

## News from the Home Field.

## Diocese of Fredericton.

It is said that the Rev. E. A. Warnford, rector of Bloomfield, King's Co., for forty years, will resign and return to England to live.

DEANERY OF ST. JOHN.—The Deanery of St. John met in quarterly session in St. James' church on Tuesday morning, 5th March. The clergy present were: Venerable Archdeacon Brigstocke, Canon DeVeber, and Rev. Messrs. deSoyres, Dicker, Raymond, Dowdney, Sampson, Barnes, Hoyt, McKiel, Armstrong and Hays. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. Mr. Dewdney. Rev. Mr. Dicker preached the sermon, taking as his text: "The tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand." After the services the members of the Deanery assembled at Rev. Mr. Dewdney's residence for business. Owing to the absence of the secretary, Rev. Mr. Eatough, through illness, Rev. W. O. Raymond was requested to act provisionally. The latter part of the fifth chapter of 1st Timothy was read in the original, followed by an exposition from Canon DeVeber. A general discussion then took place, in which all the members joined. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting of the Deanery. A committee was appointed to attend to the placing of notices of the Church of England services in hotels and public places, and another to arrange for the holding of services at the Lunatic Asylum every fourth Sunday. A resolution was passed expressing the regret of the Deanery at the illness of Rev. Mr. Eatough, and trusting that he would speedily be restored to his former health and usefulness. Rev. Mr. Dewdney introduced as a topic of discussion the reflex benefit of missions. A very interesting discussion followed in which references were made to the recent visit of the Bishop of Moosonee, and the work of Rev. J. Cooper Robinson in Japan. The matter of establishing a district nurse at the hospital came up, and Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke read a copy of a letter he had written to the commissioners on behalf of the Deanery. He referred to the movement set on foot in 1892 to provide salaries for eight or ten district nurses by collections in the various churches of the city. He had been told by Dr. Walker, treasurer of the fund, that only two collections had been received, one from Trinity and one from St. John's, amounting to \$129.49. The clergy of the Church of England are now undertaking to provide \$150 annually for the payment of a salary for one district nurse. The Archdeacon read a courteous acknowledgment of the receipt of his communication from the commissioners, and further reported that the matter had received favourable consideration at their hands. It was, on motion, resolved that Rev. Messrs. Brigstocke, DeVeber and deSoyres be a committee to make all necessary arrangements with the hospital commissioners for the establishment at an early date of a district nurse, under rules to be mutually agreed upon. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Fairville.—*Globe*.

At the quarterly meeting of the members of the Women's Aid Association of the Diocese of Fredericton, held in the Guild Room of the Church Hall, Fredericton, on Wednesday, March 6th, 1895, the following resolutions were proposed by Mrs. T. B. Winslow, Vice-President, and seconded by Miss Robinson, Secretary, and carried unanimously:

"That we, the members of the Women's Aid Association in quarterly meeting assembled, desire to place upon the minutes the following resolutions:

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call our beloved Secretary, Mrs. Street, to Himself; be it resolved that, in the opinion of the Women's Aid Association, the Church in this Diocese, and especially the Women's Aid Association, by her death, has sustained an irreparable loss. From the formation of the Society, Mrs. Street has been closely identified with every branch of its work; so zealous, so untiring in her interest, that we hardly knew, how much we leant upon her, until she has been taken away from us.

Resolved,—That we cannot speak too highly of her faithfulness, her gentle goodness, and of all she has done for us. We can only show our love and respect for her memory by doing everything we can for the Association that she loved and so successfully worked for.

Resolved,—That our heartfelt sympathy be extended to Mr. Street, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Secretary to him.

## Diocese of Quebec.

(From Diocesan Magazine.)

Report of Church extension in the District of St. Francis, by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D., [CONTINUED.]

9. We now come to the remarkable movement in favour of a more vigorous policy of Church extension which began in 1888.

The first steps were taken in the Deanery Board of 1887, when a deputation was appointed to bring before the Diocesan Board and the Synod the urgent need of an immediate and considerable addition to the number of the Missionary Clergy in the District. A memorial carefully drawn up (which ought to be recovered and printed) was presented to the Diocesan Board, and the next day a resolution was moved in the Synod calling attention to the openings for aggressive Church work offering in the Mission fields of Hatley, Magog, Eaton, Bury, Durham, Danville, Dixville and Melbourne. An important debate followed, and, as its result, a special fund was raised at once to open three new Missions. These were opened,—Randboro' and Island Brook in September 1887, in charge of the Rev. A. H. Robertson; Barnston about the same time, under the Rev. Joseph Eames; Fitch Bay in October, 1888, under the Rev. W. A. Adecock.

