

throw and succeed Nineveh. The words of the record stamped in the plastic clay are, "On my return of the far distant Medes of whom among the kings, my fathers, none had heard the mention of their names—tribute I received, and I caused them to bow to my yoke." It must be borne in mind that this small and submissive band was but the advance guard of that mighty host which in less than a century from the time the record was written was to sweep the Assyrian empire from existence and make Nineveh a heap of ruins.

The record speaks further of the furious wars that waged through all the reign of Sennacherib with the surrounding nations. A constant warfare raged between the Asiatic and African powers for the supremacy of the fertile plains of Palestine. The ambassadors of Egypt fomented rebellion in the more northern provinces of Palestine, and his next expedition was to march upon the western provinces. A complete victory was gained over the revolted provinces and their Egyptian allies, near Eltekah, on the sea coast. The details of this interesting war are given with the greatest particularity, and will be of much value to students of Biblical archæology. Hezekiah and Jerusalem next felt the vengeance of the Assyrians for their share in the rebellion, and the ruler of Judea purchased peace with an enormous tribute, consisting of "thirty talents of gold and eight hundred talents of silver, precious stones and rich couches of ivory." Again, a Babylonian rebellion engaged the armies of Sennacherib, and once again the lakes and marshes of the Delta hid the fugitives from the vengeance of the ruler of Nineveh. By the campaigns of 702, B.C., the Phenicians became the subjects of Assyria, and Sennacherib determined to avail himself of their skill as ship-builders to create a navy wherewith to pursue his rebellious subjects in their retreats about the Delta. The records tell how he brought carpenters from Syria and established a royal dockyard at Nineveh. The account of the campaign has an air of strangeness about it, and it speaks of the sacrifices and libations made to the gods of the ocean.

Again Babylon broke forth in rebellion, and once more the king marshalled his hosts for a decisive conflict. The great battle of Hahul was fought and the account of the conflict is one of the finest examples of Assyrian writing. The overthrow of the Babylonians was complete, and according to the Royal record, 160,000 men fell before the vengeful army of Sennacherib.

The book which Professor Sayce has brought out is a fine tribute to the patient research and great learning of the late Mr. Smith, and their translation of the ancient records of Assyria has added very largely to our historical knowledge.

SEE HOUSE FOR TORONTO.

A large committee has been appointed to canvass the Diocese of Toronto for subscriptions for the purpose of building a See House. We expect to give further particulars next week, and to report progress from time to time. We have no doubt all will give the Fund a hearty support, as the building is one that is very much needed.

BOOK NOTICE.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND CANONS of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron, as well as those of the Provincial Synod, and Statutes of Parliament affecting Ecclesiastical rights. London, Ont., 1879.

This very complete pamphlet will be a great boon to Churchmen in the Diocese of Huron. Other dioceses, our own among the number, will find that they may obtain various suggestions of a useful character, arising from an attentive consideration of the Canons of that Diocese. We should like to see several of them, with slight variation, incorporated in our own Constitution.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW GLASGOW.—*S. George's Chapel.*—Chapelwardens, Francis Drake, George Sterling.

The Lenten and Holy Week services were well attended at Christ Church, Albion Mines; and Good Friday was observed as well as a Sunday, both there and in New Glasgow, by the church congregations.

On Easter Day, in St. George's Chapel a large white tablet over the altar announced "Christ the Lord is risen to-day," in gold letters on a blue ground; while in Christ Church the sill over the holy table and font were glorious and fragrant with the choicest flowers—camelias, roses, calli-lies, ferns, &c.—chiefly given (from Harris's) by F. D. Laurie, Esq., but supplemented by Mrs. Adrians and Miss H. Carritt.

At Christ Church it was determined to introduce "the envelope system" for the weekly offertory, and to engage the services of Miss York as a salaried organist.

At St. George's Chapel the payment to the clergyman was increased by \$52 a year, and a project was introduced for the erection of a fabric between now and June, 1880; but this remains to be confirmed or otherwise at an adjourned meeting to be held April 24th.

PICTOU.—Capt. Jollymore *freely* conveyed the frame of the new St. James's in his schooner—a worthy example.

ALBION MINES.—*Christ Church.*—Churchwardens, Jas. Hudson, Esq., Lewis Johnston, Esq., M. D. The vestry was re-elected, vacancies being filled by H. S. Poole, G. G. Carritt, G. Ward, and J. Johnson. Vestry Clerk, J. Wentworth.

