

Canadian Church News.

NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg DEANERY.—The Twenty-eighth meeting of this Chapter was held at Hubbard's Cove, on Wednesday, Jan. 20th. The weather and state of the roads were all that could be desired, which enabled the clergy and their friends to come from a distance without much inconvenience. The Rev. C. J. Shreve, rector of Chester, preached on the union which subsists between Christ and His members, as illustrated in the Saviour's discourse on the Vine and its branches.

Wednesday morning the Rural Dean and the rector of Chester officiated at the Holy Table, the other clergy each taking part in the service, and the Rev. E. H. Ball, incumbent of Mahone Bay, preached. Forty of the parishioners partook with the clergy in the sacred memorial of their dying Saviour's love.

The afternoon was spent by the brethren, as usual, at the rectory, in mutual conference on subjects of pastoral and parochial interest, the Rev. W. H. Grosor reading a valuable paper on the duties of Christians to their pastors.

After Evening Prayer in the church, the Rural Dean by request delivered an address on his recent visit as clerical delegate to the Provincial Synod at Montreal, in which his clerical brethren and the numerous audience appeared to be much interested.

The offertory at the morning service was appropriated to Foreign Missions, that in the evening to the Superannuation Fund.

The musical portion of the services was presided over by Miss Stamer, the rector's daughter, who as organist gave great satisfaction, and by whose valuable aid the church was so beautifully decorated.

The brethren separated on Thursday morning for their respective homes, all highly gratified with the services in which they had been engaged, and with the hospitality they had received from the worthy rector and his kind family.

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MONTREAL.

PRESENTATION.—**ST. JUDE'S CHURCH.**—On Wednesday evening, after the regular service, the congregation adjourned to the school-room, where the rector, the Rev. J. G. Baylis, on behalf of the congregation, presented the Rev. Robert White, formerly of the Diocese of Ontario, with a very handsome French mantle timepiece. Mr. Baylis dwelt at some length on the able and zealous manner in which Mr. White had worked in the parish, and concluded by hoping that the clock might remain in his possession many happy days, months, and years. Mr. White made a fitting reply, and thanked them all for their kind and unexpected mark of favor, and assured them that the few months that he had been with them would ever form a bright place in his memory. After a pleasant hour the members dispersed. The silver inscription plate bore the following above its crest and motto, immediately under it: "Rev. R. White, from St. Jude's congregation, for faithful and efficient services. Christmas, 1874." The reverend gentleman has been appointed rector of St. Stephen's, Lachine.

QUEBEC.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—An interesting missionary meeting was held in the church at New Liverpool, opposite Quebec, on Monday evening, Jan. 11th. The church, which is very beautifully decorated, was well filled with an attentive audience. The speakers on the occasion were the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Sweet, M. M. Fothergill, and T. Richardson, incumbent of the mission. The Rev. H. C. Stuart presided at the organ, and took charge of the musical part of the proceedings. Mr. Sweet, in a telling speech, pointed out the duty of Churchmen in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and urged not only the duty of giving out of our means, but the other and more important one of fervent prayer to God for a blessing upon our missionary enterprise. He was followed by Mr. Richardson, who spoke of the unprecedented growth of the Church in Australia, first under Mr. Samuel Johnson, and then under the guidance of Dr. Samuel Marsden, who, not content to confine himself to Australia, carried the blessings of the Gospel to the then ferocious tribes inhabiting New Zealand. Mr. Richardson dwelt in a feeling manner upon the subsequent labors of Dr. Selwyn, who has been universally styled the "Apostle of the Southern Isles." Mr. Fothergill then spoke upon the benefits derived from the Diocesan Church Society, and briefly referred to the workings and management of the various funds under its control. Prizes were distributed to the Sunday-school children during the evening by the reverend incumbent. A collection was made and devoted to the Algoma Bishopric Fund. The meeting, which was a very successful one, was then brought to an end by the incumbent pronouncing the benediction.—*Quebec Chronicle*, Jan. 13, 1875.

ALGOMA MISSIONARY FUND.—The Church people of Quebec, and all interested in the missionary diocese of Algoma, will be pleased to learn that the subscriptions to this good work, have amounted, up to date, for the year 1874, to the sum of \$578.63; being for the general mission fund \$522.63, and \$56 towards the Industrial Home. Thus it will be seen that the diocese of Quebec, for the year 1874, has nobly fulfilled its pledge of \$500 per annum to the Algoma missionary fund.—*Quebec Chronicle*, Jan. 12, 1875.

HURON.

OVERWORK.—His Lordship the Bishop has at length, though with great reluctance, yielded to the advice of his medical advisers, and allowed himself a rest for some weeks. The care of all the churches in this large diocese was too heavy a responsibility for one of his active, energetic temperament. He would not "take things easy," and see the labors he had undertaken imperfectly done. His physicians directed him to leave the scene of his labors for some months, and to sojourn for the time in a milder climate, so he set his face toward the south, and will, it is expected, be absent till Easter. Mrs. Helmuth accompanied him, so he will not want good care.

