

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Bishop has addressed a copy of the following Circular to each of the Clergy in the Diocese:—

*Rev. and Dear Brother:* I have to remind you that representatives to the Diocesan Synod are to be elected at your Easter meeting, for the ordinary Session to be held July 4th. I request you to give particular attention to the regulations, respecting certificates of election and qualification, and to forward them as soon as possible to the Registrar, C. B. BULLOCK, Esq. A resolution passed at the Eleventh Session appeared in the Journal of the Twelfth, but has been accidentally omitted in the last three Journals. It is as follows: "The Synod strongly recommend that at least one of the Representatives be a resident communicant of the Parish he represents."

You will observe that the assessment for Synod expenses, due from each Parish, must be paid up before its representatives can take their seat; and you should take care that the amount is provided at the Easter Meeting. Any lay representatives, applying for their travelling expenses, are entitled to receive payment from the Treasurer of the Synod, out of the funds raised by assessment.

It may be well to take the opinion of your Parishioners, for transmission to the Synod, as to the expediency of the resolution, awaiting confirmation, that an additional assessment be made in each Parish towards expenses of Representatives to the Provincial Synod. Unless some such provision is made, our choice of Representatives must be limited to the few Clergy and Laity who are able to defray the cost of travelling to and from Montreal, and of remaining there several days.

Please to call the attention of your Wardens to the duty imposed upon them by Clause VII. of our Church Act, as amended in 1879, and to see that the returns are full and accurate.

The Session will commence with Service, including a Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Communion, TUESDAY, July 4th, at 10.30, A. M.

Your affectionate Brother,  
H. NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, MARCH 23RD, 1882.

HALIFAX.—*St. Paul's.*—The Rev. H. Hind, representing King's College, preached on behalf of that venerable institution of learning to a large congregation on Sunday morning in this church. Mr. Hind has been engaged to make a personal canvass of the Church people of the city to secure the \$40,000 Endowment so absolutely needed in order to maintain the College in an efficient state. It is hoped that \$10,000 will be subscribed in Halifax. Both the Rector, Dr. Hill, and his two curates have their hands well filled in attending to the spiritual wants of this large parish. We are glad that both the Sunday services, and the various Bible Classes, Teachers' meetings, weekday services, etc., are being largely attended. We have very little doubt but what Dr. Hill and his parish will liberally respond to Mr. Hind's appeal.

*St. Luke's.*—Saturday last, the 25th inst., being the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, and also the 31st anniversary of the consecration of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and Communion, with Meditation, at 11 o'clock, when the Bishop was celebrant. The clergy of the city and Dartmouth and a large number of the laity joined their Bishop in partaking of the Holy Eucharist. The Bishop seems in such excellent health, and displays so much vigour, that it is difficult to realize that thirty-one years have passed over his head since he was set apart for the very difficult and arduous duties of the Colonial Episcopate. On behalf of our Nova Scotia subscribers and for ourselves, we warmly congratulate his lordship on the return of the day, and sincerely trust that he may long be spared to us as our Father in God.

*St. Mark's.*—It is a matter for congratulation that this Parish has happily been placed in charge of a clergyman, so earnest and hard working, and at the same time so deservedly popular, as Mr. Winterbourne has proved himself to be. Under his wise and faithful ministrations, St. Mark's may hope to attain to a leading position among the city parishes, in the course of a few years. Already the progress has been quite remarkable, and worthy of special notice; both in spiritual life and material prosperity, no Parish in the Diocese has advanced more satisfactorily, and under God, to Mr. Winterbourne's zeal and faithful labours, it must be attributed. We warmly wish Rector and people a still larger measure of success.

