

God is ever sufficient for His people's needs. But men do object to pretty little ideas couched in gushing language, which are "so beautiful," "so helpful," and "so" all the rest. Such sermons as these are downright nauseating to all men who are really men, and we have a great deal too much of this sort of thing. Another kind of preaching which drives men away from church is that which is too often heard from the lips of fluent preachers. They will get up into the pulpit and talk glibly by the space of half-an hour, at the end of which time they will retire, having succeeded in saying absolutely nothing. We have heard of priests who made it their boast that they never thought of what they would preach about until an hour before the service began. We trust that there are not many such priests, for do this is nothing short of dishonest, and these sermons are worth exactly as much as the time they spend upon their preparation. We lately "sat under" a leading Evangelical light who was blessed (?) with this fatal fluency, and we have rarely ever heard so many commonplace truisms poured forth in an even stream of familiar language as we listened to on that occasion. Another very potent factor in driving men away from church is the way in which the services are conducted. Slovenliness and finnickiness are equally successful in doing this. A priest who comes into Church half awake, about ten minutes late, without having taken the trouble to shave, does not show much reverence for the Sacrament of the Altar, nor does his conduct conduce to others reverence. So, too, a fussiness about trifles, a magnifying of non-essentials, an unrestfulness, tends to make people—men especially—disgusted with the whole thing. The same may be said of the music used during service. Sugary hymns and hymn tunes—sweet melodies which pall upon good taste after being heard once—have their effect upon the congregation.

These disadvantages may have been some of those to which the Bishop of Wakefield referred in his Synod, but in any case they are faults which need to be mended. While the Clergy may not always be to blame for them, they have it in their power to supply the remedy; and every priest who finds that his congregation consists mainly of women should look to it, for there is sure to be something wanting in himself which keeps his male parishioners from church.—*Church Review.*

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## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LOCKPORT.—It is most gratifying to record the satisfactory results of the Lenten and Easter services in all parts of the parish.

The large attendance at the services at Jordan Falls, during Passion week, the rare singing, and the increase in the number of the communicants, augurs well for the future. The chapel-wardens, James T. Holden, Esq., and Mr. William Holden, presented a very favorable report of the finances for the past year.

The Green Harbour congregation, by their good attendance at Church, increased reverence during Divine worship, and untiring interest in their Church and Sunday-school, give much encouragement to their clergyman, who takes extreme pleasure in expressing his satisfaction in the manifest spiritual improvement, that is evident in the settlement.

The Holy Cross congregations, during Lent were large and devout. During Holy Week, Matins and Evensong, with addresses were participated in, by very devout worshippers, and the large addition to the number of Communicants, at the early celebration on Easter Sunday, showed that God was with us of a truth.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Churchwardens—George Redding, Esq., and J. E. Richardson, Esq. Vestrymen—Alex. Smith, Thomas Rawlings, Edwin Locke, William Day, Thomas Symmonds, George Haddy, Arthur Locke, Joseph Belong, Reuben Hiltz, James T. Holden, Charles Holden, William Holden.

Easter Offertory, \$85; Good Friday, \$4 05.

### DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—In a short contribution sent you lately, and published in the *CHURCH GUARDIAN* of May 15th, respecting the Mission Church of St. John Baptist, then in Portland, now, by the union of the two cities, in St. John, I find that, in aiming at brevity, I left room for a misconception of facts. I refer to a statement in one place that we had over 100 communicants on Easter morning, and in another that 203 persons had received Confirmation in the Church since its opening. This seems to require explanation; as, otherwise, it might be said that the ratio of actual communicants to the number confirmed was small. The fact is that this little Church, doing its work chiefly among a class of people who are of migratory habits, has been especially unfortunate in the removal of its members from the city to the United States. The church began in 1882 with twenty communicants; since then it has numbered on its roll 273, and the 43 lately confirmed will swell the number to 316. Of these fully 100 have been removed,—a very few by death, most of them by departure to other lands. The actual communicants at Easter (within the octave) were 121. There should have been 173. Probably all churches experience a disregard of the church's rule in somewhat similar proportion, occasioned partly by unavoidable hindrances, partly by indifference.

