

"As you know this diocese has for many years been faithful in its devotion to the cause of 'temperance.' This year the 9th December was set apart as 'temperance Sunday.' By request I issued a pastoral on some practical points, which, it was felt, required immediate attention. The pastoral was very generally acted upon, and I have good reason to believe that the effect was very beneficial.

"The Provincial Synod will meet in September of this year and there will be the usual election of delegates. The General Synod will meet in September, 1896; but it is necessary that you should elect your delegates each year. As I dwelt at some length in my last charge on the work of the General Synod, I do not now advert, further, to its proceedings. I may, however, remark with gratification, in which I am sure you will share, that the presiding officer in both Synods was chosen from this diocese, in the person of our beloved dean, the Very Rev. James Carmichael.

"God grant that we may have grace in this behalf to execute our important duties in the spirit of wisdom, to God's glory and the edification of His church.

"Beloved, I now dismiss you to the work of the session, earnestly praying that you may receive the fullness of God's blessing upon your important functions. I trust that the time and thought, devoutly given to the interest of the church, may be repaid you a hundredfold in the increase of religious knowledge, and spiritual peace in your own souls. Consecration to the good of others will surely be followed by rich spiritual blessings to yourselves. The promise of Christ to His Church in all ages is: 'Lo, I am with you always.' Believe in him; long for Him; look for Him, and surely He will reveal Himself to your souls. Follow after peace and holiness; they are the living active virtues nourished by the spirit of truth and purity. Submit your spiritual life to the influences of this Holy Spirit, that your own souls may ripen and mature, and in the maturity of your spiritual life, the life of the Church at large shall increase and strengthen. Each one of us is the centre of a circle of influence ever widening for good or evil, ever crossing and being crossed by the influence of fellow man, sometimes helping, sometimes hindering. Let us each pass through our work and the world as one at war with every form of evil, but diligently seeking truth, purity and peace."

Diocese of Ontario.

NEW HAMBURG.—A Chancel window composed of five lights has recently been placed in St. George's Church. The work was entrusted to Mr. Robert McCausland, of the firm of Joseph McCausland & Son, Toronto, whose design was selected for its pronounced artistic excellence and originality. The artist has very cleverly arranged one subject to fill the entire five lights.

The text, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my Throne," is the one illustration. Our Blessed Lord is represented in the centre light, holding in His left hand the orb and cross, while the right hand is in the attitude of Benediction. This figure, with its charm of outline and benign face, arrests one's attention and becomes even the more impressive as one studies the artist's forceful rendering of the surrounding details. The four side lights contain full length figures depicting different ages—including many fine character faces; each figure is attended by its Guardian Angel. A beautiful double rainbow curves across the window, and is adroitly interspersed with aerial draperies.

The window is entirely composed of the choicest antique glass. The harmony of colour,

the beautiful faces and well arranged drapery complete an exceptionally fine specimen of art work.

Diocese of Huron.

GALT.—On Sunday, Jan. 20th, his Lordship the Bishop of Huron held a Confirmation service in Trinity church, when 54 persons were presented by the Rector. The Bishop addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon, and also preached in the evening. The congregations were large.

The Bishop and Archdeacon Davis addressed the annual missionary meeting in Christ's church, Glanworth, on Friday evening last. There was a good attendance.

The annual meeting of the W.A.M.A. of the Diocese will be held [D.V.] in London, March 4th to 7th. The Bishop of Moosehide is to be the speaker at the public meeting.

The Bishop purposes [God willing] holding a Quiet Day March 11 and 12.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is to be on March 13.

The Rev. Canon O'Meara, chaplain to the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who has been visiting Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and a few other places on behalf of that Diocese, spent last Sunday in Galt, and as a result of his appeal received in a few hours on Monday, from less than twenty persons, nearly \$500.

The Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, Rector of the parish, said: "This had in no way interfered with the contributions to 'Home Missions,' which, he was glad to state, were on the increase. The more people were taught to give the better it was for themselves and the Church at large.

PETROLIA.—Much sympathy is felt for the Rev. W. and Mrs. Craig in the bereavement which has come to them through the death of their daughter, Oenone, on the 10th inst. She was a general favorite, and her loss will be felt severely by her parents and friends.

