

mystical Body of Christ, and united with its other members.

"It is a Pledge, inasmuch as it serves to the humble Christian as a symbolical assurance of God's past forgiveness, and of his present favour towards him, and of a future inheritance graciously reserved for him.

"Remembrance, Sacrifice, Feeding, Incorporation, Pledge. Regard any one of these ideas as an adequate expression of the doctrine of the Holy Communion, and we shall have only a partial conception of it. Combine them, and attain as nearly to a complete notion and apprehension of it as the nature of a mystery will admit."

#### IN MEMORIAM CATHERINE LANDER.

On the 18th October last, there entered into rest at Port Daniel on the Bay Chaleurs P.Q., one, who, as having been through a long life a true mother in Israel to the Church in that District, ought not to be allowed to pass away without a few words of loving and grateful commemoration of her beautiful life, and of the good works and alms deeds which she did. The writers apology for the tardiness of this memorial must be that the tidings of his revered friend's decease only reached him quite lately.

Catherine Mackenzie was born in Sterling, in Scotland, on the 11th of November 1800. After a bright religious childhood and youth during which she became in due course a full member of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, she was married at the age of nineteen to William Murray Lander, a union which turned out a very happy one. The young couple at once emigrated to America and settled for a few years at Miramichi, but finally removed sixty three years ago to Port Daniel.

There being then no other Protestant ministrations except those of the Church of England within reach, the Lander's gladly availed themselves of these, and soon became steadfast members of the Church. Their fidelity in time underwent a trial.

A large proportion of the English speaking settlers in the Bay had been Presbyterians, and had like the Landers availed themselves of the gratuitous services of the English Church. Many years later on, owing to some offence taken against the clergymen, a considerable number of these were persuaded to separate themselves and call a Presbyterian minister. The Landers however, withstood all solicitations to join them. The Church of England, Mr. Lander said, cared for our souls when our own Church never looked after us, and we are not going to forsake her now. Their Church principles were doubtless much strengthened by the appointment to the Bay Chaleur Mission, in 1841, of the Rev. George Milne, who had been educated for the Presbyterian Ministry, but becoming convinced of the exclusive validity of Episcopal orders sought them at the hands of Bishop Mountain. A warm friendship soon sprang up between these two equally estimable families the Milnes and the Landers, which was the source of much happiness and benefit to both.

The only clergyman in the District in the earliest of these days was the Missionary at Gaspé, who had to afford such pastoral care as he could to the settlers scattered over a hundred miles of coast. Later on a Missionary was stationed at New Carlisle. The Landers house was from the first the hospitable and genial home of the Bishops and Clergy of the Church as they passed up and down the coast, and the visits especially of the Church's chief pastors were to them cherished memories. It was while staying in Mrs. Lander's house that the sad tidings of his second son's death reached Bishop Mountain, the story of which is pathetically told in the Bishop's memoir.

To the Landers were born one son, who died

while a child, and seven daughters. Two of the latter with many grandchildren, are still living in Port Daniel. At the time of her decease Mrs. Lander had been a widow for thirty-three years.

Mrs. Lander's life was beautiful in its simplicity and integrity and in its high honourable character. There was a certain quick stateliness about the venerable lady which was very becoming. Her religion was unostentatious but solidly real, of that calm sober quality of which Keble speaks in the Preface to the Christian year as the characteristic of true Church of England piety. It is not too much to say that the Church of England, not in Port Daniel only but in the entire Gaspé District, owes much to the sterling qualities of the religion of the Lander family, and especially of her who was for so many years its honourable head. Her end was peace.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God: for God proved them and found them worthy for himself."

Bishop's College, Jan. 31st, 1889. H. B.

### NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—The Vicar of this parish has been delivering earnest and practical sermons on Sunday evenings for the last four or five weeks, on the all important subject of temperance which have been listened to by very large and appreciative congregations.

