

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

We have had no news from the country parishes the last two weeks. The clergy are everywhere most busily engaged with extra services and in increased visitation of their flocks, and cannot find the time to keep us informed of their doings. After Easter we shall have, we trust, gratifying accounts of the spiritual work accomplished, and of the improved spiritual life being manifested. Nothing but work with God's help can prevail against the powers of darkness, and we gladly note the fact that this truth is being better and better understood and acted on by the clergy.

**HALIFAX.**—*St. Luke's Cathedral.*—During Holy Week (excepting Good Friday) there will be Holy Communion, daily, at 7.30 a. m., Matins 9 a. m., a Litany and reading at 12 daily, Evensong and sermon at 7.30 p. m. The services on Good Friday will be as follows: 9 a. m., Matins; 10 a. m., Litany, Ante-Communion Service and Meditation; 12 to 3 p. m., Meditation on the seven words from the Cross, with hymn and silent prayer after each word. (Any are at liberty, during this service, to go into or come out of the church should it be found too long to remain the whole time, care being taken to do so during the singing of the hymns. 7.30 p. m., Evensong with sermon. Easter Eve—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 9 a. m., Matins; 5 p. m., Evensong and Meditation; 8 p. m., first Evensong of Easter Day. Easter Day—As the Church requires all who have been baptized and confirmed to communicate at Easter, there will be three celebrations of the Holy Sacrament: 1st, at 7; 2nd, at 8; 3rd, after Matins, at 11. 3.30 p. m., Children's Service; 7 p. m., Evensong and sermon. Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., Matins and reading; 5 p. m., Evensong.

**HALIFAX.**—*Garrison Chapel.*—His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, held a special confirmation in this Church on Monday evening. Forty-eight candidates, mostly men, were presented by the Rev. A. J. Townend, among the number being several from the other city churches and a few from Dartmouth. The service was largely attended, and was most solemn and impressive throughout. We are glad to note the fact that much more attention is being paid to this Apostolic and Scriptural Rite by the members of the various Protestant bodies than heretofore, and that every confirmation service finds some who have been brought up among the sects coming forward to receive the Laying on of Hands.

**ST. MARGARET'S HALL, HALIFAX.**—This school has for some time past been filled to its utmost capacity. After Easter there will be two or three vacancies, which can be filled upon early application. The school is in full and complete working order, and has a very efficient teaching staff.

**TRURO.**—The funeral of the late Conductor Geldert took place on Sunday. The funeral services were conducted from the Church, the Vicar, Mr. Kaulbach, officiating. The church was crowded to suffocation, and notwithstanding the terrible state of the streets, the snow and rain and violent thunder storm which prevailed, hundreds were outside the church patiently waiting for the sad procession to move. Mr. Kaulbach delivered a touching and eloquent address, in which he referred to the awful suddenness with which the Angel of Death had smitten the deceased, and expressed his sympathy and the sympathy of the whole community with Mrs. Geldert, who it is said is in an exceedingly precarious condition, the shock, coupled with other recent family afflictions, proving almost more than she can bear. The funeral was more largely attended than any ever known in this town.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**ST. GEORGE.**—Death, with its unsparing hand, has visited this parish and carried off the rector's wife and Mr. Charles McGee. Mr. McGee fell asleep on Thursday, the 16th ult., and Mrs. Smith on Saturday, the 18th ult. The rector, overcome with fatigue and distress, was quite unable to perform the last rites over the body of Mr. McGee, and telegraphed the Rev. J. Rushton, of St. Stephen, to come to his assistance. Mr. Rushton kindly closed his church on Sunday, the 19th, and came over to St. George. He took the usual Sunday services, preaching in the morning on Death, and in the evening on Heaven. In the afternoon he committed to the ground the body of Mr. McGee, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. On Monday morning, the Rev. J. W. Millidge having arrived, the Holy Communion was celebrated in the church at 11 o'clock on behalf of the mourners, thus carrying out the blessed doctrine of the Communion of Saints, which teaches the unity of the Church Militant with the Church at rest in Paradise and the Church triumphant in Heaven. Twenty-six of the laity partook with the rector of the blessed feast. The music was very well rendered by the choir, and as the last strains of the *Nunc Dimittis* died away at the close of the service one could not but feel the assurance of rest attained by her whose life and last sickness testified

her faith and well grounded hope. The funeral took place at 2.30 p. m., and impressed the large assembly with its solemnity. The sentences and prayers at the grave were read by the Rev. Dr. Ketchum, the Psalms by the Rev. J. W. Millidge, and the lessons by the Rev. J. Rushton. At the usual evening service on Wednesday the Rev. J. Rushton, at the rector's request, gave an address on the state of the blessed departed, in which he spoke of the peace and rest of Paradise, where the souls of the righteous wait until the glorious awaking at the last great day.

**ST. JOHN.**—We are glad to note that the free Church system is making headway in St. John—St. Mary's Church, St. George's Carleton, The Church of the Good Shepherd at Carleton, and St. James' Church, St. John, are free at all Services. Trinity is free on Sunday Evenings, and St. John's Church has recently been declared free Sunday nights, and the Valley Church has just been made free at the Sunday Afternoon Service.

The Bishop Coadjutor returned to Fredericton on the 28th, having held Services in various City Churches. On the 26th he preached in St. James' in the morning, St. Paul's in the Afternoon, and Trinity in the Evening.

The Ladies of the Church of England Institute intend holding a fancy sale and high tea at the rooms of the Institute April 20th. The funds are to be devoted principally to the library. We believe that about 150 ladies belong to the Institute. The price of membership is \$1.00 per year, and the library and reading-room have met a decided want.

**ST. JAMES.**—It is understood that the resignation of Rev. Wm. Armstrong takes effect in June. The Parish is not in a position to provide much salary at present. We understand there is a debt of \$1600, and there is no Rectory. The Church owned a house in another part of the city, which belonged to the estate of the late Miss Hazen. It is rented, owing to the depression in real estate, for a sum much below its value.

**TRINITY CHURCH.**—The Ring of Bells.—We copy the following from the *Sun*:—"The peal of bells for Trinity Church arrived per Inter-Colonial freight train yesterday, and in the afternoon a *Sun* reporter was fortunate enough to be present and assist when they were unloaded and weighed. The two larger bells had to be conveyed to the weigh scales on rollers, and suggested to the on-looker the moving of heavy mortars by artillerymen, the largest bell being about four feet high. Arrived at the scales, the weights were found to be as follows:—No. 1, 650 pounds; 2, 670; 3, 710; 4, 800; 5, 900; 6, 1,060; 7, 1,300; 8, 1,720; 9, 2,250; making total weight of peal, 10,340 pounds. This weight is an approximation to the actual one as it includes the wooden supports to which the bells are firmly bolted, the nett weight being probably about 10,000 pounds. All the bells bear on the upper rim the name of the eminent firm of bell founders, Mears & Stainback, London, with the date (1882) of casting and the larger ones the additional legend—"in memoriam the Loyalists of 1783—faithful alike to God and King." The bells (which were brought from England free of freight and duty,) were safely stowed in the freight shed, and the most careful scrutiny could not detect the least damage or flaw. This peal will form one of the finest sets of chimes in the Dominion. The range is C to C with the addition of B flat, thus enabling tunes to be played upon them in the keys of C and F. The hours, half and quarter hours will be struck with clock work for a motive power, with probably chimes at noon and other parts of the day. These will be produced with the machinery such as is employed in the British Houses of Parliament, the stroke being regulated by a barrel differing little except in size from that employed in an ordinary music box. The first arrangement of tunes will embrace "God Save the Queen" and several sacred melodies. Should a greater variety be needed it can be obtained by a re-adjustment of the barrel movement. As soon as the necessary appliances can be got to work, the bells will be placed in position and the machinery attached. This will, however, be a work requiring considerable outlay of time and skill, and it will probably be several weeks before the ears of our people will be charmed with the tones of these fine bells. In the meantime it is a matter of great satisfaction that the bells have reached St. John in a condition that reflects credit on the founders and those who have had the care of them in transmission.

**ST. MARTIN'S.**—We learn that Rev. J. Lockward, Missionary at Waterford, has accepted a call to this Parish. The Mission of Waterford will probably be absorbed again into the Parish of Sussex. Mr. Lockward removes to St. Martin's immediately after Easter.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—The Parish of Cambridge is vacant, owing to the sudden and unexpected departure of Rev. B. Shaw, who, we believe, is in the United States. Cambridge has an Endowment of \$400 a year, with an addition of \$24.00 a year for repairs on St. James' Church. There is no Rectory.

