

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DORCHESTER.—The Rev. Mr. Simonds, our Rector for the past three years, having felt obliged to resign the Parish owing to ill health, at a meeting held on Monday the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of St. Martin's was elected to the position. Much as we regret Mr. Simonds' retirement, we have every reason to hope that under Mr. Campbell the Parish of Dorchester will become strong and important. The Church has a good deal to contend with here as elsewhere throughout these Provinces, but our people are well off financially, and if directed by a live, zealous man there can be no fear for the result.

[Mr. Campbell is a good man, and we are glad to learn of his election. Warmly interested in the Parish's welfare, we shall be greatly disappointed if Mr. Campbell does not prove a wise choice. We presume Mr. Simonds will devote his whole time to the Penitentiary, of which he is chaplain.—Eds.]

WOODSTOCK.—*Serious Fire.*—We deeply sympathize with the enterprising people of Woodstock in the serious fire of Nov. 11th. It was plainly the work of incendiaries, and no words can be too strong to denounce the acts of such fiends in human shape. We regret to find that the venerable old church of St. Luke's, the new church in course of erection, the Sunday School house, and the residence owned and occupied by Rev. T. Neales, were all destroyed. A writer says:—"A touching incident of the occasion was when the old bell in St. Luke's tower, that has so often given the people warning of fire, that has so often rung merry peals for marriages, tolled mournfully in its requiem tones, called the Sabbath worshippers to prayers, when this old bell amid the flames, that mounting up embraced it, rang out ere it fell into the fiery depths below its own funeral dirge." The old church was insured for \$1,000, the new building for \$3,000, and Mr. Neales house for \$800. The school house apparently was not insured. The loss will be heavy, and the delay in building the new church will be a serious inconvenience, especially as all the buildings are swept away. It is only a few months since the Rev. J. E. Flewelling, of Florenceville, lost his house by fire, and now we are called upon to lament the very serious losses to the Church in Woodstock. This is a case when, if the members of the Church of England throughout the Diocese were actuated by the proper spirit, and there was the proper organization to meet such calamities, they would come to the aid of their suffering brethren and assist in repairing the loss.

ST. JOHN.—The annual service of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association was held on All Saints' Day. There was service at St. Paul's, Portland, at 11 a. m., with a large number of communicants. Canon Brigstocke preached from St. John iv. 34—"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." In the evening Rev. O. S. Newnham preached in St. John's Church from 1 Cor. iii. 14.

PERSONAL.—Rev. G. M. Armstrong has been spending a few days in Fredericton.

ROTHESAY.—The Rev. Canon Partridge, the Rector of this Parish, has been given two months' leave of absence, and has gone to England for the benefit of his health. Canon Partridge has been urged to this course by his parishioners, who are anxious to see him restored to good health, which has been injured by his indefatigable and faithful labours. The Canon is in every sense a model Rector, able and eloquent as a preacher, and much beloved by his flock, whose prayers will follow him in his journey, and who wish him a safe return with renewed health.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS received at the Diocesan Room, for the week ending November 12th, 1881.

GENERAL PURPOSES, B. H. M.
 Mission, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$2; St. Mark's and St. John's, Halifax, per Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$76.
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.
 Aylesford, Offertory, per Rev. R. Avery, \$5.55.
CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.
 Mrs. C. E. Baras, Digby, \$2.
 JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.
 B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.
 Liverpool, Collection Thanksgiving Day, \$12.
 E. GILPIN, Treasurer.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Little Gatherers," Lunenburg, per Rev. H. L. Owen, \$3.13; Alberton, P.E.I., per Rev. R. W. Dyer, \$5, for Algona. Wm. Gossett, Treas. B. F. M. Dio. N. S.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. Mr. Hall—the Missioner from Boston, whose labours at Windsor are referred to in these columns—will be in Halifax and take part in the following services, viz., Friday (to-morrow) evening he will preach at St. Luke's Cathedral; Sunday next, 8 o'clock celebration St. Luke's, he will deliver an address. Sunday—Bishop's Chapel, he will preach at the 12 o'clock and 4 o'clock services, and again at St. Luke's at 7 o'clock. We hope the services will be largely attended.

