

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

RICHMOND.—The Rector of St. John's Church, Richmond, begs to acknowledge the receipt of a half sheet of the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*, containing the account, with various underlinings and marginal notes, of the Christmas decorations at the Parish Church of that place. (The contribution to the GUARDIAN was from the pen of a faithful layman.) He also suggests that the intended unpleasantness was quite unnecessary. Country clergymen, as a rule, have their share of petty annoyances to bear without such additions. It is to be hoped that our anonymous friend will strive so to make use of this Holy Season, as to obtain a larger supply of the Christian grace of charity. The petition in the Litany, "That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts" will be uttered earnestly on our friend's behalf.

CARLETON.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan confirmed 27 candidates in St. George's Church, at morning service on the 2nd Sunday in Lent. He preached from II. Cor. vi. 4.

ST. JOHN.—The monthly meeting of St. Mary's Church Temperance Society was held on the 26th. Some stirring temperance addresses were made, Rev. Mr. Almon, Mr. E. G. Nelson and other ardent temperance workers being present.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Lieut. Col. Chas. Drury. He was out on snow shoes on Saturday, Feb. 21st, was taken ill that afternoon, and died in the evening. The Colonel was in his 75th year, and had held several public positions. The funeral took place from St. Paul's Church, Portland, on the 24th, conducted by Rev. Canon De Veber and Rev. F. S. Sill.

Rev. J. R. Campbell lectured in the course in connection with the Church of England Institute last evening in Trinity Church School-room, on "The English Church during the Middle Ages." The lecture was an able one and was well attended.

On the 25th the scholars of St. John's Church Sunday School, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rector, were driven out to the residence of T. W. Daniel Esq., where, with his characteristic kindness and hospitality a good supper was given them, and they spent an evening of enjoyment.

PERSONAL.—Rev. H. P. Peterson of New Denmark has been the guest of the Rev. E. A. W. Harrington, Rector of the Vice Royal Church, at New Edinburgh, near Ottawa. We think he will return with sufficient money to finish St. Ansgar's Church. No doubt H. R. H. the Princess will feel sympathy for the countrymen of her royal sister-in-law, the Princess of Wales, who some time ago gave a handsome donation to the Building Fund.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The third lecture in the Lenten course of services held at Trinity School-house in connection with the Church Institute was delivered by the Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rector of St. Martin's (late of Yarmouth); Subject—"The Church of England during the Middle Ages." Previously to the lecture the Litany was said by Canon Briggstocke. The large room was full. The lecturer said that his subject covered 1000 years, namely from the Advent of Augustine to the Reformation, and could not be treated at all satisfactorily in a single lecture. During all that period the Church of England had only one rival to contend against, and that rival was Rome. All the sects by which she was now surrounded, from Presbyterianism down to Plymouthism were of later origin. The Rev. gentleman then proceeded to give a rapid but most interesting and valuable sketch both of the growth of the papal claims to supremacy in matters temporal and spiritual, and of the steady resistance, down to the 13th century, of the people, parliaments, and Church of England to these claims. At that period many causes combined to bring the English Church under the absolute sway of the Pope; and it so remained until the Reformation. As the Reformation was to be the subject of the next lecture, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, left the matter here. His valuable paper was listened to with great attention, and, it brought to the large audience a vast number of historical facts, the knowledge of which is almost wholly confined to the

very few outside the clergy who make ecclesiastical history a study.

ALBERT COUNTY.—Several important additions and improvements have of late been made in the Hopewell Hill Church. The fencing round the building has been repaired and in part renewed; a new altar-cloth purchased, and a handsome altar-rail and carpet for the chancel, presented by His Lordship the Metropolitan. The Church has also received from the Rector of St. Stephen two handsome Service Books, consisting of a Prayer Book and Book of Offices for the Communion. The Church at Harvey has undergone extensive and necessary repairs. The exterior has been recolorled, the walls plastered and whitened, the windows glazed, the foundation, which had settled, adjusted, the flooring repaired, and new seats added. A second stove and quantity of stovepipe has been purchased and adjusted—a work attended with no little danger and difficulty, as the Church, which is large, but projected on principles altogether above the needs and requirements of the usual congregation assembling within its walls. Two new stations have been opened by Rev. Geo. Love in this mission since the opening of the year—one at Alma and one at Coverdale. Mr. Love has now seven different centres for services in the county, all of which are prospering.

