

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. E. P. Flewelling has removed to Newcastle, N. B. All correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

The Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., having been appointed Missionary to Bay Du Vin, desires, in future, all his letters and papers addressed to that place.

ST. ANDREWS.—The Metropolitan visited St. Andrews on the 17th, and remained until the following Tuesday. On Sunday he confirmed 40 candidates and addressed them, and in the evening preached to a large congregation. The *Bay Pilot* says that the people "listened eagerly to the words of wisdom that dropped from the lips of 'the old man eloquent,' whom many hope will be spared to the Church for many years to come."

THE LATE PRESIDENT.—In all the Churches in the Diocese reference was made to the lamented death of Mr. Garfield, special sermons were preached, and the music and, in some cases, the Psalms and Lessons, were chosen with special reference to the event.

DORCHESTER.—Rev. Charles L. Ingles, Rector of Drummondville, Diocese of Niagara, has been making a short visit here. Recently Mr. Ingles lost his voice entirely, and it is now only partially restored. On Sunday, 18th ult., he read the Epistle at Matins, and at the evening service he read the Lessons. Having been ordered by his physician to take several months' rest, he has gone to the United States to visit his son.

A very handsome monument has been erected in the cemetery to the memory of the late Lieutenant-Governor Chandler by his sons. It consists of a large cross of grey granite, and is a beautiful piece of workmanship.

MONCTON.—The tower and spire have been finished, and a stone foundation placed under the tower at a total cost of \$350, which has been subscribed by the congregation. Of this sum the ladies have contributed altogether \$290, besides bearing the cost of painting the Rectory. The spire is 80 feet above the ground, and is surmounted by a gilt cross 5 feet high.

A grant of three pounds worth of books for the Sunday School has been received from the S.P.C.K.

Rev. James Lowry, B.A., who was prepared for Windsor College three years ago, by the Rev. Mr. Pentreath, assisted at the services on Oct. 2nd. Mr. Lowry passed the best examination out of four candidates for Deacons' Orders, and so read the Gospel at his Ordination in Halifax on Sept. 25th. He is the only person ever ordained from this Parish, and gives promise of a useful ministry. He has been appointed Curate at Ship Harbor, N. S.

SHEDIAC.—Address and Presentation to Rev. O. S. Newnam.—The Rev. O. S. Newnam and family left for St. John by the accommodation train on Thursday morning, Sept. 29. Many friends were at the Station to see them off, although the hour was early. The Rev. gentleman was very much beloved by all, and carries away the best of feelings from Shediac. At Point du Chene he was the recipient of a handsome purse which was duplicated in a like manner with an address by the friends of Shediac. The teachers and school children also presented an address—there being also many private donations. The members of Royal Arcanum entertained him by an oyster supper, at which speeches of regret and good feeling were warmly expressed. The occasion was a trying one to Mr. Newnam, and his farewell touched the hearts of all. He is a prominent member of the Shediac Council, and has done much towards making it what it now is, a thoroughly organized and growing institution. The following is a copy of the address presented by the Church Wardens of St. Andrew's:

To the Rev. O. S. Newnam, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Point du Chene.

REV. SIR,—On the part of the Parishioners of St. Andrew's Church we wish to express the high esteem in which you are held by us, and our great regret for the loss we are about to sustain by your removal from the Parish. During the three years you have ministered to us you have ever been a zealous worker in the Church and Sunday school and in every Christian and charitable work, which, together with your uniformly kind and courteous manner, has given you a high place in our affections. We, therefore, deeply regret your leaving us, but feel that you are doing so only that you consider it your duty to accept the more extended field of usefulness which it offers to you, and we pray God that He may prosper the work into which you are now entering. We would also express our high regret for Mrs. Newnam, whose kindness and loving sympathy has so endeared her to us all.

