

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**DIOCESAN SYNOD.**—The Synod of the Diocese meets on Tuesday, July 4, in St. Luke's Cathedral. Prayers will be said at 10 o'clock and the Holy Communion celebrated; and at 2.30 p. m. the Synod will assemble in the same place for the transaction of business. The Clergy if they have not already done so, will please notify their Lay Delegates of their election, and request them to be present at the time and place named above. Delegates, Lay and Clerical, to the Synod of Nova Scotia will please particularly notice that the following reductions have been obtained from the several Railway, Steamboat and Stage Lines as follows:—Intercolonial R. R., Prince Edward Island R. R., Fishwick's Steamboats, P. E. Island Steamboats, one first-class fare to Halifax and return free. Windsor & Annapolis R. R., Western Counties R. R., Halifax and Cape Breton R. R., one first-class fare to Halifax and return for one-third of one first-class fare. Blair's coaches will make a reduction of *one dollar* on the round trip, and Archibald's coaches will probably make the same reduction. Certificates of attendance must be shown on the return trip, which may be obtained during session of Synod at the Secretary's table.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE,  
Clerical Secretary.

**THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS**, which has taken the place of the old Diocesan Church Society, was constituted a Board elected by the Synod so as to make the Synod more completely the legislative and governing body of the Church in the Diocese, but it has in no way fulfilled its purpose. To all intents and purposes the Diocesan Church Society might as well be in existence to-day—aye, better, for the D. C. S. included in its membership every contributor of a dollar a year and over, while the Board of Home Missions is composed of the clergy and but twenty of the laity. This on its face is a manifest unfairness, although in a manner counterbalanced by nearly all the laity being usually selected from Halifax, thus securing a considerable majority of that order at the monthly meetings of the Board, although at the annual meeting the Laity might be placed in a large minority—four or five to one. This is not, however, the point we wish to enlarge upon. We have referred to the seeming unfairness in the disproportion of the Laity to the Clergy, simply for the purpose of pointing out the easy remedy, and one which must have been in the minds of those who were the original framers of the scheme. As it is now, the Board at some chance moment near the end of the session usually present their report, which is at once passed, nobody knowing what has been done, and nobody certainly being in a position to criticize a document of some length which they hear hurriedly read for the first time. Now we make bold to say that such a course was never intended, for such an arrangement simply nullifies the good which the formation of the Board was intended to produce. What course, then, should be pursued? The answer suggests itself to every one. Let the Report be presented early in the session. Let it be referred to an able and impartial committee of Clergy and Laity, say of ten or a dozen members. Let that committee—now that the mornings are given up to committee work—make a searching examination of the document, and let their report include criticisms, suggestions, enquiries, recommendations, and on its presentation we should have a discussion in the Synod which would tend greatly to make the Clergy and Laity better acquainted with the Board's work and needs, while increasing their interest in its welfare.

**HALIFAX**—*Mission Building corner, Compton Avenue and Windsor Street.*—The following donations are thankfully acknowledged:—John P. Mott, Esq., \$20.00; Dr. A. J. Cowie, 10.00; W. A. Garrison, Esq., 5.00; J. Johnstone Hunt, Esq., 3.00; Richard Cabot, Esq., 2.00; L. 1.00; two Churchwomen 50 cts. each; 1.00; previously acknowledged, 439.04. Total, 481.04.

Contributors to the refreshment tables at the

Bazaar to be held July th, would confer a favor by making known to the committee at any early day to what extent they can render assistance.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

OUR usually reliable exchange, the St. John's (Quebec) *News*, of the 15th inst., has the following: "The Rev. Mr. Ketchum, of Vergennes, Vt., and the Rev. Mr. Mills, Rector of St. Johns, exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Mr. K., who is the son of an eminent divine of Nova Scotia, delivered two very able sermons while here, to the pleasure and profit of the congregation."

