

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Proposed Church of England Hall.—The site on which the "Church Hall" is to be shortly erected, by the members of the Church of England in this city, is at the corner of Carleton and Brunswick streets. The building will be of parallelogram shape. The ground dimensions will be 80 feet on Brunswick street, exclusive of a side entrance half way, 10x22 feet, and a depth of 38 ft. 6 ins., on Carleton street. The main entrance will be placed on Carleton street, and will lead directly to the grand hall in the first story. The Hall will be 16x37 feet in size. The staircases by which the auditorium is to be reached will be two in number, 6 feet each in width, and lead from either side. They will be separated from the entrance vestibule by a series of stucco ornamental arches. Entrance to the vestry will be had by means of a broad arched stairway 10 feet in width. The vestry will be 37x65 feet, and have a seating capacity of 300 to 400. In the rear of the basement are to be placed two committee rooms, 16x22 feet, and 22x21 feet respectively, communication being had from one to the other by means of a sliding door. This story will be 21 inches below the grade of Brunswick and Carleton streets, and 12 ft. 6 ins. in height. On ascending the stairways to the auditorium floor will be found a broad landing or hall 14x16 ft. The auditorium is estimated to accommodate 450 to 500 persons. It will be lighted by means of one large canopied memorial window, eight large double and one triplet window. The style of finish throughout will be modernized renaissance. The Carleton street front will be plain, though bold and effective, having large canopied triplet windows, surmounted by neat wrought-iron grills; also, two heavily transomed double windows, having bold, projecting pilasters and pediments. The Brunswick street side will be plainer, though in full keeping with the general design. The plans, etc., have been well and carefully prepared by Mr. H. N. Black, Architect.

St. JOHN.—Rev. Canon Brigstocke read a valuable paper before the Sunday School Teachers' Association, Oct. 4, on the "Revision of the Authorized Version of the Holy Scriptures."

Rev. O. S. Newham officiated in St. Mary's Church, for the first time, Oct. 2nd. His residence is on Elliott Row.

Woodstock.—The new Church at Jacksonville will be ready for consecration in November.

ALBERT COUNTY.—A correspondent writing on business of the paper says: "I wish you would find us a clergyman for Albert. We poor heathen down here, what will become of us?" We may say that an admirable clergyman from Newfoundland was willing to accept the post, and would have been a suitable man, but we were informed that the funds of the Church Society would not warrant the grant, although the grant is placed in the list. We do not hesitate to say that the neglect of Albert is a blot on the record of our Diocese. Men can be found to go, and we believe that no small Mission should be filled up in the future until this County receives a Missionary. The work there is infinitely more important than the work in several of our Missions. And yet these are filled as soon as possible, while Albert is left with its churches neglected. It is a disgrace to the Church, that a whole County should have no ministrations from the Church of England, when a good and useful work could be done there.

DEANERY MEETING at Kingston, on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 26th and 27th. Oct. 26, Meeting of Chapter, 2 p. m.; Acts iii. in Greek, and Psalm vii. in Hebrew. Oct. 27, Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Meeting of Chapter, 9 a. m.

B. SHAW, Hon. Sec.

WESTFIELD.—The Bishop Co-adjutor held Confirmation in St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, when twenty-nine persons were presented to receive "the gift of the Holy Ghost" by "the laying on of hands." Four women, who had long distances to come, were prevented by the storm, one of whom was 87 years of age. Of the 29 presented, 14 were heads of families; 14 of the 29 have become members of the Church since the beginning of the year. The Bishop delivered two excellent addresses to the candidates, one before, the other after their Confirmation. The Rev. T. E. Dowling, of Carleton, the Rev. D. W. Pickett, of Greenwich, and the Rev. F. Towers, of Welsford, were present and took part in the service. The Altar and font were adorned with beautiful flowers, the pulpit with a handsome white velvet hanging, in the centre of which was worked an "I. H. S." a handsome set of white markers, with various emblems painted on them, adorned the Bible and service books. After the service the Bishop and visiting clergy dined with the Rector at Mr. Woodman's. In the afternoon all went to inspect the Rectory now building. The work of clapping and painting the outside and plastering the inside is now being pushed on rapidly. The Bishop returned by train to Fredericton at 5.15 o'clock.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