AMHERST.—The services at Christ Church, Amherst were largely attended on Easter Sunday. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers, among which some wreaths, contributed by a lady at Halifax, were very beautiful. The singing and chanting from a full choir gave appropriate animation and cheerfulness to this joyous festival of our Church. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Uniacke, who was also celebrant. There was a large number of communicants. Rev. Richard Wainwright, lately appointed agent for the Board of Missions in this diocese, occupied the desk. At the evening service Mr. Wainwright preached an impressive and interesting sermon upon the chief topic of the day, and afterwards addressed the congregation at some length, and with striking eloquence upon missionary subjects. The offertory in the evening was in aid of missions, and amounted to about \$89.

On Easter Monday two ladies of Christ Church waited upon Dr. Uniacke, who is at present doing the duty of the parish, and presented him with an address, and likewise a handsome purse of \$75, on behalf of the ladies of the congregation and in consideration of his services during the absence of the Rector. A vote of thanks was also passed at the Easter meeting and forwarded to him, in acknowledgement of his services at this time.

On Easter Tuesday evening a very successful concert was held in Amherst Mission Hall for the benefit of the Church. This entertainment was held under the auspices of Miss Townshend, the rector's niece, the accomplished organist of Christ Church, assisted by other ladies and gentlemen of the congregation. The hall was crowded and the music highly appreciated. The proceeds were upwards of ninety dollars.

The interior of Christ Church, Amherst, particularly the chancel, is remarkable for its beauty and finish, and reflects great credit upon the taste and liberality both of the rector and congregation. Late accounts give favorable reports of the much esteemed rector, Canon Townshend, whose return will be welcomed by all in Amherst.

QUEBEC.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THREE RIVERS.—*S. James.*—The congregation of this church have the great privilege of being summoned by "the sound of the church-going bell" to daily prayer in the sanctuary, and it is matter of great regret that so few avail themselves of it in comparison with those who might come if they would. In Lent, however, they generally attend very fairly. In addition to the daily prayers and readings, there are always, at that season, special services on Wednesdays and Fridays, with a course of lectures and sermons. The Wednesday services this Lent were rendered more than ordinarily attractive by the fact that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and other clergy of Quebec, at much inconvenience to themselves, came up to Three Rivers in order to strengthen the hands of the rector and to edify the flock by delivering a course of sermons, the subjects of which had been previously arranged. The attendance on each of these occasions was very large, and included a great many Presbyterians and Methodists, and even some Roman Catholics, all of whom listened with earnest attention to the great truths so ably set forth to them. The Rev. Messrs. Housman, Hamilton, Von Iffland and Fothergill took part with the Bishop in the course. The Rev. Messrs. Richardson and Rawson were also to have joined, but the one was prevented by illness and the other by a snow storm which blocked up the road. Advantage was taken of the Bishop's visit to present eleven candidates for the apostolic rite of confirmation. Nine of these were adults, and most of them have since become communicants. The services on Easter Day were very bright and hearty, and there was a goodly number of communicants both at early celebration and at mid-day. The music was particularly good, and reflects great credit both upon the organist and choir. The season was very unfavourable for floral decorations, and we were obliged to content ourselves with a couple of vases of choice flowers on the altar.

The annual vestry meeting on Easter Monday was in every respect a most satisfactory one. The report of the churchwardens, Messrs. Boxer and Welch, showed the finances of the church to be in a flourishing condition, and the vestry showed its appreciation of their services by re-electing them to their honorable and responsible position.

I must not omit to mention that the plain statements of the necessities of the Diocese of Algoma, and of the duty owed to that missionary diocese by the Church in the Dominion, which appeared lately in your columns, have had the effect of stirring us up here to an earnest attempt to do our part in the good work. Two young ladies have undertaken to make a house-to-house visitation in the parish, and to try and induce every head of a family to contribute something—much or little—monthly, towards the missionary work in Algoma; and, as far as they have gone, they have found every one to whom they applied willing to aid in so good a work. In this poor parish, and in these hard times, we do not hope to raise a large sum, but if we can double or treble our former contributions, their labor will not have been in vain.

In connexion with a statement made by the rector at the Easter meeting relative to a considerable increase in the revenue of the Endowment Fund, a resolution was passed which the vestry desires to bring to the notice of their fellow-churchmen in the Diocese of Quebec, in the hope that some action will be taken in the direction indicated.

Moved by C. K. Ogden, seconded by W. W. Welch,

"That the valuable services for so many years rendered by the late treasurer of the 'Clergy Trust Fund,' W. G. Wurtele, Esq., in the admirable manner in which he managed the finances of the