

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP will leave Halifax to-morrow for Fredericton, to take part in the Consecration of the Coadjutor Bishop on Sunday, 10th inst. Before returning home his Lordship will hold Confirmations:—

- 15th—Amherst.
16th—Maccan.
17th—Spring Hill Mines.
18th—Parrsboro.
19th—Port Greville.
21st—Pugwash.
22nd—Londonderry Mines.

DIocesan Room.

The Clergy are respectfully notified that all orders on B. H. M. and C. E. F. must be drawn on printed forms, to be had on application to this office.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.

Collections, Subscriptions and Donations received for week ending July 2, 1881.

H. H. M. DEFICIENCY.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Parish of Windsor, Rev. Canon Maynard, No Name, St. James' Church, Newport, Dr. J. W. McDonald, Londonderry Mines, Chas. Barrill, Weymouth, Eugene Oakes, do, Jas. R. Nicholl, do, Parish of Wolfville, Parish of Kentville.

\$785.36

Less amount credited from Rev. E. H. Ball in mis-take 10.00

Total to date \$775.36

EDWIN GILPIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Rev. Dr. Nichols, Collection Liverpool, for Indian Mission, Algona, \$13.13; Rev. Dr. White, Collection Shelburne, for Foreign Missions, 6.35; W. GOSSIP, Treasurer.

HALIFAX—St. Paul's.—The Rev. G. O. Troop has been presented with an address and a purse of money on resigning the Curacy of this Parish to accept an Incumbency in the Diocese of Huron. On Sunday evening Mr. Troop preached his farewell sermon to a crowded congregation. Much regret is felt at his departure.

RIVER JOHN.—Appeal in behalf of the Missionary Parish of St. John the Baptist.—As Missionary in charge of River John (which was originally an outpost of the Parish of Pictou, and was served by occasional visits of the S. P. G. Missionary of that place), allow me to set before your charitable consideration the following brief statement of our needs:—A very poor wooden building was erected here about 48 years ago, which is not now tenable, and cannot stand much longer, and for which the present building in course of erection is a substitute, which will be entirely free as to the seats, and will accommodate 300 persons. It should also be stated that the people have within the last 15 years, with very little help, built a very comfortable house for the Missionary, a Church at Tatamagouche, within the limits of the Parish, and another at Tatamagouche Road, between the Parish Church and Tatamagouche, and that the means of the people have been greatly drained, and that they cannot finish the present Church without help. We turn then to our wealthier brethren, with a good hope that their liberality will abound to the relief of our deep necessity, and that with their help we shall be enabled to raise in God's honour a humble but fitting house for His praise. We shall be thankful, dear brethren, to God and to you, for whatever you can give us, be it much or little. Will you not then do something for this Mission among the poor, which, in its present needs, is poorer than any on our northern shores? Remembering that our Lord has promised that He will one day say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Contributions will be most thankfully received and acknowledged in the CHURCH GUARDIAN by the Rector, JAMES L. DOWNING, River John, N. S.

J. L. Downing, Rector, begs to acknowledge with most grateful thanks the undermentioned subscriptions towards erecting a Church for the Missionary Parish of St. John the Baptist, River John:—His Honor the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, \$5.00; Messrs. Clayton & Sons, \$10.00; Mr. W. H. Pallister, \$5.00; A Friend, \$10.00; N. H., \$4.00; Rev. John Abbott, St. Luke's, \$3.00; Mr. A. Nelson, \$4.00; G. E. H., \$4.00; L., \$2.00; Messrs. W. & C. Silver, \$2.00; Mr. Robert Taylor, \$2.00; Mrs. R. A. Tremaine, \$1.50; Mrs. Odell, \$2.00; B., \$2.00; N. S., \$2.00; Mr. A. Silver, \$2.00; G. C. H., \$2.00; A Friend, \$2.00; Mrs. Boggs, \$0.75; Capt. Wilson, \$0.50; Miss C. J. Jarvis, Messrs. C. Kaizer & Sons, Mr. H. Hoy, J. W., Mr. C. Bullock, W. N. W., H. P., P. W., N. W., B. B., E. H., A Friend, A Friend, \$1.00 each. June 17th, 1881.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The following is

the resolution of sympathy and condolence, alluded to in our last issue, and sent by the Clergy of the Amherst Rural Deanery, assembled at Albion Mines on the 14th inst., to Canon Townshend, Rural Dean:—

"The Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Amherst, in Chapter assembled, request their revered head to accept their most sincere and hearty sympathy and condolence. Mrs. Townshend's personal kindness to each and every member of the Chapter makes the Rural Dean's loss greatly their own; and they pray the Almighty Father of Mercies to comfort, sustain and bless Canon Townshend in his sad bereavement."

