

News from the Home Field.

DIocese of Rupert's Land.

From our own Correspondent.

MANITOBA—High Bluff.—A social tea and concert, on behalf of St. Margaret's Parsonage, (repairs having been much needed), was held Oct. 31st. last. The programme was as follows:—Opening...

After the concert, an auction of cakes and children's clothing took place in the public school room. There was a good audience at the concert, and the proceeds of the entertainment brought the sum of \$50 total.

MANITOBA—Poplar Point.—The Half-Breed population have promised the sum of \$90 towards finishing the new Parsonage they erected last year for their minister, the Rev. Edward Rochford. Mr. Rochford is from the old country, and was appointed Parish Priest of St. Anne's, in May, 1878.

RAPID CITY.—Rev. George Turnbull, late of Christ Church, Petrolia, has accepted the new Mission charge at Rapid City, at a salary of \$900 per annum. The new colony consists of English emigrants brought out by Mr. Whellans. Rapid City is 160 miles from Winnipeg, on the little Saskatchewan.

It is reported that the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will visit Manitoba next summer.

More Clergy are needed for the new districts, and an increase of Church funds.

DIocese of Ontario.

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PARISH OF KEMPTVILLE.—Consecration of Three Churches and a Burial Ground. From time to time, in our capacity as chronicler of church news, it has been our privilege to draw the attention of the faithful to the good work that is going on in this large rural parish. That in spite of poverty, opposition, and misrepresentation the church is continually lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes is confirmed by the fact that the Bishop of the Diocese has, in the course of his Episcopal duty, just spent three memorable days in the parish of Kemptville. It is not often that a Prelate is requested to consecrate three Churches on three consecutive days, yet this is what has actually happened in this mission, to the great delight and edification of Church people; and through the blessing of Almighty God upon their endeavours, called forth and assisted by the kind English friends of the Rev. John Stannage, Rector.

One of these Churches is that of St. Augustine, Acton's Corners, four miles west of Kemptville, of the opening of which we informed our readers some time ago. For many years Divine Service had been held on a week day in an inconvenient School House. When by the help of a Lay-Reader a fortnightly Sunday Service was begun, the Orange Society kindly lent their Hall, but it was not until the inhabitants were encouraged by the help of Mr. Stannage's friends that they would venture to give their time, labour, and money towards the erection of a building in which they now take so much pride and interest. The consecration of the Church to the glory of God, and in memory of St. Augustine, Apostle of the English, took place on the morning of Monday, Nov. 24th. The Church

was well filled, an encouraging feature being that nearly the whole congregation consisted of the local Church people, men, women and children being conspicuous by their absence. The services were rendered in a most spirited and hearty manner, while the Bishop's address was, as usual, most eloquent and telling and lasting, as he did at the two other Churches, his words being so impressive that they will not be forgotten.

On Tuesday, the 25th, his Lordship was driven to Oxford Station, 8 miles from Kemptville, where, as our readers doubtless remember, a beautiful little Gothic church of stone had been erected under circumstances similar to that at Acton's. Since the opening last January various improvements have been made in anticipation of the Bishop's visit. A spiral topped by a floriated cross had been erected at the juncture of chancel and nave; a lectern for the Bible had been provided; the chancel floor, and altar steps had been carpeted; and a crimson dorsal, ornamented by the sacred monogram suspended behind the Holy Table. The whole presenting an effect of much beauty. It may be interesting to mention that the dorsal once hung in the Parish Church of Bishopsbourne, (near Canterbury), of which the judicious Hooker was once Rector. A goodly congregation welcomed the successor of the Apostles on this his first visit. The Church was solemnly dedicated to God under the name of St. Anne, in memory of Miss Anne Ray, who was for more than twenty-five years the chief supporter of Mr. Stannage's missionary work, though she herself was an invalid for more than forty years. After her death, and at her dying request her family gave \$500 towards the erection of this Church. After the consecration of the Church, his Lordship admitted to the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation two persons who had been educated as non-conformists, but who were now led to the old fold.

The next day, Wednesday, the Bishop was driven to Marlboro', near Beckett's Bridge, on the Rideau River, three miles from Kemptville, where a wooden church had been erected and used, but never completed. The history of this edifice is a rather peculiar one. It was started by the proceeds of a solid silver soup-tureen given to the Rector by Rev. P. Ray, of Greensted, England, and purchased by R. Hamilton, Esq., of Quebec. When the frame was erected by the people, the wind razed it to the ground, and all the labour and trouble had to be repeated. Thus by "good work" the people showed their anxiety to possess a "House of Prayer," and now it was solemnly consecrated to the service of God under the name of St. Paul. By means of a small legacy the Church has been fitted for the more seemly performance of the service of Religion. The Altar, well elevated, and handsomely vested in a cloth given by the "Sisters of the Church" is the most prominent object to be seen. Proper choir seats and desks, credence and lectern for holding the Bible have been provided. The services of the day consisted of Matins and Holy Communion. The Kemptville choir rendered the canticles and psalms in an artistic manner. A noticeable feature was the hymn sung after the Prayer of Consecration in the Communion Office, while the Bishop was communicating. The services of the day were ended by his Lordship setting apart "God's Acre" as the last resting place of the faithful.

On the evenings of Monday and Tuesday there was evening service at St. John's Church, Oxford Mills. Large congregations assembled to hear the Rev. G. J. Low give an address on "The Protestantism of the Anglican Church against Romanism and Puritanism," and the Rev. A. J. O'Loughlin, "Church Principles," and the "Present Position of the Church."

When the Parish Church at Kemptville is finished, there will be five Churches in the Mission, four of stone, two Parsonages, and a Parish Hall, all secured chiefly through the aid of friends in England and Canada, during the last thirteen years. Two of the Churches are partly endowed, and the Rector's present great anxiety is to see the Parish Church completed, the Oxford Mills Rectory House paid for, and all the other Churches endowed with at least £50 a year each. It is not right that a faithful clergyman should be punished by ungodly men for doing his duty, as may easily happen in poor country places. Yet, if Mr. S. should not be able to carry out his plan in its entirety, all lovers of our Zion must be deeply thankful for the success

that has so far crowned his efforts. *Laws Deo.*

DIocese of Huron.

WOODSTOCK.—A vestry meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, was held recently for the purpose of electing a Rector to succeed the late Rev. J. Belvidge, D.D. The Rev. J. J. Hill, who has been acting as Assistant Rector for some months past, was appointed after a few minutes deliberation.

Mr. Hill is well known to the people of the Maritime Provinces, first, as Rector of Newport, N. S., and later as Rector of Trinity Church, St. John, N. B. We congratulate him on his election.

DIocese of Montreal.

(From our own Correspondent.)

St. Johns.—The Sunday School scholars of St. James' Church, presented Mr. G. F. Gibbs with a very kind address, accompanied with a handsome Bible a few days ago. Mr. Gibbs has been an earnest worker in the Sunday-school. This act on the part of the scholars shows that his labor was appreciated. Mr. Gibbs has been appointed Auditor of the L. C. and St. L. Junction R. R.

WATERLOO.—The Annual Missionary Meeting was held in St. Luke's Church on the 21st ult. Addresses were given by the Revs. Rural Dean Musson, W. L. Mills, and Dr. Sullivan. H. L. Robinson, Esq., of Waterloo also gave a short address. The meeting, as might be expected from the fact of having such picked speakers, was very interesting and instructive. The first meeting of St. Luke's Church Association takes place on Tuesday evening 2nd inst., Rev. J. Smith of West Sheffield, is to lecture.

DURHAM.—The Durham Ladies' College is closed. Owing to financial difficulties, it is not likely to be opened for some time to come. The past management has been a failure. It is hoped that something will be done to set it on a firmer basis in the future.

COWANSVILLE.—Trinity Church is about to be repaired, and the Rector, Rev. T. W. Fyles, holds service in the Academy.

The Rev. J. Roe, of Dublin, Ireland, is taking a tour through Canada, to raise money in aid of the Irish Church Missions to Roman Catholics.

SOUTH STUKELY.—A decided victory for the Gospel of our Blessed Lord was witnessed here on the 26th ult, when an old gentleman, in his 67th year was introduced into the Church by Baptism. He had been in his past life an unbeliever in the Bible. He is a man of strong and brilliant intellect, and of a very inquiring mind, but until lately, he arrayed all his powers against the revealed truths of God's word. So strongly opposed has he been to everything religious that his friends seem to think the change miraculous. His grandfather was the fourth settler in the County of Sheffield.

DIocese of Fredericton.