CLEMENTS.—The Rev. William Minns Godfrey, whose sudden death we announced last week, was born at Rochester, Eng.; came at an early age to this Province; was educated at King's College, Windsor, where he graduated B.A.; was soon after ordained by the Bishop of Quebec, and appointed to the Parish of St. Clements, Annapolis Co., as Missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, about 1845. Here he lived, worked, and died. On the last Sunday, and last day of his life, the 41st year of his mission, the 68th of his life, he preached three times at different stations, administered Holy Communion, and drove eighteen miles. To this simple record, accorded to so few of his fellows, of honest labour, fixed abode and undesired change, nothing can be added, either for good taste or to soothe his friends. Yet it may be allowed to enlarge upon the long life labour of so faithful a servant to God and to the great Society which sent him forth. To him his busy life was happy, and freely and gratefully acknowledged so to be. He had no injured feeling of others passing over him, or of himself left out to stand the long rides and storms of a poor country mission, but honestly, faithfully and to all his ability bent himself to the work, both physical and mental, that was required at his hand. He served three churches, one of which he built, and various out-stations. He found his parish without a parsonage, and left it with a fertile glebe, reclaimed from the barren hill side on which his people had built him a house, by his own means. Though enjoying but the slender salary of a missionary, his home, to his equals, was an open place of hospitality, ample, even graceful, and to the poor of the whole country side, a known refuge. His relation with his own people was an unbroken chain of links of mutual affection. When the Church of Nova Scotia emerged from a missionary form he never would take the title of Rector, then allowed by Synod Law, saying his old relations with his people were too pleasant to break. Those outside his own people, with whom he gladly mingled in the common duties of the poor, the schools and agricultural societies, will remember him as a kind and wise adviser in matters both temporal and Scriptural. Though the Missionary had but little time for reading and study, yet his reputation of a good preacher survives him, and his readings, principally of the old fashioned theology which Joseph Bray and his associates have so well provided for country Missions, were kept up to the last. This example of how much a fixed purpose, a fixed end and fixed abode, can accomplish on small means may not be read in vain by those who remain to follow his steps and take his work. If it may be said of any of God's servants that in their daily exposure to the changing seasons, as they scored the solitary miles of a life half spent in the open, that it was a joyous repeat of that greatest canticle of the Church, certainly it may be said of him who has gone, "Oh, ye green things of the earth, winds and storms, heat, dews, frosts, ice, and snow, praise ye the Lord, magnify Him and bless Him forever."

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—The funeral of the late Rector of this Church took place on Thursday last. The cortege, an unusually large one, proceeded to the Cathedral by way of Morris street, the street being lined with members of the congregation and other friends. At the door of the Church the coffin was met by his Lordship the Bishop, the Venerable the Archdeacon and the choir, his Lordship reading the opening sentences as the coffin was being carried up the aisle to the chancel, the organist meanwhile playing soft and solemn music. The Archdeacon proceeded with the impressive Burial Service, which was never more solemnly rendered or more sincerely participated in than by the clergy and the large congregation which crowded the sacred edifice. The Hymn beginning—

"My God and Father, while I stray
Far from my home on life's rough way,
Oh, teach me from my heart to say,
Thy will be done!"

was sung, and then, the Psalms having been chanted, the Lesson was read by the Archdeacon. The singing of the hymn—

"There is a blessed home
Beyond this land of woe,
Where trials never come,
Nor tears of sorrow flow."

concluded the Service at the Church, and the procession reformed and continued to Camp Hill Cemetery, preceded by the surpliced choir of the Cathedral. The pall bearers were the Rev. Canon Maynard, Windsor; Rev. John Bell, Dartmouth; Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Rev. J. Padfield, Rev. J. Winterbourne, and Rev. G. F. Maynard. As the Bishop committed the body to the ground "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," the emotions of the assembled multitude were scarcely suppressed, and many eyes were wet with tears of heartfelt grief for the loss of their friend and Pastor. Several very large and beautiful crosses of flowers had been sent by friends which were placed on both the coffin and the grave after it was filled in. The whole service was deeply felt by all present.

