

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

[From our own Correspondent.]

NORTH GOWER.—It is always a source of pleasure to Church people to read and hear that the good work of the Church is progressing well in other parishes than their own. Your correspondent had heard from various sources of the Church life and vigour that the Church of England has lately manifested in the Parish of North Gower, but it is only lately that he has had an opportunity for personal realization of the truth of the report. Some eight years ago, the very name of North Gower brought a blush to the cheeks of Church people. Circumstances had combined to make the parish a complete wreck; but it is a long lane that has no turning, and so in this dark hour, by God's mercy, a remedy was at hand. The bishop had one man among his clergy who might, perhaps, revive the dying parish. Just as the Church appeared to give her dying gasp, the present Rector, the Rev. A. J. O'Loughlin was appointed. No lukewarm, half-hearted Churchman is he. Not one who believes that there is no difference between the Church and a Sect. A live head and able administrator soon made a visible change. The parish property then consisted of two miserable Churches, Trinity, North Gower; St. John's, Wellington, and a dilapidated parsonage house. A congregation of 200 represented the parishioners at Divine Service. The first signs of life was the repairing of the parsonage, upon which at various times during the present incumbency, \$1000 has been expended, and the surrounding ground increased to 7 acres. The congregations at both Churches rapidly increased, but the energetic parson did not rest satisfied with only strengthening the stakes of the Church, he determined to lengthen her cords. Eight miles from North Gower is the village of Manotick, which had no Church, now it is graced by a new Gothic Church of wood, consisting of nave, chancel, porch, and vestry. With sittings for 200 it is now too small for the congregations, which assemble to take part in the general services of the Church. A new organ has lately been purchased, and the chants and hymns are rendered in a hearty congregational manner. The outlay has amounted to \$1200, besides work, etc.

At Wellington, the Church has been entirely renovated, at a cost of \$500.

But it is at North Gower that the great change is most visible. Immediately at the rear of the old Church, now too small for the people there stands a beautiful new Gothic Church of stone, consisting of a nave 60 feet long, Chancel 18 feet deep. Tower and spire 75 feet high. A commodious vestry adjoins the north side. The work is now rapidly approaching completion, next month, no doubt, we shall be able to chronicle its opening. Surely when we compare the past with the present we have much cause to thank God for the renewed life and vigour that he has vouchsafed to this church. Here is a parish which has been restored from death to life, the proof of which is that the people in addition to the ordinary current expenses of the parish have given nearly \$8000 to the Church, and that last October, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted 71 persons to the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, immediately before which the Rector baptised two adult non-communicants.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

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MONTREAL.—On Sunday 29th ult. being Advent Sunday, the subject was brought before all our congregations in earnest sermons. At the Morning Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Canon Baldwin gave a very interesting history of the Church in Montreal from the time it was first planted there. Twenty years ago, the present Church had been opened. His text was 1 Sam. iii, 12—"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." At the close, an earnest appeal was made for funds to clear the Church of a debt that has been hanging on it for some time.

On the evening of the 2nd inst., Thomas White, Esq., M. P., lectured in the basement of the Church to a large audience on "Manitoba." The Rev. R. Lindsay, Rector, occupied the chair. The 15th annual meeting of the Association in connection with St. George's Church was held also on the evening of

the 2nd inst. Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Rector, occupied the chair. Mr. W. Radford, read a very satisfactory Report of work done during the past year. Addresses were delivered by his Lordship the Bishop, the Revs. Canon Norman, L. Desbrisay, and others.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

HAMPTON.—The remains of the late Dr. S. Z. Earle, who died in his 89th year, was buried on the 8th from the Parish Church. Dr. Earle had been an active and well known man, and the funeral was largely attended. Rev. Canon Walker, an intimate friend of over fifty years standing, conducted the service at the church, and preached from Job xxiv. 14. "Rock of Ages," and "Days and Moments," were sung by the choir. The service at the grave was taken by Rev. Canon Walker, assisted by the Rev. G. Gardner, Curate, and Rev. E. A. Warneford, Rector of Newton. A hymn was sung at the grave.

ST. JOHN'S.—The ladies of St. Paul's Church had their annual sale of articles at the house of Mrs. W. H. DeVobor, last week. These sales are always a source of great interest to the friends of the "Valley" church, and elicit good returns without the disadvantages of public bazaars.

