

and forty-three churches in the Archdeaconry of Manchester, on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Mr. Augustine Wolfe, the diocesan lay missionary, has concluded an eight days' mission at St. Philip's, Hulme, under the guidance of Canon Birley. Workingmen were addressed at their places of business, and processions went through the streets notwithstanding the inclement weather.

ROBERT HALL ON THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER.—A correspondent of the *Family Churchman* writes to it that, having recently purchased an old copy of "Wheatly on the Book of Common Prayer" (folio 1720), which I happened to see exposed in the window of a bookshop, I was agreeably surprised to find the following interesting observation clearly written on the fly-leaf.—

"Though a Protestant Dissenter, I am by no means insensible to the merits of the Liturgy. I believe that the Evangelical purity of its sentiment, the chastened fervour of its devotion, and the majestic simplicity of its language, have combined to place it in the very first rank of uninspired compositions."

The above testimony to the value of the Liturgy of the Church of England, coming as it does from so distinguished a Nonconformist, who has been characterized as "one of the most celebrated writers and preachers England has produced."

Haydn was once asked how it was that his Church music was always so cheerful. The great composer made this reply:—"I cannot make it otherwise. I write according to the thoughts I feel. When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy that the notes dance and leap, as it were, from my pen; and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be pardoned me if I serve Him with a cheerful spirit."

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Bishop of Salisbury, and the Archbishop of Dublin, met the committee of the Anglo-Continental Society at 19 Delahay Street, Westminster, lately, and gave them an account of the Old Catholic and reforming movements in Germany, Switzerland, and Australia. A resolution was passed on the motion of General Lowry, regarding afresh the Committee's hearty sympathy with the Old Catholic cause in those countries, and their hope that some substantial help may be given to it by the Church of England.

Dean Vaughan remarked very truly at Cardiff last week that "the real pinch of the Church" at present was the fact that the duties of a clergyman had grown a thousand fold since he was a boy. The real puzzle is to know where they begin; we all know they have no end.

A CLERGYMAN in Ontario says, "The paper, the CHURCH GUARDIAN, continues to grow in favour and is very attractive and interesting."

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NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—Rev. Richard John Uniacke, D.D., rector of Sydney, died in this city yesterday morning. He retired in his usual health on Thursday evening; but woke up about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, asked Mrs. Uniacke the time and shortly afterwards peacefully passed away. Dr. Uniacke was a native of Halifax, was educated at St. Alban's, Oxford, and was ordained priest in 1836 by the then Bishop of Nova Scotia. He was appointed to the charge of Aylesford, then for some times was curate at St. Andrew's, N.B.; then rector of St. James Church, Newport; and then was appointed rector of Sydney, which position is now vacant by his death. The Rev. gentleman married a daughter of the late Archdeacon Willis, who survives him; and leaves two sons and a daughter, the latter Mrs. Cadz, a widow. Mr. Uniacke was one of the few remaining clergymen whose salary is paid by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and which assistance now ceases. He was very modest and retiring in disposition; a clergyman of the old school. His death will be regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Rev. David Smith, Rural Dean, who for a long time has performed the duties of the parish, will doubtless succeed in the rectorship of Sydney.

St. Luke's—A meeting of the vestry of St. Luke's Church was held on Thursday evening. A letter was read from Rev. F. R. Murray, resigning his position as rector. The Rev. gentleman gave the reasons for so doing, which have already appeared in the *GUARDIAN*. A suggestion was made that instead of resigning he spend the winter months in the Bermudas, but Mr. Murray did not favor the idea. The resignation was finally accepted with regret. A meeting of the parishioners is called for Tuesday next in St. Luke's hall, to consider the matter. Mr. Murray has received an offer from a town of 20,000 inhabitants in San Bernardino county, California, which it is said he has accepted and will leave about the first of March for the new field, which has no church or school and only 40 communicants.

LOCKEFORT.—The Rev. S. Gibbons has returned to his work, which during his absence was carried on by the Rev. C. Easton. In preaching at Holy Cross Church on Sunday morning, he spoke of the warnings of the drawing near of the Advent,—mentioning amongst other things that—in the Church in England—the great progress of spiritual mindedness—the marvellous life in the Church—being 'awake' all over—the great and successful efforts made by her to reach the masses in the large cities and manufacturing centres—the facing on the part of the Church's leaders, the great social questions of the hour, as manifested by Mr. Champion, a Socialist leader being invited to speak at the late Church Congress,—the faithful setting forth of the whole Gospel of Jesus Christ—were signs that 'Thy kingdom come' was becoming gradually realized.