The Ladies' Society of Church Workers in connection with St. John's (Stone) Church are preparing for an extensive sale to be held in the Mechanics' Institute on the 6th and 7th of June. In addition to a large and varied display of fancy and plain needlework, a variety of other pleasing attractions will be offered. Tea will be served during the evenings, and cooling refreshments may be had from the ice cream booth. The proceeds are to be devoted to the school house building fund.

A beautiful gold watch was presented to Miss Tingey last week, by the members of the Church of England Institute, on her resignation of the duties of attendant at the reading room and library, which she had discharged in a very exemplary manner for the last eight

years. The watch bears the following inscription: "A. E. Tingey, Church of England Institute, St. John, N. B., A. D. 1881-89."

LATE CANON WALKER.—On Friday, 17th instant, there passed peacefully away in this city, at the advanced age of eighty seven, that faithful standard bearer of the Church militant, the Rev. William W. Walker, one of the Canons of the Diocese of Fredericton.

Mr. Walker was born at Annapolis, N.S., on the 31st of July, 1802. He spent his diaconate at Cornwallis, N.S., as assistant to Rev. Robert Norris, and upon his ordination, in 1827, to the priesthood by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, officiated at St. Margaret's Bay, N.S., and afterwards at Charlottetown and St. Eleanors, P. E. Island. He then (1830) went to Hampton, N. B., of which parish he was Rector for fifty-three years, resigning in 1883. During this long period he performed most laborious work under great difficulties, but with a patience and singleness of purpose well worthy of imitation. Conscientious, practical, self-denying, he has gone to his reward with the record of a well spent life.

Canon Walker leaves four sons: Thomas Walker, M. D., of St. John; Rev. Wm. Walker, of Pittsburgh, North Carolina; Rev. George Walker, of North Andover, Mass.; and Rev. Millidge Walker, of Bridgeport, Conn.

WICKLOW.—The Bishop Coadjutor of Fredericton visited the Mission of Wicklow on the 14th May. He baptized two adults and confirmed eight at Centreville; also consecrated grounds around St. James Church, and set it apart for burial purposes.

Wednesday evening Canon Neales, of Woodstock, and Rev. D. V. Gwilym, of Houlton, lately at Richibucto, delivered missionary addresses in St. James Church, Centreville, for the Rector, the Rev. J. Flewelling.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, late Rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, N.B., has just been appointed permanent Chaplain at Oran, Algeria. Oran is a new S.P.G. Chaplaincy, and the work will commence in September.

### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

No report

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SUTTON.—The Bishop made his annual visitation of the parish of Sutton, on Thursday, 24th of May. This parish takes a prominent place among the Synodical Rectories of Bedford. It is a spiritual soil long watered by such messengers as Archdeacon Scott, Rural Dean Lindsay and Rev. H. Montgomery. Each of these left their mark upon the material and spiritual advancement of the parish. It remained for the late and much loved and revered Rural Dean Smith to complete the Parochial structure in the gathering and funding of the Parish Endowment, and the inauguration of a self-supporting parish. His labours of a quarter of a century have left an imprint upon the hearts of God's people, which will make his name a treasured one in this parish. Upon such foundations it has pleased a favoring Providence to call the Rev. Charles Bancroft, M. A., to build, and the happy, instructive and impressive services on Thursday at both churches in the Rectory (Abercorn and Sutton village) bear testimony alike to the wisdom and faithfulness of the first Rector, Rural Dean Smith, and the efficiency and zeal of his worthy successor. The latter was at the opening of the service at Sutton inducted by the Bishop into "the real, actual and corporal possession of the incumbency of the said parish and of all the rights, privileges and emoluments thereto pertaining." Bishop, brother priests, Canon Davidson, Revs. Brown, Macfarlane, W. Robinson, Forsey, Meek