

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE DANES IN NEW DENMARK, N. B.—We were favoured a few days ago by a visit from H. P. Petersen, Esq., of New Denmark, who was returning from a trip to Ottawa, where he had been soliciting subscriptions towards the completion of the Church for the Danes. Mr. Petersen had been led to go to Ottawa during the session of the House, by promises of substantial assistance, and is somewhat disappointed at the result. He has collected \$109., a small amount, considering that these Danes have come into our Dominion, and are struggling to gain a House of God for their settlement.

He speaks very highly of the courtesy of the Marquis of Lorne, who gave him \$50. John Pickard, Esq., M. P. for York Co., N. B. generously gave him \$20 before being asked. These were two pleasant episodes, amid much disappointment, and many refusals. The Danes are foreigners, who have come to make a home on our soil, and who contribute to its prosperity and wealth. They are industrious, and prudent, and they are but the advance settlers of a large number of families who will probably emigrate, if they hear favourable accounts from their fellow-countrymen. It seemed a reasonable idea that the representatives of the Dominion at the Capital, laying aside sectional prejudices, might have contributed something more towards a Church for these settlers. But the craze in official circles just now, seems to be about the "Great North-West" and the Maritime Provinces, and their immigrants are given the cold shoulder, or advised to "go West." It becomes the duty of our Provincial authorities, therefore, not only to encourage immigration, but also to act so liberally by the immigrants, that they will be induced to remain, and be proof against the seeming attractions held out to them in other parts of the Dominion. Mr. Petersen informs us that there are about 100 families in the settlement, all doing fairly, and more prosperous than they would have been in Denmark. The Church will cost \$1500., and about \$100 more are required. Their excellent Pastor, Rev. N. M. Hanson, is much liked, and is doing a good work among them. One of his sons, about eighteen years of age, is now in St. John studying, with a view to preparation for Holy Orders.

His Lordship the Metropolitan has recently issued the following Pastoral Letter to his Clergy.

THE POSITION OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF FREDERICTON 1st MARCH 1880.—The balance against the D. C. S. on 1st May, 1879, was \$2088. The estimate of next income for the present year was \$19,704; but the subscriptions and collections will fall off \$500 at least, so that the net income will not exceed \$19,200. The grants for this year amount to \$22,410. If all these are drawn there will therefore be a deficiency for the year of \$3210, which, added to last year's balance, will make a total debt of \$5298. If the Expenditure of the Society is to be brought within its income for the ensuing year, the sum at present required from the Missions (\$14,540) must be increased 22 per cent, to make up the \$3210, and even then no provision will have been made for the debt of \$5298. Unless the voluntary contributions are increased, the only other remedy is to close some Missions.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN, AND BROTHERS OF THE LAITY.

The above statement of the present financial position of the Diocesan Church Society has been handed to me by the Board of Home Missions, with a request that I would write a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy of the Diocese on the subject.

It is with great reluctance that I comply with their request, as I know with how many difficulties the Clergy have to contend. But the document with which I am furnished leaves me no option. It is too evident, that we are going at great speed on that downward road on which Societies and individuals have travelled before us, and that unless we now stop, or unless our income be largely increased, we must either become bankrupt, or we must deprive our Clergy of a considerable part of their annual incomes.

Charity forbids our doing the latter. Justice should prevent our falling into the former evil. No body of Clergy can well live on less salaries than those which we now allow them. And if, to meet our expenditure, we resort to the miserable expedient of spending our investments annually, they will annually decrease; and as the interest will be less every year, we shall be obliged every year to take more from the capital sum, which, in a short time, will vanish altogether.

Here are the plain facts before you. What

is to be done? There are, as far as I know, only four courses open to us.

The first is, to diminish the salaries of the Clergy. This, in justice to them, cannot be done.

The second is, to take the deficiency from the Investments. This is both dishonest, for many of the legacies were left to us on condition of their perpetuity, and ruinous, as I have already shown.

The third is, to abandon some of the Missions. This would be a heavy blow and a great discouragement to the faithful Laity in those Missions, especially in such as are poor, and have acted up to their engagements. It would also expose the Clergy to great difficulties, and to heavy and unforeseen expenses.

