 120x40; transepts, 30x30; vestry, 20x20; tower, 26 feet square and 172 feet high. The seating capacity of the nave is 517, with the transepts it will be 800. The Vestry unanimously expressed their pleasure at the selection, and guaranteed \$1600.00 for the first year, to which

\$250.00 will be added from another source. There is a brick veneer school house on the property. Mr. Pentreath's resignation takes effect on the 30th April.

FREDERICTON.—Services during Lent at the Cathedral will be at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., excepting Wednesdays, when Evensong will be at 7.30 p. m. with a Lecture, and on Saturdays Service will be as usual at 3.30 p. m.

Services at Christ Church during Lent—Morning prayer and litany on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a. m. Special Lent service on Friday at 11 a. m. Special Lent service on Friday at 7 p. m., with addresses on the English Reformation. Confirmation class after the Friday evening services. Daily services during Holy Week.

ST. JOHN.—A very successful Parlor Concert has been held at the residence of T. W. Daniel, Esq., in aid of St. John's school-house. The school is increasing so largely in numbers that a large building is required, and it is proposed at an early day to enlarge the present school-house.

The Ladies' Association of the Church of England Institute held its annual meeting, when the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. C. Drury, president; Miss Symonds, treasurer; Miss Snider, secretary; Managing Committee: Mrs. Brigstocke, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. T. W. Daniel and Miss Murray.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

DURHAM.—The hard-working rector of this parish, having lost his horse suddenly, his people came promptly forward and presented him with another and more valuable one.

MONTREAL.—Miss Hervey, the foundress of the institute so lately made notorious, is not satisfied with the investigation lately held anent the new mode of punishment adopted, and asks for another.

A "Friendless Children's Protection Society" was last week formed in the city. Undoubtedly, this is in consequence of the "Hervey Institute" affair. But those children were not actually friendless.

REV. J. P. DUMOULIN has addressed a note to John Lovell, Esq., of Montreal, in regard to the Hervey Institute. He says:—I am glad to see that you are not content to let the late sorry exhibition of cruelty to helpless children sleep in the bed wherein the "Investigating Committee" have so gently laid it. I hope your movement will receive the support that it deserves. I have scarcely been able to contain myself from expressing my feelings of detestation for such cruelties as have been heaped upon the unfortunate children in the public prints.

REV. MR. DIXON, Rector of St. Jude's, in the city, has been able to send from England sufficient money to pay the interest on the church's debt. What a position to be in when one has to go abroad to collect money not merely for the principal, but to pay the interest. The Rev. C. J. Machin, late of the Cathedral, St. John's, Newfoundland, has been placed in charge of St. Jude's while Mr. Dixon is in England; Mr. Machin is quite an eloquent preacher.

THE St. Paul's Presbyterian Church here (Rev. Dr. Jenkins) has lately had its tower completed and makes a very fine, prominent and attractive building on Dorchester Street. It is the only church here, saving the great French parish church, that has a tower, and certainly it conveys an idea of dignity and security. But the most curious, instructive, and therefore interesting feature about it, in a Churchman's eyes, is the multiplicity of crosses thereon—crosses of every size and shape, on tower, on gables, on windows, on doors—"Enough," as a spectator said "to cover all the Presbyterian churches in the city." No less, at any rate, than six on the building proper, exclusive of those on tower, pinnacles and weather vanes. In the interior of the same church, we believe, figures of angels from the bosses to the span rafters of the roof. Oh, yes! St. Paul's Presbyterian House of Worship is far more churchly, so far, than our highest of High Churches, so called.

APROPOS of "speaking evil of dignities," we see how this is reckoned in the Romish Church by a case just now before us in Montreal. Here the Romish Bishop Fabre, though a Liberal or Gallican, is yet as arbitrary as the ultramontane Bourget was when he ruined the Institut Canadien with his Anathema. Bishop Fabre won't allow any speaking of dignities, if the speaking is in the least adverse. Because the editor of *Le Monde* dared to say that Cardinal Simeoni's letter did not breathe that tone of dignified courtesy customarily found in all documents of a mandatory character emanating from the Holy See, he is peremptorily ordered to retract and apologize. Rather than do that Mr. Houde has resigned his editorial position. This means great pecuniary loss, prestige and standing, to some degree, in Roman Catholic circles. But the Bishop has proceeded farther. Now