PERSONAL.—I. Allen Jack, Esq., President of the Mechanic's Institute, has been appointed a Trustee of the Grammar School, vice Rev. Canon Scovil, resigned. Mr. Jack's interest in the cause of higher education is well known.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.—A defect in the gas pipes prevented the Sunday evening service being held on the 7th.

SACKVILLE.—St. Paul's Church.—Advent Lectures are being given weekly after the service on Friday evening, in the school building. The latter, erected by the energy of the young people connected with the Sunday School, is most useful for week day services, as well as for many other purposes. Ordinary week day Evensong on Wednesday and Friday. Bible Class Wednesday after service. Service at St. Anne, Westcock, on Thursday at 3.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Bishop requests the clergy to forward to him their returns for the year ending 31st inst., as soon as possible after that date. He directs their attention especially to the terms of question 3, which is to be answered by a statement of the facts, not merely of the general rule, in each Mission.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Temperance Society.—The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Church of England Temperance Society of Nova Scotia was held at the Church Institute Rooms on Friday evening last, his Lordship the Bishop, as Patron of the Society, being in the chair. The meeting was opened with the appointed prayers. The city clergy, we regret to say, with the exception of Mr. Ancient, were conspicuous by their absence. There were present, however, a number of "Veterans" in the Temperance cause. The report, as read by the Secretary, showed most gratifying results for the past year, as far as regards a very important work of the Society, viz.: the Coffee Room and Bar. The following office-bearers were elected: His Lordship the Bishop, Patron; Rev. A. J. Townsend, President; Thos. Brown, Vice-President; W. C. Silver, Treasurer; S. H. Saxeve, Secretary. Council.—Rev. John D. H. Brown, Dr. Cowie, W. M. Brown, Dr. Crave, M. Howman, A. Allison, W. H. Wiswell, R. J. Wilson, Jno. E. Belam, Wm. H. Hill, Jas. A. Atz, Auditors.—Messrs. Thos. Brown and W. H. Wiswell.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring President, the Rev. W. J. Ancient, for his faithful discharge of the duties of that office, since the formation of the Society; and to Mr. S. H. Saxeve, who has so faithfully and so energetically filled the office of Secretary. Regrets were expressed by all present at the proposed removal from Halifax of the Rev. Mr. Ancient.

His Lordship, in some valuable remarks, throw out hints as to the future work of the Society, drawn from his observations while in England, and particularly urged upon the attention of the Society the formation of Coffee Rooms in different parts of the city, and the placing of Fountains at various places on the public streets. There was a strong feeling man-

ifest to greatly extend the usefulness of the Society in this and in other ways during the year. The meeting adjourned after the Episcopal Benediction.

ST. MARK'S.—The Bishop will hold an Ordination in this church on Sunday next, at 11 o'clock. The Curate-in-charge, the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, will be advanced to the Priesthood, and several candidates will be ordained to the Diaconate. There will be morning prayers at 10 o'clock. The Ordination Sermon will be preached by the Bishop.

ST. GEORGE.—A public meeting in connection with the Board of Home Missions was held in St. George's School House, on Wednesday Evening, December 11th, and addresses were delivered by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. J. B. Uniacke, J. Johnstone Hunt, Esq., and the Diocesan Secretary, Rev. R. Wainwright. The Lord Bishop was unable, through previous engagements, to be present, much to the regret of all. The Rev. J. B. Uniacke, in his opening address, forcibly and lucidly explained the objects of the Society, especially adverting to the fact that the grants were made to missions and not to men. "For," said he, "in the C. C. S. a man has to conform to certain teachings and answer certain questions to the satisfaction of the Committee, but not so in this. The questions asked are, 'Does the Mission need help?' and 'Can we give it?' which, being answered in the affirmative, the grant is awarded to the Mission, and a man chosen by the people or appointed by the Lord Bishop is sent, (irrespective of High or Low Church.)" He also urged on his parishioners the necessity for greater effort and self denial. J. J. Hunt, Esq., next followed with a clear, terse, touching address on the Mission work at large, and the privations of the Missionaries in particular. His address had one fault, viz., too short. After singing a hymn, the Rev. R. Wainwright gave a brief report of the Missions of the Diocese, and pleaded the needs of the Society, the duty of the people, and the privilege and reward of the diligent worker, and remarked that instead of our giving to God, we had not paid him what was due, and that whilst we are enjoined to "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's," so we ought to render to God the things that are God's. Let us first pay our debts to God, before we speak of giving. After the Benediction had been pronounced by the Rector, the large and deeply interested audience wended their way home; many, at least, resolving to do more work for God.