ALBION MINES.—The Rev. V. E. Harris preached here twice on the 6th inst., as the deputation from

the Kuri-decanal Chapter, on behalf of the B. H. M. He showed clearly that a large increase in the subscriptions of every Parish and Mission was positively needful to enable the Church to keep the present Parishes supplied with clergy, not to say anything of opening up fresh work. We trust when the total is seen at the end of the year the effect of his earnest appeals will be very evident.

NEW GLASGOW.—On Sunday, 6th Nov., Rev. Mr. Harris, of Londonderry, preached in our temporary chapel on behalf of the B. H. M., for which he had been deputed by the meeting of the Deanery lately held at Amherst. His stirring appeal surely must produce good fruit in the shape of increased subscriptions. Our new church is boarded in and the roof nearly shingled. We hope to worship in it by the beginning of the year.

LONDONDERRY.—Rev. D. C. Moore, of Albion Mines, was here pleading for the Board of Home Missions on the 6th inst. He received promises which will double the small list of last year, but we hope more than that will be done. Mr. Moore also went to Great Village and spoke there upon the same subject.

SPRING HILL MINES.—The Rev. V. E. Harris visited the Parish on Sunday, Oct. 30th, and the two days following, as delegate for the Board of Home Missions. The result has been a very decided improvement in the subscriptions to the funds of the Board, most of the subscribers doubling their contributions. Now that the Church funds in the Diocese are in such sad want, Churchmen seem ready and willing to be aroused. Mr. Harris' plan of dedicated promises to be fulfilled by the dedicated offerings is the best that can be worked.—*Parish Church Work.*

WINDSOR.—A Mission was begun here on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, and is to be continued until Thursday, Nov. 17. The Rev. Mr. Hall, of Boston, is the Missioner, and his unaffected earnest manner and spiritual utterances have already produced blessed results, Dissenters as well as Church people being deeply impressed by the services. The following is the work of each day, varied as occasion requires:—

Morning Instructions.

On Prayer—The nature of Prayer, Morning Prayers, Night Prayers, Our Lord's Example of Prayer, Prayer in Christ's Name, What Prayers to use, How to Pray without ceasing, Wandering thoughts in Prayer, Mental Prayer or Meditation, Intercessory Prayer.

Afternoon Scripture Exposition.

On the Life and Ministry of St. John Baptist—The birth of the Baptist, his training, his preaching of repentance before our Lord, his administration of baptism to Christ, and the distinction between His baptism and Christian baptism, his subsequent witness to our Lord, his imprisonment, his message of enquiry sent to our Lord, his martyrdom.

Evening Sermons.

The First Commandments—False Gods, our great enemy, the Devil; the growth of sin, spiritual death and resurrection, the cross, death, judgment, conversion, reprobation, the life of grace, perseverance.

Evening Instruction: after the Sermon.

Self-examination, sin, the besetting sin, repentance, contrition and confession, repentance, amendment and reparation, means of restoration, the Ministry and Sacraments, Holy Communion, the Sacrificial Feast.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

BISHOP BINNEY has appointed Rev. H. P. Higginson to take the place of Rev. Mr. Dobie, Port Hill. Mr. Higginson has now been in the parish for six weeks, and has already won golden opinions from the parishioners. His manner is courteous, affable and pleasing, and his ministerial duties are conducted in that impressive and earnest manner which are conducive to the benefit of his congregation, as well as to the members of other denominations who have regularly attended the services conducted by him during his sojourn here. By request of the Church Wardens of the Porthill district we publish the following calendar of services for November:—November 11th, at Northam; 13th, morning, Lot 11; afternoon, Bideford; evening, Porthill; 16th, Porthill; 18th, Bideford; 20th, Northam, morning; Lot 11, afternoon; Porthill, evening; 23rd, Porthill; 25th, Northam; 27th, Porthill morning and evening; Bideford, afternoon; 30th, Porthill.—*Summerside Journal.*

[We may add that Mr. Higginson is a devoted worker, and it will be the people's fault if the work, with God's blessing, does not prosper.—Eds.]

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

AN enthusiastic and crowded Missionary Meeting was held on the evening of Thursday, 30th inst. The Bishop occupied the chair, and made an admirable opening Address. He was followed by Leo H. Davidson, Esq., Rev. Jno. Ker, of Dunham, Rev. W. L. Mills, and Rev. Canon Baldwin. All the speeches were of a high order, and much interest was awakened in the cause.

