

Editorial Miscellany.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27.

OURSELVES.

The *Toronto Church*, in an address to its readers at the close of the year, makes the following observations, which we endorse, as well for the latitude which our correspondents have always been inclined to allow us in judging of the propriety of their articles, as to enlist as Editors the Clergy of the Diocese. We desire, like *The Church*, to have the opinion of publishing original articles as editorial, taking the responsibility; or under the head of Correspondence, for the opinions of which we are not responsible; or of rejecting entirely, as best accords with our judgment. We shall be glad to receive articles interesting to the Church from the Clergy generally, upon the conditions above stated, stipulating only that, the authors, names accompany them in confidence, and that each be embraced if possible, within the limit of a column. This plan we hope will be followed out, and we think it will add to the interest of the Editorial Department by at least an occasional change of style, and a greater variety of subjects, while it will give to the Paper a more general acceptance as the organ of the Diocese, and we hope will tend to enlist a more extensive support and patronage.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS. We at this time offer you our sincere thanks, and solicit a continuance of your favours. We acknowledge that we have been most generously dealt with. For various reasons, we have not published some communications; but in no one instance have we been remonstrated with. Though we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents, we reserve to ourselves the right of judging whether it be expedient and for the good of *The Church* to insert any communication that may be sent. Adopting the plan pursued by some of our U. S. contemporaries, we have, (and intend still to pursue the same course,) hastily inserted, editorially, certain articles, affixing the initials, real or assumed, of our correspondents, and we deem ourselves responsible for the views thus set forth. We trust therefore that all who are able will be found ready to aid us in our gratuitous labours. There is not a single mission in the diocese, or rather we might say the diocese, where our paper is read, which cannot contribute, now and again, some article which would interest our readers. It is not therefore fair that the whole burden of sustaining the paper should be borne by one or two. To those then who have not withheld their aid, we tender our thanks; and to all who would desire to see *"The Church"* prosper, we say, let your acts prove the sincerity of your professions.

ST. PAUL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE, D. C. S.—We attended last week to the annual meeting of this Committee. Resolutions were passed—adopting the Report—appointing a Committee for the ensuing year—of thanks to the Rev. Gentlemen who had delivered Missionary Lectures during the past year—and expressive of the necessity of exciting more interest in St. Paul's branch of the D. C. S. by an evening meeting at an early day, and by passing Resolutions the better to promote the objects of the Committee.

REPORT.

Although various causes have contributed to make the exertions of St. Paul's Local Committee D. C. S. less active during the past year than heretofore, among which may be mentioned as chief, other objects important to the Church, which have been pressed upon the notice of the Parishioners, and which they have largely assisted—it is with no small degree of satisfaction that the Committee point to the state of their funds, as proof that the interest in the Diocesan Church Society continues unabated.

The Secretary's Books show that from January 12 until Dec. 8 of the last year, inclusive, there has been paid from St. Paul's Parish into the General Fund of the D. C. S., including subscription at Falkland, the sum of £208 12 1/2.

The Committee deem this a gratifying statement, and one that affords much encouragement for the future: for if, at a time when many demands were made upon the people for Church objects, all of which have been generously assisted, this has not been for a moment forgotten, how much more may be expected, when relieved from these contributions, they are enabled to give their whole heart to the important work of increasing the funds of the Diocesan Church Society. Your Committee hope they never will forget, that upon the resources of this Society depend in a great measure the extension of the Church in Nova Scotia, and the relief of much of the spiritual destitution that prevails within her borders.

In order to draw the attention of the Parishioners more closely to the necessity of sustaining the Diocesan Church Society, the Committee would recommend that Sub Committees should be formed, who would undertake to visit the Parish, enrol Members, explain its objects, and report their proceedings. Such a course they deem necessary, if not once a year, at least every other year, as well to enrol strangers, who belonging to the Church's Communion, have in the interim become resident in the Parish, as to keep the objects of the Society fresh in the remembrance of its Members.

