

SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCH NEWS.

CAPTOWN.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan has made a prolonged visitation tour mainly in the Archdeaconry of George, which was not concluded till the end of August.

MOWBRAY.—St. Peter's Church being now too small for the spiritual requirements of the place, efforts are being put forth to raise the necessary funds for the enlargement of the building.

GRAHAMSTOWN.—The Rev. G. Brookes has resigned the Rectory of Colesberg, and accepted the curacy of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Maritzburg. An address, together with a purse of £44, was presented to the rev. gentleman by his Colesberg parishioners.

MARITZBURG.—The overtures for reunion made by the Diocesan Synod have been met with a definite refusal on the part of those who have stood aloof from the Provincial organization, and the refusal has been made more decidedly definite by the action of the Church Council of the Diocese of Natal, which met in Maritzburg on July 16th, in order to elect a successor to the late Dr. Colenso. The Church Council which consisted of five clergy and seventeen laity, of whom the majority came from Maritzburg and Durban, and so far did not really represent the Diocese or the Colony, threw over Sir George Cox, who had been elected by the Council some years ago after Dr. Colenso's death, but whom the Archbishop had declined to consecrate, and proceeded to elect the Rev. W. Ayerst, of Ayerst Hall, as successor in the See of Natal to Dr. Colenso. The Council further directed their Standing Committee to take all steps necessary for his consecration by the Archbishop, and if needful to petition Parliament on the subject.

The Bishop has not yet formally resigned; there seems to be some slight misunderstanding among the public on the subject: he simply stated to the Synod his intention of placing his resignation in the hands of the Metropolitan at an early date, because he felt that it was only fair that the clergy and laity in Synod assembled should be told of his intention, as he was not likely to meet them again in Synod. At the time he said that his date of leaving was uncertain, but he did not think he would be here for many more months; now, however, it is understood that he is not likely to leave before next year.

GRAYTOWN.—On Sunday, July 5th, the Bishop administered Confirmation to twelve candidates.

NEWCASTLE.—On Thursday, July 9th, the Bishop dedicated to the glory of God, and by the name of St. Peter, a new Church at Charles-town, the extreme inland point of the Diocese, about two miles from the border of the Transvaal.

DUNDEE.—On Sunday, July 12th, the Bishop dedicated to the honor of God, and in the name of St. James, the new Church which has just been erected at Dundee. The structure is of wood and iron, capable of seating comfortably eighty persons, and is of church-like appearance, with high pitched roof, gothic windows, porch and vestry, and small chancel raised four steps.

BLOEMFONTEIN.—The Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Knight-Bruce, has sent in his resignation of the See of Bloemfontein, and signified his acceptance of the Missionary Bishopric of Mashonaland. Bishop Knight-Bruce is a man of great activity and energy of character. He will make an admirable Missionary Bishop.

I AM convinced on historical grounds that episcopacy is the original form of Church government. I cannot find in the records of primi-

tive Christianity a trace of non-episcopal Churchmanship. At the first oecumenical Council, representing the Church scattered throughout the world, we find the Church under the government of bishops; and although some questions bearing on the constitution of the Church came under discussion, there was not a whisper of complaint that a revolution had silently taken place, namely, the substitution of Episcopacy for Presbyterianism or any form of ecclesiastical polity. Surely that is conclusive proof that episcopacy was down to that time the universally recognized form of the Christian ministry. The Council of Niceæ had evidently never heard either of Presbyterianism, Congregationalism, or Papalism.—*Canon McColl.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

YARMOUTH.—The Rev. T. S. Cartwright began his labors as Rector of Holy Trinity parish on Sunday, Sept. 13th. There were two large congregations, and at each service a cordial welcome was extended to the Rector, and a lively interest shown in the work and prospects of the parish. At the morning service the Rector delivered a very appropriate address on the duties and responsibilities of the pastoral office, in which he outlined his own work and appealed for the sympathy and co-operation of his people. The new rectorship opens under the most favorable auspices, and the general feeling of the parishioners is that an era of great prosperity is dawning upon them. Nothing could exceed the cordiality with which the Rector is received, and nothing surpasses the enthusiasm with which he enters upon his work.—*Herald.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The induction of the Rev. R. W. Hudgell as Rector of St. Jude's Church, Carleton, took place Wednesday, Sept. 6th. The services were conducted by Rev. Canon Brigstoche, assisted by Rev. Mr. Spike, Rev. Messrs. Davenport and Mathers were present in the church. The Bishop's warrant was read by Mr. E. J. Wetmore, and Mr. S. L. Britain, senior warden, handed over the keys. The service was read by Rev. Mr. Spike, Rev. Canon Brigstoche taking the lessons. The singing was excellent, the solos being taken by Mrs. W. L. Harding and Mr. A. W. Smith. Mr. Wilson was at the organ. Rev. Canon Brigstoche preached an admirable sermon on the duty of people to pastors. Rev. Mr. Hudgell pronounced the benediction, after which the *Te Deum* was sung, during which the clergy retired. The congregation was a large one. The church was profusely decorated with flowers.—*Globe.*