THERE have been several changes recently. Rev. Jas. Hutton has resigned Franklin, and accepted

Lachme, Rev. Robt. White has been appointed to the Mission of Hemmingford, and Rev. Ernest Saunders to West Shefford.

THE deed of Saybrook Hall was formally presented to the Diocese at the opening of the Theological College last week, by A. F. Gault, Esq., the munificent donor. Besides the gift of the Hall, Mr Gault has endowed a Chair for five years with \$1,000 a year.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE following is part of a letter received by Mrs. Williams:—

MUTTON BAY, LABRADOR, 5th Oct., 1881.

DEAR MADAM,—I duly received your kind letter by the schoolmaster and lay-reader, Mr. Willis—also, by schooner, a box of clothing, with many beautiful things for the Christmas Tree, and papers sent from England.

I left Quebec for Labrador on the 25th of July and reached Natastquan on the 30th. Here I was received with much kindness by Mr. Romeril, Messrs. Robin & Co's agent. I was fortunate enough to get a passage to Casco, the next fishing station, in a Government vessel employed in taking the census. Head winds kept me at Casco five days, which I employed looking up my people and having a service each evening. Services very hearty and responding and singing excellent. The people here are very poor and the harbour a dangerous one. At one house I witnessed poverty and misery in their most wretched form, such as I had never before seen. Some of the clothes so kindly sent will be a great boon. During August much bad weather delayed me at each station. On reaching Harrington harbour I found Mrs. Macdonald, an old and kind friend to the missionary on the coast, very ill. I was glad to have a celebration of the Holy Communion with her. Despite her being in a low condition, the old lady insisted on my holding service in her house as usual. She was very anxious to hear again the prayers of the Church. Mutton Bay was reached on the 16th of August. I was glad to get to my headquarters, and find a fine settlement with many well-to-do families. In the evening, after my arrival, I held a service in the mission house, and preached to a large congregation, and was not a little surprised to see the ladies coming in kid gloves. I began to think myself in the Townships again. There are families here, however, who are very poor, and I expect that there will be want among some of those who came in the spring from Newfoundland. I started on my visit to the eastward of the Mission on the 30th August. The day was very stormy, and I encountered some very strong squalls. I am thankful to say the church boat weathered the storm and I finally reached Tabatiere. Two of my parishioners were not so fortunate. They left Mutton Bay on the same day as myself, and their boat was capsized. After remaining in the water for about five hours, each of them clinging to an oar, they were at last accidentally discovered and brought to land insensible—I am glad to say they are both well now. In almost every house along the coast the responding is good, and the services are very hearty and earnest in consequence. There will be a great change in Schooner Bay this winter, I fear; many of the families who were there last year, intend leaving it at once on account of the scarcity of wood, and the congregation will be reduced to three families. There will be very few children at the daily school. I am in a quandary about the school-house, the floor of which was taken up in the spring to finish the Mission House here. By one of the schooners there came two boxes and a large bundle of clothing, also a large box of old papers and books. On my eastward visit I distributed one of the boxes of clothing. In doing so, I gave to some families of the Roman Church, not regarding creed, where there was evident poverty and want. I am very thankful for the many things sent to Labrador, and sure that the people, for whose comfort so much is done, are deeply grateful.

I desire to return my warmest thanks to the members of the St. Matthew's Church Guild for the woollen coat which they kindly sent me. It will be invaluable to me in my long winter journeys. Judging from the profusion of toys, books, clothes, papers, &c., which have been so generously sent, I hope to have an unusually fine Xmas Tree for the little ones.

Believe me, dear Madam,

Very faithfully yours,

R. WINDHAM BROWN.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Synod opened on Tuesday, the 1st inst., and from the Toronto secular papers we should judge that the proceeding were more than usually interesting. The Rev. Jno. Pearson was elected Clerical Secretary, Dr. J. G. Hodgson, Lay Secretary, and W. Atkinson, Esq., Treasurer.

The Bishop, in his address, referred to the Sunday Schools of the Diocese as the handmaids of the Church. The number of Teachers in the Diocese was 700, with 7,000 scholars.

