

TO THE CLERGY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

We intend to publish in our monthly paper, *CHURCH WORK*, a series of Lessons for each Sunday of the Christian Year, prepared by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, a member of the Sunday School Committee of the Diocese of Toronto, and Secretary of the Church of England Sunday School Institute. These are written expressly for *CHURCH WORK*, and will also be published in leaflet form. They are intended to be used in Sunday Schools where the clergy desire to avail themselves of the publication of the Institute books, which have been so highly recommended by our Canadian Bishops. It has been generally felt that the Lesson Notes of the Institute require some such addition. Admirable as aids to the Teacher, they furnish no helps to the scholars. These leaflets are an attempt to supply this deficiency, and may be used either in connection with the note books issued by the Church of England Sunday School Institute or without them. Of course, where the Teachers possess the Institute Notes, or attend classes where the instruction given is based on these books, their work will be far more effective.

The general plan of each Scripture and Collect Lesson for this Ecclesiastical Year are taken respectively from Stock's Lessons on the Acts of the Apostles and Kyle's Lesson on the Collects. Schools which have used the author's series of Lesson Leaves, published for the past year in *CHURCH WORK*, will find the present scheme fuller and more complete, and well fitted to follow up the teaching there given.

COST.

To those who do not subscribe for *CHURCH WORK*, which is an admirable pamphlet of facts, notes, and instruction on the Church, at 30 cents a year, the series may be had printed on good paper in leaflet form. Hitherto the cost of leaflets has been a considerable item in the expense of Sunday Schools. The present series will be issued at a low rate, and will be in the reach of even the poorest School. We are enabled to supply 100 copies each week at the rate of \$8.00 per annum. We will send them to subscribers (post-paid) every four weeks, well in advance of the seasons. Sample copies now ready. Orders should be forwarded without delay, and must be accompanied by a remittance. Address orders this office.

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M. OF NOVA SCOTIA.—At the Monthly Meeting of the Board, on Wednesday, Nov. 16, the Treasurer presented his financial statement, showing a deficit for the year last past of \$720. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed in the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*—

Whereas, The expenditure of the Board for the past twelve months, ending October 30, exceeded the income by \$720,—

Resolved, That all Grants from this Board of Home Missions to its Missionaries must be reduced from January 1st next ensuing; but if the amount of Deficiency shall be made up by the increase of Subscriptions up to December 31st next, such action may be considered as deferred.

JOHN D. H. BROWN, Clerical Secretary.
Halifax, N.S., 17th Nov., 1881.

WINDSOR.—The Mission of the Rev. Father Hall has closed, and Windsor deeply feels his loss. For the short time that he has been with us, this worthy Mission priest of the Society of St. John the Evangelist has endeared himself to all classes, high and low, rich and poor, Churchman and Dissenter. He has planted the seed of true holiness in our midst, which has already borne fruit plentifully. When first it was announced that the Rector of the Parish had determined to call in the assistance of Father Hall to stimulate a spiritual activity, and arouse a religious zeal in the Parish, a great many looked upon the idea as a novelty, still more viewed it with suspicion. A few were content to think that it would be for the good of the Parish, but no one ever imagined the spiritual awakening which has resulted. The careless and indifferent have been aroused to a sense of their responsibility, the semi-religious have become more enthusiastic, and the few faithful have received more than ordinary comfort in looking forward cheerfully and hopefully to the future of this Parish. Never since the Parish of Windsor has been founded has such a genuine revival taken place. Never in the history of the Parish has been suggested a more hopeful outlook. At every morning celebration during Father Hall's Mission, numbers partook of the Eucharistic feast; at every Afternoon instruction, the Chapel-of-Ease was well filled, and at every Evening Service the Chapel was literally crowded. The system adopted by the Mission-priest for infusing courage and comfort into the hearts of weary pilgrims, and of bringing the impenitent to a realization of their sinfulness, was as marvelously conceived as it was wonderfully carried out. Every morning during the Mission, there was a celebration in the Chapel-of-Ease, preceded by a short instruction on prayer. The average attendance at these early celebrations was about thirty. In the afternoons, a Scriptural Exposition of the Life and Ministry of St. John Baptist was delivered, attended by both Dissenters and Church people. Father Hall's description of St. John Baptist's life and work was marvellously vivid and real. Here

and there explaining a text—now uttering a warning—refuting a calumny—illustrating a precept—all clearly brought out, and thoroughly defined. These afternoon instructions were so very popular that all classes of dissenters, minister and people, came to hear of and learn about the life of St. John Baptist. But the Evening Services were better attended than any. Long before the Service commenced, the Church was generally crowded. The Evening Services consisted of one or two short prayers, the special prayers for all who desired to be prayed for, and hymns, followed by a sermon. The power and eloquence of Father Hall, as a preacher, cannot be described by mere words. He must be heard to be appreciated. Commencing by encouragement to withstand the assaults of Satan, strengthening the soul's position with words of comfort and consolation, he would gently lead up the attack to the stronghold of Satan, and finally unfold the Christian banner over the citadel of sin. On Monday evening, Father Hall preached a very powerful sermon to men, a special Service for men only having been announced. He did not scruple (as too many preachers do, alas!) to grapple with the subject thoroughly, and to speak to the congregation plainly, as man to men, pointing out the errors and sins into which men are most likely to fall. These Services have been an immense boon to the community. Many, many poor souls groping in darkness have been led to the light of truth, and can heartily say, "Thank God for Father Hall's visit." Two parishes have been made up for Father Hall, but as the priests of the S. S. J. E. are bound by solemn oath not to receive any presents, or hold any personal property, the reverend gentleman refused the gifts, but suggested that the money be applied to the fund for building a new Church, which suggestion was acted upon. The Parish has now about \$4,000, and it is thought that work will commence on the building about next summer. The Rector of the Parish spoke quite feelingly to his congregation on the last night of the Mission, the people manifesting their respect to their Parish priest by standing during his address. He reviewed the work of the Missioner, and wound up his address with an eloquent appeal to the people to come forward in assisting the good work thus commenced, and in making efforts to have the Church commenced at an early day. The final Service of the Mission was held on Thursday morning by a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel-of-Ease at a quarter to eight; over one hundred and fifty knelt at the Altar, and received the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood. When such fruit has been brought forth, can any one say that the seed planted has not taken root? Father Hall left us on Thursday morning for Kentville. The good wishes of all Windsor follow him. He has enshrined himself in our hearts, and we can never think of him but with feelings of the deepest affection.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. J. C. Cox has accepted a call to the Mission of Lower Stewiacke, N. S., and desires that his letters and papers be addressed accordingly.

SWENEY, C. B.—A meeting in support of the Board of Home Missions was held in St. George's Church on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. The shortened form of Evensong, with a special lesson, was said by the Rev. G. Metzler, Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Sydney Mines, and afterwards addresses, showing the great necessity for increased interest in the work of the Board, and larger subscriptions for the furtherance of its work, were made by him and the Curate in charge. The Rural Dean had promised his assistance, but was unfortunately unable to fulfil his engagement. It was a matter of much regret also that the state of the weather prevented the attendance of some of the oldest friends of the Board, particularly the Hon. J. Bourinot and H. Davenport, Esq., who, it was hoped, would advocate the work from the laymen's point of view.

WOLFVILLE.—A very successful parlor concert was held here on the evening of Nov. 11th at Mrs. Frederick Brown's. The concert was proposed and managed by the Misses Haliburton, whose kindness and energy are deserving of much praise. Among the performers were Miss Wood and Miss Gavaza, of Annapolis, and some of the teachers and pupils of Acadia Seminary, Wolfville. The overture played by Miss Wood was Oberon's Magic Horn, by Weber. Miss F. Harding, the talented vocal teacher at the Seminary, sang "Twickenham Ferry," and Miss Gavaza a beautiful Italian song, "Non c'è ver." Miss Laura Haliburton, with much taste, rendered "The Kerry Dance," and Mrs. Armstrong gave a very sweet German song. All these ladies received encores. Dr. Willis Moore sang "The King's Highway" in his usual excellent style, and being deservedly encored, favoured the audience with "Nancy Lee." Rev. G. J. Peters also sang Millard's solo, "When the tide comes in," and read an amusing selection, entitled "Hieronymus Pop and the baby." Among the other pieces were a quartette by Misses Godfrey and Payzant, Messrs. Crawley and Woodworth; duets, by Miss Harding and Mrs. Armstrong, Misses Wood and Haliburton and Miss Godfrey and Mr. Peters; also, an instrumental duet by Misses Hamilton and Clinch. The sum of \$25 was realized, to get new books for the Sunday School. Our grateful thanks are due to all who assisted us, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss Wood, Miss Gavaza, and the ladies of the Seminary.