PICTOU.—For the past nine years, Rev. Mr. Edgcombe has been rector of St. James Church, Pictou, and now his ministry in connection with that Church has ceased. When he came among his people, worship was held in a small edifice a few yards from the present magnificent Church, and it was mainly through his indefatigable efforts that the structure which they now worship in was erected. Mr. Edgcombe is a man of scholarly attainments, respected and esteemed by all classes and creeds, and it will be no easy matter to fill his place. He will be greatly missed in Pictou, not alone among his own people, but by members of other denominations as well. The Masons, too, will miss him; he was their chaplain for a number of years. On Friday evening last, an emergent meeting

of the lodge was called, and Mr. Edgcombe was presented with a very handsomely engraved address,—expressive of the esteem in which he was held by them, sorry that they were about to lose his valuable services, and wishing him unbounded success, etc., in his new sphere of labor—accompanied with a good sum of money. Since then he was waited upon by a deputation from Logan's Tannery, and received a similar token of esteem. Mr. Edgcombe leaves in a day or two for his new charge, Joliette, in the Diocese of Montreal; and we are certain he will be followed by the best wishes of all. His wife and family accompany him. On Sunday evening, 11th inst., Mr. Edgcombe preached his farewell sermon, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Church was crowded. —*Col Standard, Pictou.*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

SUMMERSIDE.—The Clerical Association of P. E. I. met in St. Mary's Church, Summerside, on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. The services of the day began with Choral Matins, and Holy Eucharist at 10-30 a.m. Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Sampson, and the lessons by Rev. H. Harper. There was a good congregation present, who listened with rapt attention to the sermon delivered by Rev. W. Jones, of St. Paul's, Charlottetown. He chose two texts, Col. iv. 13, and Eph. vi. 19, and spoke eloquently and earnestly upon the duty of prayer. In conclusion he warned his hearers against modern Judaism and Agnosticism, which, he said the Church had to fight against.

The Rev. T. B. Reagh celebrated, assisted by Rev. C. F. Lowe, rector of the parish. The altar was properly vested for the Advent season in violet, while on the re-table stood a charming collection of ferns and geraniums. The baptismal font was also decorated.

The clergy dined together at the Clifton House, after which the business session was held. There were present Revs. Messrs. W. Jones, J. Simpson, T. B. Reagh, C. E. MacKenzie, T. W. Johnstone, H. Harper, Sampson and C. F. Lowe.

A paper was read by Mr. Johnstone on "The relation of P. E. I. to the Diocese of Nova Scotia." His remarks caused a very animated discussion lasting three hours. Notice of various motions were also given for the next meeting. The advisability of having a Bishop for P. E. I. to take in some parts of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Magdalen Islands was strongly discussed.

At 7 p.m., a large congregation assembled in St. Mary's to listen to various addresses by the visiting clergy. The brethren, clad in cassock, surplice and stole, walked in procession from the vestry, singing the hymn "From Greenland's icy mountains." A full choir was present, the singing excellent and the responses hearty. Evensong was said by Rev. C. E. MacKenzie, and the lessons read by Revs. W. Jones, and J. Simpson. The first address was delivered by Rev. W. Jones on "A missionary spirit the life of the Church." The Rev. T. B. Reagh then spoke on "The danger of neglecting and blessedness of receiving the Holy Communion." Rev. J. Simpson followed with "Some details of Missionary work in the North West." Rev. T. W. Johnstone then spoke on "The necessity of supporting the D. C. S. and the best means of doing so." Rev. W. H. Simpson then spoke on "Personal Holiness, its cause and effects." Then followed an address on "The influence of the Christian upon the world around him," by Rev. H. Harper. The last speaker was Rev. C. E. MacKenzie, whose subject was "Marks which have always characterized the true Church."

The hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" was heartily sung, and the benediction pronounced by Mr. Mackenzie.

Great enthusiasm was aroused, and the collections for S. P. G. amounted to \$12.60.

The visiting clergy were hospitably entertained as follows: