

of the Church. He was born in Worcester, England, and while quite a young man came to this country. For the last forty-four years he has been a member of the Corporation of Truro parish, filling for the greater part of this period the offices of Churchwarden and Vestry Clerk combined, and retaining the former office till the day of his death. He has been a member of the Diocesan Synod from the date of its inception, and was several times elected one of Nova Scotia's lay representatives to the Provincial Synod. He was always ready to spend and be spent in the service of the Church; and now that he has gone, his mature judgment and wise advice in parochial councils, as well as his reverent form and voice of deep devotion in the House of God, will be sadly missed. His strict integrity, his kindness and deep piety, won the respect and esteem of all who knew him. This was manifest by the universal expression of regret at his departure, and by the large gathering of his fellow-citizens at his funeral to pay their last tribute of affection.

[We are obliged to hold over till next week a number of items from Halifax.]

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

BATHURST.—A number of ladies belonging to the Church of England gathered at the residence of D. G. Maclauchlan, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, on the evening of the 24th February last, for the purpose of organizing a Guild in connection with St. George's Church. The meeting resulted most successfully. Thirty-five members were enrolled. Membership fees amounted to \$8.75. The following officers were elected:—Mrs. Maclauchlan, President; Mrs. R. Ramsay, Vice-President; Mrs. McKenzie, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Williamson, Treasurer; Miss Mann, Secretary; Miss Eva Carter, Assistant Secretary. Managing and Purchasing Committees were also appointed. The immediate object of the Guild is to raise money to enable them to have a Sunday-school house erected in rear of the new church. As the ladies here have always been most earnest and indefatigable workers in matters connected with their church, no doubt (D.V.) they will accomplish their object.

It is to be deeply deplored that our new and pretty church has been closed since November last, owing to the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Street, who, it must be stated, was highly respected by all and much beloved by many of his late parishioners; but as the financial difficulties have been grappled with and wiped out, through the strenuous exertions of Saml. Williamson, Esq., the principal flour merchant of this place, it is hoped that the services of some earnest and energetic priest may be secured by Easter. The stipend connected with the Missionary is \$800 per annum, together with a comfortable Rectory and seven acres of cleared land.

FREDERICTON.—The Rev. T. E. Dowling, rector of Christ Church, St. Stephen, has obtained a six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health; and sailed for England, on the 13th instant, in the SS. "Vancouver." The Church wardens have provided a substitute during his absence, and Mr. T. Barclay Robinson has kindly consented to act as Secretary of the St. John S. P. C. K. Book Depository Committee. All communications respecting "The Dawn of Day" should for the present be addressed to Mr. Robinson, Prince William street, St. John.

St. JOHN.—Ash Wednesday.—Services were held in all the Churches in St. John both morning and evening on Ash Wednesday. The Rev. G. M. Armstrong preached in Trinity Church, and the Rev. Canon Brigstocke at St. John's Church in the evening.

The following course is proposed for the Wednesday evenings in Lent in St. James' Church:—1. The Conviction of the Holy Spirit;

2. Resisting the Holy Spirit; 3. Quenching the Holy Spirit; 4. Yielding to the Holy Spirit; 5. Born of the Holy Spirit; 6. Led by the Holy Spirit.

At Trinity Church the following course is proposed on each Wednesday alternately, "The Messages of the Lord Jesus to the Churches of Asia."

St. Mary's.—An excellent programme was carried out at the entertainment in St. Mary's Church Schoolroom on Tuesday night, March 9th. The attendance was very large, 450 persons being present, and every one went home well pleased.

CENTREVILLE, Carleton Co., March 3rd.—On St. Matthias's Day, Woodstock Deanery met at Andover. The following members were present: Rural Dean Hoy and Canon Neales, Rev. A. Laundes, Rev. Mr. W. B. Armstrong, Rev. J. E. Flewelling, Rev. Mr. Rouse, of Fort Fairfield, was also present. Service was held in Trinity Church at 11 a.m., with litany and Holy Communion. The Chapter met for despatch of business at the residence of Mr. W. B. Holt. As there was considerable business to get through with, on motion it was resolved to hold a session on Thursday morning. Wednesday evening there was service again in the Church at which there was a good attendance for so cold a night. Rev. W. B. Armstrong preached from St. Paul's words to the Thesalonians, "Brethren pray for us." It was decided to hold the next meeting at Grand Falls, May 26th, the Rev. W. B. Armstrong to read a paper.

PERSONAL.—It is to be regretted that the Rev. Arthur Hoardley, Rector of Moncton, has been compelled through ill health to resign his parish. He purposes to go to England for a short visit, and then to Australia.

