

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The offertories at St. Ann's Church on Sunday, Nov. 27th, for the sufferers by the Woodstock fire, amounted to \$20.

The ladies of the Church of England Sewing Circle held a sale of useful and fancy articles in the Madras Building, King street, on Thursday evening last, in aid of the funds of the Church Hall. The display of useful and fancy articles was quite a nice one, and there were also refreshments. The sale was successful.

The many friends of Mr. E. H. Allen, son of the Chief Justice, are pleased to see him home on a visit after an extended absence from the home of his boyhood. He has been located in Oregon and came back after a round about journey, having gone to Liverpool and crossed the Atlantic for the benefit of his health, which has been somewhat impaired for some time.

Mr. C. G. D. Roberts, son of Rev. G. G. Roberts, is also on a visit to his parents in this city.

At the annual meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society, held in the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday week, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. G. G. Roberts, President, ex-officio; Rev. Sub-Dean Alexander, His Honor Chief Justice Allen, William Carman, Jas. S. Beck, George E. Fenety, Geo. J. Bliss, Esquires, Vice-Presidents; A. A. Sterling, Treasurer; J. D. Hazen, Secretary; John Black, G. R. Parkin, John Richards, W. A. Quinn, Frank Stratton, George White, D. C. Orpwood, Managing Committee.

An event of more than usual social importance took place at Christ Church Cathedral, last week, attracting at an early hour a large and fashionable congregation. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Myshraal, youngest daughter of Joseph Myshraal, Esq., to Mr. Ernest J. Howell, of Montreal. The marriage ceremony was conducted by His Lordship the Metropolitan of Canada, assisted by Sub-Dean Alexander. The Cathedral choir, of which the young lady was a former member, lent an additional charm to the service, by their fine rendering of the choral parts of the ceremony.

CARLETON.—The ladies of St. George's, Sewing Society, held a Christmas sale at the house of the Rev. T. E. Dowling, on Thursday, December 15th.

HIS LORDSHIP THE METROPOLITAN reached the age of 77 on the 19th. The CHURCH GUARDIAN, and all its readers, tender their respectful congratulations, and wish him a long continuance of health and happiness.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The following resolution, very reluctantly passed at the last meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Committee, was ordered to be published in the CHURCH GUARDIAN for the benefit of all concerned:

Resolved, That the Pensions to the widows of the clergy for the coming half year, owing to want of funds to pay more, must be reduced from \$200 to \$150 per annum, making \$75 the half yearly payment.

The following resolution was also, at the same time, unanimously adopted, and ordered to be published:—

Resolved, That every clergyman on his ordination to the Diaconate, or on his entrance into the Diocese, is expected and will be called upon to insure in the W. & O. Fund.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE,
Secretary.

HALIFAX.—St. George's.—An election to fill the Rectory, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. B. Uniacke, B. A., took place on Thursday night last, when the Rev. Canon Partridge, M. A., B. D., of Rothesay, N. B., was unanimously elected to the important position. The new Rector was born in England, and educated for the ministry at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. After coming to this country he received, after examination, the degree of M. A., from Harvard College, Cambridge, U. S. A., and subsequently, after a strict examination, was made a B. D. by King's College, Windsor. Mr. Partridge was ordained Deacon in 1869, and Priest in 1870 by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton. St. George's Parish has every reason to congratulate itself on so fortunate a choice, Canon Partridge being well known for his scholarly attainments and zealous labours. He will be greatly missed in the Diocese of Fredericton, where he was universally respected and beloved, but by his entrance into the Diocese of Nova Scotia he will simply be an offset to the many Priests who have removed from Nova Scotia to Fredericton within the last half dozen years. There is a grand field of usefulness before the new Rector of St. George's, and great expectations are entertained with regard to his work in Halifax.

St. Luke's Cathedral.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in his Cathedral on Sunday morning last, and advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. C. W. McCully, B. A., of Louisburg, C. B., and the Rev. D. A. McLeod, of Tangier. The sermon—an admirable and warm-hearted one—was preached by the Minister-in-charge, the Rev. W.

L. Currie, and the candidates were presented by the Archdeacon. In the evening the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, who had also preached in the Bishop's Chapel in the afternoon. His Lordship's evening discourse we had the pleasure of hearing, and for beauty of thought and richness of chaste expression, as well as telling earnestness, it could not well be surpassed.

