

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PARISH ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.—The Parish Endowment Committee, by order of the Board of Home Missions, hereby give notice to all concerned that the rate of Interest on all monies belonging to the several Parishes now in their possession has been reduced from 6 to 5 per cent.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Clerical Secretary.

MAITLAND.—At a meeting held in "Temperance Hall," Northfield, Parish of Maitland, on Jan. 27th, 1882, 33 persons present, the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:—

Moved by Jacob Hennigar, seconded by Ira Hennigar,

Whereas, The Church people now living in Northfield numbers 150 souls,

And Whereas, Many of them are living at so great a distance from St. Peter's Church, Kennetcook, that they cannot attend Divine Service in that Church with any degree of regularity,

And Whereas, they humbly believe that the Divine Blessing has rested on the labours of their hands,

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, it is desirable that a house should be erected for the Public Worship of Almighty God, and to the Glory of His Holy Name.

Moved by Osborn Miller, seconded by Wm. Hennigar,

"That Ambrose Miller, Jacob Hennigar, and Thomas Fox, be a committee to select a suitable site for said building, and that they be requested to report at a meeting to be called at an early date."

A plan of a Church to seat about 150 in the nave was presented by the Rector, Rev. A. D. Jamieson, which after some examination, was accepted by the meeting, subject to such alterations as the Rector may deem expedient. When we take into consideration that in a much poorer district in this same Parish, at Five Mile River, a Church, costing \$3,000 was, last summer, finished and consecrated, and we have every confidence that the work so unanimously and earnestly begun at Northfield, will, before long, come to the same happy completion.

CHESTER.—It is with deep regret that we are called upon to chronicle the early demise of Charles W. Hiltz, M. D., whose death took place at Chester, on Tuesday, the 31st ultimo, after only two or three days illness, caused by a heavy cold, which resulted in congestion of the lungs. Dr. Hiltz was a young and promising physician, a man of great integrity, and his early removal will prove a great loss to the community, to the Church, of which he was an enthusiastic and zealous supporter, and to his sorrowing family, whose loss, through this bereavement, is irreparable. The deceased graduated at Dalhousie College in 1873, since when he has been practicing most successfully at the place of his death, held for several years the responsible position of Inspector of Schools for the County of Lunenburg, which office was resigned on account of increasing medical duties. The Rev. George H. Butler, Priest Incumbent of the Parish, has lost one of his most faithful and loyal parishioners. Dr. Hiltz was a brother of the Rev. Augustus F. Hiltz, Incumbent of Derby, Diocese of Fredericton.

HALIFAX—St. Luke's Parish.—Rev. W. L. Currie, who has been in charge of the parish since October last, being about to retire, a deputation waited upon him on Thursday last in the vestry of the Cathedral and presented him, on behalf of the vestry and parishioners, with a handsome watch and the following address:—

To the Rev. W. L. Currie:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The Wardens, Vestry, and Parishioners of St. Luke's Cathedral, desiring to evince their esteem for you personally, and also to show their appreciation of your services while in charge of the parish during the vacancy caused by the decease of their late beloved rector, request your acceptance of the accompanying small token as an earnest of their good will and satisfaction with the manner in which you have fulfilled the several duties assigned to you as Incumbent. They trust that the blessing of God has attended your ministrations while here, and may continue to do so wherever in His Providence you may hereafter be placed. With best wishes for your future welfare,

We are, reverend and dear sir,

Yours sincerely,

E. H. KEATING,
JAMES GOSSIP,
Wardens.
F. WAINWRIGHT,
A. B. WISWELL,

For the Vestry and Parishioners.

St. Luke's Parish,
Halifax, Feb'y 8th, 1882.

REPLY.

To the Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of St. Luke's Parish:

BRETHREN,—It is with feelings of gratitude that I respond to your address presented me on the eve of my departure from among you. It affords

me sincere pleasure to be assured of your friendly feeling and appreciation of my humble services for the four months during which I have been in charge of the Parish of St. Luke. If I have succeeded in winning your kind regards, or if my humble efforts have in any way tended to promote the higher spiritual life and to glorify God, I am more than amply rewarded. For the accompanying gift of a handsome watch, accept my sincere thanks; rest assured it is duly appreciated—not so much for its intrinsic worth or value, but as being a substantial evidence of the generous feelings which have prompted you to bestow it. I shall always wear it as a constant reminder of the shortness of time of which it is an emblem, and of how much there is to be done for the Master. I thank you very heartily for your kind wishes for my future welfare, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may abundantly bless you.

I am yours faithfully,
W. L. CURRIE.

The rector-elect, the Rev. Fredk. R. Murray conducted the services and preached both morning and evening in the Cathedral on Sunday last. The new rector's manner of conducting the services is reverent, and his voice agreeable and well-sustained; he is also an excellent preacher—earnest, practical, and pointed. Altogether, Mr. Murray has made a most favorable impression. The reverend gentleman will be inducted by the Lord Bishop on Sunday morning next.

ST. GEORGE'S.—On Sunday evening the Rev. Francis Partridge, B.D., will be inducted into the Rectory of this well known and important church by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Our Halifax readers will not forget the annual service of the Church of England Institute this (Thursday) evening at half-past seven at St. Luke's Cathedral. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese and all the city clergy will be present. The Rector-elect of St. George's, Rev. Canon Partridge, is to be the preacher. The service will be full choral. A collection will be taken up for the funds of the Institute. Seats free.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The storm of February 5th was the most severe known for years. The roads were so blockaded that in many cases the second service had to be omitted.

MONCTON.—Rev. F. Skinner, late Curate of Lunenburg, N. S., and the Rev. J. N. Jones, of Brockton, Mass., spent Sunday (Feb. 5th) with the Rector. Mr. Jones preached in the morning to a congregation which owing to the storm numbered only forty. In the evening the drifts were piled up around the church, and in many parts of the town, so as to make walking almost impossible. Only a few men were able to reach the Church, and this was a case where the Provincial Synod Act of last session extending the use of the shortened service to Sundays in cases when the clergy deemed it necessary, was found to be very appropriate. The shortened service was used, and the few present were addressed briefly by Rev. Mr. Skinner.

ST. JOHN—Death of the Police Magistrate.—This morning we are informed of the death of H. T. Gilbert, Esq., Police Magistrate of this city, which occurred at the family home, Willow Farm, Dorchester, Feb. 7th, a telegram to that effect having been received by the Police Clerk from S. G. Gilbert, Esq., a brother of the deceased. Judge Gilbert, as he has been called for many years, was of loyalist descent and leaves behind him two brothers, William and Gay, one sister, and a very large family connection. He was in his 68th year, and was never married. He was admitted to the bar on the 6th Feb., 1845, just 37 years and one day before his death, and for some years practiced his profession in this city in partnership with his brother, W. J. Gilbert. After this he carried on his legal business alone till on the death of John Johnston, Esq., over twenty years ago he was appointed Police Magistrate of the City of St. John. This position he filled with much credit to himself and the city, until a year ago last Christmas when, while enjoying his holiday visit to Willow Farm, he was taken ill and was confined to the house up to the time of his death. During his illness many anxious enquiries were constantly made by our citizens for his welfare, and, for a time, hopes were cherished that he would soon be able to take his seat again as Police Magistrate, but these were hopes never to be realized. He was of a kindly disposition, administered justice tempered with mercy, and was in every respect a worthy Police Magistrate and a good citizen. He was for many years a consistent member of Trinity Church. His funeral takes place on Saturday, from Willow Farm.—News.