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

BAY DU VIN.—Yesterday (Sunday, the 26th), the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson assisted our worthy Missionary, the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, at the services at the Parish Church, at Bay du Vin, in the School-room at the Village, and in the Church at Escuminac. Rev. Mr. Wilkinson preached at the Village and at Bay du Vin. At the former place he took for his text, Psalm xxv. 16, and at the latter, St. Luke xxi. 30 and 31. This has been the Rev. gentleman's first visit to Hardwicke, and the church people down here express the hope that they will be often favored with a visit from this genial and courteous clergyman.

The Rev. Mr. Flewelling has had the corner stone of the Rectory laid and the foundation is now being proceeded with.—Lx.

SUSSEX.—Rev. Canon Medley conducted Divine Service for the troops on the afternoon of the 26th, and preached an appropriate sermon, in the course of which he congratulated the soldiers on their order and good behaviour during their camping out. The choir, assisted by others, sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and other hymns effectively.

We copy from an exchange the following in reference to the shipwreck of the Rev. Mr. Smith, who lately resigned Petersville:—

A Rough Experience.—Rev. Joseph Smith, of Welsford, who, with his wife and two children, were passengers on board the steamer "Amaryllis," in a letter to his friends to-day, gives some particulars of the wrecking of the steamer at St. Pierre. He states that on Wednesday night, about eight o'clock, during a dense fog, the vessel went ashore on Little St. Pierre. The crew at once began to throw off the deckload in the hope of getting the steamer off, and a number of boats coming from shore the captain offered them \$500 to assist him in throwing off the load, but they refused. Rockets were sent off, in the hope of getting a pilot, but the fog being so dense they could not be seen. Shortly after the vessel struck; the engineer reported that the water was rising rapidly and that he expected every moment it would be in the engine room. The heavy surf that was between the vessel and the shore rendered it an impossibility for a boat to live; accordingly all hands decided to stay on board the ship and await their fate. All night long she pounded on the rocks, the passengers and crew expecting every moment to be their last. At 5 o'clock the following morning, the weather having moderated slightly, the life boat was launched and the passengers and their baggage placed in it. They were transferred to a surf boat and were thus enabled to reach the shore. They stayed all next day in a hut in which a man and his wife, two children, a cow and a calf, a litter of eleven young pigs and a dog and a cat lived under one roof. The next day they were driven in an ox team along the shore, the surf in many cases completely enveloping them, until a schooner was reached. They succeeded in obtaining a passage in her to Big St. Pierre, after which they sailed to North Sydney, and from thence got on board a steamer to Halifax, which port they reached yesterday, more dead than alive. The rev. gentleman thinks that the steamer will be a total loss.

Mr. Smith and his family took passage in the "Hibernian" from Halifax on Monday.

SHEDIAC.—The Rev. H. M. Jarvis, A. M., wishes us to notify the public that his private business will detain him at the Rectory, Shediac, N. B., till after the election of a Rector, which will take place on Tuesday morning, August 2d; and he would therefore request that all of his letters and papers be addressed accordingly.

JOHNSTON.—The work of the Church is being carried on in this Parish by the Rev. B. Shaw with his usual unsurpassed energy. The people of Goshen Settlement have put up and enclosed a neat little Church, and the work is being carried on in an earnest manner under the superintendence of John Leonard, Esq. The people expect to have it fit to hold Service in early in the autumn. The Parishioners of St. John's Church, English Settlement, have guaranteed two hundred and eighty dollars to repair their Church, so you see there is outward proof of work being done. The people are in earnest, and we have no doubt that if the Rev. B. Shaw is spared to work among us, as he has done since he has had charge of this Parish, we will give a good account of ourselves as Churchmen. We hope that assistance will be given him at no distant day to work his large mission, as he now does the work of two men; and if it was not that he is a man of iron, he could not get

through with the amount of work that he does. I beg leave to say that the CHURCH GUARDIAN is the paper. I think it is like old wine, it improves by age, while Church Work is a perfect gem. I wish it was issued every week.