B. H. M.—The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the B. H. M. will be held in the National School-room on Friday, 19th inst., at 4 p. m.

REV. R. WAINWRIGHT, Diocesan Secretary, is at present visiting Truro and Maitland, and their mission stations.

CHURCHOVER.—A tea-meeting was held on the 26th and 27th ult. at the above place in aid of church repairs, and the amount realized is a proof that our good people in this portion of the parish know how to give "a long pull and a strong pull and a pull altogether" by land as well as by sea. Everything passed off pleasantly, and with the utmost good will. It seemed however, lacking in one thing, that was that no one seemed to know whose table looked the best, or who gave the most towards it. This peculiarity, perhaps, is not generally to be regretted, and it arose no doubt from their hearts being on their work and not on themselves. The repairs proposed are the repairing the present flat, antiquated-looking roof by a high pitched open gothic, and by adding other improvements. The total amount realized at the tea was \$168.

SHREBORNE.—The Rev. the Secretary of the B. H. M. has lately visited this parish, and on various occasions, in church and in hall, in town and at the out-stations, has addressed in a plain and earnest manner large and attentive audiences on the subject of Home Missions. His visit has been well received and appreciated, and it is to be hoped that a corresponding effect will be produced, that a deeper sense of our duty in this matter will be implanted in all our hearts and bear fruit to the glory of our great Master. What the immediate result will be we are not yet able to say, as the contributions are not all yet received. I think our worthy, energetic and eloquent Secretary was pleased with his visit to the united parishes of St. George and St. Patrick, Shelburne.

WALTON.—On Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., the Rev. Henry How preached

a sermon from the text Rom. xvi. 3, 4. A forcible appeal was made for hearty co-operation of young and old, that the Church may do her ever-increasing work. During the address the license to act as Lay Reader or Catechist, granted by the Lord Bishop to W. S. H. Morris, of King's College, was read. Also the formation of a Guild was strongly advocated. After service, the Vicar took the chair and spoke in favor of yoking the young to the Church's plow, and asked for a vote on the desirability of organizing a Guild. Speeches were made by Churchwarden Parker and Mr. S. Jamieson in favour of an Association of Lay Helpers. A vote being taken, the general opinion was to go ahead. The Guild was named St. Matthew's. Officers for the half-year—Master, Rev. H. How, B. A.; Deputy Master, W. S. H. Morris; Secretary, Harry Wier; Treasurer, Miss Ella Parker; Librarian, Miss Mary Wier; Conductor, R. J. N. Salter; Door Keeper, Wm. Joy.

The following bye-laws were passed:— 1. That no member shall be absent from Divine Service, except through sickness, or some sufficient reason preventing.

2. That every effort shall be taken that the service may be reverent, hearty, and bright. 3. That every member shall advocate daily family prayer, both at home and in every house in the parish.

The total roll-call is some twenty-five names. After appointing the time and place of next meeting, the Guild adjourned and the benediction was pronounced.

Henceforth Mr. Morris will read prayers and a sermon on the morning of each alternate Sunday. This will enable the Church people of Walton to meet together for prayer and praise in their teacher's house on each Lord's day.

The Guild of St. Matthew hope that the reverend the Clerical Secretary will be able to deliver the two Lectures which he promised us, at a future date. They have also to thank him for his generous offer to encourage the formation of a Guild Library, viz., 10 vols. for every 50 of which they become possessors.

GLACE BAY MISSION.—St. Luke's Church, in this mission was re-opened on Advent Sunday, after having been closed some two months, whilst undergoing thorough repairs. It is a standing proof of what Churchmen can do when they try. Two months ago it was unsightly to the eye, and unfit for worship, windows dropping out and roof very leaky; now it shows a Gothic, open-timbered roof with pointed arches, Gothic windows and door, with walls double boarded instead of shingled. Only twelve Church families reside in the village, all so poor that they have (so far) been unable to finish their own small cottages. When church repair were first suggested it seemed impossible even to commence them. However, a meeting was called, and sixty days labour promised, besides lumber to the extent of some seventy dollars. One hundred and twenty days labour were given, and thirty-two paid for. The church is now fit for use, and twenty dollars debt still remains; although the missionary has endeavoured to collect that amount outside his mission. Valuing labour at seventy cents per day, two hundred and nine dollars have been expended, and the congregation hope to lath and plaster it before the Bishop's visit next spring.