With prayers to our Heavenly Father that He will ever bless you and your dear ones, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

E. J. SMITH,
W. J. M. HANINGTON,
Church Wardens.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—It is with very great sorrow that we have to announce the death of the Rector of this Parish, the Rev. John Abbott, S. A. C., which took place on Monday night. The deceased had been ill only about a fortnight, having caught cold while bathing, which subsequently settled on his lungs, causing his death. Mr. Abbott came to this country from England about twenty-two years ago, as a candidate for Holy Orders from St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and after ordination became for a time Curate to the Rev. Dr. Nicholls at Liverpool, from which place he came to Halifax as Curate of St. Luke's under the late Dean Bullock. On the death of the Dean, about seven years ago, Mr. Abbott was elected Rector of the Parish, and since then has performed the arduous and responsible duties of that position with fidelity and patience, under many discouragements owing to the financial depression of the past few years. Just as the Parish was removing its last burden of debt and beginning to assume a much more satisfactory condition, God has been pleased to remove him. As an earnest man, filled with the desire to do his duty, kindhearted and friendly to the poor, generous and well-disposed towards all, he will be greatly missed. We tender to the bereaved widow and family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

CLEMENTS.—We have just received the painful intelligence that the Rev. W. Godfrey, Rector of Clements, is dead. Mr. Godfrey was by birth an Englishman, but educated at King's College, Windsor, where he took the degree of B. A. He was ordained Deacon in 1839 by the Bishop of Quebec, and Priest by the Bishop of Nova Scotia in 1842, and has been the Incumbent of Clements for many years. We warmly sympathize with his bereaved family.

WINDSOR.—King's College opened on the 1st inst., with forty students in attendance, over twenty of whom are Divinity Students. The institution seems to be regaining its former popularity; and under the admirable management of its President and Professors, it should command the support and confidence of the Churchmen of the Maritime Provinces. We hope soon to learn that the proposed Endowment of \$40,000 has all been subscribed.

AMHERST.—The Rev. Canon Townshend, R. D., is now on a visit to his daughter in Montreal, and expects to return about the 12th inst.

CAPE BRETON.—Mission Work in Nova Scotia. Under the auspices of the S. P. G., the Rev. Simon Gibbons, a travelling missionary of Cape Breton Island, in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, preached at the Abbey at the morning and evening services on Sunday last. The congregation at both services was large, and the preacher, who speaks excellent English, was listened to with great attention. On Monday evening the missionary addressed a crowded meeting at the National School, at which the Rev. T. Rivington presided. The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayer, after which Mr. Gibbons gave a descriptive account of his missionary travels and experience among the people of the isolated districts of Cape Breton. The address was full of instructive and amusing anecdote, and gave a very vivid picture of the self-denial and hardships which daily attend those engaged in their Master's work in the mission fields of the far north. The meeting concluded, as it began, with a hymn. It is some years since so large and generally successful a missionary meeting was held here. In a very important sense, the Rev. Simon Gibbons' visit to the Abbey differed from that of the rev. gentlemen who usually appear there as advocates of foreign mission work. He has leave from the Bishop of Nova Scotia (Dr. Binney) to visit England, partly for the benefit of his health, which has suffered from exposure and excessive labour in the performance of his duties in a very difficult and extensive Mission, and partly that he may endeavour to obtain contributions towards some objects on which the prosperity of the Mission must depend. He is thus advocating in particular the pressing claims of the Cape Breton Mission and not on behalf of general mission fund of the S. P. G. or any other Society.—English paper.

WILMOT.—The Chapel of St. Andrew, at Laurenceville, after having been closed for repairs for the last three months, was re-opened for public service on Sunday week. The building and its surroundings have undergone a complete overhauling, for in repairs, alteration and painting, not a part of the building is to be found that has not received its share of work, and a more gratifying result has seldom been attained. The old building, once perhaps the shabbiest, may now fairly challenge to a comparison the prettiest in the Valley, or indeed in the Province. Though the liberality of Churchmen must have assisted greatly in making these improvements, no small amount of gratitude must be due to J. W. James, Esq., the senior Church Warden of the Parish of Wilmot, who has, with unsparing assiduity, given himself to the work of restoration. The Rector, Rev. Geo. B. Dodwell, is to be congratulated on his having made, by the close of his first year's residence, so many friends, and them so kindly disposed towards him as to put so beautiful a House of Prayer into his charge.

