

preached a very able, encouraging and eloquent sermon from Lamentations iv, 12: "The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem." The Doctor used notes but sparingly and his references to the parish of Truro, the new church, the diocese and the centenary of its founding, were exceedingly happy.

We must offer our heartiest congratulations to the Vicar, Wardens, Vestry and parishioners and also most just praise for having thus provided a noble temple to the Lord of Heaven and earth and a permanent place in which His worship may be offered for generations to come. St. John the Evangelist, Truro, is as likely to last 500 or 600 years as were many of the existing fabrics of the Mother Church when erected. The original plans were furnished by Mr. Thomas, of Montreal, but they have not been strictly adhered to. Churchwarden Tremaine, who is a C. E. and no mean architect, superintended and watched the erection for six anxious years and was allowed to use his discretion in certain particulars. The whole result is, as we have said, *admirable*.

We neglected to state that the lessons at the services on the 15th were read by Rev. J. Edgecumbe, Picton; Rev. C. F. Lowe, Summerside, P.E.I.; Rev. A. Bent, Pugwash, and Rev. A. C. McDonald, Bayfield.

The Rev. R. F. Brine, of Antigonishe, and the Rev. R. W. Hudgell, the energetic travelling missionary, were also present at the morning service, but the poor state of health of the former prevented his presence at the second service. The sweet organ was excellently handled by Mr. Faulkner and the choir rendered then hymns and chants with great skill and reverence. A striking feature at the evening service was an exquisitely sweet solo during the offertory collection by Mrs. Harkins. No sooner had her gentle notes subsided than the whole crowded congregation gave full voice to "All people that on earth do well."

Space is limited, but the excellent dinner to Bishop and clergy with the wardens, vestry, etc., given by the parishioners and the slight refreshment after evening service, must not be passed over, and formed the subject of remarks as to "Mid-Lent refreshment," which were quite appropriate, the following Sunday being Refreshment Sunday. Nor may we conclude without acknowledging the open house and open hearted hospitality of the Truro laity towards the visiting clergy; as for the rectory that stands open. Messrs. Tremaine, Bent, Brine, Ross, Bentley, Prince, McDonald, G. Hyde, Snook, Hallett and Youill all had clergymen staying with them, but others were disappointed (as many of the expected failed to put in an appearance) the following were ready and willing: Dr. David Muir (who has been the most persevering and successful of financiers for the new church), Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. Odell Stanfield, E. Archibald, J. Ross, Winan, and Edwards.

We have left no room to dilate on the beauties of the church itself, its fine, lovely painted windows in the Apsidal chancel, the general excellence of the material, etc. These things must be left to a future occasion, say, when the spire points heavenward and "*Finis coronat opus*."

It was a pleasing incident that the only daughter—and a granddaughter to the first Rector—viz., Lady and Miss Archibald were present at the consecration of the new St. John's, for which we pray "*Semper Floreat*."

WYMOUTH.—Although it is but seldom that communications from Weymouth appear in the CHURCH GUARDIAN, yet we think that the following details will tell that the members of the Church in that mission are zealous for its welfare.

During the early part of the Winter two

Socials (so called), were held. The first of these met at the Rectory, but before the hour appointed, the rain coming down in torrents with scarcely any intermission, would, we fear, literally throw cold water on our expectations. But what can stop the feet of the truly earnest in their work of love? Spite then, of obstacles from above and from beneath, a large number of parishioners assembled. A second similar entertainment was held a short time afterwards, at the house of a zealous parishioner, which was also well attended; and both were financially most successful. But the benefit of these reunions is not to be measured only by money. The principal aim should be to bring our people together and to promote that kindly and brotherly intercourse and feeling which should ever exist between members of the same Church, as well as those who have good will toward us. Besides pleasant converse, music and singing, contribute not a little to the pleasure and enjoyment of these evenings. From a kind donor, who annually visits relatives here, and to whom we are indebted for former liberal gifts, the Parish received a handsome Flagon as a thank offering, and it was used for the first time at the Celebration on the day of Thanksgiving. A second gift soon followed, and in this our friend was joined by a young relative of hers here, and by their joint contributions, they presented the Church with excellent cocoa matting for the aisles. What christian women do for the "House of God and the offices thereof" every Rector and Missionary most gratefully appreciates; and it is also cheering to see young men contributing liberally towards the proper furniture of the Sanctuary.

