

than a Scotch mist, did not keep the friends of the church from the Sunday-school hall, and the fair was so far successful that the sum of \$150 was realized for the Sunday-school, though there remains on hand a large stock of fancy articles for the Christmas Tree. Miss Jessie Hunt, and Miss Means, were the fair hostesses at the refreshment table. The sale of fancy articles was conducted by Misses Hunt, Puttemans, Nugent, Duff, McCallum, Churcher, Racey, and C. Birrell. Capt. C. B. Hunt, of the 7th Battalion, furnished the band of the Battalion, and thereby added much to the pleasures of the evening.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Bishop of Winchester desires us (the *Guardian*) to publish the following letter from the Bishop of Calcutta.

"MY DEAR LORD BISHOP.—At the meeting of the Bishops of this province, held in March last at Calcutta, I was requested to convey to the Dioceses of Winchester and Oxford an expression of our deep sense of obligation for the work which has been undertaken by them, for us, in providing two additional Bishops for this diocese of Calcutta. I have delayed forwarding this to you until I should hear that success had crowned your efforts for the Bishopric of Rangoon, and now having been informed that the sum stipulated for by the Secretary of state has been raised, I must ask you to accept for yourself, and to convey to the clergy and laity of your diocese, our heartfelt thanks for this noble offering. That the money should have been provided entirely (with the exception of the grants from the societies) by the diocese of Winchester, a diocese which had no special connection with my predecessor, is a fact which abundantly proves that the work of the Church in this land has indeed become an object of interest to the Church at home, and this gift to us will surely recoil upon you and your diocese in increased life and blessing. Our prayer shall be that these bonds of sympathy may be made so permanent as to strengthen and advance our Master's work both at home and abroad.

"May we out here prove worthy of the love and care which your diocese has shown towards us, in sending us this timely help.

"I have said nothing of the relief which this brings to myself personally; as far as that is concerned, if the life be wholly given up, it matters little whether it be spent in roaming over hundreds or thousands of miles. But for the future of the Church in India the time is critical, and God is helping on His work through your instrumentality.

"It is surely very remarkable that, though a cloud seems to be hanging over us in connection with the relations of Bishops to their dioceses, all are with one voice crying out for more Bishops. The missionary societies (both of them) agree with us and with you upon this point, that Episcopal superintendence, which a sufficient number of Bishops can alone render effective, is the thing needed; the Bishop not to be a mere inspector of his diocese, but felt to be a true Father in God. I trust that a day may come when our Calcutta resolutions, so much misunderstood in some quarters will be found to have been a step in advance towards that which all desire to see. But I must not enter upon these subjects. This is a letter addressed to you and your diocese. Commend me respectively and affectionately to the faithful in Christ over whom you watch, and may God supply all your need in return for your gift to us. —I am, my dear Lord Bishop, yours affectionately in Christ.

(signed) "EDWARD R. CALCUTTA."

"The Lord Bishop of Winchester."

"Goalundo, Eastern Bengal, October, 5, 1877.

#### Correspondence.

##### COLLECTION FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to suggest that if other dioceses would assimilate their mode of providing for the Widows and Orphans of the clergy, to the method adopted in Nova Scotia, the widow's

feeling would not be hurt by dragging in her name week by week as "*a Diocesan beneficiary.*" I send the rules.—CLERIC.

RULES OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Diocese of Nova Scotia.*—The following is the 11th object of the Diocesan Church Society:

"It shall also be one of the objects of the Society to provide for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, but no part of the Society's funds shall be appropriated to this object except such as shall be specifically given and paid into the Society therefor."

1st. In accordance with the above, the Society will open a special account for the object to be called "*The Widows' and Orphans' Fund.*" This fund shall be formed and consist of all subscriptions, donations, legacies, and other contributions, given and paid to the Society for this special object, and of all premiums received under these rules, and of all benefits arising therefrom; and this fund shall be held and applied to and for this particular object, and no other.

2nd. A standing sub-Committee of seven members shall be appointed, in whom, together with the Secretary of the Diocesan Church Society, (who shall be paid as Secretary of this sub-Committee,) shall be vested the whole management of this Fund, subject to an appeal to the whole Society.

3rd. The Diocesan Church Society undertakes to pay, out of this Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the pensions which become due under the following rules.

4th. Every Clergyman of the Church of England within the Diocese wishing to avail himself of the benefits of this fund, shall, within six months from the 10th October, 1855, or within one year from taking orders, or from his admission into the Diocese, apply to the Secretary for a certificate of pension, and shall pay the annual sum or premium therefor, as hereafter mentioned.

5th. Any applicant, after such period of time, shall only be permitted to receive such certificate at the option of the sub-Committee, and upon such terms as they shall direct.

6th. The following shall be the rate of the yearly sum or premium payable by every clergyman applying for a certificate, according to his age at the date of his first application; it being understood that any parish or congregation contributing to the fund more than \$8.00, then the excess be counted toward payment of the premium of the minister or ministers for that year.

