

more seed would fall on good ground to spring up and bear fruit to everlasting life! How much less unreasoning criticism would there be of the preacher and his message; how many more churches and church members famed for usefulness and good works! — *The Evangelist.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—The Sewing Circle and Mite Society are industriously at work for the fund for the improvement of the nave. We hope to have a picnic on July 16th. Our friend Mrs. W. Stevenson, with her husband, has paid us a visit on return from the wedding trip to Eng., on their way to their home in Antigonishe. As Miss Belle Rutherford she was a good churchworker, at the organ, choir, Sunday-school, &c. We wish her a happy life in her new home.

WESTVILLE.—The stone for the foundations is hauled, and the foundation is being dug for our new church. Messrs. J. F. Willis & Co. have kindly lent us an organ for use in the hall in which we worship at present.

AMHERST.—Rev. S. Gibbons, Rector of St. George's, Parrboro, officiated last Sunday in this parish. There was an early celebration at 8 a.m., and the usual services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with most impressive and earnest sermons. The church was filled with a reverent and attentive congregation.

Rev. Mr. Polehampton, lately curate at Windsor, assisted the Vicar at Evensong on Tuesday. Mr. Polehampton will be engaged in the work of the Church at Baie Verte, Tidnish and other places. The work of the Ship Railway has brought a large number of church people to Tidnish, as well as to this town and the ministrations of the Church must be extended to meet the wants of her children.

Another clergyman is expected shortly to take charge of River Philip, Maccan and other out stations.

BRIDGETOWN.—In the course of his Confirmation tour through the western parts of his Diocese, the Bishop reached this parish on Sunday, 17th inst. Service was held at St. Mary's Chapel, Belle Isle, at 3 o'clock, p.m., where a large congregation, many being members of the various dissenting bodies, had gathered. Much curiosity was of course felt to see and hear the new Bishop on his first visit. An excellent and very appropriate sermon was preached from the words, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good." Surely an impression must have been made on many hearts by the excellent advice conveyed in such plain and forcible language. After a tedious drive over abominable roads, the Bridgetown Rectory was reached in time for tea and a little rest before evening service. Long before the appointed hour, 7:30 p.m., the beautiful Parish Church was filled to overflowing. Here there were 38 candidates presented for the "laying on of hands," and when it was considered that there are not more than thirty Church families in this portion of the parish, the number is more than satisfactory; however, there were several among them from other communions who had lately been baptized by the Rector. The ages of the candidates varied from 76 to 13; of these 14 were males and 24 females. While the candidates were still on their knees, and just before the "laying on of hands," the choir sang antiphonally the "Veni Creator," which had a very solemnizing effect. Many, including the Bishop, remarked the earnest and reverent demeanor of the candidates and the good order maintained throughout, not only by them but by the large and mixed congregation. The singing of the choir was excellent; the tunes selected being hearty

and taking. The altar was beautifully decorated with cut flowers kindly offered for the occasion. The address of the Bishop was most able and cannot fail from its earnestness, plainness and altogether practical character to have a deep and we trust lasting effect. On Monday morning the Churchwardens, Vestry and a number of the parishioners assembled at the Rectory to present his Lordship with an address of welcome and to convey their hearty thanks to him for the kind manner in which he received their Rector, when he went a stranger to Boston in 1885, to solicit aid towards building the new church in this place. The Bishop thanked them in a neat speech, in which he conveyed some excellent advice in regard to paying off the debt still on the church, and which it is sincerely hoped will not, as good advice so often does, pass in one ear and out the other, but will not only be heard but marked, learnt and inwardly digested.

His Lordship left for Windsor by the 3 o'clock train, leaving behind a most favourable impression.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

No Report.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Mission Field for March says of the late Rev. Joseph Albert Lobley:—

