

pected to come to us for the 12th of August, we are obliged to confess, not only that we could not prepare for the expected ceremony of commencing the proposed Cathedral, but that the churchmen in this city have not manifested any interest in a matter in which they are especially concerned. The Bishop has already on hand about \$7,000, accumulated through many years, and His Lordship and Mrs. Binney will add \$5,000 as soon as the building is actually commenced.

"A very little consideration will show the advantage to the city and the diocese of a Cathedral properly equipped.

"It will be a centre of diocesan work. Under its shadow will gradually grow up the Diocesan School for boys and girls, taught by the Canons of the Cathedral, who will derive part at least of their stipend from this source. The services of these clergymen will be available for occasional duty wherever they may be needed in the diocese, and one of them would be a Canon Missioner, whose work would include the oversight and direction of all evangelistic efforts. Here will be the training school for young deacons before taking charge of parishes; here the home for superannuated clergy; here will be the pattern and type of the religious services for the diocese, and here the unending offering of prayer and praise. In the Cathedral Chapter the Bishop will find his advisory Council, thus providing for a government of a less personal and apparently arbitrary character than is now unavoidably necessary. And lastly, the Cathedral will be the Bishop's church. It will thus be seen that a Cathedral such as is now in existence in many dioceses of the United States, where every diocese is striving hard to erect one, which shall combine the best features of ancient times, with the imperative demands of to-day, will be no bare ornament, expensive, useless, or merely sentimental. It will be a real, living, stimulating, centre of spiritual work, which will be more and more demanded by the growth and extension of the Church.

It is to be distinctly understood, that should the Committee find themselves unable to go on with the Cathedral, those who subscribe will not be asked for the money. A canvass will be immediately begun in each parish. Payments may be extended over three or four years if preferred. But all persons subscribing should be prepared in that case to furnish the first instalment by July 10th next."

**NEW CATHEDRAL.**—Efforts are to be at once made to obtain in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and in P. E. Island \$50,000 before the last week in April, immediately after which work will be commenced in preparing for the laying of the corner stone on Aug. 12th. The above amount will be obtained by subscriptions, the payment of which will be made by instalments. Let us one and all be up and doing. Fifty thousand dollars can readily be raised in the short time named, if every clergyman and his people be wide-awake to duty. Let us have this sum at once and without fail. It can be augmented after the last of April, but there is no time to lose in speedily making it up the fifty thousand and that the work may be commenced.

The site chosen for the Cathedral, at the head of Spring Garden Road, is the most desirable spot available in the city of Halifax. The Cathedral will occupy a commanding situation to the southwest of the citadel, and near the public gardens so well known to visitors. It is believed that the new Cathedral will in twenty years be in the most central part of Halifax, as the city must of necessity grow to the west of the proposed site.

#### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**ST. JOHN.**—The next meeting of the C. E. Sunday-school Association for the Deanery of St. John takes place on the evening of the 12th instant in St. John's Church School House, at 8 o'clock, when the Rev. O. S. Newnham will

read a paper on 'The Early History of The Church of England.'

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**LENNOXVILLE.**—*Bishop's College.*—On the Festival of the Annunciation a very successful terminal meeting of the Missionary Union was held. A celebration of the Holy Communion took place at 11.15; celebrant, the Principal, Deacon Rev. Dr. Roe, Gospeller and preacher, Rev. W. T. Forsyth, Rector of Stanstead. The text was Isaiah xi, 9. The preacher gave an interesting, historical sketch of the history of the Church, showing how this progress had been gradual rather than rapid. The promise of the text had been fulfilled and would be more than ever fulfilled. The preacher advocated daily intercessory prayer on the part of the members of the Union. The offertory was \$3.90, making, with a special subscription of \$4 and terminal dues, a total of \$16.90 for the Lent term. The College Union has voted the offerings to Madagascar for some years past.

At 7 p.m. a special Evensong was held, at which missionary Collects were used, hymn 358 A. & M. At 7.40 a meeting in the College Hall. The President called on Rev. Mr. Forsythe to give an address. This took the form of an interesting historical account of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. The speaker went back to the landing of St. Augustine in England and the foundation of the Abbey, the baptism of Ethelbert, the rivalry between the Abbeys of Christ Church and St. Augustine. It was a fact that Greek was taught in England at St. Augustine's before the existence of Oxford or Cambridge. The desecration of the Abbey was graphically described; and the efforts made by Edward Coleridge, Dr. Brott and Beresford Hope, which ended in the present foundation. At the opening festival great and joyful gratitude was manifested. Our revered Metropolitan Bishop Medley was the only survivor of the members of the Episcopate present on that occasion [St. Peter's Day, 1848]. The customs of St. Augustine's were then described, especially the three services called Benediction, Matriculation and Commemoration of Benefactors and of members of the College who had passed away. Many an old Augustinian laboring in the mission field was comforted and encouraged in his difficulties by the memory of the warden's Benediction and by the thought of the daily noonday Intercessory service held in the College Chapel. The speaker suggested some such use for Bishop's College. The address was concluded by enforcing the lesson of the continuity of the Church from the earliest times to the present. The address was listened to with great interest. A paper followed by one of the students, Mr. C. O. Carron, on "Early mission work in the Northwest," in which some interesting details respecting Bishop's Mountain's work in promoting the spiritual interests of the Northwest were given. The missionary day was felt by all to have been encouraging and successful.

**RICHMOND.**—On the 21st of March, the clergy of this District, seven in number, assembled here for the purpose of reviving the old Sub-Deanery meeting,—in by gone years felt by all to be so profitable—when it was unanimously resolved again to meet once a month for reading, meditation, and mutual help. I. M. Thompson, Rector of Danville, was re-elected Sub-Dean, and A. J. Balfour, of Richmond, Secretary. Usually on these occasions a public Service is held on the first evening, and an early celebration on the following morning. The former service was on this occasion attended by a very large congregation, the preacher being the Sub-Dean. The next meeting will be held here on 9th of May.

At the usual winter Sunday-school Festival in connection with St. Ann's Church, about

130 children sat down to tea, after which followed Carols, Recitations, a Charade, Magic Lantern, the Rector's report, and the presentation of prizes. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation to the Rector, Mr. Balfour, by the congregation, of a purse containing \$52.75, an expression of kind sympathy and good will, which was gratefully acknowledged.

During the winter a special children's service has been held each Sunday; from which much good is expected. On very stormy days only has the attendance fallen below fifty. The little ones are taught to use and as far as possible, understand the Prayer-Book, to chant the canticles, to sing their own Hymns, and are given a short address. Their offerings, which, much to the expression of their own self-denial, are to be sent to one of the Homes for Indian children in the N.W.T. Two lads are chosen each Sunday to act the Warden's part in collecting and presenting the alms. If one can thus early inculcate a sense of the religious character of giving, and its proper place in public worship, this will not be the least benefit resulting from these, thus far, popular services.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**HOCHELAGA.**—*St. Mary's.*—On Sunday morning, the 27th March, the Bishop held a Confirmation in this church. Twenty-eight (five of whom are connected with the Cotton Mill) received the rite of "Laying on of Hands," two being absent from sickness. The church was quite full and the congregation listened with great attention to the address as well as the sermon of the Bishop. Holy Communion was administered at the end of the service to over fifty persons.

Beautiful reference Bibles—the kind and handsome gift of A. F. Gault, Esq.—were presented to each candidate by the Bishop with his Confirmation card, immediately after the rite and before the sermon. The whole service was well rendered by the choir, six of the young people of the choir being confirmed in their surplices.

The Very Rev. the Dean, on the previous Wednesday evening service, had beautifully paved the way for this by his admirable address on, "What is Baptism?" and the different clergy who have helped during Lent have greatly aided this result.

All the choir—in their surplices, over twenty—marched in to the beautiful hymn, "Oh happy band of Pilgrims," played by the organist, Miss Borthwick, and Mr. Wolger on the cornet. It will be a day long to be remembered in St. Mary's.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Evans preached an eloquent sermon on the words "I thirst."

We were glad to see two of the directors of the large mill present at morning service.

**AYLWIN.**—St. Peter's church, Cawood, is at present being finished, and properly furnished. A triple front containing porch and vestries, is to be added at the west end, and it is in contemplation to erect a modest steeple over the chancel end. The inside is to be finished in wood throughout oiled in warm tones. Credence, fold stool and retable, are in bands, and a jewelled altar cross, and plain though handsome vases have been secured from Messrs. J. C. Spence & Sons, of Bleury street, Montreal. The old S. P. C. K. has made two handsome grants to this part of the Diocese. £75 has been voted for the great needed Mission house at River Desert, and £40 towards the completion of St. Peter's church, Cawood.

Arrangements have been made with the Church Emigration Society, of London, England, whereby four families and several young men and women, leave Liverpool for this Mission on 29th prox. Situations have been procured for all of the Immigrants, who will also be given opportunities of buying partly cleared