PORTLAND.—Concert in St. Luke's Church.—All the seats in the basement of St. Luke's church were filled last evening, it being the occasion of a literary and musical entertainment, given by the choir of the church with the object of aiding the church fund. The Rev. L. G. Stevens presided. The programme was headed with a chorus, "Angels of Peace," which was succeeded by a solo by Miss Ella Knight, entitled "Jessie's Dream." By the rendition of the piece the fair singer completely captivated her hearers who would not be satisfied until she reappeared again and sang "The Magnetic Waltz." A duett followed by Misses Louise Dale and Dora Shaw, entitled "Tears, Idle Tears," which was sung very sympathetically. Mrs. D. Naze then read "Drecker, the draw-bridge keeper," and Messrs. Smith, Dale and Misses Dale and Shaw sang very touchingly "Where shall the weary soul find rest?" Mrs. S. J. Vaughan gave an amusing sketch entitled "Mrs. Maloney goes to the photographer's." The choir followed with an Obligato chorus "Rose in May time." The trio "You gentlemen of England" by Miss Alice Horncastle and Messrs. Dale and Smith was sung in good tone, Ella Knight's second solo, "Gaily chant the

summer birds," made fully as good hit as her debut and to an encore the young lady sang appropriate to the season, "Stormy winds do blow." The pastor of the church Rev. L. G. Stevens then read "A stranger in the peev," and in response to an encore sang "The watch on the Rhine." The final piece was an Obligato chorus by the choir "How lovely is Zion." The programme finished, the audience roamed about and made purchases at a table set with fancy articles.

This evening a tea soiree will be held in the same place, and vocal and instrumental music will be on the programme.—Sun.

FREDERICTON.—Miss Harriet Black has been appointed organist of the the Parish Church, in place of Mrs. Wesley Vanwart, resigned. Mrs. Vanwart was presented with Complimentary resolutions by the vestry, on the occasion of her leaving.

SACKVILLE.—Music and Readings.—Last evening the Choir of St. Paul's gave an entertainment at the handsome new Sunday-school House. It consisted of readings and music, the following being the programme:—Gloria from Mozart's 12th Mass—The Choir; March to the New Schools House, (for the organ)—Mr. Arthur Cogswell; Reading—Mrs. Mulvany; Trio: "Ye Shepherds tell Me."—Miss Estabrooks, Mrs. Cogswell and Mr. Fred. Allison; Selection from "Pinafore," (for the organ)—Mr. Arthur Cogswell; Reading—Mrs. Mulvany; Duet: "The Swallow."—Mrs. and Miss Cogswell; Selection of Irish Airs, (for the organ)—Mr. Arthur Cogswell; Solo: "Truth in Absence."—Miss Estabrooks. Mrs. Mulvany's scene from Hamlet was particularly well rendered, exhibiting much culture as a reader. The trio, "Ye Shepherds tell Me," was very much admired, and Miss Estabrook's solo was finely rendered, displaying well, her full rich soprano. The duet, "The Swallow," a beautiful song was very appropriately given.—Post.

Mr. Arthur Cogswell of this Parish has left for England, on a visit, to last several months. Mr. Cogswell will be much missed, particularly in the Sunday-school. Rev. C. P. Mulvany, Rector of Sackville delivered a lecture in the course of the Mechanic's Institute, St. John, Dec. 1st. The subject was "Literary Self-culture in Canada." The daily papers speak of it in very complimentary terms. On the preceding day he preached in St. Luke's Church, Portland, and St. John's Church.

PARISH OF KINGSCLEAR.—On Wednesday, (26th ult.) your correspondent visited the pretty little Church of St. Peter, Spring Hill, which is a fitting monument to the late Rector, the Rev. J. F. Carr, M. A., to attend the first confirmation under the new Rector. Instead of conducting each candidate back to his seat, the Rector left them kneeling before the Metropolitan to receive his Episcopal blessing. During the singing of the hymn, "My God, accept my heart this day," which preceded the confirmation, each of the candidates knelt, thus making the hymn a prayer. Among the candidates we noticed a mother and two adult daughters, also a husband and wife. The Revs. Roberts and Alexander assisted in the service, the former reading the lessons, the latter the prayers. His Lordship was in his happiest mood, preaching an excellent extempore sermon from a verse in the first lesson, Isa. 12, 4, alluding to the number of times that water is mentioned in the Scriptures, drawing a distinction between wells, which, like Jacob's, might dry up, and fountains which are perennial. As fountains he alluded to Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, and the Holy Scripture, giving most practical advice to the large congregation which had gathered from all parts of the parish, including Romanists and Dissenters. The Rector, the Rev. R. M. Edwards, M.A., is one of the American clergy, lately received into the diocese, and already he is making his influence felt. As an extempore preacher he has few equals; he is a great teacher and indefatigable worker, endearing himself to all his flock by his solicitous care for the sick, allowing no communicant to depart this world without the last Sacrament. As a result of his year's work, more adults have been baptized than for years, and more are being prepared. As we visit the different parishes in the diocese and witness the signs of renewed life we should "thank God and take courage," trusting that soon all the waste places will be filled.