This overwork is pressing heavily on more than the Bishop.

The incumbent of Wingham, the Rev. W. Davis, has also had to leave his parish and go south for the remainder of the Winter months. Wakerton, another important parish, is also now vacant. Some of the divinity students of Huron College will have completed their college course in June; and when ordained, they will, in part, supply the deficiency in the ministerial ranks.

THE PUPIL OF ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—St. Paul's Sunday schools have had a very satisfactory report of their foster son, Adam, in the Indian Institute at Sault Ste. Marie. The Rev. F. Wilson, principal and chaplain of the Institute, in a letter to the Sunday school, says Adam is in excellent health, and he had gained four premiums—one for good conduct, one for well-prepared lessons, one for general proficiency, and one for cutting wood—the last, as the Institute is an industrial school. This mission school was first at Garden River. The funds necessary for its erection had been obtained from the churches in England and here. It was a short time afterwards burned, the fire, it is believed, being the work of an incendiary. It was a heavy stroke, and to Mr. Wilson especially. He and an Indian chief, who accompanied him, had long toiled in faith and zeal, in collecting the money to build the edifice that now lay in ashes, its inmates scattered abroad.

But few hours elapsed after the sad intelligence reached the contributors to the Institute, when the telegraph bore back the cheering news that even already a sum greater than that at first raised was now promised for the rebuilding. A new site, more convenient, was obtained within three miles of the Sault, and a larger and more suitable building erected. To the churches in Canada and England, Mr. Wilson looks for the means of supporting and educating the children of the forest. They are instructed in industrial habits as well as in the learning of the schools, and above all in the knowledge of Him, whom to know is life everlasting.

The Sunday-schools of St. Paul's provide for the support of one—their son Adam—and as Mr. Innes, the rector, read the letter to them, they rejoiced for the good news. Some other schools have undertaken similar responsibilities.

ONTARIO.

BISHOP STRACHAN MEMORIAL CHURCH AT CORNWALL.—Cornwall is a large town situated on the river St. Lawrence, and is in possession of many commercial advantages. The Rev. Canon Preston is rector. Through his instrumentality the Memorial church, whose history is here recorded, has been brought to a state of completion little anticipated at the time the rector assumed charge of the parish. The late Bishop Strachan made this spot the scene of his early labors and literary pursuits. His inflexible will, regular habits, and definite theological views, won for him many friends and lasting associations connected with the town and surrounding country. It was at a period, too, when all the hardships of a new country inflict themselves upon a struggling population. But time, with her scythe in hand, has disposed of the first promoters of the welfare of the country, and memorials only are left to speak of their honor and usefulness.

It was for Archdeacon Patton to initiate this memorial; and it is in honor of the Rev. Canon Preston that it stands to speak of his energy and perseverance in overcoming the obstacles which presented themselves against its completion. The following intelligence is gleaned from the *Cornwall Gazette*:

Shortly after the death of Bishop Strachan, the late Archdeacon Patton visited Toronto, and entered into conversation with several leading members of the Church of England as to the desirability of erecting some permanent memorial to perpetuate the name and labors of the first Bishop of Toronto. Differences of opinion, however, existed as to the shape this memorial should take. While the people of Toronto have been raising questions which, to this day, have defeated any project which has been started, the people of the comparatively poorer section of the Province have acted, and Cornwall, which had been the field of Bishop Strachan's first labors as a clergyman, has now the proud distinction of containing the only memorial of any great character which has been erected to bear the name of one of the greatest and best of Bishops of modern times.

Great credit is due to the Cornwall people, not only members of the Church of England, who of course gave freely, but to people of other religious bodies, who cheerfully contributed to this good object. The work of erecting the church was commenced in the year 1868, when ground was broken, and the corner-stone was laid. Progress was made till the roof was on the church, when difficulties arose which retarded, for two years or upwards, the prosecution of the work. After a good deal of negotiation, these difficulties were adjusted, and the building was resumed, and on Sunday, Jan. 17, the members of the Church of England in Cornwall, rejoiced that their hopes had been realized.

Although the day was bitterly cold, large congregations assembled at the services. The address of the Bishop of Ontario, and the sermons which his Lordship delivered, were listened to with much attention. They were indeed sublime and instructive, and calculated to do much good. The services also, which lasted the whole week, were of the most solemn and interesting character; eloquent and convincing sermons were delivered every evening by several clergymen, among whom was the Rev. Dr. Beers of Ogdensburg, U. S. The other preachers, in addition to the Bishop of Ontario, were the Rev. J. W. Burke, B.A., of Belleville, the Rev. C. Forest, M.A., of Morrisburg, and the Rev. Wm. Lewin, B.A., of Prescott. Besides these clergymen, others were present and assisted in the services.