In conclusion the Committee trust, that the blessing of the Almighty, which has been largely vouchsafed to the operations of the Society, may still follow its future efforts for the promotion of His Glory, in the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The following notice of Sir John Franklin's expedition, appears to contain a few melancholy particulars, that have not hitherto had general publicity:—

The Rev. Thos. Hurlbutt, of Roseville Mission, Hudson's Bay Territory, in his journal, dated Sept. 17th, writes, "D. Ry has just returned, and has found traces of Sir John Franklin. One of our members here was on this expedition, and has made his family happy by his safe return. His name is Thomas Mastitukwin, I had a long talk with him on the subject, he gave me an interesting account of their journey, and their wintering in a snow house, where they had constant night. In March last, they started on the ice to the north, and were thirty-seven days on their northern journey. They were 100 miles beyond the region inhabited by the Esquimaux; but where they still found the tracks of the musk-ox. Sir John and his party are dead; but perhaps one or two of the men may be still alive and amongst the Esquimaux. Sir John's watch, all in pieces, with his silver spoons, knives and forks were found. The ship was a great way from these people, and they now all have good sleds, spears, canoes, &c. of oak wood. Dr. Ry and party did not see any of the remains of Sir John and his party; but the Esquimaux informed him that Sir John was found dead, with his blanket over him and his gun by his side. The probability is that it is not more than two or three years since the party perished of hunger.—*Toronto Guardian Jan. 8.*

PATRIOTIC FUND.—The Committees for the different Wards, soliciting Subscriptions in aid of the above object, have been prosecuting their laudable mission during the past week. We have not heard what success they have met with, but are confident that no person, however humble in circumstances, would refuse his mite toward this fund. It is an object for which every one is in duty bound to subscribe, and we doubt not that the people of Halifax will be able to show by the liberality and good will with which they give of their substance for this object, that they are not wanting in loyal sympathy or feeling.

A synopsis of the trade of Quebec, published in the papers of that port, makes the number of vessels cleared for Nova Scotia, in 1843, 46, tons 2778; in 1854, 27, tons 1989,—being a considerable falling off in 1854, which is accounted for by two causes—first, that the high price of flour has had the effect of curtailing its consumption—and second, that the exports from Montreal had very much increased during the past year. The exports from Quebec are flour and provisions—the returns, coal, fish, and West India produce.

The Nova Scotia Book Store, 24 Granville Street, has just been supplied with an assortment of Devotional Books, ("Hosae Sacre," "Prayers and Meditations for Private use," "Family and Closet Devotions.")

The R. M. Steamship *Curlew*, which left here on Saturday night for Brimula, ran into the French Packet from St. Peter's, (ready for sailing) lying off Connor's Wharf—and stove in her bulwarks, but without inflicting other serious injury. Had the *Curlew* been under full steam, the injury must have been far greater.

The Locomotive is at work every day at the Railroad Depot, carrying rails, sleepers, gravel, &c.—The Railway is to be immediately finished to the Four mile House, and cars to run every day.

ON DUTY.—That His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has offered his services to proceed to the seat of war—also, that the next steamer from here will convey a part of our garrison.—*Morning Journal.*

It is understood that important changes will shortly take place in the Commissariat Department at this station—the duties of that important branch of the public service being about to be imposed on the Ordnance.—*Chron.*

The first trip on the Nova Scotia Railway was made on Saturday last, to the extent of 2 miles. We hope that this small beginning will not be the limit of its proceedings, and that before long some point may be reached by which a traffic may be occasioned, and the province benefited. Small beginnings, as the saying is, sometimes lead to a good end, and we trust this may be the result in the present instance.

The sentence of death passed against the soldier, Syme is commuted to imprisonment for life, owing we suppose to the public belief that insanity was the cause of the commission of the dreadful act.

Beaver Harbour Parsonage, 17th Jan'y, 1855.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "CHURCH TIMES."

Dear Sir,—Please give the following communication a place in our valuable Church Paper, and you'll oblige yours respectfully,

JAS. BREADING.

The Congregation and Missionary occasionally assembling at the small School-house, situate at the Nar-

rows, Eastern Shore, for Divine Worship, beg to tender, respectfully, their warmest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to those Christian friends who, knowing "to do good and to distribute," is well pleasing to the Almighty," as well as beneficial to those needing assistance, have recently liberally responded to the appeal made by Miss Wilkin on their behalf, by sending to them the sum of £7 15 0.