DEANERY OF KINGSTON.—(Continued.)—The special psalms were the ninety-sixth, the one hundred and thirtieth, and the one hundred and thirty-second, the first and last to a single chant by Dr. Aylward in C, the de Profundis to St. John. The psalms were chanted antiphonally, and although male voices preponderated on one side and trebles on the other, and in spite of some slight differences of accent, the effect was fair. Chanting is far more

trying to unions of choirs than hymn singing, and it is only by the closest possible attention to the conductor, that choirs trained apart can accent point and recite clearly and together. The canticles were sung to Sir S. Wesley's chant service in F. The unison part was very effective, the change of volume and distinctness in the part sung in harmony shewed clearly the great advantages of unison singing for practical purposes. The anthem was Gounod's "Send out Thy Light," a really severe test of time and expression, one great gain must be counted to the Choral Union, and to the efforts of Canon Medley as conductor. The choirs have learnt to soften without dragging a thing which seemed a physical impossibility a few years back. There was a tendency to drag and some want of promptness in starting on the part of some of the male voices in two short leads, and not nearly all the trebles could sing clearly on the highest notes; but there has been a steady gain under training in the volume and truth of notes up to G. The anthem, as a whole, did one good, the beautiful words were evidently felt by the choirs, and must have been impressed upon the congregation. The hymn before the sermon was "Come unto Me ye weary," from Hymns Ancient & Modern, the bass and tenor lead was not as good as it ought to have been; but the singing of the rest of the hymns made amends. His Lordship preached from St. Matthew xxvi. 30, and showed how the saints of God of old (both under the old covenant and the new), and the Son of God Himself were strengthened, encouraged, delivered and blessed at the singing of the Psalms of David. And he spoke in favour of the two objects with a view to which the Kingston Deanery Choral Union has been founded. The improvement of choirs, that they may make the offering of praise as worthy as possible of Him to whose honour and glory it is offered, and the encouragement of congregational singing in our churches. During the taking of the collection for the funds of the Union, which amounted to \$13.24, part of the hymn "Holy offerings," from Church Hymns, was sung. This is the second year for this same hymn, and no one seemed tired of it. After the benediction, the singing of the hymn "Angels voices ever singing," from Church Hymns, concluded a very hearty, joyous service. The music for the service was printed for the Choral Union by the Globe press, in St. John, and was very clear and accurate. Copies of the words of hymns and psalms were also struck off separately, and scattered plentifully among the congregation, so that all might join in the singing, which was a step in advance of last year. It is to be hoped that the gathering convinced all present that the Kingston Deanery Choral Union is a very useful institution, and all difficulties considered a successful one also.

DORCHESTER.—Dr. Wilson, widely and favorably known throughout the county and Province, died on the 11th inst., at his home in Dorchester. An Irishman, with the warm-hearted generosity of his race, the doctor had a host of friends and but few, if any, enemies. His presence will be greatly missed, and his memory not soon forgotten.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S.—The following address was presented to the Rev. F. R. Murray:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—On the eve of your departure from Newfoundland, the congregation of the Cathedral, with which, during your many years' residence in the Diocese, you have been so much associated, wish to convey to you their congratulations upon your appointment to the important position of Rector of St. Luke's, Halifax. Your zeal and untiring energy in all that concerned the Church's welfare, your great devotion to the Master's service, your ready self abnegation when circumstances seemed to you to demand it, your arduous and successful labors in the missionary work of the Diocese, are known and appreciated by all, and it gives us pleasure to think and believe that the disposition of heart and mind which has so endeared you to the Church in Newfoundland will be potent, under God, for much successful work in your more responsible and enlarged sphere of duty. Wishing you and Mrs. Murray every happiness and blessing in your new home,

We are, reverend and dear sir,
Yours faithfully,

The address was signed by the Churchwardens and nearly a hundred of the parishioners.

To which Mr. Murray made the following reply:
Gentlemen,—I know not how to thank you for these kind words and wishes. I am only conscious of having attempted to do my duty, and that but very imperfectly, towards you in our relationship as priest and people. However, I cannot but recognize, with gratitude, the fact that my endeavors have been welcome to and appreciated by you. In accepting the Rectorship of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax—a step which, I regret to say, severs my ministerial connection with you and this Diocese—I have only endeavored to act in what was put before me as the path of duty. That you all, together with those placed over you in the Lord, may be abundantly blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual, is and will be my earnest wish and prayer. On behalf of Mrs. Murray and self let me again thank you for your kind wishes, which, we trust, may be fully realized. And now, commend

ing you all to the blessing and care of our Heavenly

Father,

Believe me, my dear friends,
Very affectionately and faithfully yours,
FREDERIC R. MURRAY.