LUNenburg.—The Rev. George D. Harris, late Curate of Parrsboro, has removed to Lunenburg, where letters and papers may be addressed to him.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ROTHESAY.—At a meeting of the congregation, Rev. Walter Hancock, Deacon in charge of St. George's Church, Halifax, was elected Rector of Rothessay. Mr. Hancock is from St. Augustine's

Canterbury, and has only been ordained Deacon a few months. We have no word to say against Mr. Hancock, whom we have not the pleasure of knowing, but whom we understand to be an excellent man; but it appears to us strange that our best parishes, in soliciting a Rector, pass over those qualifications of age and experience, which, in politics and every profession, are deemed essential to the holding of a prominent position, and are apt to solicit new and untried men, too often to the injury of the men themselves. A case in point has lately occurred in St. John, where a young man just entering the Baptist ministry was called to succeed Rev. Mr. Carey, the ablest man in the Baptist communion in New Brunswick, in the pastorate of the Germain Street Church. He broke down, not being able to attend to his sermons in connection with the great amount of pastoral work devolving on him. In saying this we do not wish to cast the slightest reflection on Mr. Hancock, whom the Diocese will welcome, but simply to point out a tendency to pass over experienced clergy, whose hair, perhaps, is tinged with grey, to the detriment, we believe, of the work of the Church in many cases.

ST. JOHN.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingdon preached in St. Luke's Church, Portland, on the morning of the 19th; and in St. George's, Carleton, in the evening. He preached in various city churches during the week.

CARLETON.—Mr. Tertullus Ketchum, one of the Wardens of St. George's Church, has been presented with an address and a silver watch. Mr. Ketchum has left for the North-West. Churchmen are leaving nearly every Parish in the Diocese for Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In former years the "exodus" has been to the United States; the tide is now setting for the North-West. It is a pity that there could not be some concerted action for Churchmen to settle together in groups. Oftentimes they are so isolated that they are deprived to a great extent of the means of grace, and their help is lost to the Church. Another interesting presentation took place in connection with St. George's Church, Carleton. The Bishop Coadjutor was presented with an address, and in his reply he stated that the first letter he ever received from the Diocese, was from the Rev. T. E. Dowling, and when he inquired of a friend where Carleton was, the friend said he thought it was a suburb of Fredericton. At the conclusion of the address, members of the congregation were presented to Dr. Kingdon.

ROTHESAY.—The Rothessay Fife and Drum Band, of which Rev. Canon Partridge has been President, have presented him with an elegant silver ice-pitcher through their leader, Mr. H. H. Coffey. It bore the inscription, "Presented to the Rev. Canon Partridge by the Rothessay Fife and Drum Band, 1882."

STANLEY.—The missionary at Stanley reports he has just returned from an interesting and satisfactory trip amongst the lumber camps of the S. W. Miramichi.

The young ladies of the congregation have succeeded in collecting the sum of \$200, which is to be devoted towards enclosing the churchyard and parsonage grounds, paying for the bell just ordered from Meneely & Co., and other urgent Parish needs.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

BEDFORD.—The consecration of the new church at Mystic, the completion of which has already been noticed in these columns, took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, who was accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, as his chaplain, was met at the door of the sacred edifice by the Incumbent (the Rev. H. W. Nye, Rector of Bedford) and Church Wardens, and by the Revs. J. Constantine, M. A., Incumbent of Stanbridge East; and T. W. Fyles, Rector of Nelsonville. The petition to consecrate was read by the senior Church Warden, Mr. Charles Watson, who is also the oldest member of the congregation, and whose gifts and labors in connection with the work of finishing the church have been most liberal and unwearied. The consecration service was then proceeded with, according to the form adopted by the Provincial Synod, the Archdeacon reading the decree of consecration, which set forth that the church should be henceforth and forever set apart from all sinful and profane uses, for the worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and discipline of the united Church of England and Ireland in Canada, and that it be known and designated by the name of the "Church of St. George the Martyr." The office of the Holy Communion followed immediately after the consecration service proper, Archdeacon Lindsay, acting as Epistoler, and the Bishop as Gospeller and Celebrant. Instead of a sermon, short and very interesting addresses were given by His Lordship, and the clergymen mentioned above, and by the Rev. J. B. Davidson, M. A., Rector of St. Armand East. All tendered their hearty congratulations to the Rector and congregation on the successful completion of what is always more or less a difficult undertaking. The short history of the new church since it was first opened for Divine service last November, has abundantly proved the wisdom of its erection. A weekly service has been established,

and a promising Sunday School started under the superintendency of Mr. Albro Phelps. To the same gentleman is due the great credit of having formed and trained a new choir, who have already learned to lead the service in a manner most creditable to their leader and themselves.