CONFIRMATIONS.—There will be a confirmation held at St. John's Church on March 28th next. The confirmation classes in connection with Trinity Church commence Tuesday 16th, for young women at 3:30, and on Thursday 18th, at 8 o'clock for young men, in the School-house.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—St. Matthew's.—During Lent there will be service daily as follows:—7:30 a.m., morning prayer, with two-minute reading, suggesting a subject of devotional thought for the opening day; 9:15 a.m., morning prayer at Church Home; 5 p.m., evening prayer or Litany. At the Litany service on Wednesdays there will be a series of readings on "The Fathers of the British and Early English Churches," as follows:—March 17th, St. Alban; 24th, St. Patrick; 31st, St. Columba; April 7th, St. Augustine; 14th, St. Aidan and St. Cuthbert. On Thursdays, at 8 p.m., short office of devotion, with a course of instruction on the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. On Fridays, at 8 p.m., evening prayer, with a series of addresses on "Sin and its Remedy." March 12th, The Burden of Sin; 19th, The Power of Sin; 26th, The Deceitfulness of Sin; April 2nd, Open Sin; 9th, Secret Sin; 16th, Little Sins.

During Holy Week, there will be service daily at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m., 5 and 8 p.m. At this last service a course of meditations on the "Harmony of the Passion of our Blessed Lord" will be given, as follows:—April 18th, Entrance on the Scene of His Passion; 19th, The Passover Chamber, Binding the Sacrifice with Cords; 20th, The Garden, The Great Resignation; 21st, The High Priest's Palace, I have trodden the wine-press Alone; 22nd, The Hall of Judgment, The Great Alternative; 23rd, The Cross; 24th, The Sepulchre, The Last Sabbath.

Good Friday.—7:30 a.m., Holy Communion; 10:30 a.m., morning prayer and sermon; 2:30

to 5:30 p.m., The Three Hours—Hymns, Prayers and Meditations on the "Events of the Cross;" 8 p.m., evening prayer and sermon.

In connection with this scheme of services the Rector and his assistant have addressed to their congregation a very earnest and practical letter, in the course of which they say:—It must be borne in mind, however, that the observance of these outward ordinances, as well as the practice of fasting and of abstinence from accustomed gaieties and indulgences (though valuable and necessary as a means to an end), can be of no use or profit, except in so far as it is productive of permanent effects in the promotion of that spiritual life which must appear at all times in our life and conversation before the world.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACHINA.—The Ash-Wednesday service, which was fairly attended, was held in the Parish Church at 8 o'clock in the evening. The Rector officiated. The order of the Lenten services is as follows: Wednesdays at 11 a.m., and Fridays at 8 p.m., all to be conducted by the Rector.

House to house services have been held by the Rector for the last two months. The attendance has been remarkably good and steadily kept up, and the interest continues unabated. The singing is particularly hearty, as are also the responses.

Two services on Sunday will be held in both St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Churches during the summer months. Since the amalgamation each Church has had only one service. The extra services will be provided for by a Divinity student. A Sunday-school will probably be established in connection with St. Paul's.

The collection on "Mission" Sunday amounted to \$58.50. This is \$3.50 in advance of the offertory in 1885, which, considering the present undertakings in the Parish, is satisfactory. The list of donors, too, is much more representative than was last year's.

MONTREAL.—St. John the Evangelist.—Ash Wednesday at the Church of St. John the Evangelist was as usual well observed. There were three celebrations of the Holy Communion before nine o'clock, at which there were about seventy communicants; of these twenty communicated at six a.m. At half-past ten the basement chapel was so crowded that large numbers were unable to gain entrance. In the evening the church was well filled, the sermon being preached by the rector.

St. Martin's.—The rector, Rev. J. S. Stone, B. D., preached at the Communion service to a large congregation, on the "Lenten duties." In the evening there was a full service, when the Rector again preached from St. Luke xiii., 3, on repentance.

St. George's.—The morning service on Ash Wednesday was the largest attended opening of Lenten service in the history of the congregation, the pews in the middle and eastern aisles of the Church being filled; those in the middle aisle being filled to their full seating capacity. A number of the leading business and professional men of the city, members of the congregation were present. The service consisted of the Communion and Communion services. The former being read by the Dean, the latter by the Rev. T. Hood. The singing led by the boys' choir was reverential and churchlike, and the rendering of the Communion service singularly impressive. The Dean gave a practical address on "sin and its remedy." The service at 8 o'clock p.m. was also largely attended and the sermon was preached by Rev. T. Hood.

St. Thomas.—A Missionary service was held in the Church on the evening of the 7th instant. Earnest addresses being given (after the usual special prayers and mission work), by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, The Dean of Montreal, the Rector and Dr. Davidson. Evening prayer