

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Diocese of Nova Scotia would remind Clergy and Laity that \$3,500 a year has been lost to the Diocese by the reduction in the S. P. G. Grant, and that as the grants to some parishes have been withdrawn *altogether* special efforts should be made to place the Board in possession of funds to make good the loss in part, in some extreme cases especially. The amount of the reduction, it will be seen, almost equals the whole amount of the Board's income, and a large increase in the contributions for the present year is therefore absolutely necessary.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. D. C. Moore having accepted a temporary Chaplaincy at Spezia, Italy, requests that letters, etc., may be addressed to him there at the Hotel Croce di Malta.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY.—A *Service of Sacred Song*—Describing in a simple and reverent manner the Birth and Boyhood of Our Blessed Lord, is now in type, and may be had, without the music (if immediately ordered), at the following cheap rates: Sample Copy, 10 cts.; Twelve Copies, \$1.00; Fifty Copies, \$3.00; One Hundred Copies, \$5.00. Orders should be sent *at once* to the Reverend Theodore E. Dowling, Carleton, Saint John, N. B.

DEANERY OF ST. ANDREW'S.—A meeting of this Deanery was held in the Parish of St. George on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 31st and November 1st. The services commenced with Evensong in the church in Pennfield. After prayers stirring addresses were made by the clergy. The Rev. H. H. Neales appealed for contributions to the Church Society. The Rev. J. W. Millidge addressed the congregation on the subject of objective worship, and the Rev. J. Rushton on subjective worship. There was an interested and attentive congregation present, and the service was very hearty throughout. On All Saints' Day Holy Communion was celebrated in St. George at 8 a. m. The meeting of the Chapter followed at 10, when Hebrews ix. was read in the original and commented on. The solemn reading of the exhortation and questions in the ordinal brought the Chapter to a close. Evensong was said in the church at 7 p. m., and addresses were made by the Rev. H. H. Neales, on Systematic Almsgiving; by the Rev. A. D. Merkel, on the Church; and the Rev. J. Rushton, on the Services of Matins and Evensong. The very great improvement in the change of sittings for pews, the removal of the gallery and proper seating of the choir at the east end of the church was commented upon by the brethren, and doubtless the parishioners realize more than ever the beauty of holiness in a properly arranged church.

CLERICAL CONFERENCE—(Continued.)

Canon Maynard said, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." Have we taught our children to believe in it, and that they would be breaking the fellowship of the Holy Catholic Church if they left the Church of England and joined the Roman Catholics or any sect? Are they so taught that they can answer the arguments or resist the enticements of those who would draw them away from their own Church? It needed a great deal of definite teaching to prevent people from gliding imperceptibly into the popular idea that it does not much matter what a man belongs to if he is religious, or even what he believes, if his life is moral. The whole truth of Christ, the whole doctrine of the Church, must be faithfully and diligently taught.

The Metropolitan said, he would ask the Country clergy especially if they did not find that the one point, the great difficulty, was to convince the people that the Church and the Bible taught the *same thing*. There was great difficulty about keeping up the interest of children in teaching the Catechism *continually*. It could only be done by ample illustrations from our Lord's life step by step, as the holy seasons of the Church's year bring them before us.

Canon Brigstocke said, to get teachers duly qualified we must have Bible classes for women and for men. Then the teaching can be made as definite as you like. His own plan (and he found it worked admirably,) was to have three or four questions written down each week, and answered in writing by all who chose for the succeeding week. Afterwards he read aloud the *best answers*, pointed out any misapprehensions, and explained fully. Thus he kept up a constant interest, and found out who were best qualified to teach. He would have not only the Catechism taught, but the Bible as interpreted by the Church; connecting e. g. the renunciation of the world, the flesh and the devil with the narrative of our Lord's temptation, and so training the children spiritually out of the word of God.

The Rev. G. Goodridge Roberts said he had had more than 30 years experience in Sunday school teaching, and knew the difficulties both in town and country. The primary trouble always was to get enough thoroughly qualified teachers, full of faith, having their hearts in the work, attached to their Church, understanding her principles, loving children, and able to interest and instruct them. Such must be gradually trained, and the supply kept up, by Bible classes and teachers' meetings. The clergyman should always take as large a share as possible in the Sunday teaching, and at the very least should occasionally Catechise briefly the whole school. The principles on which the teaching should be conducted had been already well set forth by former speeches. If the children are taught from Bible, Prayer Book and Catechism to realize their privileges as baptized children of God, and their responsibilities for grace received; if they are taught that having been placed in a state of salvation, that is of being saved, they must abide in it, and walk worthy of it, as loving followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, passing meekly along the Church's quiet ways, through Confirmation and Holy Communion, under the guiding care of the indwelling Holy Spirit, few of them will wander far from the heavenward path.