The season of Lent is being marked in this parish by special week-day services, and special courses of sermons, the Sunday evening discourses being addressed especially to young people. The Bishop of the diocese preached at the afternoon Litany service, in St. James' Church, on the 15th inst.

MONTREAL.—I feel it necessary to call your attention to the very unkind item in your issue of the 9th inst. regarding St. Jude's Church, Montreal. You infer that the Rev. Mr. Dixon, Rector of the parish, is in England endeavoring to obtain money simply to pay off the interest on the church debt. You say, "What a position to be in when one has to go abroad to collect money, not merely for the principal, but to pay the interest." I wish to inform your readers, who thus may have gained a wrong impression, that such is not the case. The fact is that the mortgaged debt itself is being materially reduced. Those who know the effort the people of St. Jude's have made in their struggle to free the church from its present difficulties cannot but sympathize with them. Because circumstances have compelled us to go outside for aid, I do not see that it can justify the unfair article mentioned. What a pity we have those among us who always seem anxious to parade Church matters in the worst light before the public.

Yours, etc.,

J. F. T. JENKINS,  
Warden Parish St. Jude's.

[We regret very much any apparent unkindness in the item referred to. We cheerfully make the correction, and sincerely trust St. Jude's Parish may soon be able to view its debt as a thing of the past.—EDS. GUARDIAN.]

Memorial.—A very handsome tablet will shortly be placed in Christ Church Cathedral by John Evan Davies, Esq., of Clifton, Bristol, England, in memory of his uncle, the Rev. George Jenkins, B. D., Oxon, formerly Chaplain to the Forces, and evening lecturer in the Cathedral.

St. John the Evangelist.—The choir of St. John the Evangelist, aided by some of the best singers in the city, are preparing to render the *Stabat Mater* in a most impressive form during Passion Week. The instrumental portion will be strengthened by the addition of 14 or 15 performers. This sublime and ancient composition is to be rendered unimpaired by translation.

Trinity.—An informal meeting called by the Bishop has been discussing plans for the recovery of Trinity Church. No decided action was taken, saving that it was agreed to make a strong effort to raise the necessary amount (\$35,000) for the purchase of the property from the Trust and Loan Company. There was a proposal to amalgamate St. Thomas' Church, which has an endowment, with it, but the Vestry of the latter are not unanimous on the point.

His Lordship has been pleased to create a few dignitaries, the first he has made in his episcopate, and we believe everyone will admit that he has made an excellent choice and shown great judgment. As Canons of Christ Church Cathedral—the Rev. Philip Dumoulin, M. A., and the Rev. J. B. Davidson, M. A.; the Rev. Robert Lindsay, M. A., Rector of St. Thomas's, he has made Rural Dean of Hochelaga.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are being formed in the various country parishes in view of the Bishop's annual circuit.

SOREL.—The present Incumbent, Rev. A. Barendsen, has accepted the mission of Franklin, but will not vacate this place until a supply is forthcoming.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP BOND lately received a handsome donation towards the Mission Fund of the Diocese, from Mr. B. A. Jones, of Bath, England, and formerly a well-known resident of Montreal.

THE remarks made by one of your correspondents concerning "speaking evil of dignities," it is to be hoped, no one supposes have any local bearing. They should properly have been put in the correspondence columns, as the reference was more to something that had both been written and said on the subject in a general way. Our Bishop does nothing in any way autocratic, and therefore is not exposed to criticism.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—John Henry Willan, Esq., barrister-at-law, has been appointed by the Governor-General, a member of the Historical Section of the Canadian Royal Academy. Mr. Willan is a veteran journalist and well versed in historical data.

Mental Restoration.—Since the foundation of the Beauport Asylum, 35 years ago, 4,276 patients have been admitted, of whom 1,167 recovered and left the institution, a fact which should be a great source of hope for friends of the deranged.

BOURG LOUIS.—On Thursday evening, March 16, a very successful temperance meeting was held here. An appreciative audience listened to a most interesting lecture, eloquently delivered by the Rev. R. W. Colston, of Portneuf, who graphically described the evils of intemperance, and warmly exhorted every friend of the cause to become an earnest missionary in the temperance movement. The Bourg Louis Temperance Association, which is now being organized, is to work on the lines of the "Church of England Temperance Society." It is gratifying to know that at this early stage of its existence, the association has on its book the names of upwards of thirty men and women who have signed the pledge of total abstinence, and that the majority of the people, although indifferent at first, wish the association every success. The results of the undertaking are thus far very encouraging.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own correspondent.)

