

The Bishop of the diocese has returned to Fredericton after his confirmation tour in the north eastern parishes. His lordship was engaged more than five weeks in this work, during which time he travelled nearly a thousand miles. The numbers confirmed were—at Ludlow, 5, Blackville, 21, Derby, 2, Newcastle, 9, *St Paul's*, Clatham, 58, Bathurst, 16, New Brandon, 5, Dalhousie, 3, Flat Lands, 1; Baie des Veux, 17, Richibucto, 18; Cocaigne, 3, Shediac, 26, Shediac, (*New Church*), 10, Westmorland, 10, Bay Verte, 5, Sackville, 11, Dorchester, 12, Moncton, 6; Dutch Valley, 4, Studholm, 16, Havelock, 7. Total 264. We are glad to say that in several cases most of those confirmed at once became communicants. Services were held at Wolford and Sussex, at which the Bishop preached.

In the course of last month a report of the death of the Rev. E. S. Medley, reached this province, which turned out to be incorrect. It is supposed that the rumor was set afloat by some heartless person in England from malicious motives. We are glad to say that at the last accounts Mr Medley's health was improving, but his physician has prohibited his return to the diocese for some time.

Provision has been made so that the Church services will in the interim be regularly held in St. Stephen.

THE CHURCH IN AMERICA.—The following statistics illustrate very strikingly the growth of the Episcopal Church in the United States in the last ten years:—

	1856.	1866.	Increase
Number of Dioceses	31	31	3
" Bishops	35	44	9
" Clergy	1,826	2,486	553
" Parishes	1,825	2,305	408
" Communicants	119,510	261,224	142,708

Showing a gain in the number of clergy of over 30 per cent, and in the number of parishes of nearly that—while it shows an addition to the number of communicants of more than one third of the whole number.

CANADA.—DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.—The diocesan synod was held at Montreal on the 14th of August, the opening service being preached in the cathedral. The charge of Bishop Lewis announced a considerable increase in the number of communicants and candidates for confirmation, and expressed his satisfaction at the improvements effected in the reverent conduct of public worship and the multiplication of services. His lordship said:—"I deal with satisfaction the increased attention paid to everything appertaining to the performance of Divine offices. Heartier and more congregational music, more crowded congregations, higher appreciation of the Holy Communion, and better churches were everywhere observable, for which it is our duty to render hearty thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. Since we first met in Synod, five years ago, 6,000 persons have been confirmed, and as the result 5,500 new communicants added to the Church. This estimate of new communicants I believe to be below the truth, because I have been informed that on almost every occasion of confirmation persons who have been confirmed in former years came forward to communion for the first time, and of these persons I have not been able to keep any account. During the same period 31 new churches have been built, many of them costly and ecclesiastically correct.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.—The new Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Claughton) has we are told, been continuously residing in the City of Rochester since his consecration to that See early in June last, and is likely to remain in Rochester until the middle of September. His lordship's intention has been to make himself (by a three months' residence) at once acquainted with the clergy and laity of Rochester and Clatham, and to observe the chief wants of the large working and poor population clustered around Rochester Cathedral, amounting to not less than 60,000 souls. It is understood that the Bishop will remove to Damesbury, Palace, in Essex, in September. A three months' residence by a Bishop in the City of Rochester has not taken place for some centuries. Previous to 1830 the Bishopric of Rochester was almost invariably held by the Dean of Westminster, for the time being.—*Pall Mall Gazette*

Curiously enough, the new Bishop of Derry, better known as the Dean of Emly numbers his own father among the clergy of the diocese. One English Bishop, Dr. Elliott, has a father still living, a benched clergyman, but not in his own diocese.—*Guardian*.

A Wesleyan preacher of the Ross circuit, Mr. H. Barker, has tendered his resignation and intends to offer himself as a candidate for orders in the Church.—*London paper*.