The fourth is, to raise our income to the level of our expenditures, carefully considering at the same time, whether there is any expense that might be spared. The salaries of our Officers are already at the lowest sum that we could reasonably place them. But let us examine the subscription list. Can it be said, with truth and honesty, that all the subscriptions in that list represent the means of the contributors? I venture to affirm that they are far below the mark. A single evening party, a single wedding breakfast, a single dress, costs more than many a subscription doubled, tripled, perhaps ten fold. Probably at least one half our contributors could double their subscriptions without injury to their families; and if there be any reliance whatever on figures, there must be numbers of professional Churchmen who do not contribute at all. It is clearly the duty, no less than the interest of the Clergy, to explain fully and distinctly to their parishioners the objects and wants of the Society, and to charge those who are possessed of ample means to be more liberal in their contributions, and to remind them how mercifully God has blessed them with a sufficient harvest, when other countries have failed in securing the ordinary fruits of labor.

The evils which beset us on all sides are reckless speculation, and a reckless extravagance, both in spending public money and in lavishing on private luxury. Were we to give more to God, we should be content to spend less on things not necessary to our comfort, and He would certainly bless our self-denying and frugal efforts. When we offer to Him the poorest and the meanest offerings, though He gives us all, we cannot expect His blessing on anything we possess. We have it, but we never really enjoy it.

I request, therefore, that the Clergy of this Diocese will take as early an opportunity as possible of laying this Letter before their parishioners by reading it in their churches, and I respectfully call the attention of the Laity to it; and if the advice in it be as prudent, Christian, and charitable as I wish and intend it to be, and is for their souls' good, I hope that they will promptly act upon it, and will be prepared at our Annual Meeting at the end of June next, to form wise and liberal resolutions in this whole matter.

This subject is so important, that I request the Rural Deans to convene the Clergy in their several Deaneries as soon as may be convenient after the receipt of this letter, in order that they may consider by what means they can best inform the minds of our Laity, and induce them to give their prompt and valuable assistance, so as to enable us to overcome the great difficulty in which the D. C. S. is placed at this time.

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity, Your faithful Friend and Bishop, JOHN FREDERICTON, Bi-shopsate, March 3, 1880.

St. JOHN.—Trinity Church.—Trinity Church has lost two of its oldest members. Miss Annabella Thomson died Feb. 29th, aged 93 years. She was present at the consecration of old Trinity, which was destroyed in 1877. On the same day Lieut. Col. Thurgar passed away.

Rev. G. G. Roberts lectured in Trinity School Room, March 3rd, on "The English Reformation," to a large audience.

FREDERICTON.—Rev. D. Forsyth, Rector of Chatham, officiated in St. Ann's Church on the 29th.

CHATHAM.—Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, lectured in St. Mary's School House, on "Home," on the 29th Feb., officiated in St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches.

MONCTON.—Two adults were baptized in St. George's Church, by the Rev. Mr. Pantrath, on Sunday evening, March 7th. One had been brought up under Baptist influences.

St. JOHN.—Church of England Institute.—The fourth lecture of the course, delivered by the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, on "The English Reformation," was an admirable and most interesting discourse. The lecturer, while glancing at both the causes and the results of the Reformation, dealt chiefly with the principles on which it was conducted, and contrasted these with the far less conservative reform on the Continent. In the English Church, he claimed, that, along with the return to Catholic faith of primitive times, Catholic order and the Catholic use of the Sacraments had been preserved; and that, while the bible was re-established

as the rule of faith, it was the Bible interpreted by the Catholic Church, and not by each individual at his will. The Metropolitan and several other of the clergy were present, but it was a subject of much regret that the President of the Institute, Canon Brigstocke, was kept away by serious illness in his family.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

We are at a loss what to do for "news" from the several parishes of this diocese. The clergy are actively engaged in their Lenten work, and what with additional services, increased visiting, and the preparation of candidates for confirmation, their time must be very fully occupied. And yet, we may be allowed to suggest to them, a few words occasionally even when they have not Church Decorations to describe, or the Consecration of a Church to chronicle, or a Confirmation Service with a visit from the Bishop to speak about, would be very acceptable, and would let the outside world know that they are not idle, as we very well know, but that God's work is being done—and that God's name is being glorified, and His Kingdom advanced.

There are now several thousand families into which the GUARDIAN regularly goes, and probably twenty thousand people see and read it weekly; and words emanating from the clergy would help to increase the value of our paper, while giving evidence of the life and work which are going on everywhere. We ask the clergy to be co-workers with us in instructing and interesting our readers.

