

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—A very beautiful and impressive floral service was held in "Christ Church" last Sunday in connection with the Sunday School. Every pupil was provided with bunches of flowers, which they reverently carried to the Altar rail, and presented to the vicar, who had them placed in frames, prepared for their reception, and which was placed in front of the reredos and above it. The next day these lovely little silent messengers of peace, and love were sent to the sick of the parish, to help brighten their weary hours, and also taken to the cemetery and lovingly laid upon the graves of our dear departed friends.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FAIRVILLE.—The Church of the Good Shepherd celebrated its anniversary Service on Sunday, Sept. 29th, being the feast of St. Michael and all Angels. The services for the day with special intercessions on behalf of the church, were enlivened by special music. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock; Matins at 11, at which the Rev. E. P. Hurley preached a very instructive sermon on the duties of parents to their children: basing his remarks on St. Luke 2: 39, "And where they had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city Nazareth." The Special Floral Service of the children was at 3 o'clock, when each child brought a beautiful bouquet. This offering was all that could be desired, embracing as it did a collection of all the choice garden and greenhouse varieties, and when placed upon the altar presented an imposing spectacle, making our little church look grand in her festal garb.

The flowers were sent to the St. John public hospital to cheer the drooping hearts of the afflicted. It is to be hoped that more churches will adopt some such a practical plan of interesting the children in benevolent deeds and to inculcate into their youthful hearts, a spirit of thankfulness for God's gifts to them, and to teach them to have a tender care for the afflictions of others. The children were addressed by Rev. E. P. Hurley, who in a most appropriate manner, drew many useful and practical lessons from the habits of flowers. The day was one long to be remembered by both young and old.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—The Children's Guild.—The Children's Guild, a branch of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, will hold their annual sale of work in the Church Hall, Montreal Street, on Saturday, the 12th inst. The proceeds are to be given to Zenana Missionary Society.

St. Peter's Guild.—The following are office, as re-elected for the current year:—Mrs. Edgell, and Mrs. W. J. Hunt, vice-presidents; Miss Whiteher, sec. -treas. Committee for cutting out work, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. J. C. Price, and Mrs. Sargent. Committee for purchasing, Mrs. Fuller, Miss Ibbotson, and Miss Elkins. Committee to work sewing machine, Mrs. C. Nutter and Miss F. Whiteher.

REV. A. BAREHAM AND THE RITUALISTIC CLERGY OF QUEBEC.

The following letter has been sent to the *English Churchman* and *St. James Chronicle*, in answer to the communication of Rev. A. Bareham in a recent number of that paper:—

SIR,—My attention has been called to a letter from the Rev. A. Bareham, Rector of Trinity

Church, Quebec, which appeared in a recent number of your paper, in which he grounds his appeal for aid to pay off a debt on his Church upon the claim that "Trinity Church is pledged to the Reformation settlement, and sturdily maintains that position." He then goes on to say, "Isolated from sympathizing friends, opposed by both Romanism and Ritualism, our position is most difficult." Now I have no desire whatever to say anything that would interfere with his object, and hope that he may succeed in securing the amount necessary to remove his church's indebtedness; but when in the sentence immediately preceding the one I have quoted he tells your readers that in Quebec, "There are six congregations in connection with the Church of England, but all, with the exception of our" (his own of course) "are more or less Ritualistic," I feel bound to state that in my opinion he is endeavoring to secure aid and sympathy by making representations which are in part gross exaggerations and in part unfounded assertions. Of the five churches, Mr. Bareham refers to, there is but one where they have a surpliced choir (though that does not necessarily indicate a ritualistic form of worship), or where coloured stoles are used. In not one of the other four has ritualism advanced even to the point of turning to the east when the creed is said. I say then that Mr. Bareham's statement is an utter misrepresentation and a dishonest attempt to enlist sympathy and secure pecuniary aid by posing as an isolated Evangelical who has to fight his battle in the midst of Churchmen who are untrue to the teaching of the Reformers and brethren of the Clergy who give him the cold shoulder, because they are ritualists more or less. I am amazed at the position he has assumed as he has always been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration by the other clergy of Quebec, with whom his relations have been of the most friendly character.

