

we must preach the Gospel which alone maketh men wise unto salvation.

And as a last word, let me say that if our preaching is not to be in vain it must be "begun, continued and ended" in prayer. What is good in a sermon comes from God, the Giver of all good gifts. If we go forth in the strength of the Lord God to preach His righteousness only, our labour will not be in vain. His Word will not return void; His strength will be made perfect in our weakness. Let us fear nothing so much as our own indolence and want of faith. True and effective preaching is not the result of great gifts and lofty eloquence, but of inspiration from above. He who said "Preach the Word to every creature" will give the needed power, and make the Word when spoken by our mouths to bring forth "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundredfold."

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

We have received a very full and interesting account of this most important Conference lately held at Yarmouth, which owing to the crowded state of our columns this week we are obliged to hold over, with other communications, until next week.

HALIFAX.

St. Luke's Dedication Festival.—The banners on the chancel walls and the vases of beautiful white flowers above the altar gave a bright and festive appearance to the interior of St. Luke's Cathedral on St. Luke's day. All the services were fairly well attended. The rector in a short address at Evensong, expressed a desire to see the festival of their patron saint (St. Luke) kept with greater observance by the congregation than hitherto. There were two celebrations of the Holy Communion during the day. The celebrants were the Very Rev. Dean Gilpin and the Rev. E. P. Crawford, the latter of whom delivered a thoughtful discourse on the life and writings of St. Luke at the second Celebration, which was choral. The special festival music, consisting of Woodward's Communion Service in E flat, and Sir John Stainer's anthem, "Awake Thou that Sleepest," was ably rendered by the choir, and the congregation at Evensong joined heartily in the singing of the special Psalms, 94th and 122nd, and hymns 242, 395, 396 and 397. After this service the church workers and others of the congregation assembled in the choir room, with the Rector as president, when the various officers and assistants for the parochial work of St. Luke's parish for the coming winter were elected.

MARSHALLTOWN.

St. Paul's.—In the afternoon seven persons were confirmed at St. Paul's church, and the Bishop in addressing those who were confirmed took for his theme the "Armour of God," mentioned in the Epistle to the Ephesians, which having put on, they must use constantly and aright. The church at Marshalltown was crowded, while many, unable to gain entrance, either stood listening outside, or returned to their homes.

The office for the "Induction of a Rector," formed part of the evening service, when the Rev. H. A. Harley was formally presented to the congregation as their incumbent, and the Bishop spoke earnest words of counsel to both minister and people, charging the one to teach and build up his people well and faithfully, and

the others to receive the word with such obedience that they who watch for their souls and who must give account, may do it with joy and not with grief. All the services were cheerful and helpful.

DIGBY.

Holy Trinity.—Large congregations assembled in Trinity church on Sunday week, to take part in the services and to witness the administration of the rite of "The Laying on of Hands."

Morning Prayer had been said at 9 o'clock, so that the service at 11 o'clock might consist only of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Twenty candidates were presented to the Bishop, and after his hands were laid upon them he addressed them in loving and helpful words, showing them some of the temptations and difficulties which they would meet in their Christian life, and what principle they must follow, and what grace seek in the encounter.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The 18th anniversary of this important and useful institution was celebrated on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, by services both morning and evening in Trinity church. The morning service consisted of a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9 a.m., when Archdeacon Brigstocke, President of the Institute, was the Celebrant, and was assisted by the Rev. Canon DeVeber.

At 8 p.m. there was a full Choral Service, which was well rendered throughout by Priest, choir and congregation. The Rector intoned the service in a good, clear voice, and the choir, which has been considerably augmented by voices from the choirs of St. Paul's and the Mission church, did their part from beginning to end most efficiently. The Psalms for the evening were chanted. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were taken to that brilliant setting by T. Morley, and the anthem was Sing a Song of Praise, by Stainer. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. McCully, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, who took for his text, 1 Cor. xii. 12, and delivered an able and eloquent sermon. The following clergy were present: Rev. Canon DeVeber, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Rev. John deSoyres, Rev. R. W. Hudgell, Rev. W. H. Sampson, Rev. E. Sibbald, Rev. W. Fatough and the Rector, Archbishop Brigstocke. The first Lesson was read by Rev. J. deSoyres, and the second by Rev. E. Sibbald. The Rev. W. O. Raymond said the latter portions of the prayers. There was a large congregation present. The collection was in aid of the institute.

BAY DU VIN.

A correspondent of the *Union Advocate* writes as follows: Having occasion to be in the thriving village of Bay du Vin recently I noticed many improvements going on which are a credit to that thriving place, and among others was the renovating and painting of the interior of their beautiful little church: St. John's church, Bay du Vin, under the rectorate of Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, who through his zeal and energy has done much to preserve and beautify this memorable church. He has had the interior painted throughout in the mural decorative style of modern days, proving the progress and tendency of the feelings of his people to make the house of God a fitting place to worship their Creator and Redeemer in, and to make His dwelling a place of beauty and a joy forever. The painting of the ceiling is done in blue tint with cream colored friezes forming panels are adorned with rosettes, which in their centres have emblematic designs in gilt. The walls are in light buff, with a festoon border twelve inches wide, with appropriate mottoes on a maroon

ground, the whole making a very effective appearance.

The work was designed and performed by Mr. F. Bockler, of Newcastle, to the entire satisfaction of the Rector and people, and as a token thereof conveyed to him a vote of thanks for the able and artistic manner in which the work was performed.

Diocese of Quebec.

SHERBROOKE.

A conference of the Woman's Auxiliary for the district of St. Francis was held in the church hall, Montreal street, on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, large representations being present from surrounding parishes, as well as delegates from the city of Quebec. Great interest was manifested in the discussion of the several papers and reports read at the meeting. In the evening a Missionary meeting was held in the hall, the speakers being the Rev. Chas. Brooks, of Barnston, and the Rev. Albert Stevens, of Hatley. Both gentlemen are well known in this city, and fully sustained the reputation already acquired by them for making interesting and instructive addresses. Mr. Brooks dwelt at some length on woman's work in the East, and he did it well. Having been for nineteen years a resident of Turkey he was able to speak from personal observations of many incidents that naturally came under his notice during his long missionary career in the domains of the Sultan. Mr. Stevens' address was a carefully prepared and elevating one, and was listened to with close attention throughout. His theme was that all work, such as done by the Woman's Auxiliary, should be a work of love and unselfishness. At the close of the meeting a collection was taken up, the proceeds of which are to be devoted towards repairing a Mission house for the Piegan Indians in the Diocese of Calgary.—*Sherbrooke Gazette.*

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

NEW CANON.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has been pleased to appoint the Rev. J. G. Norton, D.D., Rector of Montreal, an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. The appointment is one which is well deserved owing to the faithful work done by Dr. Norton in the Cathedral as Rector thereof, and will be generally acceptable throughout the diocese. We extend our congratulations to the new Canon.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The beautiful cross which adorned the chancel end of the cathedral, but which having been made of Caen stone, had, like many other portions of the fabric, crumbled away, has been replaced with beautiful Ohio stone. Owing to the extensive use of Caen stone on the outside of the building, and owing to the defective nature of the ground as to foundations, there has been a continual drain upon the congregation to replace the decaying stone and maintain the fabric. The expense so incurred during the last three years has been at least \$5,000, and in the years preceding these, since Dr. Norton's appointment as Rector, the expenditure was probably still greater. Many desirable repairs it has not been possible to undertake, and at the present moment there are other portions of the building where the Caen stone should be replaced, but to do which would involve a very large expenditure. The church is not merely a *parochial* one, but is the parish church of the *diocese*; and it becomes a question whether the *diocese* as such should not contribute to, if not wholly meet, the necessary expenditures for repairs and maintenance of the fabric. We suppose it is indisputable that a