NEWPORT.—The reverend the Clerical Secretary, according to appointment, visited this Parish on the 28th ult. An instructive and entertaining lecture was delivered in Temperance Hall on the evening of the same day. The subject was, "Life in Labrador." The lecturer illustrated the mode of travelling by a native Kemmitic and the method of harnessing dogs by ruods, and he also had the whip used by himself when "on the coast." The sum realized (\$3.50), was kindly devoted towards aiding in the improvements still needed in the Rectory. The following day, in pelting rain, the Rector of Rawdon drove the Secretary to his Rectory. Owing to the continuance of the furious storm, the church was not lighted on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning the Holy Eucharist was celebrated. The reverend Secretary, after an able sermon, delivered an address on the subject of Home Missions and the need of immediate pecuniary aid from every member of the Church, so that the various missions may be kept supplied in the future. When en route for Brooklyn, the reverend Secretary preached at Woodville, and furnished the subject for thought during this pastoral season. On Sunday at 11 p. m. Evensong was said

in the Temperance Hall, when a good congregation listened to this forcible preacher, who closed his address with an appeal for the Board of Home Missions. The collection was \$2.05. On Monday Walton was visited. The church was filled. The Secretary preached and made an address, stating the great need of systematic offerings for the maintenance of the Church in this Diocese. The offering, (\$2.20), was taken in aid of the Board. These collections are to be supplemented by the usual subscription lists, and we trust this Parish will show its gratitude for the means of grace so long almost gratuitously provided by a hearty response to this urgent call for an increased list of liberal subscribers. The reverend the Secretary was the guest of S. M. Weeks, Esq., M. D.

WEYMOUTH.—The following errata the Rector of Weymouth wishes made in the church consecration notice in last week's GUARDIAN: For "west gable" read "east gable"; for "porches" read "reredos"; for "W. window 15 feet by 3 feet" read "18 feet by 8 feet"; for "donated" read "denoted."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—A very successful Missionary meeting was held in St. John's Church, on the evening of the 27th inst. The meeting was successful, in that it was large—the Church being full,—and the audience seemed deeply interested in the addresses.—The speakers were, the Rev. T. W. Johnston, the Rector; and the Rev. Alfred Osborne, of St. Paul's, Charlottetown. Other Clergymen were invited, and were expected, but previous engagements, and various other causes prevented their attendance. Mr. Johnston referred to the great improvement that had taken place in the Parish during his incumbency, warmly spoke of the zeal and willingness of his people to assist in all departments of Church work, and shewed the present important position they occupy as a part of the Church of Christ.

The able and eloquent address of the Rev. Mr. Osborne on the "adaptability of the Church to satisfy the spiritual wants of all" was most attentively listened to.

The choir of St. John's Church very effectively sang appropriate Missionary Hymns. The very good collection was for the Foreign Mission Fund of the S. P. G.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

We take the following gratifying news from the North Star St. John's.—"A late number of the Times called attention of Church of England men to the necessity of making a movement towards the completion of that splendid piece of architecture, the cathedral church of St. John the Baptist, in this city. On the following day (last Sunday morning) Rev. Mr. Machin, who preached at the Cathedral, made a most stirring and eloquent appeal to the congregation on the same subject. At present there is not a sitting to be had either at St. Thomas's, or St. Mary's churches, and the Cathedral is generally thronged to its utmost capacity, at least during the evening services. And by reference to 'The Bishop's Chronicle' we learn that 'it is the intention of the bishop to call church of England men in the city together as soon as the pressure of business is over, and before his departure for Bermuda, for the purpose of consultation with reference to the necessary measures for raising funds, so as to commence very speedily the completion of the Cathedral.' As this work (says the Chronicle) is to be a memorial to Bishop Feild—who in his unselfishness and other noble qualities so overshadowed ordinary men—this is a very graceful act on the part of Bishop Jones, and will tend to deepen the conviction in which this community is fast settling, that he will prove himself in every way the peer of his venerable predecessor."

NEW HARBOR.—Two Churches are in process of erection in this Mission, one at New Harbor, and the other at Green's Harbor.

BAY ST. GEORGE.—Three Church buildings are in course of erection in this Mission, viz.:—At Robinson's Head a Church; at Crabb's Brook a School Room; and a School Room at Sandy Point.