On Monday the 4th inst. Caroline relict of the late C. E. Matchford, quietly and peacefully entered into the rest of Paradise at the advanced age of 76 years. For a number of years she was the head of "Matchford's Ladies Seminary" so well and favourably known, throughout the Maritime provinces. She was a most estimable lady and highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

SPRINGHILL.—On Monday Feb. 4th the children of the All Saint's Sunday-school had their annual Tea, which was liberally provided by the teachers and parents of the children. For some time past this has been looked forward to by the children with deep longings and when their expectations were well nigh giving way, it was announced to the intense delight of the scholars that at last their desire would be gratified. It is usual to give this tea accompanied by a Christmas tree near the festive season. This year, however, it was found impossible owing to the inability of the Lecturer, whom we much desired to be present at an earlier date. But the event proved that patience is sometime rewarded even as regards amusement; and so it turned out, we had a most enjoyable evening with Mr. R. L. Wilson the worthy auditor of the diocese. It must be confessed that few men are really able to keep the attention of children fixed for any length of time, but with Mr. Wilson it is evidently an easy matter. During the evening he gave a most instructive and entertaining magic lanterns exhibition, the slides are very valuable and include subjects both great and gay. The verdict of the children is that it was "jolly." Our best thanks are due to Mr. Wilson for so generously coming from Halifax and giving us this treat.

The Rev. E. T. Woollard reminded the children how sorry the Rector was that he could not be present. Three ringing cheers were given as thanks to the lecturer for his kindness by the children. The tea was admirably arranged by the Rector's wife Mrs. Wilson and the ladies of the congregation. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

VISITATION.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney is now making a Visitation of the parishes along

shore, which will occupy six weeks or more. A great deal of work awaits him. In Lunenburg County alone appointments were made between Feb. 13th and 23rd for Confirmations at Blandford, Baywater, Indian Point, Chester, Chester Basin, Western Shore, Martin's River, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Blue Rocks, Lower LaHave, Upper LaHave, Germany and Ohio. To fulfil these engagements, as also *specials* such as consecration of Burial grounds, (2); of churches (3); and the Induction of the Rector at Lunenburg, two and sometimes three services *per diem* were necessary; and there remain still the following appointments in this county:—

Feb. 24th, 11 a.m.—Confirmation at Bridgewater; 3 p.m., Consecration of Church and Confirmation at Inner Conqueroll. Evening services at Bridgewater.

Feb. 25th, 11 a.m., Consecration of Church and Confirmation at Conquerol Bank.

Feb. 26th, 11 a.m., Confirmation at West Ferry; 3 p.m., Confirmation at New Dublin.

Feb. 27th, Consecration of Church and Confirmation at Petite Riviere; 3 p.m., Consecration of Church and Confirmation at LaHave Islands.

Feb. 22nd, 11 a.m., Confirmation at Broad Cove; 3 p.m., Confirmation at Vogler's Cove; making in all twenty-five Confirmation services and six churches consecrated.

During the Bishop's absence from Halifax any communications requiring immediate attention should be addressed to his Commissary Archdeacon Gilpin.

LUNENBURG.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney left Halifax, on the 9th inst., for his Confirmation tour throughout this Deanery. There are at least six churches and three burial grounds for consecration, and a large number of candidates for confirmation. Active work is going on in this Deanery which may be seen at every turn. Several more new churches are in course of construction, and some of the old ones are being enlarged and refitted, of these, two new ones will soon be built in St. Matthew's parish LaHave, and the old historic St. John's Church, Lunenburg, is being enlarged so as to give an extra seating capacity of 250. Material for this work is already on the ground, and active work will be begun in early spring.

St. Barnabas, at the Blue Rocks, has been lately most beautifully painted and decorated much to the credit of both people and painter. This Church, built at a cost of upwards of \$1,700.00, within the last four years, is now free from debt, and the people there are about building a barn for the clergyman's horse.

On St. John's Day, December 27th, the Masonic fraternity, held their annual demonstration in Lunenburg. Divine service was held in St. John's Church, the service being taken by the Rev. Mr. Harris, of LaHave, the lessons by Rev. Mr. Galling, of Bridgewater, and the oration was delivered by the rector Rev. Mr. Haslam. We understand that Mr. Haslam has been the happy recipient of many tokens of esteem and good-will. Amongst these was a presentation at Christmastide of a cheque, by the ladies of the sewing-circle, sufficiently large to purchase a surplice, a set of stoles and a Dublin University M. A. hood, and two of his parishioners presented him with a fine fur coat.

These testimonials are certainly encouraging and highly appreciated.

We are deeply sorry to learn of the illness of the Rev. W. H. Groser, New Ross, on account of which his Lordship the Bishop will not visit that parish at this time.

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