Nobody among ourselves here is aware of any work of any consequence having been accomplished by "the handful of true Protestants" at Trinity Church in the direction of evangelizing the Roman Catholic population of the Province or city of Quebec, and it is misleading to English readers to be told that "the priests of the Church of Rome levy taxes at will, and can enforce their claims by the law of the land." On the cession of Canada to the British Crown the French Canadians were granted the exercise of their religious privileges and among others the clergy have a right to one twenty-sixth of the grain crops, which the law allows them to receive from the members of their own Church. In addition to this whenever a majority of the vestry of a Church decide to levy a tax for repairs, or for the erection of a church or parsonage house the rate is also recoverable at law from the Roman Catholic residents in the parish. The people are not "impooverished" but are much better off (I speak of the farming class, which is the peasantry of the country,) than the same class in England.

That Mr. Bareham should represent himself as opposed by Romanist and Ritualist only provokes a smile on the part of those who are familiar with the circumstances in which he is placed. The Romanists simply ignore him and the Ritualists are the creation of his own imagination. I am, sir, &c.,

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Rector of St. Michael's Church, and Canon of the Cathedral Church, Quebec.

P.S.—The above has been formally endorsed by the Dean of Quebec, and the Rectors of St. Matthew's, St. Peter's and St. Paul's.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—On Thursday, Oct. 3rd, at 11 a.m., a service was held in St. Saviour's Church, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Rural Dean Renaud.

The congregation was fair, although weather and roads were bad.

The hope was entertained that something definite would be done regarding a resident minister. The Bishop preached; he spoke very earnestly hoping that the vacancy in the parish would soon be filled, and also of the congregation's duty in many ways towards their minister. A meeting directly after the service was held in the vestry to discuss the question of securing a minister; there were present also two wardens from Clarenceville to see the Bishop on the same subject. They spoke very highly of Mr. Dibb, a student, and of the good work he did there during the summer. The Rural Dean unfortunately had to leave before the close of the service, to catch the train for St. Johns; summoned there to attend on some one very ill. The Bishop kindly visited an invalid here and gave her the Holy Communion. He should have been very tired by night time, driving over these dreadful roads and in the rain.

MONTREAL.—The Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at Synod Hall on the 3rd inst. Mrs. Henderson in the chair. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand.

A resolution was adopted to continue to support the Indian school at Elkhorn Manitoba, for two years longer.

The Rev. Mr. Barnam then spoke of his work amongst the Sioux Indians and his intention to start a school for Indian children in Manitoba so soon as means were furnished.

St. George's.—At a special vestry meeting held on the evening of the 3rd inst., amongst other matters discussed was that of putting the boys and men of the choir in surplices. For several years past this church has had a choir of men and boys; the latter entering in procession from the vestry at morning and evening service. As a matter of mere decency and order the use of surplices—to conceal the dissimilar costumes of the boys if for no other reason—would appear to be a necessity, and so apparently a number of the congregation thought; but a larger number of those present at the vestry meeting thought otherwise; amongst the latter being Messrs. A. F. Gault, E. L. Bond, G. F. C. Smith; and the movement was defeated.

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—This Institution held its opening session last Thursday evening. The Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal, presided, supported by the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Dr. Norton, Rev. Canon Mills and the Rev. Mr. Barnam, of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

The Principal stated that the College is increasing in efficiency and stability. Eleven years ago the College had been without assistant teachers, books or possessions of any kind; now the total assets, apart from a library of 2 000 volumes, are valued at \$46,475, of which \$17 706 form the cash endowment.

(In the \$46 475 is included we fancy the value of the building which does not belong to the College at all; the authorities only having the use of it, on special conditions as to nature of the Theological teaching: *Evangelical* in the strictest terms; and this according to the judgment of two laymen.—Ed.)

The College had not yet reached its final growth by any means, provided its friends would make provision for all its wants. He then dwelt on the numerous advantages of the College, its proximity to McGill, &c., and said that steps were being taken to form a French department for evangelization work. A few donations of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 would accelerate matters greatly. Permanent professorships ought to be established, and everything done to make the College superior to any in the land. The necessities of the Church demanded this and the people of Montreal had the means.