On Sunday the church, which was still draped in crape, was well filled, when His Lordship preached a feeling sermon on the lessons of the hour, and lovingly and eloquently referred to the labours of the departed. Feeling references were also made in all the city churches to the loss the Church had received, and to the character and work of the deceased.

HALIFAX.—Acknowledgments for the Mission Building, cor. Compton Avenue and Windsor St.—The following is gratefully acknowledged:—

Table with 2 columns: Donor Name and Amount. Includes Miss Francis Lawson (\$20.00), Miss Katie Thomson (5.00), Miss Taylor (4.00), Two Lady Members of St. Luke's (4.50), James E. Curren, Esq. (7.93), Thomas A. Brown, Esq. (5.00), Rev. W. H. Groser, New Ross (2.25), J. Walter Allison, Esq. (3.00), and Amount previously acknowledged (249.32).

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SELWYN H. SHRIVE, Treasurer.

NEW GLASGOW.—Work has begun for our new building. It will be 50x26, with chancel 20x18, vestry 8x10, porch 6x8, somewhat after the Mac-can Church. It is to be built on stone piers only. If the population should grow more towards the north end of the town, where the glass and steel works are being built, this may not be our permanent site, and a larger building of more lasting material may be required. The erection now going up could in such case be removed and used as a Sundry School Room and Hall.

ALBION MINES.—The Bishop has, at the request of the Rector, postponed his Visit to Thanksgiving Day (20th inst.) The chancel is nearly complete, but we fear the organ cannot be in place for the Bishop's Visit.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The Chapter of the Amherst Rural Deanery will meet at Amherst on Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

J. A. KAULBACH, Secretary.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—Sunday School Picnics came off at Louisburg and Main-a-Dieu. At Louisburg, about 40 children sat down to table. At Main-a-dieu, between 50 and 60; total attendance (old and young), Main-a-Dieu, say 120; Louisburg, say 80. Service at Church in both cases before picnic. Also tea meeting at Louisburg yesterday, and notwithstanding unpleasant weather, realized \$135 nett, towards clearing off debt. Lorraine next week.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

DUNHAM.—This Parish, that has been the mother of two or three other Parishes, has been revived under the well known zeal and enthusiastic love for Christ and His Church which characterizes the late Missionary of Glen Sutton, and now Rector of this Parish, the Rev. J. Kerr. He has entered on his work, having an unusual cordiality evinced by the people towards him. He has opened new Stations where schism was left unmolested before, and Services on the week-day in the Parish Church itself, where such also were, at least of late, unknown. The Ladies' College has opened under new auspices, and under more Church control, and aw its development of the confidence of Churchmen in it. It is to be hoped it will receive that support which an institution of its character and grade so well merits.

MONTREAL.—Rev. Dr. Sullivan, of St. George's, has received an offer from one of the congregations of New York of a large stipend and a furnished house on Fifth Avenue if he will be their pastor. The congregation is a wealthy one, including among its members the millionaire Vanderbilt. St. George's Church in view of this, and considering the great debt on their church, are hard beset to give any approach to such inducement as to cause him to stay. We believe, however, as Dr. Sullivan has a preference for St. George's and for Montreal, he will not look for any great advance as to stipend on the part of his present congregation to cause him to stay.

The suit against the Bishop as Corporation Sole, brought by the Trust and Loan Company, so as to recover the money lent to Trinity Church of this city, we are glad to hear, has left the Bishop's source of income untouched.—the Company having lost its suit. It has also been decided by one of our judges here in connection with this church, that a church organ, in a church, is not moveable property.

We notice that St. James the Apostle's Church of Montreal and the well-known Trinity Church have had their Harvest Home Services, and they were successful—so successful that the clergy and choirs have been asked to, and are going to, repeat them. Is not this strange? Does it not look as if they were held to draw out the people chiefly, and not for the glory of God? Are we saying too much that their success was gauged by the crowded churches, and that the repetition of the service is simply for the delectation of man? Are those that rendered their thanks that day so charmed with the way they did it that they want to do it again? If so, there must be more good than some would allow in such musically rendered services than there is in many sermons. Doubtless the services were excellent, and there is doubtless a confirmation therein that such services people learn to love and attend on, and that they tend to draw out congregational feeling and expression; but nevertheless to repeat a Harvest Home Festival looks very

much as actors on a stage responding to an encouragement from the spectators.

