

THE ROYAL GOLDEN WEDDING; OR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

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Wedded to her people,
In her maiden grace,
Royalty of purpose
Shining in her face,
As she swears her country's
Customs to maintain,
England's laws to cherish,
And her faith sustain.
Then, before her people,
Stands, in royal sheen,
England's signet wearing,
Crowned, anointed Queen.

In her heart unsullied
She her vow hath kept,
Triumphed with her people,
With her people wept.
Dearer, ay, far dearer,
Is their sovereign now,
Then when England's jewels
First adorned her brow.
They, her Golden Wedding,
Celebrate to-day.
Hark! the joy-bells pealing:
Hark! the loud hurrah.

From old England's daughters,
North, south, east, and west,
Comes a loyal message
Flashed 'neath ocean's breast
"British flags are flying
O'er our Churches' towers;
British cheers are ringing,
England's Queen is ours!
Ships, all manned, are firing
Their salute at sea,
British tars are keeping
England's Jubilee."

Through her vast dominions'
Where ne'er sets the sun,
English hearts are thrilling,
English prayers are one.
"In thy Hand protecting,
Lord, our Sovereign keep,
From her royal pathway
Every foeman sweep.
Give her peace and gladness,
Give her length of days,
Bid her children's children
Rise to give her praise.
Then for earthly grandeur
And a world's renown,
Give a Heavenly kingdom
And immortal crown."
Hark! the cannons roaring,
See! the pennons gay,
England keeps Victoria's
Jubilee to-day.
God bless our Empress Queen!

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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Halifax S.S. Teacher's Association, was held in St. Luke's Cathedral one evening last week. The service was fully choral, the Cathedral Choir being assisted by members of various other choirs. The Clergy present were the Right Rev. the Bishop-Coadjutor of Fredericton, Dr. Kingdon; Rev. Mr. Murray, Rector; Rev. Dr. Partridge, President of the Association; Rev. Dr. Uniacke, J. S. Edwards, D. Neish, N. Lemoine, T. R. Gwillim, H. G. Lancaster, F. Wolcott and T. C. Mellor. About 250 teachers were among the congregation, including representatives from all the schools. The sermon was to have been preached by Rev. Dr. Hole, Rector of St. Paul's, who was, however, prevented by indisposition from performing that duty. Bishop Kingdon kindly consented at a late hour to undertake the address.

A most instructive and useful discourse was delivered *extempore* by his Lordship on the unity of the Church as exhibited in tabernacle, temple and Christian ritual; his text being from Exod. xv, and Rev. xv.: "The song of Moses and of the Lamb." The sermon was a practical exhibition of how teachers should study the scriptures, so that they may instruct their children. The Bishop's voice is clear and ringing, his intonation very distinct, and his gesture graceful. He was most attentively listened to by the large congregation. The Association is in a flourishing condition, and is worthy of all support. Its meetings are monthly and are very profitable to the teachers attending them.

SPRINGHILL.—His Lordship Bishop Kingdon visited us last Monday and administered the rite of Confirmation. Among those presented were former Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians. The little Church was crowded, and the congregation listened attentively to the interesting, exhaustive and convincing explanation of the "laying on of hands," and the address to those confirmed was of the simplest, most practical and earnest character, and will long be remembered by our good people. The kindly manner and earnestness of the good Bishop won all hearts. A special train conveyed the Bishop to Parrsboro directly after the service.

RAWDON.—Active preparations are being made in this parish for the building of a new Rectory. The old one has been taken down, and material for the new one is being hauled to the grounds where building operations are about to commence, and it is hoped that by the end of October the new house will be ready for occupation.

The people deserve great credit for the liberal and energetic manner in which they have responded to this urgent need of their clergyman.

SHELBOURNE.—A most pleasing episode in this Parochial year, occurred on the evening of the 11th instant. It had leaked out the evening before that the following day was the anniversary of the Vicar's Wedding day. After tea a mysteriously large box and parcel addressed to the Senior warden (a neighbour), and marked "freight paid," lay on the verandah. He, though notified, declined to send for the same "being engaged just then." As the shade of evening began to fall, he came over and said the mistake was intentioned, and in a few hearty words offering his congratulation and best wishes of the people to the astonished Vicar. From a neighbour's house streamed much of the fashion and beauty of Shelbourne, with holiday hearts and cheery voices who tendered their best wishes and the contents of the box. Rev. Mr. How thanked them most cordially for all their continuous kindness, and especially for this their last, which was the surprise of his life, as he did not know anybody in the place, knew that the day was one of special interest to him. After the cordial expression of mutual good wishes, a hymn was sung and the Benediction pronounced. The Vicarage was then left and with them and their visit are cherished many most agreeable reminiscences. Upon being opened, the box was found to contain nearly everything that was good and useful. The ladies showed that they well knew how to replenish the wardrobe and larder. The President of the Sewing Society appointed a day when, with a dressmaker, the ladies will help Mrs. How to make up dresses &c., &c., which in any variety and quantity (for a nautical gentleman said "there was shirting enough for a new suit of sails for a ship.") lie upon the shelves of the Vicarage. Such pleasant occasions suddenly seized upon for the display of good will towards the clergy and their families are substantial proofs of the loyalty of the faithful to the Church. The best of feeling pervades the parish, and the present Vicar has, as had former ones, abundant

proof of the people's reverence for a Divine office, for which they have been led to entertain peculiar regard by the faithful ministry of their fatherly venerable Rector, Rev. Dr. White, who on Trinity Sunday entered upon the 59th year of his ministry. May God bless these kind people who, for themselves and others, whose loyal hearts were with us, "on benevolence bent," give sunshine and kindness on the lives of their neighbors.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton will meet at the Church Hall, in the City of Fredericton, on Wednesday, July 6th, at 10 a.m. The General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society will meet at the same place on Tuesday, July 5th, at 10 a.m.

It is earnestly hoped by those having the welfare of the Church at heart that no efforts will be spared in securing increased contributions to the funds of the D.C.S. Last year the amount actually received fell very considerably short of the amount estimated and the sad fact that a number of Missions have been vacant has alone prevented the occurrence of grave financial difficulties. Taking into consideration the serious losses incurred in the commercial centres of the Province by the Maritime Bank and other failures, whereby many of the most generous supporters of the Church have been seriously affected, it will readily appear that an earnest and united effort must be made in order to prevent a large falling off in the contributions to the D.C.S.

The Metropolitan held an ordination service at the Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, when the Rev. E. B. Hooper, B.A., was advanced to the priesthood, and Mr. Scovil Neales, son of the Rev. Jas. Neales, Rector of Gagetown, was admitted to the Diaconate. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. F. Alexander, sub-Dean of the Cathedral.

WELDFORD.—This Mission has been vacant for some time, in consequence of the resignation of the Rev. H. Holloway, whose health unfortunately broke down, necessitating his return to England. Mr. Holloway's departure was deeply regretted by his parishioners, whose hearts will now be gladdened by the appointment of the Rev. E. B. Hooper to the vacancy; and it is hoped the work so well begun by Mr. Holloway will be carried on with renewed vigour.

GAGETOWN.—The Rector of this parish has now been forty five years in the ministry, and amongst the clergy of the Diocese not retired from active duty, he is now almost the senior, the single exception being that of the Rector of St. Mark's Parish in St. John. The Rev. Scovil Neales, ordained on Trinity Sunday last, is the fourth son the Venerable Rector of Gagetown, has had the happiness of giving to the work of the ministry in the Church of God.

A striking illustration of the long Episcopate of the Bishop of Fredericton is furnished in the fact that the Rev. James Neales was himself ordained Priest shortly after the arrival of Bishop Medley, in 1845, since which time he has been privileged to witness the admission to the ministry of his sons, the Rev. W. S. Neales, Canon Thos. Neales, H. H. Neales, and Scovil Neales, all ordained by the same Bishop and all engaged in earnest work in the Church of Christ.

PORTLAND.—*St. Luke's.*—In the lamented death of James T. Kennedy the Church of St. Luke's loses one of its most valued members. Mr. Kennedy's interest in the Church was manifested by valuable gifts and in other tangible ways. The handsome drinking fountain at Indian town was erected by Mr. Kennedy and presented to the city of Portland in memory of his son, who died a few years ago. The *Daily Te*