**RICHIBUCTO.**—A church will be erected at Kingston during the coming summer. It is understood Mr. Allan Haines has the contract for the work. Kingston is a short distance from Richibucto, and is served by the Rector, Rev. F. H. Almon.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

THE following circular has been issued by the Secretaries of the Provincial Synod:—  
MONTREAL, March, 1882.

*Reverend and Dear Brethren and Brethren of the Laity:*—We are instructed by the Metropolitan to inform you that the Provincial Synod will meet in the Synod Hall, in this city, on Thursday, 27th April, at 10 a. m. The Clergy and the Lay Delegates will walk in procession to the Cathedral for Divine Service, which will begin at 10.30 a. m. After the Litany has been said, a sermon will be preached by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and the Holy Communion will be administered. The Offertory will be devoted to Mission work in the Diocese of Algoma. At 2.30 p. m., the members of the Synod will re-assemble in the School House of St. George's Church, when, after prayer, the President will inform the Lower House as to their place of meeting, and direct them to elect their Prolocutor. The Order of the Proceedings, so far as it is known to the Secretaries, will then be as follows:—1. The Clerical and Lay Secretaries will call the Roll of their respective orders. 2. Election of Prolocutor. 3. Prolocutor conducted to the Upper House, and his election announced to the President. On his return, the Prolocutor shall first nominate his own deputy (in case of his absence) and then introduce to the House the business on which the Upper House desire them to engage themselves. 4. Election of Secretaries, and appointment of Treasurer and two Auditors. The enclosed Certificate will secure to you the reduction from the usual fares, kindly granted to the members of the Provincial Synod by the several Railway and Steamboat Companies. Copies of the Synod Journal may be obtained of Messrs. Dawson Brothers, Montreal, price 25 cents. A circular is also enclosed from the Rev. Robert Lindsay, Secretary of the Hospitality Committee, with reference to accommodation in this city, for the convenience of those who have not already made arrangements for their stay during the session of Synod.

We have the honor to be, your faithful servants,  
R. W. NORMAN, D. C. L., *Hon. Cler. Sec'y.*  
ALEX. JOHNSON, L. L. D., *Hon. Lay Sec'y.*

**MONTREAL.**—The second of the Rev. Canon Illegood's lectures on "Spain," delivered in the school-room of the Church of St. James the Apostle, included descriptions of the Alhambra and Gibraltar, and some interesting particulars regarding the Gypsies, illustrated with a series of oxy-hydrogen views and interspersed with music by some of the best known amateurs of the city.

The report that Canon Baldwin has been offered, and is likely to accept, the position in Toronto vacated by the lamented death of Dean Grassett, has evoked an unmistakable feeling of regret in Protestant circles, including all denominations throughout the whole city, and an intense commotion among the vast and influential congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, where he has so long and so acceptably laboured with a zeal and ardour almost unequalled. The ground alleged for his probable acceptance of the preferment is that he would be returning to the place of his birth, and where most of his relatives reside. A local paper says, "We need not say that money consideration will weigh as little with Mr. Baldwin as with any man living; he will act in accordance with what appears to be duty, and his leaving Montreal would be a cause of pain to very many, as few men are more intensely or more widely loved."

**CHRISTIEVILLE.**—The Rev. Canon Norman, D. C. L., delivered a lecture on the 30th in Christieville in behalf of the organ fund of Trinity Church, in that parish. The Rev. Canon has not been much before our country congregations heretofore, and we hope he will be found lecturing in other parishes more frequently hereafter. For himself, and perhaps eventually for the diocese, it would be well for a larger and more intimate acquaintance to spring up.

**BEDFORD.**—*St. James' Church.*—The rector of this church has been very successful in his sermons to the young—a course which he has been delivering through Lent. The Lenten services generally were well attended.

**SABREVOIS.**—This parish has had a series of winter home socials, whereby funds sufficient have been raised to roof anew the church and put some repairs on the parsonage.