Petitions are being very generally circulated and signed throughout the Diocese for presentation to the Senate of Canada against the passage of the new Marriage Laws now before the House of Commons. Whatever views may be held concerning the principle of the Bill all must condemn the undue haste with which it is sought to be passed.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—The Rev. Canon Dart, President of King's College, Windsor, occupied the pulpit of the Cathedral on Sunday morning last, and delivered an admirable discourse from the words of our Lord, in St. Luke xii. 5—"I say unto you for Him."

We regret that it is positively settled that the Rev. C. M. Sills, Curate of the Cathedral, is soon to leave Halifax. During his residence here, Mr. Sills has won general esteem and regard. We must raise our voice against the "penny-wise and pound-foolish" policy which we are sorry to see St. Luke's has adopted. There is no earthly reason why two clergymen should not be supported by the Cathedral congregation. Take off your pew doors, gentlemen, and throw open your pews to all, and if your hearts are right, there need be no tears at the result.

Probably no Parish in the Lower Provinces could better adopt the free system, with strong hopes of being benefitted thereby, than St. Luke's at the present time.

HALIFAX.—Bishop's Chapel.—The Church of England and the Marriage Law.—His Lordship the Bishop, at both services in his chapel last Sunday, called attention to the proposed legislation in the Dominion House of Commons to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The measure was, he said, opposed to the law of God, as distinctly shown in the Bible, and was calculated to do an immeasurable amount of injury to society. As the performance of a marriage ceremony under the circumstances proposed by the Act would be a violation of the rules of the Church of England, and her clergy might be compelled, by civil law, to perform such ceremonies, thereby breaking the rules of the Church if the Act passed, and as persons so married could never be regarded as other than excommunicated, His Lordship called on all Churchmen to do their utmost to prevent the passage of the bill; he said petitions against it, which had already received the signatures of the clergy of all the Church of England parishes in the city, were to be found at the Church Institute rooms, Granville Street, and at Mr. Gossip's shop, Granville Street, where they could be signed.—Herald.

LUNenburg.—We regret to learn that the faithful Rector of this important Parish, the Rev. H. L. Owen, A. M., has been quite ill with a severe cold. He is now, he writes us, slowly recovering; and we hope that soon he may again be able to oversee and engage in the im-

portant work of his extensive cure. We overlooked noticing at the time, that the Bible Class of this Parish was successful in carrying away one of the very best of Mr. Borthwick's Prizes, and that its members received special mention for their good papers.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—Turo combines with this Mission in localizing Church Work, and together they hope to circulate one hundred and fifty copies of the paper monthly. There ought not to be a Parish in the land without its Parish magazine, now that Church Work, with suitable covers, is offered at so small a price.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Bishop preached in Christ Church Cathedral, on Sunday morning, the 29th, on behalf of the sufferers by the Irish famine.

The name of the Rev. Canon Norman, assistant minister of the church of St. James the Apostle, is mentioned in connection with the appointment of a Principal in Lennoxville College as successor to Principal Lobley.

FRELIGHSBURG.—On Sunday, the 22nd of February, the closing services were held in connection with the departure of the congregation from the time-honoured building of the Old Trinity Church, Frelighsburg. A very large attendance of the parishioners and also people from the adjoining parishes, testified to the great interest felt on the occasion, and the venerable building was filled in every part. The morning service was conducted by the Bishop of Montreal, assisted the rector, the Rev. R. Lindsay and the Rev. J. C. Davidson. The musical portions of the services were well and heartily rendered by the choir. The pipe organ which has been already provided for the new church, being used for the occasion. The Bishop preached from the text, "Thy way, O God, is in the Sanctuary." Holy Communion was afterwards administered to a large body of communicants. The offertory amounted to \$20 in answer to an appeal from the Bishop on behalf of the sufferers in Ireland.

In the evening, being the last service to be held in the old church, it was again crowded. The service consisted of the litany and appropriate anthems and hymns. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Bailey, of Vermont, Rev. R. Lindsay, J. Smith, J. C. Davidson and C. P. Watson. The Bishop gave a final address, speaking to both pastor and people in a solemn manner on their mutual obligations. The days of the old church are now numbered, and soon it will be counted among the relics of the past, round it are clustered memories of historical associations of deep interest to the Christian community. The Hon. and Rev. C. J. Stewart, by whose labours the erection of Trinity Church was accomplished, arrived in Canada as a missionary of the "S. P. G." in 1807. His first sphere of labour was in the then remote settlement of Frelighsburg, where his memory will ever be held in esteem by his labours of love. It is believed that he gave as much as \$3000 out of his own purse to bring the means of grace to that destitute district. After erecting the Church at Frelighsburg, he pushed forward to more isolated parts and erected another Church at Hatley. Then as a travelling missionary, he sought a wider sphere and reached as far as the western peninsula of Ontario, being instrumental, by help from English friends, supplementing his own beneficence, in securing the erection of 24 churches. After some years he was raised to the episcopate, being Bishop of Quebec from 1807 until his death in 1837. In the old Church there is a tablet to his memory, with an inscription written by his successor at Frelighsburg, the Rev. James Reid, D. D. The new Church is to be called "The Bishop Stewart Memorial Church," and it is hoped will be finished in the course of the summer.—Evangelical Churchman.