We have a Sewing circle zealously at work here, the origin of which is principally due to a good woman, a former parishioner of Weymouth. The work of the Circle will be offered for sale at a Bazaar to be held during the summer, and is to be to defray the debt due on our fine organ. A second Circle, composed by several of the members of the former one, is held on another evening. The proceeds of the sale of this Circle, are intended to be a humble contribution in aid of the Cathedral to be built in Halifax. Doubtless there are many other missions which intend also to do what they can towards that important and noble work. For few will deny that the 100th anniversary of the erection of the very first Colonial Diocese, should not be allowed to pass by without marking such an event, as the Centenary of its existence, by some permanent memorial. And what memorial could be devised as so fitting and appropriate as the erection of a Cathedral in Halifax, as a thank offering to Almighty God, for the long continued support received by this Diocese from the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel, and which memorial would also testify to our grateful sense of the large measure of Heavenly blessing conferred on the missions of the Colonial Episcopate.

We have a small church in course of erection at New Tusket, an outstation in this mission, eight miles distant. During several years, Divine service has been held in private houses. But it is incomparably fitter, that, if we have a congregation at all, it should assemble in a Church, however unpretending it may be. Our building, now boarded in, is churchly in design, and rests upon an excellent granite wall. Some time in April, we hope to make further progress in the work.

EASTERN PASSAGE.—We regret to record that the Rev. T. C. Mellor, on coming out from service at Cow Bay on Sunday last, fell and sustained a severe contusion, thereby incapacitating him from active work for some time.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

No Archdeacon has yet been appointed in the place of the late Dr. Reed.

ALBERTON.—The new incumbent, the Rev. C. McKenzie, is doing good work here.

MILTON.—The Rev. Mr. Jones is ably filling the place of the late Dr. Reed, in the charge of this parish. He is a vigorous worker.

SUMMERSIDE.—We congratulate the Rev. C. F. Lowe on the improvement of the choir.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—The congregation are looking forward to the appointment of another clergyman, when the resignation of the present Rector takes effect.

St. Peter's.—The people are pleased with their new Rector.

KENSINGTON.—The Rev. Mr. Reagh has moved into the new parsonage. We hope he may enjoy many happy years there.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—Trinity Church.—During HOLY WEEK there will be Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Address at 5 p.m. On Good Friday Morning Prayer and Sermon, with collection on behalf of the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7.30 p.m. A Devotional Meeting will also be held at 8 p.m., on Friday, April 1st. During Lent, three courses of Sermons were arranged for viz., for Sunday morning, on *the Titles of our Lord*; at the Litany Service in the afternoon, addresses by the Rector on *The Holy Spirit*; *The Holy Catholic Church*; *The Christian Ministry*; *The Sacrament*; *The Creeds*; *Christian Unity*; and for Sunday evenings,—Sermons on *The Need of Repentance*; *The Nature of Repentance*; *The Motive for Repentance*; *The Helps to Repentance*; *The Hindrances to Repentance*; *The Blessings of Repentance*.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNOXVILLE.—Bishop's College.—We have received the following letter from Rev. Dr. Adams:

To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—I have received several letters from valued friends, whose minds have been disturbed by a paragraph referring to the optional use of so-called non-alcoholic wine in the Holy Communion which is found in a notice in your issue of the 9th inst., of a recent meeting of the College C. E. T. S. Will you permit me to say that the paragraph in question has conveyed an entirely wrong impression of what was intended by the writer of the paper, and that not only is there no desire on the part of any one here to disturb the settlement of this question made by the Provincial Synod of 1886, but that, on the contrary, there exists the sincerest loyalty to that decision.

THOS. ADAMS, D.C.L.,
President of the Bishop's College
Branch C. E. T. S.

Lennoxville, 19 March, 1887.

[We are well pleased to have received the above explanation from Dr. Adams regarding a statement, which, as reported, caused widespread dissatisfaction among the graduates and friends of Bishop's College, as is evidenced by the fact that numerous letters have come to hand from graduates and others, expressing astonishment at the reported utterances of the President of the C.E.T.S., and at the apparent disregard of lawful authority and of the almost unanimous decision of the Great Council of the Church. In view of the above explanation we do not consider it necessary to publish these letters, all of which agree in repudiating the reported dictum, and in expressing fears for