

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Quadragesima Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. See Blunt, Procter, or Wheatley.

RECEIVED.—"My Children," "The Old Church," &c.; "Day or Period;" "How can we best serve the Church?"

Diocesan Intelligence.

FREDERICTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

ST. JOHN.—The annual meeting of the St. John's Church Missionary Society took place on the evening of the 30th ult., in St. John's Church schoolroom. The President, H. W. Frith, Esq., occupied the chair. After the opening exercises, T. W. Daniel, Esq., read the eleventh annual report of the managing committee. The report of the Treasurer, J. R. Rael, Esq., showed the contributions to the Society during the past year to have amounted to \$135.27. This sum had been divided equally between the Church Missionary Society and the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. In addition to this, a bequest of \$445 had been received from the executors of the late Rev. C. F. Haensel. Mr. Frith having announced his intention of retiring from the presidency of the Society, S. D. Berton, Esq., was unanimously chosen to fill his place. At the close of the business part of the meeting, the Rev. Messrs. Almon, Brigstocke, and Parnter, delivered short addresses, reviewing the work of the two societies in different parts of the world.

KINGSCLEAR.—The second of the course of lectures, with music and readings, in connection with St. Peter's Church, took place on Monday evening last. The weather was delightfully fine, and the hall crowded to excess. The entertainment was opened by Lieut. Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., who gave an admirable address on Temperance from a military point of view. He showed the benefits of compulsory total abstinence in two expeditions under Sir Garnet Woolsey—namely, those to the Red River Territory and to Ashantee. Reference was also made to the late Polar Expedition, as teaching that total abstainers both remained in better health and accomplished more than even moderate drinkers. The lecturer of the evening was the Rev. G. G. Roberts, who spoke of the "Manners and Customs" of men in different ages and parts of the world. While full of instruction, the lecture abounded in humour; and the lecturer was frequently interrupted by laughter and applause. Interesting descriptions were given of the Egyptian method of embalming the dead, and of social life amongst the Romans under the Emperors. The youthful portion of the audience seemed much impressed by the reference to matrimony and courtship as practised even in our own day in various quarters of the world. The musical part of the programme was given by the Maugerville choir, under the direction of the Rev. G. Sterling, Rector of Maugerville. The rendering of the various selections sustained the reputation of this well-trained choir. The glee, "Hail Smiling Morn," received a well-deserved encore. The gem of the evening was the solo, "The Bridge," by Rev. Mr. Sterling. Mrs. Sterling presided at the organ.

FREDERICTON.—The Church of England Temperance Association in this city held its first missionary meeting on Tuesday evening last. The attendance was large, between five and six hundred persons being present. The singing was by the combined choirs of the cathedral and parish churches, under the leadership of the Rev. Finlow Alexander, Sub-Dean of the Cathedral. The hymns sung were Nos. 385, 298, 238, and 275, A. & M., and also a special one by the Rev. S. J. Stone. The Rector of Fredericton, the Rev. G. G. Roberts, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer. He also gave a brief review of the history of the Society during the past year. Its members number now three hundred and thirty. By far the larger proportion are total abstainers. And of these latter no less than seventy-five are young men just entering upon the responsibilities of life. His Lordship,

the Bishop of the Diocese, who is the patron of the Society, and whose presence was hailed with pleasure, expressed his life-long interest in the work of temperance, and said the society had his best wishes and co-operation. The Rev. J. F. Carr, Rector of Kingsclear, contrasted the present attitude of the Church towards the Temperance Reformation with what it had been in times past. He spoke of total abstinence from a Scriptural point of view, and looked upon the temperance society as a legitimate auxiliary to the Church. He drew a picture of the improved financial condition of the Church, if all those who recognize their duty to support it, would give to it annually what they spend for intoxicating liquors. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, on coming forward, was received with the applause due to the leader of the temperance work of this province. He compared the magnitude of the movement now with its feeble beginning, and referred impressively to the necessity for its existence. He expressed his pleasure at the Church's work in combating intemperance, and urged upon Churchmen the duty of giving it their support. His Worship the Mayor, G. E. Fenety, Esq., in a speech full of wit and humour, urged the necessity of organization in all philanthropic works. T. R. Parkin, Esq., spoke of the temperance work especially with reference to boys. He propounded, and forcibly maintained, the idea that those who offer intoxicants in their hospitalities virtually take upon themselves the responsibility of supporting temperance organizations. His Lordship then closed a most successful and enthusiastic meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

QUEBEC.

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QUEBEC.—Mr. Peter Roe will shortly be ordained to the Mission of Brompton vacant by the resignation of the Rev. L. O. Armstrong.