**MANSONVILLE.**—The Services were taken Sunday, the 26th ult., by the Rev. F. H. Clayton, of Bolton Centre. He exchanged with our Rector for the purpose of setting before the people the duty and necessity of doing something to subsidize and help along the Dunham Ladies' College. He showed that if each parish in the Deanery, more especially interested, were to contribute a certain fixed sum and to strive to augment the number of pupils to a certain figure then there would be the advantage of lowered tuition and board, and the daughters of our families might have a first-class education at a merely nominal sum. The preacher put the matter so strongly and clearly to the three congregations of the day that doubtless there will be some practical result therefrom.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BISHOP WILLIAMS has issued a circular to his clergy in reference to a Church of England Temperance Association. He recommends the establishment of a Diocesan Temperance Association, the basis of which is to be parochial, and to be in union with a central committee in Quebec.

H. S. SCOTT, Esq., of Quebec, has just received a very complimentary letter, signed by a clerical lay committee, and by the Bishop as Chairman, which reads thus:—

"Dear Mr. Scott,—The merging of the Corresponding Committee of the Colonial and Continental Society in the Education Committee of the Church Society, which you have so thoughtfully suggested and carefully negotiated, being now accomplished, we, your colleagues, in the late Corresponding Committee, must ask you to allow us to express our high sense of the services you have so long rendered to Christian Education in your capacity of our Secretary and Treasurer. By your unwearied energy, and deserved influence, the interest in the work has been maintained and subscriptions have been procured. By your uniform kindness and consideration Managers and Teachers alike have been encouraged and invigorated; and to your assiduity in the laborious departments of accounts, and correspondence, as well as to your vigilance in the whole administration, the Committee owes the success which has attended its efforts, and the facility with which that success has been achieved; your labors have lightened ours." etc., etc.

Mr. Scott handsomely acknowledged this compliment by replying that his efforts for many years in the cause of religious education had been more than recompensed by such kind appreciation and by the "cordial support and assistance always given by the committee, and by the unwearied interest, valuable counsel, and frank and cheerful aid afforded by the Bishop, as President."

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

It is perhaps natural, since I am, as yet, a comparative stranger in this flourishing Diocese, that in fulfilling my recent promise to give you some occasional notes on our passing events, I should have little to say about matters outside this city of London, on the borders of which I am a sojourner. In common with all our brethren we are very much occupied just now with Lenten work. A plan is adopted here by our city clergy, which might well be imitated, I think, in all our large towns. A special Service is held on every evening of each week throughout the forty days. These services are so divided that each of our churches has one week to provide for, e. g., there would be service every evening for one week at St. Paul's, the next week at the Memorial Church, and so on. Of course the clergy help each other, and the different parishes are made to feel that they are indeed of "one communion and fellowship." I may add that the regular services of each parish go on as usual.

The names of *Revs. J. B. Richardson and Alfred Brown* are as familiar now in this city and Diocese as they used to be in the city of Halifax and Diocese of Nova Scotia. The former is Rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church, and his faithful work has been richly blessed. You will be pleased to hear that the church is free, and the pews are unappropriated. Mr. Brown is Curate of St. Paul's, the large mother-church of the city, exactly corresponding with "old St. Paul's" of Halifax.

Another Nova Scotian, Rev. James Hill, is Rector of Woodstock, about one hour by rail East of London.

The "Old World" names quite strike one upon first coming here. We are within easy distance of *Paris, Brussels, Blenheim, Windsor*, and a host of others. A circumstance which one regrets is connected with the last named town, i. e., the resignation of Rev. T. S. Ellerby, the Rector, owing to failing health. He has been placed on the superannuation list. The Rev. Canon Caulfield has been also superannuated.

Our hard-working Bishop left to-day for New York. On Sunday last he held confirmations at Mitchell and neighbouring towns. Yesterday he was at Toronto, called by the funeral of the late Dean Grassett, who died full of years and honours. On the Sunday before Easter his Lordship will hold (D. V.) a confirmation at St. Anne's Chapel, a beautiful little church in connection with our Hellmuth Ladies' College. To this and other matters I hope to refer in my next.

G. OSBORNE TROOP.

London, Ontario, March 23, 1882.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**TORONTO.**—Owing to the fact that Easter is so close at hand, the official representatives of the congregation of St. James' Church (J. K. Kerr, Esq., Q. C., and Col. Gzowski, Churchwardens; Clark Gamble, Esq., Q. C., Dr. Wilson and Dr. Hodgins, Lay Representatives) waited upon the Bishop on Friday afternoon, the 24th inst., to inform him of the feelings and wishes of the congregation in regard to the successor of the late lamented Rector. After some general conversation in regard to the finances of the church, the names