

## RELIGIOUS.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Rev. T. Aitken Harlam is canvassing the city as the agent of the Sabrevois mission. He is a son of the Rev. W. Harlam, the celebrated Mission Preacher.

The Provincial Synod had a very short session. Rev. F. R. Murray and Dr. Hole have returned to the city. The former goes to Spring Hill to hold a mission for ten days.

The authorities of the Diocesan Theological College of Montreal have agreed to postpone any action toward obtaining the power of granting degrees in Divinity for the next three years.

The centennial celebration of the Colonial Episcopate in the appointment of the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, will probably be a very important occasion. The question was very warmly taken up at the late meeting, and delegations were appointed to attend the services at Halifax next August from every diocese in Canada. Scottish and American Bishops will be invited, and an attempt will be made to induce the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Patriarch of the Anglican Communion, to be present.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

At the recent communion in the Presbyterian Church at Montague, P. E. I., 101 new members were added to the roll, making an addition during the last three months of 233 members.

The Rev. C. Chiniquy lecturer in St. Matthew's Church on Wednesday evening.

There was a large gathering at James' Church, New Glasgow, on the 17th instant, on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of its existence. The pastor of the church read a paper on the early settlement of Pictou, and the position of civil, social, and ecclesiastical affairs in the province a century ago. Dr. McCulloch gave interesting facts and figures bearing on the progress of Presbyterianism. The Rev. E. Ross read a paper on the history of the denomination in Pictou from the union in 1817 to the union in 1875. In the evening, Mr. D. C. Fraser touched on the salient points of the history of the church up to the death of Rev. Dr. Roy. Interesting addresses were also given by Messrs. J. D. McGregor, and J. S. Maclean, and the Rev. J. D. McGillivray, the latter urging upon his hearers to hold to the doctrine of their Church. The musical part of the service was deserving of all praise. The Chief Justice was to have delivered an address, but was unable to be present.

## BAPTIST.

The Baptist Church at Antigonish, which has been without a minister for some time, has secured the services of the Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

The Rev. P. S. McGregor, of the New Glasgow Baptist Church, having resigned his charge, the congregation have succeeded in obtaining the Rev. A. T. Dykeman, late of Woodstock, N. B., as their pastor.

The Rev. C. C. Burgess has entered upon his duties as pastor of the Baptist Church at Pugwash.

The Rev. A. L. Therrien, of Quebec, gave an interesting description, last Sunday in Granville St. Baptist Church, of the Grande Ligne Mission.

## METHODIST.

The Methodists of the Maritime Provinces are to be congratulated on having the Rev. Dr. Lathern as Editor of the *Wesleyan*. The reverend gentleman will be a worthy successor to the Rev. T. W. Smith.

The Methodists seem bound to make the federation scheme a success, there being a large sum already subscribed towards the endowment of Victoria College.

Bishop Taylor, the well-known missionary, who has already begun two chains of missions across Africa, hopes to start two more during the present year.

Mrs. Mary R. Davenport, M. D., who, with her husband, is stationed at Douda, Africa, in connection with Bishop Taylor's self-supporting African Mission, writes that the missionaries are all in good health.

## CATHOLIC.

The Rev. Dr. MacGregor, P. P., Vale Colliery, lectured at that place on Saturday last on "The Defects of the N. S. Common Schools."

Recent rumors concerning the alleged serious illness of the Pope, are emphatically denied in Rome. His Holiness is enjoying excellent health.

A German Jesuit, Father Sommewogel, has compiled a catalogue of books on the Blessed Virgin, written by members of that order. They number 2,307.

The University of Notre Dame, Ind., has conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Rev. A. A. Lambing, of Pittsburgh, Pa., so well known through his Catholic, historical and other writings.

The name of the diocese of Grass Valley, California, has been changed to Sacramento, and the residence of the Bishop will be in the latter city.

Of all English-speaking people, the Liverpool (Eng.) Catholic *Times* says, that twenty-three millions are attached to the Church of England; and sixteen and a half millions each, to the Methodist and Catholic churches.

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