QUEBEC CHURCH MISSIONARY UNION.—The regular monthly meeting of the Quebec Church Missionary Union was held on Monday evening, the 5th inst., at the hall of the National School. By eight o'clock the hall was well filled by an audience of nearly two hundred, the greater part of whom were ladies; and at ten minutes past eight the Lord Bishop took the chair. The introductory exercises of singing and prayer, usual to the occasion, were then proceeded with, after which the Bishop, as Chairman, called upon Dr. Montizambert to read a paper which the latter had prepared for the occasion. In compliance, Dr. Montizambert took his position upon the platform and in an elaborately prepared and well-worded paper discussed the subject of foreign missions, and the difficulties and obstacles which missionaries were obliged to overcome. He instanced the case of four missionaries who, in 1844, landed in Calcutta, and who with no outside assistance were determined to accomplish as much good as would be possible. Not even their subsistence was guaranteed to them, but they were possessed of indomitable energy and perseverance, and strove hard to suppress the habits of drunkenness, immorality, and vice which then prevailed to an alarming extent. In 1850 their labor was rewarded to some extent by making converts of some neighboring chiefs. Shortly after some assistance was granted them at Berlin, and in 1851 the foundation of a church was laid which was completed in 1855. In seven years from the time they made their first convert the number reached 700. When the mutiny of 1857 broke out the missionaries were obliged to flee with their families from the mission stations to Calcutta for safety; and which they finally reached after a vigorous and dangerous journey performed partly on foot. When quiet was restored they resumed their labors, and at Berlin £1,000 was voted for their use, and a society established for their support. In 1860 the number of their converts was doubled, and in 1868 the number amounted to over 11,000. The influence of Christianity on the natives was remarkable, and evidence of its good results was to be seen everywhere. The affairs of the mission prospered and branch missions were established in all directions. Dr. Montizambert closed by calling attention to the

great good resulting from foreign missions, and urging a hearty support from those present.

As Dr. Montizambert left the platform he was heartily applauded by the audience, who had manifested great interest throughout his entire discourse.

After a few remarks by a member regarding the payment of dues by delinquent subscribers,

The Bishop rose to address the meeting. He said that when he saw the advertisement of the eminent lecturer at the Music Hall for that evening he feared that the attraction would be the means of diminishing the attendance at this meeting, but he was pleased to see that such was not the case. As regarded himself he could not have been more interested in any lecture than he had been in the discourse he had just listened to. He reviewed the principal points under discussion, and hoped the audience had been as deeply impressed with the importance of the subject as he himself had been; and in the name of the society he tendered thanks to Dr. Montizambert for the pleasure he had afforded them.

The meeting was then brought to a close by singing a hymn, and the usual prayers.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Church Society of this Diocese was held in the National School on Wednesday morning, 7th inst., at ten o'clock. There were present the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in the Chair; the Revs. C. Hamilton, G. V. Housman, A. A. Von Inffland, A. J. Woolryche, T. Richardson, W. Rawson, C. C. Hamilton, M. M. Fothergill; Messrs. E. A. Jones, W. G. Wurtele, Geo. Veasey, R. Hamilton, George Hall, R. H. Smith, C. Judge, W. H. Carter, Jas. Hamilton, Dr. Marsden, etc.

The various reports, viz: Central Board, Diocesan Board, Clergy Trust Committee and Deanery Report from St. Francis, were read and ordered to be printed.

Notwithstanding the depressed state of trade and continued dullness of the times, the receipts for the Church Society's five funds show a sum of over \$200 in excess of 1875. There has been a decrease in the General, and Widow's, and Orphans' Funds, but an increase in the Mission Fund, and a considerable gain in the Pension Fund, the total receipts being \$6,557.66.

Mr. Veasey, Honorary Treasurer of the Society, submitted his accounts, as did also Mr. W. G. Wurtele the accounts of the Clergy Trust Funds, and Mr. E. A. Jones those of the Diocesan Board.

From a statement forwarded to the Society by the Rev. J. Walters, Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Algoma, it was found that \$415.43 had been forwarded to that distant diocese during the year, while a sum of \$347.95 had been remitted by the Treasurer of the Church Society to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, as well as \$300 to the Bishopric Fund of Algoma, making a total of one thousand dollars collected in the diocese during 1876 for missionary labour outside the diocese.

The carefully drawn up report from the St. Francis Deanery, which will be printed in the Society's report, bears evident token of much real work done, and steady progress of the Church in the Eastern Townships.

It is very gratifying to notice that the Church Society lends a helping hand in the cause of education in several parts of the diocese.

The following elections were made for the current year, viz:—The Vice-Presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the name of Mr. E. A. Jones, Honorary Treasurer of the Diocesan Board.

The following were elected members of the Corporation, viz:—The Revs. Charles Thorp, T. Blaylock, J. Hepburn, F. J. B. Alnatt, James Chambers, J. Foster, J. S. Sykes, jr., J. M. Thompson, R. C. Tambs, Geo. Thomson, Jno. Walters, B. Washer, J. C. Wurtele, I. Brock, and Col. Strange; Wentworth Petry, E. H. C. Harbeson, Jas. Kelly, E. H. Wade, Ed. Holloway, Alex. Montizambert, H. G. Joly, W. A. Griffith, W. Gregor, H. Frice, J. Tudor, W. Stanley, Wm. S. Parke, Mrs. Tims, Geo. Robinson, Mrs. E. H. Taylor, Henry Cross, Mrs. H. Cross, H. T. Wood, Mrs. H. T. Wood, Mrs. Ward, R. G. Ward, Mrs. J. H. Pope, Walter Murray, Philip Earl, Mrs. Joseph Terrill, Miss Fuller, Andw. Ross, C. P. Cleveland, A. G. Brock, A. J. Cleve-