To the Churchwardens and Congregation of St. John the Baptist Cathedral, St. John's.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—The meeting of the Church Missionary Union was held in the National School on the 6th inst., when the Rev. Chas. Hamilton, spoke ably of the "Christianity in Australia at the close of the last century, and the growth of the Church of England in Australia."

RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—The missionary meeting at St. Ann's Church Sunday-school room, on the 1st inst., was well attended. Rev. John Foster, of Coaticook, spoke upon the "Modern Mission Work of the English Church," commencing with the time when it began its work at Fort St. George, Me., and in Virginia, 13 years before the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, showing how feeble the work was at first. At the time of the Declaration of American Independence, there was no Bishop, the Clergy of America being under the Bishop of London. Eighteen years afterwards, the first Bishop was appointed. Now, in the Dominion of Canada there are eighteen Bishops, hundreds of clergymen, thousands of communicants, and still larger congregations. At one time, the East India Co. were jealous of the Missionary. They were afraid he would so educate the people, that their profit would be diminished. Now, however, in the Diocese of Madras, there are 50 clergymen, 500 catechists, school-masters and lay-workers, and upwards of 10,000 communicants. It had been computed by Lord Northbrook, late Viceroy of India, and others, that if the same ratio of conversions took place in the next fifty years, as had taken place in the past fifty years, there would be 50,000,000 communicants. From India, the speaker passed to New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania and Borneo. He paid a high tribute to the early Lutheran missionaries who were the first to begin the work in India and other places. The remarkable work done in Africa was rapidly placed before the audience, especially the self-denying labors on the Gold Coast—the deadly climate being so fatal to Europeans; but, as soon as one martyr to the good cause fell, another took his place. A comparison was made between the total population of the globe and the numbers that professed Christianity, showing the necessity for increased work. An earnest exhortation to help the Church's Missions, concluded an able speech. Rev. Canon Norman, of Montreal, in his opening remarks, alluded to his having been frequently invited to attend meetings in this district, but having been unable to attend. He would speak specially on "The cultivation of a Missionary Spirit amongst the Members of the Church." He confessed to having had at one time but a slight interest in Mission work, owing to ideas promulgated in the English Press, and of novelists who did not hesitate to denounce it as an imposture. But now he believed, as English-speaking people, we were pledged to the work. From the fact of the Anglo-Saxon race and language spreading all over the world, it would appear that God had set them apart to do a glorious work. There were no colonizers like the Anglo-Saxons. The French had tried, but with little or no success. There was no true civilizer like Christianity. Without it we might have an outside civilization, as was instanced by Nana Sahib, the leader in the Great Indian Mutiny. He appeared a refined gentleman, was a Shaksperian scholar, gave great entertainments, but under all was the savage; and the Anglo-Indians were rudely awakened when the bubble burst, and the mutiny broke out. Had the Sepoys carried out their threat "to drive the British into the sea," there would have been no trace of British rule left, and no foundation for the civilizing work of Christianity. The Church in India must assert her position; India is not ground alone for British merchants. The great hindrance to the progress of the work, was caste.—The "missionary spirit" began with the commencement of the Church of Christ. After a while, it died out, was revived briefly by the Reformation, and an awaking commenced with the latter end of the last century, but later on, two great revivals took place in the English Church.

The first revival, the evangelical, took place in the Cambridge University. The Church had become too respectable, "terribly so," too cold, lacked spiritual power, and they lost John Wesley. It would not do so now. There are plenty of such workers as he, now in the English Church. The second great movement, which started in Oxford University, strengthened the history of the Church of England, showing that the Church was not a sect, but could trace its connections back to the Apostles. This movement came providentially after the other. From Cambridge went forth the two greatest Missionaries of any time, Bishops Mackenzie and Selwyn, and the martyred Bishop Patteson, from Oxford. These movements resulted in an increase of the "Missionary spirit." A word to the young—he would like to see them interested, and giving to the support of the Missionary, not asking father or mother for 10 cents, that was not