he forbids the printing or publishing, without permission, of any letter, pastoral, etc., sent by him to the clergy, even though the matter be one of public concern and interest. Protestants have been wont to think that the liberal party in the Church of Rome were advocates of liberty and constitutional rights; but doubtless they are mistaken. Is there not with us even too much of an idea that the "speaking evil of dignities" refers or has a special allusion to Bishops? It no more refers to them than to Presbyters, who are very freely handled by the laity of their own flock and others, sometimes to their good, and to Presbyters who speak evil of one another, as is too frequently the case. There is an idea entertained among Presbyterians of the old school, and some other sects following the same regimen, that the Bishops of the Anglican Church are as much autocrats as any Romish Bishop. Judging from the way some of our clergy deprecate the least criticism of what a Bishop says or does, and how they regard his wishes as commands and his ritual as the "exemplar," there is ground for their idea. Yet, I ask, how would those who advocate the utmost obsequiousness to our Bishops, who say that you are committing a grave misdemeanor if you attempt to challenge the lawfulness or propriety of their doings—what would such say if one of our Bishops was to go and do as Bishop Fabre has done, or to do something like it? I don't see why they are not as much open, and more indeed, to criticism as any Presbyter. They are more open to it, more in need of it, because of the power they can wield and because, being raised above their fellow-clergy, they are apt to have their sympathies narrowed, and because, supposing themselves amenable to no one, they may become somewhat tintured, or saturated possibly, with that autocratic spirit that so instinctively couples itself with the "one man of power." As to the language in which this is or should be done, no one will ever assert that it should be otherwise than according to the rules of propriety and courtesy. You and many of your readers have, perhaps, noticed that if our Bishops are not "Fabres," there are Synods ready to do as he has done. There is a proposition drawn up and published to bring before the Synod of the Diocese of Huron a canon, the effect of which would be to gag the press and curtail the undoubted liberties of the subjects of the Crown, not to speak of them being in addition clergy. The proposed canon against anonymous publications by the clergy is a thing that will act as a two-edged sword—it will some day (if it passes, which it certainly will not) turn against its friends. If a slanderous publication is issued there are means at hand quite powerful enough to bring the offender to his knees without having resource to such a canon.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, HATLEY, QUE.—Ten years ago his Lordship the Bishop appointed the Rev. A. J. Balfour, M. A., Incumbent of the Mission of Charleston, commonly called Hatley. The Mission at that time consisted of two stations—East Hatley, the headquarters, and Waterville. Another station, the village of Massawippi, has since been chosen by Mr. Balfour as a fit place for holding Sunday evening services. The Church of England congregation has no particular place of worship here, but they are allowed to conduct their services in the "Union Church." There were many difficulties to face in the Mission, owing to the paucity of Church of England members, and the prevalence of several shades of dissent. This is the condition of most Missions in the Eastern Townships. In them all kinds of belief and unbelief are to be found. Every community, however limited in extent, is split up into various antagonistic divisions of sects, holding contrary opinions and practicing different forms of worship. One particular denomination is seldom numerous enough to support their favorite form of worship, so they get over the difficulty by building "Union Churches," in which, by mutual agreement, each body of worshippers meets in turn for public devotions. This system answers very well where the evils of divisions exist, so long as amicable arrangements can be arrived at, and the interests of the various bodies do not clash. It very frequently happens, however, that one sect predominates and soon begins to exact superior claims, to which the remaining denominations are not always disposed to concede. The result is a series of quarrels which are at last terminated by the strongest taking the oyster and giving the others the shells. The evils of division is the religious problem, demanding solution, which stares in the face every worker in Christ's Vineyard throughout the Eastern Townships. Such a condition of things certainly militates against the success which would otherwise attend the work of Church of England clergymen. Moreover, at the time of Mr. Balfour's appointment Hatley was suffering severely from internal troubles arising from some misunderstanding between the congregation and his predecessor. Mr. Balfour, however, by his courtesy, gentleness and kindness to all, his patient perseverance, energy and ready application to his arduous task, soon ingratiated himself into the favor, and won the hearts of all classes of the people. Kindness, which is ever busying itself about the happiness of others, and never fails to gain the love of all, seems to have been made the controller and prompter of his words and the motive of his actions. It ap-