We trust that the hope expressed in his opening sermon, that the restoring of the edifice may be followed by a revival of Churchmanship in the Parish, may be realized, and that those who at present are not members of any Church may join with heart and soul in the rebuilding amongst us of the grand old Church of England, to which their forefathers for ten generations belonged.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

A CONFERENCE of the Clergy is to be held, under the presidency of the Bishop, in the City of Montreal, on the 19th, 20th and 21st of October. The subjects selected for discussion are of a practical nature, relating chiefly to the active work of the Ministry; but the inner life of the Pastorale will also receive due consideration. The free interchange of the thoughts of many minds on such important themes can hardly fail to produce good and lasting results.

SEVERAL CLERICAL CHANGES have taken place in this Diocese since your late correspondent dropped his pen. The Rev. W. R. Brown has been appointed to the Mission of Potomac; the Rev. John Ker to the Rectory of Dunham; the Rev. T. A. Haslam to the Parish of Huntingdon; the Rev. C. Lumis to the Mission of Glen Sutton.

The annual meetings in behalf of the Diocesan Mission Fund are about to be held throughout the Diocese.

BEDFORD.—A neat little church is being built at Mystic, about two miles from Bedford, for the accommodation of the numerous persons in that vicinity who have no convenient facilities for attending the Parish Church. A blackberry festival in aid of the building fund was held on the 25th ult., by which the sum of \$80 was realized for this worthy object. A sufficient amount of money is now secured to warrant the expectation that the church will be finished and out of debt in the course of a few weeks. The ground on which the building is being erected was given by A. S. Walbridge, Esq., a wealthy iron founder, who, although not a member of our communion, has always been ready to help us, both by counsel and substantial aid.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—The annual festival of the Sunday School of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church took place on the 15th. The weather was simply perfect. At about 3 o'clock all formed procession, and entered the church, after which followed the shortened form of evening prayer. The service was hearty, with some pleasing appropriate hymns. The Rector addressed the children and their elders on the subject of the Sunday School, suggesting, under the present emergency of the memorial building, that the Sunday School should undertake one of the stained glass windows of the church for their special labor, and incidentally mentioning that he expected the lancet windows of the nave of the church to be filled by various families of the congregation. After the service the congregation retired in procession and, ere long, were summoned to the spacious basement, where an abundant supply was found for nearly fifty children and young persons, with a goodly number of parents and friends. Among the latter it was pleasant to greet the Government Inspector of Railways, who happened to be here on his official duties, with Mrs. Light. Before bidding farewell Mr. and Mrs. Light indicated their intention to encourage the Rector's suggestion, and on the Rev. J. B. Davidson being called upon for some closing words, a subscription list appeared upon the scene, and soon words became deeds, and revealed the suggestion as almost an accomplished fact under the guarantee of the following names: Rev. J. B. Davidson, Miss Pickering, Mrs. Dr. Chamberlin, Mrs. P. H. Krans, Mr. Isa Westover, Jr., Mrs. Dr. A. R. Davidson, Mrs. Ashley Hibbard, and Mr. Peter Young. Taking the comparatively few members of the congregation present there can be no doubt that the remainder will soon be provided for. The large west windows, it has been proposed, should be an offering from the clergy who, in the diocese, and to a large extent out of it, have entered into the labors of the pioneer man of God. Should this assume material form, an impetus will be given which in its results will do credit to the faith of the living, and intertwine the past and the present in a graceful token. With the record above the parish is certainly to be congratulated on its Sunday School Anniversary of 1881.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.—On the 25th ult., Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, St. John's Church, Tecumseh, was opened for Divine Service, and both priest and people have reason to be proud of their structure, for, as a country Church, it has no superior in the diocese. The walls are of solid brick, fourteen inches in thickness, and rest upon a stone foundation four feet deep. The nave is fifty-two feet by thirty, the chancel twenty-two by twenty, two vestries, each about twelve feet square, whilst in front of the nave is a fine, massive tower which supports a very symmetrical spire, surmounted by a handsome finial which presents the appearance of a floriated cross to each cardinal point of the compass. The total length of tower, etc., is