Mr. Ketchum is the son of Rev. Canon Ketchum, D.D., of St. Andrew's, Fredericton, not of Nova Scotia. We congratulate father and son upon the highly eulogistic notice of the *News*.

A NEW "Occasional Paper" was approved at the late meeting of the D. C. S., at Fredericton, and copies may now be had on application to the Rev. T. E. Dowling, Carleton, Saint John.

**CARLETON.**—At the request of our excellent friends, the Free Masons, a *special* service will be held in St. George's Church on Thursday evening, June 29th, (St. Peter's Day), at Eight o'clock, when a sermon will be preached before the Fraternity by their brother, the Rev. Richard Mathers, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The Master has kindly supplied the accompanying extracts from the first and second meetings of the Carleton Lodge:—"St. John's Day, June 24th, 1846. At two o'clock, p. m., a procession composed of the officers and members of the Albion and Hibernia Lodges proceeded from the Ferry Landing in Carleton, in company with the officers and members of the Carleton Union Lodge, No 767, and members of other Lodges, to the Episcopal Church in Carleton, (preceded by the Carleton Band), where Prayers were read by the Reverend Rector of Carleton, appropriate music was sung in excellent style by the Choir of the Church, and an excellent sermon suited to the occasion was preached by the Reverend Benjamin Gerrish Gray, D.D., a venerable brother, after which the brethren returned in procession to the Lodge Room of the Carleton Union Lodge." From the Records of July 2nd, 1846.—"Resolved—That the thanks of this Lodge be given to the Rev. B. G. Gray, D.D., for his excellent Sermon preached before us on St. John's Day.

*Resolved*—That the Secretary be required to transmit the thanks of this Body to the Rev. Rector of Carleton for his unwearied exertions on St. John's Day for the accommodation of the Fraternity, and for his services as officiating clergyman on the occasion; with a request that he will tender the warm thanks of this Lodge to the Choir for their kind attendance and excellent performance on that day.

The Reverend B. G. Gray, D. D., was 78 years of age when he preached this Sermon. He was Rector of Trinity Church from 1825 to 1840, and was succeeded by his son, the late Reverend William Dering Gray, D. D., who died at Halifax in 1868.—*Parish Church Work, Carleton.*

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

**LENNOXVILLE SCHOOL OLD BOYS.**—*A Scholarship to be Founded.*—The "Old Boys" of Bishop's College held a meeting in Quebec Tuesday last for the purpose of reorganizing and enlarging the powers of a committee formed some years ago, for the purpose of founding an annual prize to be given as the "Old Boys" prize for general proficiency. The meeting was well attended, the "Old Boys" being represented from 1858 to 1876. Resolutions were passed authorizing the committee, in event of the sum reaching sufficient dimensions, to found a scholarship, or to apply the surplus to some such purpose as they should deem most to the interest of the school. The subscription is limited to a single one of \$5 or less in order to make it really representative.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

**THE BISHOP'S VISITATION, 1882.**—July 2, Sunday, Buckingham and Lochaber; July 3, Monday, Portland; July 5, Wednesday, Wakefield and Masham; July 6, Thursday, Wright and Aylwin; July 7, Friday, "The

Sixes"; July 8, Saturday, Wright; July 9, Sunday, Aylwin; July 10, Monday, Alleyne; July 11, Tuesday, Cawwood; July 12, Wednesday, Leslie; July 13, Thursday, Leslie and Thorne; July 14, Friday, Thorne Centre, N. Clarendon and Shawville; July 15, Shawville; July 16, Sunday, Portage du Fort and Bryson; July 17, Monday, Bristol, St. Thomas; July 18, Tuesday, Bristol, St. Luke's, St. Mark's; July 19, Wednesday, Onslow; July 20, Thursday, North Onslow, St. Luke's Eardley; July 21, Friday, St. Augustine's, Eardley and Aylmer; July 22, Saturday, Aylmer and Hull; July 23, Sunday, Hull and Chelsea

**WATERLOO.**—The Church here is undergoing some repairs in the interior. We were informed that the plastering from the ceiling had fallen down. This leads us to remark that notwithstanding the prejudice that exists among Canadians against an open roof entirely of wood as not being warm enough for this country, it on the whole is not only the most effective but the most economical in the long run. The sudden heating once a week, through the winter, seems to have a ruinous effect on plastered walls and ceilings.