The N. B. Editor acknowledges his indebtedness to the Moncton Daily Times for access to "exchanges" not on our list.

St. John.—We were incorrectly informed as to the subject for debate at the next meeting of the N. B. Episcopal Institute Literary Club. It should have been, "Would it be advisable to substitute cremation, for the burial of the dead?" This will be the question. Leaders for the affirmative—Messrs. Tippets and Wallace; for the negative—Messrs. H. W. Frith and Crocker.

DIocese of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Institute.—His Lordship the Bishop delivered an admirable lecture on "The English Reformation," on Monday evening last. The room was crowded, and the marked attention shown by those present testified to the interest which the Bishop's instruction and eloquent words awakened. We have not room to give even an outline in this number of this valuable lecture, but we hope to obtain His Lordship's permission to publish extracts from it in a future issue.

We were glad to hear it announced by the President of the Institute, the Rev. Dr. Hill, who presided, that he intended to propose at the next meeting of the Council the formation of classes for instruction in the distinctive features of the Church. "That our people may know," said the reverend gentleman, "what are the differences and why they are held, in Church government and doctrine, between the Church and other Christian bodies." This is a move in the right direction, and one which we suggested a few weeks ago.

St. Luke's.—An interesting Missionary meeting was held in St. Luke's Hall, on Thursday evening last. The chair was occupied by the Bishop, and the speakers, besides his Lordship, were the Rector, Rev. John Abbott; the Clerical Secretary, Rev. R. Wainwright; and W. C. Silver, Esq.

Mr. J. R. Lithgow, of whom mention was made by our correspondent, H. L. O., in the last issue of THE GUARDIAN, has written to inform us that he has asked H. L. O. to make certain corrections in his statements which will exculpate him (Mr. L.) from any wrong doing in the matter referred to. We mention this in order to refer to Mr. L., as his note came too late for publication.

Another letter from H. L. O., also too late for this issue, has been received, in which he strongly maintains his former position.

DARTMOUTH.—Mr. Shaw has been canvassing this Parish, and the people have responded very generally to his appeal. Nearly a hundred new names have been added to our subscription list.

LUNenburg.—The Rev. C. E. Groser, assistant minister of St. John's Episcopal Church in this town, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last preparatory to leaving with his family for his new home as a Missionary of the Church of England in the Sandwich Islands. In the morning he addressed the congregation at St. Bartholomew's Church, at La-Have Ferry, and in the afternoon at St. Matthew's Church, Upper LaHave; in both services being assisted by Mr. Henry A. Harley, of Bridgewater, as Lay Reader. The Rev. gentleman spoke words of congratulation to both congregations as to what they had accomplished during the happy year of his ministrations among them. A new chancel and vestry having been built on St. Bartholomew's Church, and a vestry and fence added to, and a new silver Communion Service and a Church bell provided for St. Matthew's, the former being the gift of Mrs. John Koch, the latter of Joseph Mulock, Esq. In the evening Mr. Groser bade farewell to a crowded congregation in St. John's Church, the Rector and Rev. William H. Groser, of New Ross, taking part in the services. After an affectionate address to the congregation from the words of St. Andrew, the first called apostle—"We have found the Messiah" (St. John 1. 41)—Mr. Groser gave a brief account of the Islands to which he is going. He then read the Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers, in the Hawaiian language, and the Hymn, in English, was presently sung by the choir, and heartily joined in by the congregation. The Offertory Collection of the evening, amounting to \$20.04, was handed, by the Rector and Churchwardens, to the Rev. W. H. Groser, assist him in completing the heating arrangements in the