THE Rev. Edward Wood having returned in recruited health from his constrained holiday of a few weeks, was received by his parishioners by a social gathering at the Parish School Hall. It is well to witness such manifest confidence in one who has toiled and laboured among them so dearly for their spiritual good, and not for his own position or advancement.

We have some vacancies still in our Diocese; but as the question of self-support is the vital question of the hour so far as concerns our Church here, these Parishes will only be filled when more satisfactory arrangements are made as to the amount and security of stipend. Such a state of things as reported from the Deanery of Bedford, viz., "That in 2 Rectories, 1 Parish and 6 Missions the incomes are less than \$600, in two instances even less than \$500," must, indeed, cause some decisive steps to be taken.

BOLTON CENTRE.—On the 4th inst., the Bishop consecrated the Parish Church here under the name of St. Patrick. The Church has been in use for some time, but only lately has emerged from debt under the Incumbent, Rev. F. H. Clayton, and his warm supporters, namely, his congregation. "The Services were of the usual character, the order of consecration being that promulgated by the House of Bishops, with some variations. There was present a goodly array of clergy, among whom was a representative of the Diocese of Quebec, and a priest of the American Church, Rev. Mr. Atwill, Rector of Newport, Vt. The clergyman from Quebec was the Rev. J. Hepburn. The Services, as customary whenever our Bishop is present, were divided into a great variety of portions, as there were parsons present, so that to the people was given the charm of variety of sound and place, here a voice, and there another, now from within the chancel, and again from without. This is a custom that once prevailed in the American Church, but is now dying out, and there is no reason it should be copied here. The Church was decorated as for "Harvest Home" and an "Harvest Home" hymn being sung. At the dinner which followed in the Town Hall, the Incumbent gave a resume of the labors undergone in the great efforts, (for very great they were) made by both the people and himself during the erection of this now consecrated building, and speeches were given by the Bishop and Rev. Mr. Fyies, Rector of Cowansville. In the evening, a Mission meeting was held in the Church, and was largely attended. Excellent addresses were given by the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Atwill, of the American Church; the Rev. Mr. Hepburn, of Diocese of Quebec; and the Rev. Mr. Fyles, and the Incumbent. The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford, and his assistant, Rev. F. W. Smith, were present at the Services in the morning, but were unable to stay over for the evening.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

MISSION SERVICES.—The Lord Bishop of Quebec has appointed the Rev. J. Thomson, of Melbourne, to conduct a series of missions in the different churches of the diocese. It will be remembered that Mr. Thomson conducted a very successful mission some two or three years ago in connection with St. Peter's Church.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A CORRESPONDENT from South-Western Manitoba writes as follows to one of our local papers:—"The Dissenting clergymen are as usual busy, and frequently hold services here. The Roman Catholic priest also pays us occasional visits. No doubt when the hearth is swept and garnished, and the position in every way eligible, the Episcopalian minister will condescend to do his Master's work, and when assured of creature comforts, will attend to the welfare of a large number of Churchmen who naturally feel chagrined at the apathy of our clergymen. Our position in this respect is one instance but I fear the motto, "ab uno disce omnes," might fairly be applied." It is painful for us to see such statements, particularly when we are putting forth every effort in our power to meet the spiritual wants of our new settlers. This just shows us, however, how persons are often lost to the Church. Church people who wait and yearn for the services of their own Church and cannot get them at length become embittered, and go over to some other denomination. At the last meeting of the Mission Board the Secretary was authorized to advertise for 6 or 7 men to minister to these new districts. We have funds to pay that number, but the question is will suitable men apply? We want vigorous men, and, if possible, young men. There were few applicants in reply to former advertisements for clergymen to work in this Diocese. Men must either be very scarce in the older Provinces or else they do not realize the prospects which lie before those who cast in their lot with us. When other denominations are in need of men they have only to "send below," and they get all they want. A prominent clergyman of the Presbyterian body said to me the other day: "We have never the slightest difficulty in obtaining men. Our young men from below are only too glad to come up here, where they can grow up with the country. We have, at times, more applications