The Conference then adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A special service was held at 8 p. m. at Trinity Church. More than 40 of the clergy attended in their surplices, and entered the Church singing a processional Hymn. The service was very hearty, a beautiful Anthem was well sung, and an able sermon was preached by the Rev. John Ambrose. A recessional Hymn closed the service.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

About 55 clergymen were present. A paper on "Women's Work," by the Rev. Dr. Kingdon, was read by the Secretary, as the Bishop-Coadjutor was not yet well enough to attend.

Canon Ketchum moved that the Metropolitan be requested to convey to the Bishop-Coadjutor the hearty thanks of this Conference for his most valuable paper, and its earnest sympathy with him in his sickness. Carried unanimously.

Rev. J. Ambrose hoped that the paper would be printed in full.

The Metropolitan explained the difficulties under which the Bishop had laboured in preparing it, and said it was a labour of love. He gave his experience of a visit to a sisterhood in England for the reclaiming of fallen women, by which at least one-third of those brought under its influence were permanently rescued from the ways of sin. Work of this kind can only be done by system and organization. The suggestion that such work should be begun in this Province ought to be well weighed. A street of this very city is said to be given up to sins of immorality, and even elderly men and married men help to maintain this evil state of things. Our Lord Himself stretched out His holy hands to rescue a fallen woman. Ought not we, His followers, to do something, if possible, to save them. The need of organization in all women's work is imperative. A clergyman's wife, no doubt, may do much good, and none had more reason than himself to recognize the inestimable value of a good clergyman's wife. But more is needed than she can do alone and without systematized help.

The Rev. W. E. Gelling's paper on "Missionary Work an Essential to Parish Work" was read by the Secretary in the absence of Mr. Gelling.

The Rev. Theophilus Richey said that the last

subject brought forward two prominent ideas, first, *women*, second, *missions*. Christianity has been the great elevator of women, and has enlisted their highest zeal and devotion from the beginning. When our Lord was upon earth women were His most faithful followers. The Acts of the Apostles reveal full proof of their fidelity and earnestness. And the experience of this 19th century does not contradict the history of the past. There is still in women abundance of energy and will to work for God. We see it everywhere. Even in the most remote country parishes, who so ready to help—who such willing workers—as the women? All efforts of the Church must necessarily be, in

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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—The members of the Cathedral choir have just presented the organist, E. A. Bishop, Esq., with a handsome astracan fur coat. Mr. Bishop found the present waiting for him at his house when he returned home from service on Thanksgiving Day, and accompanied with a complimentary letter. We congratulate the worthy organist of the Cathedral upon the flattering relations which exist between himself and the members of the choir.

STONEHAM.—Rev. G. V. Housman, Rector of Quebec, visited this mission as a deputation from the Diocesan Board of the Church Society. The reverend gentleman conducted Divine Service, and also presided at a meeting of the congregation held for the purpose of making arrangements for occasional services, and we understand that the result of the visit was of so satisfactory a nature that services will shortly be resumed in the church, which has now remained closed for upwards of twelve months.

SHERBROOKE.—"The Eastern Townships Colonization Society," organized at Sherbrooke some time ago, is preparing to show that it has a *raison d'être*. At a recent meeting the following permanent officers were elected: R. W. Heneker, President; E. N. Hall, Vice-President; E. C. Hale, Real Estate Agent; H. D. Lawrence, Secretary-Treasurer. Without a shadow of doubt there is abundance of room and a good opening in the border counties of this Province for a large number of European immigrants. On farms and in factories, in mines and on railways there is a growing demand for more "help." There are also good lands to be settled and lands already under cultivation which can be had at very moderate prices. All that is wanted are stout hearts and willing hands, and the Sherbrooke society, if properly and vigorously managed, might be instrumental in bringing many into the country. The one thing needful is that the advantages which this section of the country offers shall be properly laid before intending immigrants.

As already noticed, the Rev. I. H. Thomson, the successful missionary of the Diocese of Quebec, is actively engaged in holding Missions.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

It is said that the Rev. Fielding Sweeney, Incumbent of St. Luke's, has received a call from the church where the Rev. Mr. Stone, now of St. Martin's, officiated while in Toronto.

REV. J. D. BORTHWICK has received the appointment of Protestant Chaplain to the Insane Asylum.

LACOLLE.—The opening service and consecration of the new Anglican Church took place here on the 9th inst. The event having been looked forward to with great interest, and the weather and roads proving unexceptionally fine, a concourse of several hundred people from local and adjacent parts assembled at the appointed hour of 10 o'clock, and quietly taking their places, filled the new edifice to its utmost capacity. In the meantime his Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, the Ven. Archdeacon of Iberville and other clergymen had arrived. After robing in the vestry a procession was formed, and passing outwards into the church grounds,