**RURAL DEANERY OF BEDFORD.**—The annual meeting of the clergy of this Deanery with the Lay Delegates and Church Wardens was convened in the pretty and thriving town of Waterloo. Twenty-two out of twenty-seven that constitute the Deanery were present and a good representation of laymen. The meeting was held in the Court House which was kindly lent for the occasion. The chair was taken by the Bishop who was supported on his right by the Rural Dean, Rev. T. Mussen, M. A., and on his left by the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rector of Waterloo. The reports from the several parishes were of a more than usual satisfactory character. There were a few that, as regards support of the clergyman and contributions to the Diocesan Funds, indicated that attention thereto should be required of them. The report from West Farnham gave expression to much satisfaction, for by the investment some years ago of a small sum in land, large returns have now resulted leading to an endowment for the Parish sufficient for it to begin the work of self-sustentation; which it does from this year.

**WEST POTTON**, served at present from Mansonville, was found upon enquiry as having been constituted a portion of the Glen Sutton Mission, and it was, as such, reaffirmed by this meeting. The discussion of some other questions followed until 6 p. m. when the meeting was formally closed, to meet again (D. V.) next year at Bedford by invitation from its Rector.

RESOLUTIONS of condolence were passed to the families of Revs. F. Robinson and C. P. Abbott in their late bereavements.

**BOSCOBEL AND NORTH ELY.**—On Sunday, 4th instant, the Lord Bishop of Montreal gave his annual and most welcome visit to this Mission, and both pastor and congregations were thankful that his Lordship resolved to hold an Ordination at the Church of St. John the Divine Boscobel, which was a new event in the history of the Mission, and also there were but few in the large congregation assembled that had hitherto had the privilege of witnessing the solemn service. The candidates for admission to Priest's Orders, and who were presented to the Bishop by the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, were Rev. Henry D. Bridge, Philipsburgh, and Rev. Ernest Saunders, West Shefford. The Archdeacon preached the sermon which had a two-fold adaptation to the Candidates regarding unreserved dedication to their ministerial duties and privileges throughout their ministry, and to the congregation their clear duty, as Christians, to support liberally and constantly their clergyman. The Ordination was immediately followed by the Confirmation of eleven candidates from Boscobel and North Ely, viz., seven males and four females. The Bishop addressed the candidates mainly on the importance of decision and consistency in Religion, which was in every way highly pleasing, instructive, and worthy of life-long remembrance. The Confirmation was followed by the Holy Communion Service, and all the candidates, and thirty-five others, had administered to them the Lord's Supper. The combination of the above services, although occupying nearly three hours, were engaged in with sustained attention and reverence. The Bishop, Archdeacon, and candidates, etc., dined at W. Haekwell's Esq., and after singing a few hymns, the reading of a portion of Scripture and Prayer, the happy proceedings of the day in reference to the Mission, closed.

**POTTON—MANSONVILLE.**—The Bishop of Montreal visited this parish on Friday, the 30th inst. On his way from Glen Sattor, he preached in Christ Church, West Potton. In St. Paul's Church, Mansonville, he was received by the Rector. We observed a flag waving from the church tower in his honor, and from one of the trees of the Rectory garden hung the St. George's Cross banner, having the word "welcome" inscribed on its cross-bar. The Church Wardens and Lay Delegates for the Parish assembled at the Rectory to welcome him and to spend an hour socially with him. At the service a large congregation attended. Confirmation was administered to four candidates. The Bishop addressed them in his impressive and touching tones concerning their position and purpose, and also afterwards addressed the congregation. The next day he preached to a congregation gathered in the Blanchard school-house.