His Lordship made a strong appeal on behalf of the poorly paid clergy. He said from the reports of sixty-four parishes and missions there appeared to be but two paid \$1,000 and over, eight were paid less than \$800, fourteen less than \$600, eight less than \$500, fifteen less than \$400, ten less than \$300, three less

than \$200, and four under \$100. He impressed upon the Synod the positive disgrace these figures disclosed, and trusted that every effort would be put forth to reach the minimum of \$1,000 before many years.

Our special correspondent will, no doubt, give our readers many particulars of the meetings next week.

A LARGELY attended Missionary Meeting was held during the meeting of the Synod, and able addresses delivered by the Bishop and Revs. J. P. Lewis, W. S. Rainsford, Hon. S. H. Blake, Q. C., and by Rev. W. C. Pinkham, the zealous Superintendent of Education of the Province of Manitoba. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm aroused will not be allowed to cool, but that the amount promised from this Diocese to the North-west Missions will be more than subscribed.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

YOUR people seem to be very popular down here. I believe we have about a dozen Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers occupying good positions in the Diocese. The Rev. Alfred Brown, and the Rev. J. B. Richardson, are professors (Lecturers) of the new Western University. The first named lectures on "Liturgy," the latter on "Church History." The Rev. Mr. Hill and the Rev. Mr. Troop are identified with Hellmuth College. Have you any more suitable men for professors and lecturers your way?

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

You will be pleased to hear, that from a Church stand point, things are brightening in our Diocese. Your correspondent can write in a much more cheerful and hopeful tone now than when he sent his last communication. Then I expressed a fear lest we should find it difficult to obtain suitable men in answer to the advertisements. I am happy to say, however, that we have had a large number of applications, and we have reason to believe, eligible ones. If we get these seven new posts filled, it will certainly be a great step in advance. Still, this will only be tapping the great work that is before the Church in this land. With the construction of railways, and the immense influx of immigrants, we can hardly tell what a month will bring forth. Almost every week we see notices of the names of new districts which we have never heard of before. We only have to make inquiries to find that there is a large proportion of Church people in these places. It is becoming a common thing for Church men passing through Winnipeg to wait upon our city clergy to represent the spiritual wants of some new district. A Rector in Winnipeg, only the other day, said to me—"When I see a man remaining after Service in my Church to speak to me, I at once think this man is going to tell me of some new Church centre. What can I tell him? What can I promise him?" I do hope that the \$4,000 promised us last Winter from the Dioceses in Old Canada will be forthcoming. So far, we have only received a small portion. The Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in the North-West returned last week from Ontario, and I see from his report that their denomination has voted \$16,000 for the work of this Church here during the ensuing year. They are, you see, justly alive to the importance of filling the field early. Only let the Church below give us even half that amount, and we shall be satisfied for the present. The Rev. W. C. Pinkham, Superintendent of Education, has gone down to the older Provinces to inspect the systems of School work there. We hope that he may be able to do something on behalf of the Church, in the way of affording information, and awakening interest. No man in the Diocese is in a position to give more accurate statistics in reference to the new districts than he is. He is a zealous Church man, and has had a large experience in the country. His duties in connection with Education have taken him all over the Province, and he never lost an opportunity of making himself acquainted with the wants of the Church in districts visited by him. We hope his presence among Churchpeople may do good.

The Diocesan Synod will meet on the 23d of this month. I expect to be able to send THE CHURCH GUARDIAN reports of it. MANITOBIANENSIS.

THE magnitude of the labours of the late Dr. Baring, during his seventeen years' administration of the see of Durham, may be gathered from the following facts. There were erected 119 new churches, at a cost of £363,830, and affording accommodation for 40,590 worshippers, 129 churches were enlarged and restored at an expenditure of £179,870; and a further outlay was incurred of £18,534 for burial-grounds. The clergy were increased by 186, and 392 deacons were ordained. No fewer than 183 schools for elementary education were erected or enlarged in the diocese during Dr. Baring's episcopacy, at a cost of £137,831.

A NEW IDEA has been originated in Chicago. The publication of a complete library for Sunday-school teachers, consisting of 12 volumes of choice instruction, all for the sum of \$1.00, postpaid. See advertisement of David C. Cook in another column. We have examined the goods, and they are remarkable for cheapness.