HARRIETSFIELD.—*Removal of Rev. Mr. Cox.*—The Rev. J. C. Cox has recently removed from this place to the more important Mission of Stewiacke, where he hopes soon to be permanently settled in his new home. He intends to occupy the Parsonage on the return of Mrs. Cox from Boston, where she is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Timlin. Mr. Cox's parishioners expressed many regrets at parting with their minister and his family, to whom they were much attached; and a number of them kindly assisted with their teams in removing his furniture from his late residence to the North Street Station. Mr. Cox likewise regretted leaving the Mission without the immediate prospect of having another minister to watch over the spiritual interests of those people, and break to them the bread of life. The Local Committee of the Colonial and Continental Church Society are endeavouring to procure a successor to Mr. Cox for the Mission of Harrietsfield and Terence Bay, to whom they offer a fair stipend and a good house, with garden and land attached. While living in this Mission Mr. Cox made many friends, both among his parishioners and in Halifax, which place he frequently visited, this being one of the necessary duties connected with living in Harrietsfield.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS received at the Diocesan Room, for the week ending November 19th, 1881.

GENERAL PURPOSES, R. H. M.
Chester, "Army Chests," per Rev. Geo. H. Butler, \$1.46;
Louisburg, per Rev. C. W. McNally, \$4.25; Spring Hill,
per Rev. E. H. Hall, \$20.

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.
Shelburne, per Rev. Dr. White, \$5.37.
JOHN D. H. BROWN, Clerical Secretary.
B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.
"A Sick Girl," Shelburne, per Rev. Dr. White, \$1.
E. GILPIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Rev. Canon Townsend, Amherst, \$11 for Algoma.
WM. GOSSETT, Treas. B. F. M., Do. N. S.

HALIFAX—Church Institute.—The Reading Room in connection with this important institution is open on Sundays from 2 to 6 p. m.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

WAKEFIELD, CARLETON COUNTY.—On Thursday, 3rd inst., the Most Rev. the Metropolitan consecrated St. Peter's Church. After the consecration the Rev. A. V. Wiggins said Matins, the Lessons being read by Rev. Messrs. Fowler and Flewelling. The singing of the Canticles and Psalms was excellent, Mr. Bourne, of Woodstock, being the organist on the occasion. The Metropolitan then celebrated the Holy Communion, the Rev. T. Neales saying the office for his Lordship to the end of the Prayer of Humble Access. The Rev. G. Sterling was Epistoler, and Rev. S. J. Hanford Gospeller. The Metropolitan's address was from Eph. iii.—"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." The new St. Peter's takes the place of an old flat-roofed, square church, without tower or chancel. It is a very handsome little Gothic Church, with chancel, tower, and cross-surmounted spire. The windows are all of stained glass, and most of them memorial. The altar cloth was worked by Miss Alice Council, of Woodstock, and the chancel carpet is the gift of Mrs. T. Neales.

WOODSTOCK DEANERY.—A regular quarterly meeting of this Deanery was held in Woodstock. The service was in St. Luke's Church on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at 8 p. m. Evensong was said by Rev. Mr. Hoyt, and the sermon preached by Rev. H. H. Neales from the text, "I saw Heaven opened"—Rev. xix. 11. The anthem was "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace," etc. The Chapter met at the Sunday School house on Thursday afternoon and evening. Besides the clergy of the Deanery, there were present Rev. Messrs. Hanford, Sterling and A. V. Wiggins from the Deaneries of Kingston, Fredericton and St. John.

DETAINED ALL NIGHT.—We were sorry to learn that our venerable Metropolitan, with three of his clergy, Messrs. Hanford, Sterling and Wiggins, was detained a whole night recently on the N. B. & C. Railway, the road being obstructed by a freight train "off the track." For thirteen hours the passengers waited, and did not arrive in Woodstock till 6 o'clock next morning. We need not add that the N. B. & C. Railway has no "Pullmans." Notwithstanding the fatigue of a restless night, his Lordship seemed as fresh as ever, and in three hours was off again for Jacksonville to consecrate a church.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke.—We regret to learn that the Rev. L. G. Stevens met with a serious accident a few days ago. He was standing on a ladder inspecting some work on his house, when the ladder slipped, and he fell. His injuries, though not as serious as at first reported, were still severe.

ST. JOHN.—A large congregation assembled at Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., on Wednesday evening, the 16th November, to witness the marriage of the Rev. H. L. A. Almon, Curate of St. Paul's, Halifax, to Louise, youngest daughter of W. A. Dickson, Esq. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. H. Almon, father of the groom, assisted by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rector of Trinity. The bride was attended by her twin sister, Miss Annie Dickson, Miss Julia Almon, Miss May Earle, and Miss Theresa Wakeling. The groomsmen

were the Rev. A. W. Chapman, Bambridge, Mass., J. E. E. Dickson, St. John, H. D. Creighton, Halifax, and Master Willie Whitehouse. Among the guests were the Rev. F. H. and Mrs. Almon, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Brigstocke, and Dr. and Mrs. Earle. The happy couple left, amid the congratulations of their numerous friends, for a short trip up North, from whence they will go to their home in Halifax.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

ALL SAINTS' DAY was a bright and happy day for Beebe Plain, a thriving village in the township of Stanstead, on the borders of the State of Vermont. Here, five years ago, our devoted missionary at Stanstead, the Rev. George Thornloe, broke ground with a Sunday afternoon service. The field was most unpromising—every one discouraged him—but he persevered, and his quiet persistency has issued in a marked success. A little band of devoted workers has been gathered around him; one family after another won; a beautiful little church built and paid for, and a growing congregation formed, with a promising Sunday School. The crown was set to this remarkable work by the consecration of this new church, on All Saints' Day, by the Bishop of Quebec. The day was exquisite; the service warm and hearty; the building thronged; the people of the neighbourhood taking a very friendly interest in the proceedings. The church itself is a neat Gothic building of a correct design, and seating about 200. The little band of workers at Beebe Plain have done nobly, and have a right to feel proud and thankful for their success. The Mission of Stanstead, of which Beebe Plain is an outstation, is one (of many, thank God!) which it is always a comfort to think of. We were late in the field in occupying the ground, and its history for many years was a series of misfortunes. Our numbers there as yet are small; but the progress, though quiet and steady, is marked. The Church has taken root in this one of the noblest and most beautiful of our beautiful Eastern Townships, and will grow.

Your columns contained, some time since, a pretty full account of Canon Willberforce's "Mission" in Quebec. It was then announced that, as a memorial of that Mission, and a thankoffering for its blessings, a fund had been raised to secure the labours of a "Missioner" for the Diocese for at least 3 years. To this important post the Rev. Isaac Thompson, Rector of Richmond and Melbourne, has been appointed. Mr. Thompson has been quite unusually successful in winning into the Church those brought up outside her pale; indeed, his gift of personal influence is a very rare one; and, proved as it has been in the conduct of five or six special Missions, marked him out as peculiarly fitted for the work to which he is now devoted. At the call of his Bishop, Mr. Thompson has made the sacrifice of resigning the fourth best living in the Diocese, and a serious sacrifice it is, but one on which a blessing cannot fail to rest. An admirable circular has been issued by the Bishop, addressed to all the clergy, inviting them to avail themselves of Mr. Thompson's services, and pointing out the means to be used for securing from his labours the fullest measure of success. I am sure that we all in this Diocese desire the prayers of our brethren everywhere for a large outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon this venture of faith. The object of these Missions, I need scarcely explain, is not proselytism, but the conversion of souls to God. I hope, later on, to be able to send you some notes of the progress of this good work.

The vacancy left by Mr. Thompson's resignation of the Parish of Richmond and Melbourne has been filled by the appointment to it of the Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., Missionary of Hatley. The new Rector of Melbourne is a son of the Rev. A. Balfour, one of our oldest Missionaries, now superannuated, and, like the former two clergymen, an alumnus of Bishop's College. His work at Hatley, where he has laboured for ten years, has been, in the best senses, successful. His unweary and loving devotion to duty, and his great skill and winning gentleness in dealing with the peculiar views and prejudices of those brought up outside the Church, have won him the respect of the entire community, and endeared him extremely to his own people. These feel his loss very keenly. It is a sad necessity which rends asunder ties so warm and strong as those which bound together the pastor and people of Hatley; it leaves wounds not easy to heal. Hatley is one of the two Missions in this Province founded, and for many years tended with a wonderful wealth of love, by the late sainted Bishop Stewart. He passed it on to his successor in 1819. Then the whole community seemed won to the Church. Fifty two years later, Mr. Balfour took it, an utterly broken-down Mission; the few members of the Church left, quite broken-hearted, the church shut and a ruin. Now, he leaves the Mission strong, healthy and happy once more,—not as in its best days, but growing, and with the roots of its Churchmanship rooted more deeply than ever in many hearts.

Your readers would, I think, like to know how appointments to Rectories and Missions are made in this Diocese. It is thus: Cures which are not self-supporting we call Missions; those which are so we call Rectories. We have a Board of Diocesan Missions; the Bishop appoints to all Missions with