Age 23, prem. \$7.20; age 24, prem. \$7.38; age 25, \$7.62; age 26, prem. \$7.82; age 27, prem. \$8.05; age 28, prem. \$8.27; age 29, prem. \$8.50; age 30, prem. \$8.72; age 31, prem. \$8.93; age 32, prem. \$9.17; age 33, prem. \$9.42; age 34, prem. \$9.68; age 35, prem. \$9.80; age 36, prem. \$10.27; age 37, prem. \$10.57; age 38, prem. \$10.92; age 39, prem. \$11.25; age 40, prem. \$11.60; age 41, prem. \$11.95; age 42, prem. \$12.30; age 43, prem. \$12.67; age 44, prem. \$13.08; age 45, prem. \$13.48; age 46, prem. \$13.92; age 47, prem. \$14.42; age 48, prem. \$14.92; age 49, prem. \$15.53; age 50, prem. \$16.17; age 51, prem. \$16.90; age 52, prem. \$17.68; age 53, prem. \$18.84; age 54, prem. \$19.37; age 55, prem. \$20.30; age 56, prem. \$21.30; age 57, prem. \$22.40; age 58, prem. \$23.55; age 59, prem. \$24.72; age 60, prem. \$25.85.

7th. If any clergyman marry the second time he shall pay the annual sum or premium for the age he may be when he marries the second time.

8th. Upon payment of the first sum or premium the applicant shall receive a certificate, as hereafter mentioned, and the same sum shall be paid by him, up to the time of his death, on the first day of January in each year.

9th. If any person fail to pay the amount of his premium within forty days after the payment become due, all claim to the pension under his certificate shall be forfeited, and the same shall thereupon become null and void. But if he desire to have his claim to the pension renewed, it shall be in the power of this Committee to readmit him on such terms as they see fit.

10th. Permanent removal of the clergyman from this Diocese to any place beyond the limits of British North America or the United Kingdom, except with the leave of this Sub-Committee, expressed in writing, or under such conditions as

they may impose, forfeits all claim to the pension.

11th. If any clergyman shall go beyond the limits of Europe, or of North America 35° North latitude, without the leave of the Sub-Committee, he shall forfeit all claim to the pension.

12th. The widow of Every Clergyman who shall have paid the annual sum or premium (subject to the above exceptions) shall receive a pension of £25 per annum during widowhood, (now \$200).

13th. If at any time it is the opinion of the sub-Committee that the state of the funds will safely warrant their doing so, they shall have power to increase the amount of the pensions.

14th. If the widow die or marry again the child or children of her deceased husband shall receive the pension. But no part of the pension shall be received by those children who have arrived at the age of sixteen years, if males, or eighteen years, if females, while those who are still under those respective ages will receive the full amount of the pension.

15th. If the wife die before the husband, his child or children shall, at his death receive the pension under the above limitation of ages.

16th. The pensions shall be payable half-yearly on the 1st day of January and on the 1st day of July in each year, and shall commence on the first of those days which shall happen after the decease of each person holding a certificate, and terminate on the first of those days which shall happen after the death of the widow or child, or the happening of any other event by which, under these rules, such pension is to cease.

17th. The Clergy of Prince Edward's Island shall be entitled to participate in the benefit of this fund on equal terms with the Clergy of this Province.

18th. The certificate to be granted shall be in the following form \* \* \* \* under the seal of the Society and the signature of the Secretary; and on the back thereof or annexed thereto shall be printed the above Rules.

19th. None of the above Rules and Regulations shall be altered except at a General Meeting of the D. C. S., after a full year's notice of the proposed change.

At a general meeting of the Society, Oct. 4th, 1865—"It was the opinion of the meeting that, for purposes of insurance in the W. and O. Fund, Bermuda should not be considered within the limits of British North America."

#### ORGANISTS.

SIR:—A high English authority says "that among so-called organists there are many who play upon the organ but very few players and that among the hearers there are many who imagine themselves to be judges of organ playing, but who remind me of the story related about the great Paganini, who, while he was astounding Europe generally with his marvellous and unprecedented performance upon the violin, some of his hearers in the midst of his choicest solos were heard to say "that they wished he would stop tuning his fiddle and play them a tune." It is pretty much so in these days—some persons who hear any deviation from the old stereotyped style of organ playing, and who can comprehend nothing of it beyond the style of the "Old Hundredth" and see-saw voluntaries imagine that it must be what they term *operatic*. They do not seem to realize that while different preachers handle the same subject differently, organists could do the same if they had the skill to do it, and yet not alter the spirit of the original theme. In like manner if a voluntary is so played as to exhibit a well defined and pleasing strain of melody, or if an organist attempts anything of orchestral effect, for which a good organ is so admirably adapted, although I can see no violation of the "spirit of the church service" in it, they think it *operatic*.

I commend the above to the notice of a correspondent in your issue of the 25th Oct., under the head of "Portland Harvest Home," (St. John, N.B.) who alludes to me therein anonymously. What being well paid (*as he thinks*) has to do with the case I fail to see. I could point out to him in other portions of the Dominion several organists who are much better paid than I am, and were I to take him over the border still better. Yours, X.