nearly one hundred feet. On the edge of both nave and chancel is some prettily cresting, of ecclesiastical design, and more elaborate at the gables than elsewhere. As your correspondent drove along on Sunday morning in time for Matins, and saw the building for the first time, he could not but feel that no passer-by would ever suppose it to be a hall, or school-house, or preaching-house, but a veritable Church. If, however, one is pleasantly surprised at seeing in the country a structure so ecclesiastical appearance, his pleasure is vastly enhanced when he sees the inside. The roof forms two sides of an equilateral triangle, and so the "pitch" is an angle of sixty degrees; and being vaulted, and showing the "principals" and other parts of the woodwork, it is superior to what one generally sees in a country parish, and will compare favorably with the roof of many a city Church. The windows (from McCausland, of Toronto) are very well proportioned and beautifully coloured. The chancel window is especially fine, consisting of three lights, the colouring being rich and harmonious; in the centre light are the words—"Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him," whilst beneath is an *Agnus Dei* bearing a banner; in the left light is a Baptismal Font, and in the right a chalice with ears of wheat and clusters of grapes; in each light are several other figures also. The window has been erected by Richard Coffey, Esq., and his wife, Margaret, to the memory of a dearly beloved daughter, Mary, who was called to her rest, A. D. 1872, at the early age of nineteen years. Besides this window, which cost nearly two hundred dollars, Mr. and Mrs. Coffey gave between two and three hundred dollars to the building fund. The furniture of the nave and chancel is very good and substantial, and is made of white ash, trimmed with black velvet. The lecterns are very neat, and are most convenient to kneel or stand at; while the pulpit (lectern form) occupies the correct position, and commands a full view of the congregation. The whole cost, exclusive of gifts, and inclusive of voluntary labour, such as drawing stone, brick, sand, &c., is about five thousand dollars; and so energetic have been the efforts of both the parson and the building committee that the remaining debt amounts to little more than two hundred dollars. A handsome carpet for chancel and vestry, and matting for the aisles, were presented by Mrs. Gaviller, of Hamilton, a former parishioner. Mrs. Perram, of England, another former parishioner, presents a font and chandeliers; whilst Wm. Shearson Mares, Esq., who died, A. D., 1879, left five hundred dollars to the building fund. The building committee consisted of Messrs. R. D. Coffey, senr., J. Thompson, E. Bowen, B. Batters, and R. Gummerson. The architects were Messrs. Kennedy and McVittie, of Barrie, and Mr. R. L. Mavey was contractor.

The clergy present at the opening services were Messrs. Osler, of Dundas, R. D., Forster, of Creemore, R. D., Fletcher, of Cookstown, Bates, of Ivy, Soward, of Loydton, and Ball, Rector. Morning Prayer was said by Messrs. Ball and Bates, and Mr. Osler preached from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'" During the sermon many of the older members of the congregation were visibly affected by certain touching allusions which the preacher made to the time, forty-four years ago, when he first came amongst them, and to his residence of twenty years in the Parish as its first Rector. "The most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ" was then administered, Mr. Forster being celebrant, and Mr. Osler being Epistoler, Messrs. Ball and Bates taking the other duties of Deacon and Sub-deacon. In the afternoon the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to five infants by Mr. Osler, the former part of the service being taken by Mr. Soward. The sermon was preached by Mr. Bates, the subject being the Sufferings of the Saints and their Future Glory. At 6.30 Evensong was said by Messrs. Soward and Fletcher, Messrs. Osler and Bates reading the Lessons, and Mr. Forster being the preacher. The subject of the discourse was Loving Work done for the Master. The two chief thoughts were that such work should proceed from faith, and should be according to each one's ability. The music at each service was very good, the choir having been well trained, and Miss Ellison (with great skill and precision for so young a performer) acting as organist. Though the church will scarcely accommodate three hundred, there must have been more than five hundred present on each occasion, the porch, aisles and vestry rooms being crowded, and many standing outside at the open windows. The offerings during the day amounted to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The visiting clergymen were most hospitably entertained by several of the parishioners; and it was extremely gratifying to them to hear their brother, the Rector of the Parish, spoken of in terms of very high esteem and affection by all with whom they were brought in contact. Nor is it any wonder, for he is most assiduous in the discharge of his duties. Some notion of his energy may be obtained from the fact that within two years he has succeeded in erecting two fine brick churches. A very interesting event at the Parsonage on the preceding Friday, prevented Mrs. Ball from being present at any of the services.

MULMER.—During the past two years, Mr. E. W. Sibbald has acted as lay reader in Mulmur Mission. A clergyman would doubtless have long since been sent here, but when Mr. Sibbald had been with the people for a few Sundays, they were