St. Paul's.—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland preached to a very large congregation in this church on Sunday morning last. The gifted Prelate's remarks were most thoughtful and pointed, and made a strong impression. Dr. Hill and his Curates are labouring with great earnestness, and the fruits of their labours are to be seen in the large congregations at the Parish Church and at Trinity.

NEW GLASGOW.—A Branch Depository of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge (S. P. C. K.) has been opened by Mr. A. O. Pritchard, the Lay Reader of St. George's. Here Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, Sunday School Books and Tickets, Christmas Cards, "Dawn of Day," and in short, everything on the Society's Catalogue, can be obtained. The Society is the oldest Bible and Prayer Book Society, dating from 1698.

Bayfield.—Holy Trinity Parish.—That the Kilburne Sisters, Members of the "Church Extension Association," London, should make us a grant of books and costly Church articles, marks an era in this Parish, in the highest degree gratifying to both priest and people. The day of the arrival of that precious box will not soon be forgotten, so full of joy and gladness was it. When the S. S. Library books, the reward cards, the illuminated texts, the devotional books, the numerous illustrated sheets, (all of the true Church stamp), and the fancy articles, mats for the sanctuary, canvas scrap books, etc., combined with the no less appreciated and desired altar linen of chaste designs and workmanship, full set of alms bags, a choice surplice, and a partial set of coloured stoles, of costly material and superbly embroidered, were spread out, we could not but bless God for the provision made for our instruction and edification. It raised within us higher conceptions of the Missionary spirit, and exhibited in a clearer light the spirit of the Divine Master, impersonated in the donors, by their endeavours to widen our knowledge of Divine things, exciting faith, stimulating hope, increasing charity. These gifts were obtained through the intervention of Mrs. Shewen, of Stinchcomb, who continues to take an unabated interest in us. It may be remarked that the box was forwarded by friends, (our own Mrs. Fishwick included), freight and duty paid. Of Mrs. Shewen, thus so mindful of us, we cannot omit mentioning that she has passed through severe afflictions during the past year, culminating in the death of her brother, Colonel C. H. Bell. This gentleman, shortly before his death, commanding the Colonial forces in Basutoland, in which country for ten years he acted as Magistrate, was not less the brave soldier than the pious Churchman. Entering the army as ensign in 1843, he rose successively to the rank of colonel, passing through the Kafir war, in which he fought several engagements, in 1850-52. His wonderful caution joined with his knowledge of human nature, enabled him to govern most successfully for ten years 40,000 natives of South Africa, and through his influence the late war was greatly deferred. His many labours as a Churchman stamped him as a good soldier of Jesus. His death, at an early age, is universally regretted, as an evidence of which the *Graphic*, among other papers, gives in a late number, an interesting sketch of his life, with his likeness. In connection with this subject, it may be noticed, that Mr. Thornborough Shewen, resident engineer H. & C. B. R., was recently presented by the company with a pocket case of Mathematical instruments, imported from England, costing not less than fifty dollars. As Railway Companies never indulge in much ceremony, this testimonial to Mr. Shewen's industry and faithfulness is the more valuable. Our special Advent Services are being held. We rejoice to be able to say, that no less than three clergymen, converts from dissent, have been ministering to our spiritual wants during the summer, the Rector, who was a Presbyterian, Rev. McCully a Baptist, and Rev. Downing a Methodist.

MILL BROOK.—The Church people of this part of the mission of Falmouth are at present interested in the work of building a Church. A few years ago a good stone foundation was laid and the frame erected, boarded in and roofed. But unfortunately the framing proved imperfect, and during a storm the building was blown down. Since then nothing has been done until this fall, when a meeting was held for the purpose of devising ways and means to enable them to rebuild. It was resolved that a building be erected the size of former foundation—26 x 40.—The plans of a Church suitable for that community and designed with special attention to their wants and means, were submitted by a student at King's College. As there are several saw mills in the place, there will be no difficulty in procuring all required lumber at small outlay. Several hundred dollars have been subscribed. (The writer does not know the exact amount). They intend to put up the frame in the spring, and to have it enclosed and ready for holding service in, if possible, by next fall. The Rector in charge, Rev. Prof. Wilson, is very energetic, and no doubt, will see

that the structure will be a creditable one and pushed forward to completion as soon as possible.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

AYLWIN.—The Rev. Percy Chambers reports progressive work in his mission. Four Sunday Schools are in active operation, the congregations at the services are large. An organ has been subscribed for, and probably ere this has been put into position. As the services here have been so far without this effective aid, and as some of the rising generation have never heard instrumental music in the Church services, doubtless its tones will make the services appear more attractive than ever.