Island Brook owes its origin in part to the late Rev. E. C. Parkin, who served it from Cookshire and in part to a zealous layman, Mr. James Weston who collected money and built the Church.

Randboro' was founded by Mr. Judge, who searched out the people, organized the station and built the Church. The *Preparatio Evangelica* in Fitch Bay was the work of Mr. Hepburn, and that in Barnston, of Canon Foster, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Stevens.

10. But the movement did not stop there. In June, 1889, the Parish of Hatley was divided and the new Mission of Waterville set, off to take charge of which the Rev. Isaac Thompson came back to us from New York.

11. In the autumn of the same year, the Mission of St. John's Melbourne, which had fallen back for several years under the care of the Rector of Richmond, was provided with a clergyman; and within this year it, together with the two Mission Stations of Rockland and Melbourne Ridge, has been canonically erected into a separate pastoral charge with a clergyman resident on the spot. The first result of this important advance has been that money for building a Parsonage House has been provided and the contract for it given out.

12. The two Townships of *Barford and Hereford*, which form the South-Eastern corner of

our Diocese and District, were, after many years of more or less Travelling Missionary work, given a resident clergyman in 1875, with his head-quarters at Dixville. The Rev. Albert Stevens began his ministry there, and by his good sense, power of adaptation and untiring devotion to his work, gave the Mission all the elements of permanency. But, the interval of some seventeen miles which separates Dixville from Hereford Church, made the work of serving the latter very unsatisfactory, and at last Hereford, ceasing to pay its assessment, when the zealous parishioner who had kept things together died, was dropped altogether. Meantime, the Incumbents of Dixville, Messrs. Washer and Murray, had been spreading themselves out in all directions, and had now, apart from Hereford, four Churches, (three built by them) under their charge.

13. Hereford remained closed for some seven years and was then reopened by Mr. Murray, and at his request the Archdeacon for the three years of his work as General Missionary Agent, gave much time to its development and organization. Finally the Bishop provided for Hereford also a resident clergyman, and on the 1st October, 1893 the Rev. E. K. Wilson was appointed to the charge. A beautiful new Church has been built on Hall's Stream, hard by the spot where Vermont and New Hampshire corner on Canada, and three stations are served every Sunday.

But, as often happens, no sooner had the Mission been fairly launched and all things began to look bright and prosperous, than a thunder cloud burst over our heads, and all our buildings seemed in danger of being swept away. Our great friend and supporter at Hall's Stream was a wealthy lumber merchant, Mr. Edwin Bean; and he, by a stroke of paralysis, has been suddenly called away. His family in consequence has left the place, and the loss to us both in point of influence and of financial support is overwhelming.

Mr. Wilson however, is not cast down, but works on with good heart, and already has planned out new stations to be occupied in various directions. The field is one which can now never be given up, and the results already are most encouraging.

14. In this account of Church extension, it would be most ungrateful to pass over the Missionary work done in and upon the City of Sherbrooke. The munificence of Sherbrooke Churchmen in contributing to every good work outside their own parish is a noble example and a most substantial source of progress. But, besides this, the building of the *Church of the Advent* in East Sherbrooke in 1887, and providing out of their own resources a Clergyman to work it in 1889, is in the best sense—Church Expansion. Besides this, two outstations, each *some five miles out of town*, have for a number of years been regularly supplied with Sunday Services by the Clergy of Sherbrooke. Finally, it may be truly said that without the cordial encouragement and co-operation of Canon Thornloe and the generous help of his large hearted laymen, the Church Extension recorded in this paper could not possibly have been carried out.

Such is a brief sketch of the work of Church Extension in our District for the twenty-seven years which are now closing. During these years, work, important, arduous and successful, has been done in these Townships to the benefit of many souls and to the glory of God's Most Holy Name. Much remains to be done in many directions. But when we look back over the past, we may well say: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"; and looking forward to the future, we may surely thank God and take courage." H. R.

Windsor Mills, 11th December, 1894.