BERLIN.—A meeting of the Rural Deanery and Church Workers' Convention was held in the new Church of St. John the Evangelist here on Tuesday, Jan. 15, a large number of visitors being present from Galt, Hespeler, Preston, New Hamburg and Haysville. Service was held in the morning at 11, and the afternoon was devoted to Sunday school work under the Presidency of the Rev. Rural Dean Ridley. Excellent papers were read by Mrs. R. C. Tye, of Haysville; Miss Jaffray, of Galt; Mr. Wellington Keffer, of Hespeler; Mr. Luddby, of Berlin; and Mrs. Ward, of Haysville. Interesting discussions followed, in which the Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, who was present, took part. Evening service was held at 7.30, in which several of the clergy took part. After it an informal conference was held, beginning with an address from Rev. Dr. Williams, M.A., Rector of Stratford, on the claims of the Lord's Day. The address was an admirable one, and elicited warm approval and discussion.

Mr. John Fennell, of Berlin, followed with a paper on "Hints to Laymen," or the duty of co-operation and sympathy with the clergyman. It touched on many points of interest. It was a capital address, and wound up with a telling illustration. Some lively remarks followed, participated in by Mr. Connor, Dr. Browley, Revs. D. Williams, J. Edmonds, F. J. Steen and the Rural Dean. The remarks seemed to be much enjoyed.

A number of questions pertinent to the occasion were presented and ably answered by that veteran Sunday school worker, Mr. James Woods, of Galt. The new church looked beauti-

ful lit up at night. The singing was hearty. The people of Berlin were cordially thanked for their hospitality, and the service closed with the feeling that this Rural Deanery meeting and Church Workers' Convention had been a most interesting and enjoyable affair.

The next Convention will be held at Galt in 1896.

Diocese of New Westminster.

AT REST.—On Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at 9 a.m., the Ven. Charles T. Woods, Archdeacon of Columbia and Rector of St. Mary's, Sapperton, entered peacefully into rest at the age of seventy years. His illness extended over a period of several months, and although his death was not unexpected, yet it has cast a shade of sorrow over the community generally, and more particularly over the parish of St. Mary's, where many loving hearts will mourn his loss for years to come. The funeral services, which took place on Friday morning, were very impressive and full of comfort to the afflicted. The body, after being prepared for burial by loving hands, was laid in state in the study at the Rectory and was viewed by many of the parishioners, being clothed in cassock, surplice, stole and biretta, surrounded by six horse lights, and in the hands a chalice and paten, typical of the Priestly office. On Thursday evening the body was taken to the church by the Churchwardens and parishioners, where a large number of the congregation awaited its arrival. All through the night the body was watched by members of the congregation, who relieved each other at stated intervals, and at 8 o'clock on Friday morning a celebration of the Holy Communion took place, at which there was a large attendance. At 9.30 the Funeral Service began, which consisted of the Burial Office and a second celebration of the Holy Communion (choral), at which there was also a large attendance. The body was carried to the grave by the Churchwardens and other friends of the deceased, chosen by himself some months previous to his death. The procession was headed by a cross-bearer in cassock and surplice, and on nearing the cemetery the choir sang Psalm cxxx., *De Profundis*. At the conclusion of the Burial Service Hymn 401 A. & M. was sung, and the grave was filled in by clergymen of the Diocese, all personal friends of the deceased.

Although the Archdeacon was well beloved there was a marked absence of that hopeless sorrow so prevalent on such occasions. The music was not all doleful, Cobb's communion service being used and such Hymns as Nos. 437 and 537 A. & M. also sung; the Christmas decorations were allowed to remain, and no sign of mourning was visible in the church. The feeling uppermost in the minds of the majority of the worshippers was that another of God's elect had been called home; that his work was done; that it had been done well; that he had been faithful to the end; and that however deep their own sorrow might be, they might say with thankful hearts, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours."

Diocese of Newfoundland.

A SUMMER'S WORK IN THE STRAITS OF BELLE ISLE.

BY THE REV. ARTHUR C. WAGHORNE.

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The distribution of wholesome and useful literature, is a work, in my opinion of sufficient importance to engage the attention of the priest. This is especially the case on the Labrador,