MONTREAL.—The usual monthly conference of the city clergy was held at Bishop's Court, on Monday last. The subject for discussion was Parish Visiting; and a number of valuable suggestions were made concerning the best method of conducting such visits. These conferences, which were organized a little more than a year ago, are very profitable and interesting gatherings. The subject of the appointment of a city missionary was discussed at some length, and arrangements were made, which, it is hoped will secure this most desirable, and at no distant date. The subject for discussion in January will be "absolution," and it is to be introduced by the Rev. Dr. Sullivan.

CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—The Band of Hope is now engaged in establishing a coffee house in the business part of the city, to counteract in some measure the baneful influence of the almost innumerable corner saloons. This is a most excellent work and its promoters are very energetic, and therefore, it is likely to succeed. The people of Toronto propose to raise \$50,000 for a similar work, and it is to be hoped that they will attain their object. The Cathedral Band, however, ask for one thousand, and it is to be hoped that a work, which must commend itself to every one, whatever his views upon the temperance question, will receive the support which it deserves. The ladies of the Cathedral held a sale of useful and fancy articles at the Natural History Rooms on Wednesday and Thursday last, and realized the sum of \$800. The proceeds are to be applied to the rectory debt.

DUNHAM.—The closing exercises of Dunham Ladies' College took place on the fifteenth instant. The Bishop of Montreal inspected the College which opened in September last, under new management and a new staff of teachers. A choice programme had been prepared for the occasion. It is very creditable to the teaching staff to be able to produce such a programme at the end of the first term. It promises well for the future. An institution of this kind is very much needed in the Eastern Townships, and it only requires efficient management to make it a most successful educational work.

BERTHIER (EN HAUT).—The Parish of Berthier is entering upon a course of active winter's work, under the direction of its new Rector, the Rev. E. McManus, who was for several years assistant minister in the Parish and who succeeded the late Rector two months ago. An effort is being made to pay off a small debt upon the Church. A literary society has been organized and a course of lectures or social evenings will be given during the winter, in which gentleman from Montreal and elsewhere will take part. The village of Berthier is widely known for its boarding schools, which among other good points offer special advantages for the study of French. The young ladies' school is especially popular and the list of applicants always exceeds the capacity of the school.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

Some of the missions of this Diocese are of unusual interest. I propose, therefore, to give your readers some account of them. The Diocese of Quebec extends from the Province line at Stanstead to the Straits of Belleisle, some 1200 or more miles. A large proportion of this large territory, however, is exclusively French. From Quebec to Anticosti, on the North Shore, there are no Protestants, with the exception of a very few families attached to the Messrs. Prices' great lumbering establishments up Saguenay. There are, of course, large gatherings during the warm weeks of summer at Murray Bay and Tadousac. Our people are not neglected at these watering places. We have a church at Tadousac, and usually a clergyman. When no clergyman can be obtained, a layman has always been found to officiate with acceptance. There is a sort of mission building at Murray Bay proper, with a Church of England service one part of the day and a Presbyterian service the other. At Cap a l'Aigle the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, and in his absence Professor Johnson, of Montreal, officiate. On the South Shore also, from Quebec to Gaspé, the coast is exclusively French, with the exception of a small mission at Rivière du Loup, and a Scotch Presbyterian settlement at Metis. We have a church also at the fashionable watering place of Cacouna, which is open during the summer season; in which, indeed, a daily service is maintained by the zeal of the Rev. C. Hamilton, as well as very hearty and efficient Sunday services. After

passing over this blank of 700 miles on the North shore of the St. Lawrence you reach Labrador, which extends for about 400 miles further eastward to the Province line. Dotted over the whole of this 400 miles of now really sea coast are found Protestant settlers—now one solitary family far from all others, now two near together; and again, miles apart, several quite considerable settlements. This 400 miles of sea coast thus dotted over forms our Quebec Mission of Labrador, and a most interesting mission it is. The Labrador coast is composed of two somewhat distinct parts, known among the fishermen on the South shore, who resort to it every year, as the Little North and the Big North. The Little North is the first hundred miles at the West end. Here are a succession of large fishing establishments ("rooms," they are called) belonging to the great Jersey fishing houses, where a vast number of men are employed in summer, but which are closed, with only a few care-takers, in winter. Then comes a brake, and the 300 miles of coast with permanent settlers—our mission proper. Still East of this, along the Straits of Belleisle, and on, and on to the North, the Labrador coast continues, but it belongs to Newfoundland. Our 300 miles of coast was utterly neglected by the Church and all others until 1866, when our saintly Bishop Mountain visited it—the first Protestant clergyman ever seen there—accompanied by his son, the Rev. A. W. Mountain, and arranged to send a missionary. The aged Bishop, then 73, suffered much hardship during this visit, but there was one bright point in it—he chanced to fall in with the Newfoundland Church Ship, with the veteran Bishop Feild on board, and the two Bishops had much refreshing intercourse. The next year Bishop Mountain sent a missionary, and the succession has been kept up ever since. Our custom now is to send a young man, if possible, in priest's orders, and to let him remain there not more than 2 or 3 years. His work consists in travelling up and down the coast, in summer in the Church boat, and in winter with kamatik, as the sledge is called, and dogs, ministering to the people day by day as he reaches them. We have also, for the last three years, maintained a resident Church schoolmaster there, who was mentioned in one of your late issues. The present schoolmaster is a young gentleman of considerable culture, and his presence on the coast is, of course, a great help and comfort to the missionary, whose companion and fellow-helper he is. There are four considerable settlements within our mission on the coast, where the people form quite respectable congregations, and the worship is very hearty, and where little Sunday Schools are formed; but between these are the isolated settlers, to whom the clergyman's visits are paid with equal regularity. All these people, of course, are fishermen, the coast no where admitting of agriculture, though in the more westerly portions a few potatoes are raised. Nearly all belong to the Church, and all who do so are, I think, without exception, communicants, and in every house the voice of prayer is heard day by day. The present writer had the honour and happiness of visiting the coast twice and ministering to the people from house to house over its whole extent. Their simplicity, and piety, and heartiness made a deep impression upon me. A very warm attachment naturally springs up between these children of Nature and their pastor, whose influence over them is, of course, very great. Many of your readers in Nova Scotia have heard, no doubt, much about Labrador from the Rev. R. Wainwright, who was our missionary there for, I think, 6 or 7 years, and where he was much beloved. Mr. Wainwright is as celebrated on the coast for his daring feats of seamanship and his wonderful success in medicine as for his devotion and zeal as a pastor. The success of the Church in this mission is manifest. The whole face of the little society has been changed through his labours. All are gathered in, and the missionary's work is simply that of a pastor to feed these sheep, who are always docile and always hungry for the Bread of Life. S. T. C.

QUEBEC.—There died at Quebec, on the 13th inst., at the residence of Mr. Henry Kerr, farmer, St. Lewis Road, an old lady named Rebecca Hodge, at the patriarchal age of 101 years and 9 months.

RIVIERE DU LOUP EN BAS.—We hear that the Temperance Society in this Parish contains 70 members, that the weekly readings are going on well, and that Mr. Tams is greatly encouraged in the matter of the Mechanics Library.

MEGANTIC.—Ireland Mission.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has just paid a three days visit, administering the rite of Confirmation throughout this Mission to 25 young persons, and delivering missionary addresses in two of the Churches in behalf of the S. P. G. It is cheering to find his Lordship willing to devote Sundays encouraging the struggling congregations of the country missions. We believe it is also his intention to spend the fourth Sunday in Advent at Leeds in the same county.—

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ACTON.—In St. Alban's Church a Mission of eight days, commencing 1st Sunday in Advent, and conducted by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, was held in this Parish, with great success. We learn from the Incumbent, Rev. H. F. Pigott, that he is deeply gratified, and has already received evidence of its good effect, under God, in deepening the spiritual life among members of His Flock. There were