MONTREAL.—The fourth of the series of clerical meetings was held on Monday evening the 1st of March at the residence of the Rev. E. Sullivan, D.D., St. George's Rectory. The subject discussed was: "The sin against the Holy Ghost."—Evangelical Churchman.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—Rev. A. Brown delivered a lecture in the school-room on Monday

evening, the 23rd inst. The subject chosen was "Henry the Eighth," and was handled in a masterly way. The lecturer kept the undivided attention of the audience throughout, and was heartily applauded.

MISSIONARY.—The Rev. W. Stone, missionary at the Indian Peninsula in this Diocese, is at present on a visit to London, endeavoring to raise funds for the erection of a Parsonage House at Warton. This clergyman is doing a good work in a most poor and scattered mission, and deserves encouragement.

PARIS.—A week of special services was begun in St. James' Church, on Monday the 16th inst. The Incumbent, Rev. R. O. Cooper, was assisted by Rev. Canon Townley, Rev. Rural Dean Mackenzie, Rev. T. R. Davis. Stirring and earnest addresses were delivered, and it is to be hoped, abundantly blessed by God, to the setting forth of His Glory.

GOVERNMENT.—We understand that very graceful and appropriate plans have been secured for the new St. George's, as also the greater part of the funds required for its erection.

SEAFORTH.—Lent lectures are being delivered in St. Thomas's Church, both on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons; a male and a female Bible Class have been formed in connection with the Sunday School.—Evangelical Churchman.

ENGLAND.

A compressed air tramway locomotive, invented by Colonel Beaumont, M. P. for South Durham, has been tried with complete success at the Boyne Works, Leeds.

A NUMEROUSLY attended meeting of the committee of the Additional Home Bishops Endowment Fund was held at 7, Whitehall. Among those present were Mr. Willbraham Egerton, M. P., Mr. Beresford Hope, M. P., Mr. Spencer Stanhops, M. P., Mr. Stopford Sackville, M. P., Archdeacon Hessey, &c. The Earl of Devon presided. It appeared that £28,000 had been promised to the Liverpool Bishops Endowment Fund (including the additional grant of £10,000 from this committee), of which sum £72,999 9s. 8d. had been actually paid. It was decided to issue an appeal for funds to complete the maximum endowment required by the act; and, as the minimum endowment was now happily secured, it was agreed:—

"That this committee, having ascertained with great satisfaction that the minimum endowment for the Bishopric of Liverpool has been secured, very earnestly recommend the Liverpool committee to immediate steps to establish the bishopric of Liverpool."

Mr. Stanhope, M. P., for south-west Riding, has informed the committee that Yorkshire Churchmen are preparing to make a renewed effort, now that trade is improving; for the foundation of the see of Wakefield, towards which £21,000 has been paid. The Bishop of Durham proposed to take prompt action to secure the creation of the see of Newcastle, and only £10,000 more is needed to procure the necessary endowment. The Additional Home Bishopric Fund will place its organizing staff at Bishop Lightfoot's service.

By the liberality of Mr. W. F. Lavington, merchant, a new church and institute for seamen has been erected in Prince-street, Bristol, at a cost of about £4,500. It is of stone, with freestone dressing, and is in the Early English style. There is a turret at the east end of the roof, in which are hung a couple of bells. There is a niche on the south-west corner, on which it is intended to place a figure of "Hope," with the anchor. The entrance is at the south-west corner, and the subject in the tympanum over the doorway represents the Saviour stilling the tempest. The seats are of pitch-pine, varnished, and accommodation is provided for about 300 persons. The pulpit and reading-desk are of English oak, the former being richly carved. There is a fine organ, the gift of several ladies and gentlemen of Clifton, who have in many ways shown their interest in the welfare of sailors. Three hundred Bibles, the same number of Prayer-books, both of large type, have been presented by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The church was opened for divine service by the Bishop yesterday week.—Guardian.