ST. ANDREW'S.—Rev. Canon Sills, of Portland, Maine, has been visiting Rev. Dr. Ketchum.

ST. STEPHEN.—Rev. W. Groton of Trinity Church has received a call to the Parish of Westerly, R. I. The congregation in Westerly is a large one and the inducements in the way of a larger field of labour and increased opportunities for development, to say nothing of the pecuniary consideration, are such that Mr. Groton has decided to accept. We regret to say that he will leave St. Stephen in a few weeks.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The twenty-second annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was opened at Montreal June 21st, almost every clergyman on the roll answering to his name. The attendance of lay delegates was also very numerous. Divine Service was held in the Cathedral, and the Bishop preached. His Lordship instructed the clergy as to their duties, laying special stress upon the necessity of parochial visiting, which is such a source of strength to the Church in England, but which is to a great extent neglected here. He spoke in terms of strong disapproval of sensational preaching, and of clergymen, especially young men, attempting to wrestle with speculative problems, when what was needed was an exposition, clear and forcible, of Scripture and of Church teaching. The duties of the laity were set forth. The Church looked to them for the satisfying of its temporal wants. They must aid the clergy in their work instead of being mere spectators. All should work together for the advancement of the one great object, the salvation of souls. The Church was founded for that purpose only, and all should work in unison. There should be no dissension, no swerving; all should know and do their duty. In the afternoon business was inaugurated at Synod hall, the Bishop presiding. After naming the committee for the year the Diocesan delivered his annual charge. He was grateful, he said, to meet once more in Synod representatives of the different parishes in the diocese. No local events of any great importance had taken place during the year just past. Their duties had been plain and continuous, and yet the year's work was one on which they could look back with satisfaction. A balance in their treasury reflected credit on the management, and he could not refrain from singling out for special thanks their inestimable treasurer, Mr. C. J. Brydges. The history of the Diocese was then briefly reviewed. To the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel they were largely indebted; £80,000 sterling had been received from that society since the institution of the See in 1850. The contributions to the mission and other funds had been good. The sustentation fund was the fund of all others toward the maintenance of which efforts should be directed, and next to that the superannuation fund, as these were of the utmost importance to the very existence of the diocese. The Diocesan College had lately received a most munificent gift from Mr. A. F. Gault of a building. This institution had been a great help to him, and he could not be too grateful to the principal and lecturers for self-denying efforts in its behalf. The Rev. Mr. Houghton was endeavouring to establish an endowment fund, and was succeeding beyond all expectations. In the diocese at present there were eighty parishes, of which eleven are in Montreal. During the past year he had ordained five deacons and six priests, confirmed 655 persons, and consecrated two churches. The diocese was in a prosperous condition. A favourable report was adopted on a conference of clergy and laity for the diocese. A Canon was adopted providing that no church or parsonage shall be erected without the consent of the Bishop; that before laying the corner-stone the title deeds shall be properly executed, and in case any church shall be sold or disposed of for secular purposes, the sentence of consecration shall be revoked. Mr. Bridges reported a balance in hand of \$4,000. Of this \$2,000 will be carried to the Sustentation Fund. The "Quebec plan" for supporting Missions elicited a long discussion. A committee was appointed to organize a Diocesan Temperance Society.

The legal advisers of the Synod have decided not to bring before the Courts at present the claims of the Lord Bishop of Montreal to have the title of Metropolitan of Canada, now held by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

TORONTO.—St. James' Sunday School.—On Sunday morning, June 26th, about twenty of the American delegates to the late International Sunday School Convention availed themselves of an invitation to visit the Sunday School of St. James' Cathedral. It being the last Sunday of the quarter, the International Lessons of the past three months were reviewed, and the day was therefore a specially interesting one to both pupils and visitors. The school building, a very commodious one, is tasteful alike in its interior and exterior appearance. The school with its lofty ceiling, flying arches, and com-

fortable seats occupies the ground floor of the main building. In the wing to the north, separated from the school-room by folding doors, on this occasion opened to afford room to the visitors, is the ladies' Bible-class room, and beyond is the young men's class-room. The infant-class meets in the second storey. The delegates were received by Mr. Gillespie, the Superintendent; Hon. S. H. Blake, Rev. Mr. Rainsford, and the officers of the school. A number of visitors from the city were also present. The exercises usual on Review Sunday were not varied from, so that a conception of the ordinary work could easily be formed. After the opening exercises Mr. Blake reviewed the lessons of the past quarter, putting innumerable questions, rapidly summarizing each lesson, and pausing now and then to impress by a few brief, pointed remarks the great moral truths which formed the leading thought in each Sunday's work. There was nothing tedious in the manner in which this was done; on the contrary, the attention and interest were maintained to the last, and the children responded to the questions put with an eagerness and intelligence which speaks well for the management of the school and the earnestness and tact of the teachers. At the Superintendent's request Mr. W. B. Jacobs, of Chicago, followed Mr. Blake in a short and earnest address to the children. A hymn from the admirable collection in use in the school was then sung, and Rev. Mr. Rainsford closed with prayer and the benediction. While the delegates were receiving handsomely illuminated scripture cards to take with them to their distant homes as mementoes of their pleasant visit, the children filed noiselessly out of the building. St. James' Sunday School is the largest in the Dominion. The roll includes the names of 1,325 children and 60 teachers. The average attendance is 600. This does not include the infant class, which has an average attendance of over 300, and a roll number of several hundred more. The young ladies' Bible-class, under the charge of Hon. S. H. Blake, and Rev. Mr. Rainsford's young men's class are largely attended and very interesting.

Ivy.—As the result of a series of socials held last winter, an excellent cabinet organ (catalogue price between three and four hundred dollars) has been placed in Christ's Church, Ivy. With the exception of a few drones in the hive, the congregation here is alive, as is evident from the increased attendance at all the Church's services, especially at the Sacrament of the Altar, as well as from the fact that at the Easter Vestry meeting the Church Warden's accounts showed that during the year then ended the people had contributed (exclusive of socials) nearly five hundred dollars for Church purposes.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

LEVIS.—In the Church of the Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday, 18 candidates were confirmed—6 males and 12 females. Five of these were married persons who had not been brought up in the Church of England, but who had gladly embraced the opportunity of being instructed as to the history and nature of her scriptural ordinances and ministry, and of attaching themselves definitely to her ancient, national and comprehensive communion. The office for the "laying on of hands" was preceded by the singing of a hymn invoking the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and included a solemn interval for silent prayer by the whole congregation in behalf of the candidates. The Bishop's address to these in particular was founded upon the words, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." In weighty and earnestly practical language His Lordship pointed out the eternal importance of a truly Christian life, and gave much wise and fatherly counsel as to the daily methods requisite for the attainment of the same through various exercises, helps and channels, and particularly through the divinely appointed means of grace. By the sermon, which followed in its usual place, the Bishop set forth the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity in an able, convincing and instructive manner, supported by numerous quotations from Holy Scripture. He referred also to the responsibility resting upon every congregation in the Diocese to support the University of Bishop's College. The Church was well filled, notwithstanding the enforced absence of many members of the congregation on account of the unfortunate arrival of steamships and dispatch of trains on the Lord's Day. The Service was necessarily long, yet about 30 persons remained for Holy Communion, including most of the newly-confirmed. Some very handsome gifts of much needed articles were used for the first time, viz:—a pair of kneeling mats for the chancel, a flagon for the sacramental wine and an altar cloth. On the frontal are beautifully embroidered in gold letters those appropriate words from St. John vi. 35—"I am the bread of life." We are not at liberty perhaps to mention the names of the generous donors publicly.

To add here an extract from the report of the Wardens last Easter will be interesting to many of our readers. They say: "The actual expenditure on account of the Church for the year was only \$776.09, while the revenue for the year was \$746.16, showing a deficit of \$28.93, but as the sum of \$126 was received from the parishioners towards paying the debts of the previous year, there was collected in the parish, over and above the current expenses, the sum of \$97.07. In handing you their statement your Wardens take the opportunity to express their