GREENWICH.—An entertainment was given in the Greenwich School House, on the 23rd, for the benefit of the Oak Point Church. There was a large audience.

NORTON.—Some energetic ladies of the Parish are getting up a course of lectures for the benefit of needed repairs on the Lower Norton Church. It is to be held in Barnes' Hall, Hampton.

PERSONAL.—Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton, has been on a visit to his son, C. G. Roberts, Esq., at Chatham.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's—St. Luke's Church lecture course close last evening with a lecture by the rector, on the subject of Pre-Christian Religions and their Relations to Christianity, before a deeply interested and attentive audience. Brahminism, Buddhism, the religions of China and Egypt, as also Greco-Romanism, were severally dealt with and their principles explained. Several points of resemblance, as well as of contrast, in all these religions with the faith of the Christian were dwelt upon at length. In dealing with Brahminism, an interesting account was given of the late action of Keshub Chander Sen, the distinguished Brahmin scholar and founder of the Brahma Somaj Society. This lecture course has been one of great merit, and we understand that the proceeds have added a handsome sum to the building fund.

WOODSTOCK.—Work is to commence on the new church at Jacksonville about May 1st. The nave of the church is to be 44x20 feet, and will contain a chancel and vestry. The style is Gothic with high central tower. The wood-work, trimmings, seats, sashes, doors, etc., will be made at factory of J. C. Risteen & Co.

NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.—It is some time since any communication was made from this Parish to the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*. Several accounts of Church decorations and Festival Services have been sent; but there must, of necessity be such a sameness in these, that I, for one, have determined not to help fill up your paper with them when so many things of more importance are to be recounted.

Our Lenten work is progressing very favorably, the congregations being steadily on the increase, and marked also by greater earnestness. The Sunday work remains much as usual, also the week day. The extra work the Rector is taking up in two courses of lectures, the one on Wednesday, the other on Friday evenings; the first of these is a series of subjects of Christian evidences: the other on Friday evenings—Historical Bible readings, the Acts of the Apostles.

Notice is also given that on a certain afternoon the Rector is to be found in the Church, for the benefit of those who may wish to consult him on Spiritual matters.

Our communicant's roll is being gradually lengthened; and it is an encouraging sign that those who were lately confirmed are very constant in their attendance at the Holy Sacrament. This is, no doubt, brought about, in a great degree, by the monthly communicant's classes which the Rector conducts.

Somewhat of an impetus has been

given to our Sunday School work lately by three really valuable prizes, which were given by members of the Church for the three best essays written on a given Scripture subject. The successful competitors were respectively Miss Maggie Parker, Miss Annie Harley and Miss Ada Maltby.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

NEW LONDON.—A very interesting Mission was commenced at New London on the 16th ult. and closed on the 22nd ult. Divine service was held every evening, and sermons preached by the Rev. Alfred Osborne from St. Paul's, Charlottetown. On Wednesday and Friday evenings devotional meetings were held after service, and on Saturday evening a communicant's class was gathered for instruction preparatory to the Sunday administration of the Holy Communion. On Sunday the 22nd inst. the Mission was closed with a solemn service of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Supper. Several expressed themselves highly benefited by the week's services. Mr. Welsh of Charlottetown assisted on Saturday evening, and on Sunday by playing the organ, and thereby adding to the pleasure of the services.

LIEUT. J. WHITBY DIXON, P. M., read an excellent paper before the St. Paul's Church Association on Friday evening the 20th inst. Subject:—"What Ritual is allowed in the Church of England as by law established?" A lively discussion took place, and the meeting was adjourned to Friday the 27th ult.

St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown.—Lent Services.—Sunday, Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Matins or Holy Communion (fully choral) on alternate Sundays, 11 a. m. N.B.—When there is a second celebration at 11, Matins are said at 10.15. Litany and Catechising in the Church on alternate Sundays at 2.30.

Special Lent Evening Service at 7. The order of Service is as follows:—Hymn; Latter part of Communion Service, commencing with the Miserere; Lesson; Metrical Litany from H. A. M.; Lesson; Hymn; Sermon; Hymn 91. (A and M, new ed.). Subjects of Sermons:

1st Sunday.—"Man shall not live by bread alone," etc.

