

takes place in a room which has kindly been lent for that purpose by the Venezia Murano Glass Company.

THE appointment of the Rev. A. G. Edwards, vicar of Carmarthen, to the Bishopric of St. Asaph, must have come on many as a surprise. People had made up their minds that Archdeacon Watkins would be chosen, and leading articles had been written about his fitness for the post, which it was generally believed he had provisionally accepted. Some day higher preferment may await him, but for the present he makes way for Mr. Edwards, who will be the youngest Bishop on the bench. He is forty years of age, and has been but fifteen years in Holy Orders. He is a Welshman who speaks Welsh, and in Wales the whole of his clerical life has been spent. Great things will doubtless be expected of him. The Late Dean of Bangor, who was a most distinguished ecclesiastic, was his elder brother. He (the Bishop Designate) graduated in 1874 at Jesus College, Oxford, taking a Third in the Final Classical School.

THE Federate Council of New York has held an important meeting recently, after an interval of some seventeen years. New York has followed in the lines of the Province of Illinois in the adoption of a constitution, or rather, in the proposition, for the new constitution must be referred back to each of the five diocesan conventions in order to be ratified. If rejected by any one convention, the work of the Federate Council falls to the ground. Hence the significant bearing of Bishop Huntington. His letter, however, called out no unpleasant feeling, and the utmost harmony prevailed throughout the entire discussion. The Bishop of New York was naturally made the presiding officer, because New York was the parent Diocese of the State, but nothing was said about an Archbishopric. With New York and Illinois leading the way, it will not be many years before a carefully digested Provincial system will be generally established, and the working forces of the Church more satisfactorily readjusted.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—The Rev. T. W. Fyles, of Quebec, delivered a very interesting lecture in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Hall, on Thursday, the 21st of February, on a subject which has occupied his attention as a favorite study for many years. The audience were most entertainingly treated with a synopsis of Entomology, illustrated by diagrams of insect life, which rendered the lecturer's exhibition of their development, habits, uses and devastations peculiarly clear and intelligent. The lessons and benefits to practical farmers, of science thus brought down to common apprehension are self-evident. Such popular presentations of the marvelous wonders of creation displayed in the lesser kingdoms of organized life, are most profitable and open the eyes even of the most careless to beauties and adaptations which everywhere reward a closer scrutiny. A very warm vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Rowell, and seconded by S. R. Whitman, Esq., which, being unanimously approved by the audience, were cordially presented by the Rector, Canon Davidson.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—During the forty days Lent Rev J. G. Norton, D. D., rector of Montreal, will give a short devotional address each day at the 5 p.m., service in the nave of Christ Church Cathedral. The services will end twenty minutes before six. The opening address of the series was given on Ash Wednesday afternoon, when the subject was "The deepening of the spiritual life." All seats free at these services.

W. M. A. A.—The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Mission Association of the Church of England was held in the Synod Hall on Thursday 7th March, His Lordship Bishop Bond presiding. A prayer on "Zenana Mission," was read by Mrs. O. Lindsay, dealing with the sad lives of Eastern women, early marriages, treatment as wives and hard lot as widows, etc.

Some interesting letters were read, notably one from the Rev. Mr. Brick, giving an account of his journey from Toronto to his distant home on the Upper Peace river.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNENBURG RURAL DEANERY.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney has come to us, and gone again, and we have most certainly enjoyed to the utmost, his visit, which has brought us, not only so much individual pleasure, but profit and blessing to all who had the privilege of attending the various services held by him.

Confirmation services were the speciality, though many other services were held, and several of the most able, eloquent and loving sermons ever delivered here, were listened to by eager crowds who thronged the churches when the Bishop preached. Chester, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, St. Matthew's, LaHave, and Bridgewater had the special privilege of sermons which will long remain in the hearts and minds of both clergy and people.

The Bishop's happy and genial manner, his sympathetic nature and loving heart, have endeared him to us all, and we are already beginning to look forward to his promised 'visitation' during the coming year.

This visit will greatly strengthen our hands, and will encourage us to enter the labours of the Lenten season now upon us, as well as in all our future work.

I have received notes of work done in but five parishes of the Deanery, and so cannot give anything like all the work done, but following are some items, by the way. After visiting St. Margaret's Bay, Blandford and Chester, the Bishop arrived at Martin's River, an outstation of the parish of St. James, Mahone Bay, on the 16 Feb. where the lately erected church, and the newly laid out burial ground were duly consecrated, and the Apostolic rite of Confirmation administered to 21 candidates.