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

MAGOG.—Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at St. Luke's Church on Sunday, Sept. 20. At the morning service there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion. The church was beautifully decorated with wreaths of flowers.

PERSONAL.—The many friends of the Very Rev. Dean Norman will be glad to hear that it is announced that his health has been improved by his trip to the old country, and that he will soon again be at work again in this diocese. He is one who can ill be spared; his influence being felt for good in very many directions.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—*Grace Church.*—Saturday, Sept. 12th, was a day of abiding interest for this parish. On the afternoon of that day the corner stone of the new building to replace

the present Grace Church was laid in the presence of a large number of people. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal was present accompanied by the Very Rev. the Dean, Archdeacon Evans; the Rector of Montreal; the Rev. Canon Ellegood, Rector of St. James; the Rev. G. O. Troop, Rector of St. Martin's; the Rev. W. Cunningham, Rector of St. Luke's; and the Revs. Tucker, Everett, and the Rector of the parish the Rev. J. Ker, B.D.; Dr. Davidson, Q.C., Messrs. George Hague, J. J. Brown, architect; W. McWood, J. S. Hall, sr., and others. A special form of service was used and at the proper place therein the stone was laid in the presence of the Bishop by Mr. W. McWood, the oldest member, probably, of the congregation, and also delegate to Synod and one of the building committee. Addresses were then delivered by the Very Rev. The Dean of Montreal, the Archdeacon, Dr. Norton, Canon Ellegood, Geo. Hague, Esq., and Dr. Davidson, after which a collection in aid of the building fund was taken up which amounted, we believe, to a considerable sum.

The building is being erected according to plans of John J. Brown, Esq., architect, and will be somewhat imposing in character, and accommodate probably about 700 people. It is admirably situated on the corner of Wellington and Fortune streets; a position which but a few years ago would have been considered 'quite out in the country.' There has been, however, very rapid extension of the city in this section, and a large community has arisen west of the railway crossing at Point St. Charles and extending out towards the municipalities of Verdun and Cote St. Paul. The parish is one of the most important in the city in its capabilities of good in the future; and both Rector and people are to be congratulated upon their effort to meet the requirements of this section of the city, and upon the progress already made. Judging from that portion of the building which was erected at the time the corner stone was laid it bids fair to be a substantial and beautiful structure.

This section of the city originally formed part of the Parish of St. Stephen and was under control of Rev. Canon Ellegood, who in his address gave some most interesting particulars of the old days when there were but few Church people in Point St. Charles. The beginning of the work was the erection of St. Stephen's School house, for many years past known as Grace Church school house, and thereafter through the warm interest of the late C. J. Brydges, Esq., the present Grace Church was erected on a spot which soon became almost surrounded by the Grand Trunk yards and is now required for that purpose. The first vestry meeting was held on April 20th, 1871, four days after the opening of the present Grace Church and shortly after the appointment of the late Rev. Canon Belcher as the Rector of the Parish. Amongst those present at the meeting was Mr. Wm. McWood, who has ever since remained connected intimately with the Parish rendering warm and hearty support, and who is at present the Treasurer of the Building Fund. Mr. Andrew Stark, sr., was another of such vestrymen and still remains connected with the Parish. Canon Belcher filled the position of Rector for about 18 years, and died in January, 1889, regretted and beloved of all. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Ker, B.D., a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto. Under his administration the Parish has rapidly developed, and the congregations increased till the old Church was absolutely inadequate to meet the requirements; hundreds being turned away at the different services.

It is estimated that the new Church will cost about \$30,000. The basement will be of Montreal lime-stone and will be used for Sunday school purposes, the Church itself being of red pressed brick. The Building Committee consists of the Rector and Messrs. McWood, Outram, Holt, and Powles.