It is but recently that the Dioceses of Ely and Peterborough were called upon to mourn the loss of their Organising Secretary—the Rev. H. Field Blackett—and now again his immediate successor, not, however, actually in office when he passed away, has been taken to his rest. After an academical career of such distinction that it gained him one of the highest of University prizes—a Fellowship of Trinity College Cambridge—the Rev. Joseph Albert Lobley gave himself to the Colonial Church by accepting, in 1873, the Principalship of the Theological College in Montreal, which he held until his promotion, in 1877, to a like office in Lennoxville College, Quebec. He did good work there till 1885; when he returned, after after twelve years' service abroad, to bring to the Church at home the fruits of a ripe experience. The vacancy in the organising secretaryship caused by Mr. Field Blackett's death gave the opportunity, which he readily accepted, of turning to account the knowledge he had gained in Canada as a means of arousing new Missionary interest at home. His past connection with the University of Cambridge also attracted him to resume work there, as it served to keep him in touch with the scenes of his early life. The unassuming simplicity of his character, and his genuine earnestness in the work which he had undertaken, endeared him to all those with whom he came in contact, and secured for him many new personal friends in both Dioceses. A consciousness that his health was not what it had been, induced him to seek the retirement of the country in 1887, and his college offered him its living of Sedbergh, where he passed away early in January, faithful to the last, and leaving behind him the bright example of a distinguished career at Cambridge being quite compatible with that of a good soldier of the Cross for a time on foreign service. Such service is too often regarded as inferior, and beneath the dignity of a man who has won high University honours, and who might, as the phrase is, "do much better for himself" at home. But Mr. Lobley did not so interpret duty.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—On Thursday, 20th, ult., with services at 8 a.m., and 8 p.m., St. James' church was re-opened as one of the leading churches of the city in point of accommodation and interior finish. The work of eight months

has made a marvellous change, and the spirit of advancement which prompted the large outlay by a comparatively poor parish has met a prompt reward in the uniform satisfaction of the congregation. It is the first important step in the way of expansion by the Church of England in Kingston for over twenty years, and nearly all of the extra accommodation provided will judging by the applications received, be taken up at once. It is hoped that this demonstration of what the church can do profitably in the way of extension will encourage the sister congregations here in their schemes of improvement. A religious body possessing ten clergymen (including the incumbents of Portsmouth and Barriefield), should be capable of a wide expansion even within the city itself.

St. James' parish, while not so venerable as either St. George's or St. Paul's, has been accounted an old parish. Perhaps its old-fashioned surroundings and the lengthened service of its ministers gave it the ancient reputation. However, it was evolved from a body of worshippers chiefly belonging to the township of Kingston, as "lot 24" had not been as yet annexed to the city. They were in 1842 gathered in by the late Rev. R. V. Rogers as jointly missionary to that section and chaplain to the penitentiary. Their earliest place of worship was the old line barracks school house now standing at 63 Sydenham street. Then the little body of worshippers moved to the shop of A. J. O'Loughlin, Barrie street, thence to a room in the present General Hospital, left vacant by the removal of the legislature from Kingston. Soon the necessity of a Church was felt, and the present site being donated by Hon. John Macaulay, a building costing \$4,500 was erected in 1845, under Hon. P. B. de Blaquiére and Stafford Kirkpatrick, as churchwardens, and Charles Willard, Micah Mason, Samuel Muckleston, Hon. John Macaulay and Thomas Kirkpatrick as a building committee. The architect was William Coverdale, with George Davidson, Neil Campbell & Co., William Andrews, and Mills and Rogers, as contractors. Thus it had distinguished sponsors, for many of these names are among Kingston's historical treasures of memory. The church had done twenty-eight years of good service prior to the interior improvements of 1883. Then it emerged from a severely plain auditorium to one of the neatest and most comfortable. Since that date there has been a constant appeal for accommodation to Rev. J. K. McMorine, the very popular and much beloved incumbent. So when the debt for the former improvements was at length paid off last Easter the vestry entered heartily into the project of enlargement; not that they could be more comfortably placed, but in true missionary spirit, that all who desired might share their comforts. The cost will aggregate \$10,000; the pledges and donations now reach \$4,000; but the people have faith in their mission and the highest trust in their pastor, so the new debt will but spur them to still greater interest and stronger unity.

The exterior of the building, owing to contractor's delays last fall cannot be completed until June, and its general effect cannot be fairly judged. The masonry is a decided improvement upon the old walls, and three handsome out stone gothic porches add greatly to appearances, besides affording four exits instead of one. The tower, front walls and roof of the old church remain, the last named being supported by pillars in the place of the old walls. The extension is carried out on both sides, affording a modern square auditorium. The interior is an architectural and ecclesiastical success. The fine Tudor arches on either side, corresponding with the chancel and organ chamber arches, are graceful and imposing; the new chancel has fine proportions and pleasing effect; the gallery has been greatly improved; and the single gothic windows have been supplanted by triplets of more elegant design. The fine organ has been removed from