On arriving at Mahone Bay, an address was presented to his Lordship, at the Rectory, to which he replied in his usual happy, cheering, sympathetic manner. The beautiful Parish Church of St. James, was consecrated on Sunday morning, when the building was filled to its utmost capacity with a congregation of upwards of 200; the service was most hearty and devout, and it now goes without saying, that the sermon by his Lordship was most excellent in every respect. At 2 o'clock Confirmation was administered to 21 persons at Maitland, the address to the candidates was most affecting and stirring. In the evening the Apostolic rite was administered to 57 candidates at the Parish Church, and although the roads were in a terrible state of slush and mud, from the rainfall of the afternoon, the Church was again crowded by a delighted and spell bound congregation.

On Monday morning the Bishop was driven into Lunenburg by C. E. Kaulback Esq., at 11 o'clock 43 candidates were confirmed. During the afternoon an address of welcome was given his Lordship at the Sunday-school room, to which he gave a most pleasing reply. In the evening the Rev. George Haslem, M. A., of Trinity College, Dublin, was inducted to be eighth Rector (I believe), of this old and healthy parish, which has sent off its four daughter parishes, all of which are progressing very satisfactorily.

On Tuesday morning the new St. Barnabas

Church at "the Rocks" an outstation of this parish, was consecrated, and at 3 p.m. 18 persons received the laying on of hands.

On Wednesday morning his Lordship was driven to middle LaHave Ferry, where 7 candidates were confirmed, thence to the Rectory of St. Matthew's where he spent a quiet afternoon. Evensong was held at 7 o'clock, when another of these soul-stirring sermons was preached. Next morning 42 were confirmed, after which Mr. Harris drove the Bishop to Northfield another outstation of Mahone Bay parish, now in charge of the Rev. Mr. Gwillim who resides at New Germany, the Apostolic rite was again administered, and at 4 o'clock an afternoon service was held with a sermon by the Bishop.

On Saturday morning his Lordship met, by request, "the Clerical Association" of Bridgewater, at the Rectory, when the subject of absolution, which had been previously discussed at said association, was brought up before the Bishop, and his opinion of the question asked. In a most masterly manner he gave an extemporaneous exegesis of the subject, going back to the first principles by which God Himself is governed in the pardon of sin, thence going on to the Apostolic commission given on the first Resurrection day, "whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted, and whosoever sins ye retain they are retained," explaining and illustrating the subject most lucidly to the edification of all present. In the evening an address was presented his Lordship, which drew from him another most pleasing reply.

Sunday following was a full and joyful day. Confirmation at the Parish church in the morning, when twenty-seven received the Holy rite. In the afternoon a drive of ten miles to inner Conquerall, where the same service was repeated; then back to Bridgewater for Evensong, where the Bishop preached one of his most eloquent sermons, which is all the talk of those who heard it. Only lately, as your correspondent was driving into the country for a lecture, he met a gentleman who exclaimed, "Oh, you ought to have heard the Bishop's sermon, it was magnificent," and then he went on dilating on its merits.

On Monday the pretty little church at Conquerall Bank was consecrated, and eleven candidates confirmed. From here the Bishop was driven into St. Peter's Parish, New Dublin. On the morning of the 26th ult., after thirty persons had been confirmed the old burial ground on which the original Parish church had stood so long was consecrated, and in the afternoon 29 were confirmed at St. James' Church, Lower Dublin.

The morning of the 27th found the Bishop again at work. The new St. Michael's Church was consecrated as the Parish church of Petite Riviere, and 16 persons received the laying on of hands. In the afternoon another new church was consecrated on the La Have Islands, an outstation of this last named parish, and 21 confirmed.

After lunch on the islands, returning to the Rectory, a reception and address were tendered the Bishop, who replied in a most pointed, stirring and loving manner.

On the morning of the 28th, a sick and aged parishioner was privately confirmed, and shortly after 18 more received this Apostolic rite at the church at Broad Cove; and in the afternoon ten more at Vogler's Cove; making 66 confirmed in this parish.

Then after a few minutes drive, his Lordship passed the Rubicon of this Deanery, and at once began work in the adjoining one of Shelburne. I would here recapitulate the work done, but have not all the items at hand, and as this article is already long I will leave that to a future communication.

Several of the clergy were coming and going with his Lordship, so that three or four were present at all the services, except those held on Sundays.