2nd Sunday.—"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," etc.

3rd Sunday.—"Thou shalt worship thy Lord thy God," etc.

Further subjects not yet announced. The Daily Services are as usual, except Evensong, which is said at 7.30 instead of 5.

On Wednesday evening—Litany (choral) and Hymns, with Lectures on Repentance, (i. its three parts, as given in the Communion Service, viz., (1) "Bewailing and lamenting our sinful life"; (2) "Acknowledging and confessing our offences"; (3) "Seeking to bring forth worthy fruits of penance";) and Forgiveness.

On Thursday morning, at 7.15, Holy Communion, with an address of 10 minutes, on the Real Presence of our Blessed Lord in the souls of His faithful people.

On Friday evenings, immediately after Evensong, a Bible Class, subject being the Sunday School lesson from the "Leaslet" for the next Sunday; thus combining a teachers meeting with this class.

The Rev. George W. Hodgson, lectured to a large audience in the Market Hall, on the 17th. The lecture was a most interesting one. The Reverend gentleman did not confine himself to a mere recital of the facts, in connection with the career of Moses, but he drew from it lessons in political economy to be practised by persons in the present day. He touched on many subjects which are to-day burning questions, such as the Insolvency Laws, the Land Question, the Civil Service, etc., and gave on these subjects some sound and good advice. Mr. Hodgson as a lecturer, is quite equal to Mr. Hodgson as a preacher, and we can say nothing beyond this in his praise. His audience was delighted with last night's effort.—*Patriot*.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Falkland Mission.*—The proceeds of the entertainment at Mason Hall, "Christmas in ye Olden Time," amounting to \$116.55, have been handed to the rector of St. Luke's for the above mission. Miss Fitch and the ladies and gentlemen who so successfully carried out the programme are to be congratulated as well as sincerely thanked for this result.—*Ex*.

It is thought the Rev. Geo. F. Maynard will soon take charge of this mission.

MAHONE BAY.—*Church Work* has been localized by this parish and starts with almost a hundred subscribers. We wish all concerned every success.

NEW HAVEN, C. B.—Daily services were held in the new St. Andrew's Church in this place during the recent visit of the travelling missionary, the Rev. S. Gibbons. The services were largely attended, and the Church people have been strengthened and refreshed.

RAWDON.—We learn that this Parish has been offered to the Rev. W. J. Ancient, of Halifax. If he accepts we feel that Hants County will have the addition of one of the most deserving men in the Diocese, and one of the most active and successful of the Church's clergy. Why Mr. Ancient is allowed to leave Halifax is to us unaccountable. His loss will be severely felt.

SACKVILLE.—The Rev. W. Ellis wishes us again to refer to the Parsonage Fund of this Parish. He desires gratefully to acknowledge the response (for the second time) from his dear friends in Lunenburg, who have transmitted, through E. H. Solomon, Esq., eighteen dollars and two cents, (\$18.12); which, together with twenty-five cents from an unknown friend, is the amount so far received in answer to his appeal. He is most anxious to get free of debt before proceeding any further with the work, and requires only twenty dollars more in order to do so. Will not some of our readers assist him out of his difficulty? We may repeat again that the object is a most important and deserving one; and there could be no more fitting season than this of Lent for helping this work of the Lord.

TRURO.—About \$3,000 is the amount that is now needed to finish the Church at this place. When completed, it will be both an ornament to the town and a credit to the Vicar and Church people of the place.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. A. J. Townend's lecture on "Charles Dickens," on Tuesday evening, drew a large audience, who were highly pleased and instructed by the happy manner in which the subject was treated. A considerable sum of money must have been realized, which goes towards the Building Fund of the new Church in Truro.

Church of England Institute.—The Executive Committee have decided to establish a Sunday afternoon Bible Class. A clergyman has offered to take charge of it, and, as many young men are anxious to have it started, there is no doubt it will be at once a success.

It is very pleasing to note, not only the good feeling which prevails among the members of the Institute, but also the evident desire on the part of many to make it a blessing to the souls of all. The first meeting of the Class will be held on Sunday afternoon next, at 4 o'clock.