The Memorial church, when completed, will cost about \$34,000, which will include the erection of the spire. It is a building of great architectural beauty, being gothic in design, with clorestory, transepts, and South porch. We noticed that three of the memorial windows have been placed, and others, we learn, are to be put in shortly. The ones referred to, are those to the memory of Miss Elvira Patton and the late Mr. Hart, and one, a triplet, the gift of J. C. Spence, Esq., to the memory of Bishops Mountain, Fulford, and Strachan. The interior of the church is very fine, and reflects great credit on those by whom the work was done.

TORONTO.

GRACE CHURCH, TORONTO.—On the evening of the 4th of February last, at the mission schoolhouse in this parish, a number of the parishioners entertained the incumbent, the Rev. W. Henry Jones, M.A., on which occasion music and speeches were the order of the evening. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation by the congregation to Mr. Jones of a purse of \$100, and an address to which the recipient replied in feeling words.

This new parish was formed only four months ago. It formerly constituted part of the large parish of Holy Trinity, from which it was set off. The building in which services are at present conducted is not large enough for the crowded congregation. The erection of a new church is to be commenced next Spring. The parish is already in a flourishing condition, and is one of many proofs of the rapid growth and extension of the Church in Toronto. The incumbent is essentially a man of work. His eloquence in the pulpit and his energy outside of it are bearing fruit, and augur well for the future success of the parish.

Missions.

COMMISSION OF HOME MISSIONS TO COLORED PEOPLE.

44 Bible House, New York, Jan. 30, 1875.

The Commission of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church for Home Missions to Colored People desire to call attention to the following facts:

The amount of moneys contributed for sustaining its work for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1874, was, including a small balance in treasury, \$14,467.21; the expenses of collection and care and disbursement, and of administering the affairs of the Commission, was \$3,019. The amount paid out for the support of Missions and schools was \$10,620, leaving in the treasury \$827.53.

The result is shown in the support of eleven ordained Missionaries laboring in 12 congregations, and in the aid of 25 mission schools, the whole having been attended by 2550 pupils. All these schools are in charge of communicants of our Church, and are conducted with a view to the inculcation of religious truth. Good has been done, but the general results are far short of what should be expected from our Commission. It represents 42 Dioceses, containing 2700 churches with 270,000 communicants. Of the churches, only 461 have contributed to the object during the last fiscal year. Many of them are unable to give much, but there are very few so poor that they cannot contribute something to give the light of Christianity to the benighted and neglected; and there are many churches in which are to be found those who are able, and who, when properly applied to, would be willing to give liberally.

No portion of the world has so strong a claim upon our Christian sympathy as the five millions of persons of African descent in our country recently emancipated. The General Convention proposes to discharge the duty, as far as in the power of our Church, by direct missionary effort—the preaching of the Gospel in its simplicity and purity—the gathering of churches—the education and training of ministers of African descent, and of teachers of Christian character who may become connected not only with missions and private schools, but with those which may be maintained by the public authorities. The money hitherto placed in the hands of the Commission has been expended for these purposes. It has been very far from sufficient to accomplish what should be done. The Commission has been painfully limited in its work. It has had no right to incur debt, and in the distribution of the funds placed in its hands it has been compelled to leave unsupplied multitudes of inviting fields for missionary labor. Being simply the almoner of the Church in respect to this branch of missions, it can only disburse the contributions intrusted to it. The responsibility of giving for the cause, is with the churches: of applying the gifts, with it.

As appears 2239 churches during the last year, have shown no interest in the work by contributing anything to sustain it. They are entreated during the present year to remember us. Let it be true in our Communion and in the length and breadth of our land "that to the poor the Gospel is preached."

In order the more effectually to unite our whole Church in this enterprise, the pastor of every one of our churches in the United States is earnestly requested to call the attention of his congregation to it, and to take up a collection, however small it may be, in its aid, and ask each member to give of his ability. While we thankfully receive the widow's mite with the assurance of the Master that a blessing attends it, we should greatly rejoice if each member of our beloved Church would of the means God has entrusted to him, give such a sum as he would gladly remember when called to give an account of his stewardship. By order of the Executive Committee.

CHAS. H. HALL, Chairman.

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P. S.—Contributions may be sent to Lloyd Wells, Esq., Treasurer, 119 Second Avenue, New York, or to the Rev. W. E. Webb, 44 Bible House, New York.

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ALABAMA.

Correspondence of the Church Journal and Messenger.

At the close of the Mission in Trinity church, Mobile, the writer accepted an invitation from the Bishop of the Diocese to visit Birmingham, a place in which the Bishop is deeply interested, and whose work proves that he is an overseer awake, and looking out for Zion. For while keen-eyed capitalists saw the advantages of a city near the intersection of the extended lines of the Alabama and Chattanooga, and the Nashville, Louisville and great Southern Railroad,