By this deed of love and good will, the recipients have now pleasure in stating, for their information, that the building for which the sum was raised, will be immediately enlarged, sufficiently roomy to accommodate parents and children, Sunday school teachers and scholars. And should Miss W. again favor that little nursery of the Church (in which she took such a lively interest, and which would be very acceptable) with another of her Christian visits, she will not have the mortification of witnessing the dismissal of these interesting poor children, in order to make room for the general congregation, without participating in the religious services themselves. Henceforth, old and young may, in that secluded nook, enjoy this privilege without being crowded,—having convenient space given for each to kneel in time of prayer. It may not, moreover, be amiss here to state, that this Sunday school, under the superintendence of a zealous female Member of the Church, whose heart has, for very many years, been engaged in the pious work, still patient and assiduous, teaching line upon line, precept upon precept,—training the young mind for the Saviour's kingdom,—is in a flourishing condition, and bids fair, under heavenly influence, to produce happy results in days yet to come. The Missionary and others interested, cannot but feel grateful and thankful at the laudable attempt made by some ladies in St. George's Parish, to provide means, with their needle, to pay the board of the young woman who is at present at the Colonial Church Training School, qualifying herself to become, ere long, a day and Sabbath Teacher at the Narrows.

Amherst, 24th Jan'y. 1855.

MR. EDITOR.

SIR,—I have to request your insertion of the following Address, which was presented to the Revd. the Rector of the Parish, on Tuesday the 23d instant, by the Ladies of his Congregation, accompanied by a very handsome Silk Gown of the first quality, from French's Establishment, Bolton, England. Such an instance of liberality, alike creditable to the donors as to the recipient, is so unrequent an occurrence in this Diocese, that it is pleasing to have this to record; showing as it does the cordial feeling existing between Pastor and people. Our Clergy have too often to struggle along without one cheering word to urge them on in their path of duty—fortunate perhaps if they get the scanty pittance doled out to them, and but for the all-important consideration that they are in God's service and doing his work, their hearts might well fail them in performing the various duties allotted to their station. Let us hope that the future may be marked with a more gracious spirit, and that the example thus set by the Ladies of Amherst may be more generally followed.

TO THE REV. GEORGE TOWNSHEND,
Rector of Amherst.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

The Ladies of your Congregation desirous of testifying their sense of your zealous watchfulness for the welfare of the flock committed to your care, and of acknowledging the faithful and efficient discharge of your duties as their Pastor, counsellor, and friend: have great pleasure in requesting your acceptance of the accompanying Gown, as a token of their affectionate regard. That both your public ministrations and private intercessions are highly acceptable to us we trust this gift sufficiently evinces. In conclusion allow us to express the hope that you may long continue in your career of usefulness as an instrument of God's glory here on earth, and that in the world to come you may have life everlasting.

(Signed) LOUISE GIVANDAU.

On behalf of the Ladies of the Congregation.
Amherst, Jan'y 2d, 1854.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

I beg to return you my cordial thanks for this beautiful Robe, but especially for the expression of your affectionate regard which accompanies it. It is often the Clergyman's painful duty to oppose the desires and acts of his people, that he may be faithful both to God and to them—to persevere therefore in his integrity and at the same time to be useful, he must have his people's hearts—nor is it to be forgotten that his own infirmities require from those to whom he ministers, that blessed "charity which suffereth long and is kind"—of this I am made more deeply sensible at this moment, while listening to your affectionate sentiments. The present is a day of trial to our holy faith—firmness and consistency are often mistaken for bigotry and intolerance.—God grant that both you and I may ever bear in mind His Holy promise, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."—Let me assure you that your esteem and approbation will be one of my chief supports. I earnestly commend you, my dear friends, to the Almighty's keeping—in all the changes and changes of this mortal life, may He ever be your guide and defence, and in the world to come, His love your eternal portion.

(Signed)

GEO. TOWNSHEND.

Amherst, Jan. 23, 1855.

[To Miss Louisa Givandau, and the other Ladies who signed the Address.]