All, both old and young, male and female, are cordially invited.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.—In connection with the appointment of Rev. Dr. Lebley, to be Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, the name of Rev. Mr. Norman, of the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, is mentioned as his probable successor at Bishop's College, Lennoxville.—*Quebec Chronicle*.

The Right Rev. the Bishop is expected home from his European tour in May.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. C. Hamilton, Rector of St. Matthew's, proposes introducing *Church Work* as a parish magazine.

If all our parishes were to adopt this useful little paper, much good would result to the Church.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

APSLEY.—The Bishop held confirmation services in this Mission on 4th Feb. His Lordship and Rural Dean Smithett were met at St. Stephen's Church, Chandos, by Mr. Harding, the incumbent, about noon.

All then went to Mr. George Sharp's shanty, where a good substantial English lunch of roast beef and plum-pudding, with various garnishings, was provided by Mrs. Sharp. At Church the congre-

gation was not numerous, but very devout and attentive, and the responses hearty. All rose from their seats as the Bishop entered. There were nine candidates for confirmation, six of whom received the Holy Eucharist. From thence the Bishop and the Rural Dean went to the parsonage—some five and a half miles distant—to dinner.

At 7 p. m. service was held in St. George's, Apsley. Here the congregation was much larger, many being drawn by curiosity; the hour also was more convenient. There were four confirmed—in all thirteen, seven males and six females. The manner of the Bishop was very impressive; instead of a practice which was followed in former times of laying one hand on each of two candidates, his Lordship laid both hands impressively on the head of each, and the blessing-prayer was pronounced in a clear, distinct and pleading tone. Eight others were prepared, but the roads being little but a sheet of ice, they were prevented from attending.

This is a new Mission, having two churches and a number of stations. Another church is badly wanted eight miles away from any church, and the congregation and friends would build one if they could get help from friends without to the amount of \$100. If the Lord of the Harvest would move the hearts of devout and zealous friends of the church thus to help a back-country mission—very back and very poor—contributions for that very desirable object would be gladly received by the Rev. P. Harding, the missionary.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LENT.—There never was a time in the history of this Diocese when Lenten services were so numerous as at present. Even out-of-the-way country Missions are beginning the weekly (8 o'clock) celebrations on Sunday morning.—*Laus Deo*.

Trinity.—Yet another effort is to be made to keep the doors of this church open. It is said that the Rectorship is to be offered to the Rev. O. J. Booth, now assistant at St. John's, P. Q. We trust the proposed arrangement may be a success. Mr. Booth is a young man of singular eloquence and pulpit power, and the Trinity congregation may be congratulated if they secure his services. The salary offered is \$800 per annum.

CANON BALDWIN.—This gentleman was present at the great temperance meeting held in Montreal last week. I mean no disrespect to the other speakers when I say that Mr. Baldwin's address was, by a long way, the most powerful and eloquent made on that occasion. The friends of temperance work would do well to have that speech (and indeed the whole proceedings) put in pamphlet form and distributed.—*Dominion Churchman*.

FELICSBURG.—We are pleased to hear that the trustees of the St. John's Methodist Church have proffered the use of their building to the congregation of the Church of England, at such times as they do not occupy it themselves during the interim of the removal of the venerable old Trinity and the erection of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church. The fact of the Church having other sufficient accommodation does not prejudice the heartiest thanks for the kindly feeling involved.—*St. John's News*.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

CHANGES.—It is said that Rev. A. W. Hastings, of Wallaceburg, will succeed Rev. F. H. Harding at Trinity Church, North Chatham, and that Rev. H. Baillet takes the place of Rev. Hugh Cooper, at Listowell.

LONDON.—Rev. Dr. Stocking, of Detroit, lectures on Thursday evening at Bishop Cronyn Hall for the Church of England Y. M. A. The Bishop of Huron will preside.

Special services are being held in each of the city churches during Lent.

STRATHROY.—Special Lenten services will be held on each Thursday evening in St. John the Evangelist Church, in which clergymen from London usually assist the Rector, Rev. A. C. Hill. On Thursday evening last the services were conducted by Rev. Rural Dean Smith, of Christ Church.

CHATHAM.—The Rev. Freeman Harding, Rector of Holy Trinity, North Chatham, it is said, has resigned his pastorate of that Church, and goes to New Hamburg, Waterloo Co.