HAMILTON.—The Rev. E. F. Wilson, Commissary of the Diocese of Algoma, addressed a meeting in the Church of the Ascension School House, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst., in behalf of his Missionary Diocese. He strongly urged upon the Church people of Canada the necessity of placing the Missionary work of their Church upon a sure foundation. The Bishop presided, and addressed the meeting, as also did others of the clergy. All spoke in favour of preserving the identity of the Diocese.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE LATE DEAN GRASSETT.—The *Telegram* prints the following sketch of the late Dean, who died the other day:—"The Dean was born at Gibraltar on the 18th of June, 1808, and was in his 74th year. His first acquaintance with Canada began when he was five years old, his father being detailed as surgeon-in-chief during the war with the United States. On conclusion of the war his father returned to England. The Dean received his early education at Southsea, and the latter part at the Royal Grammar School, Quebec, to which city his father had been stationed for a time. The collegiate training of Mr. Grasset was received at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B. A. in 1834. He subsequently took his M. A. and B. D. degrees at the same university, the former degree in 1842 and the latter in 1853. Immediately after graduating in 1834, he came to Quebec, and was there ordained to the work of the ministry by the late Bishop Stewart, with whom he remained until July, 1835; holding during that time the position of assistant minister of the Cathedral. At that time the whole of old Canada was a single Diocese, and when he left Quebec and came to Toronto to be assistant minister at St. James' Church, he continued to hold the office of chaplain to Bishop Stewart until the death of the latter in 1837. In the year 1839, Upper Canada became a separate Diocese, the first Bishop being Bishop Strachan, with Dean Grasset as his assistant. In 1845 he was appointed Rector of St. James' Church, and in 1867 was appointed the first Dean of the Cathedral, a position he has held ever since. From 1846 to 1875 Dean Grasset was a member of the late Council of Public Instruction, and for thirteen years was its Chairman. He was a member and was Chairman of the Board of High School Trustees, and has proved himself a useful and liberal friend of advanced education. For the last five years Mr. Grasset has been suffering from illness; the first attack occurring on the 17th March, 1877, while he was at sea on his way to England to claim his right to the degree of D. D. He returned to Canada during the autumn of the same year, and has not been well since. He was President of the Upper Canada Tract Society. In 1837 he married Miss Stewart, of Quebec, a daughter of the then President of the Legislative Council of that Province, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. Dean Grasset was well-known for his piety, his strong adhesion to the evangelical or Low Church party, and for his urbanity to those with whom he came in contact."

The *Toronto Despatch* of March 22nd, speaking of his funeral, says:—"The remains of the late Dean Grasset were laid at rest in the grave, in St. James' Cathedral, this afternoon. There was an unusually large attendance of spectators, many coming from distant parts of Canada to pay their last tribute of respect. It is estimated that between the hours of ten a. m. and one p. m. over 5,000 persons passed into the Cathedral to view the body of the dead Dean lying in state. Rev. Mr. Sanson, of Little Trinity Church, preached the funeral sermon, taking for his text Isaiah 56th chapter, 1st and 2nd verses. At the grave Venerable Archdeacon Body read the concluding parts of the service. The casket, which was decorated with flowers and immortelles, was carried to the grave by twelve pall-bearers; they were chosen from the clergy and laity, there being six of each. The former were the Bishops of Toronto, Huron and Niagara, Very Rev. Dean Boomer, Canon O'Meara, and Rev. Dr. Scadding; the latter were Colonel Gzowski, Mr. Clarke Gamble, Mr. J. K. Kerr, Dr. Hodgins, Dr. D. Wilson, and Mr. John Gillespie. While Rev. Mr. Rainsford was reading the burial service at the graveside, Prof. Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University, one of the pall-bearers, fell over in a fainting fit. He was quickly assisted to a seat, and many in the building fancying he was dying the excitement became intense. It was only when his recovery was announced that the excitement of the