

dently seeking first spiritual results, which has made her work in winning the American and Americanized sectarians of the Eastern Townships so successful. These efforts have always met with the most practical encouragement and warmest sympathy from Bishop Williams.

Little space has been left to speak of the many other lines of influence along which Bishop Williams' Episcopate has left its mark. His sermons, especially in the Cathedral, where he preached regularly when in town every other Sunday morning, were always appreciated by that cultured congregation, and have been a real power for good. His labours in behalf of higher education, both as President of Bishop's College and as Chairman for now many years of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction have been incessant and invaluable. By the laity, especially the educated laity, much confidence was felt in his justice, good sense and sound judgment; he was entirely trusted, and had but to ask for what he saw the church needed to get it. His social influence, combining as he did so remarkably, genial playfulness of manners, the kindest humor, and an unflinching store of anecdote, with intellectual powers and wide literary culture, was unbounded. And here it would be wrong to pass over the admirable helper he has always had in Mrs. Williams, who was mentioned, as was deserved, in both the addresses to the bishop, as "having ever shown herself ready to second the bishop's efforts in all that tends to the welfare of the Diocese and the comfort of both clergy and laity;" and as having won "the heartfelt gratitude" of the Diocese "for her graceful and unvarying kindness and hospitality, and for the deep interest she has ever taken and has so abundantly manifested in all good works."

In this her hours of sorrow and trial, Mrs. Williams has the warm sympathy not only of this community but of members scattered over the whole diocese who have known her for so many years through the many charitable works and almsdeeds which she did.

In his answer to the address of the Synod of 1888, Bishop Williams speaks of "the unwelcome conviction obtruding upon him that his faculties for sustained exertion are growing less." He adds, "I shrink from the thought of hanging on with impaired powers a weight and a drag upon the diocese;" but concludes with the hope that "the failure of his strength to work and his strength to live may come together." The good Bishop's wish was granted him. There had been no failure in his strength to work, when his strength to live suddenly gave way. The mental eye undimmed, the keen intellect, the sound judgment, the beautiful play of kindly feeling, the exquisite felicity of expression were all there. His friends can think of him to the last as at his best.

The close of Bishop Williams' Episcopate very nearly coincides with the close of the first hundred years of the Diocese of Quebec itself. The Church of England in this Diocese has been fortunate in its Bishops, all of whom have been not only able, but profoundly religious men. It would be much to say that Bishop Williams, in his character and ministry has not fallen short of the three able and goodly Bishops who preceded him. That indeed may be safely said: and even more,—that in him the Church of England in Canada has lost not only one of its most beloved, but one of its ablest Bishops."

No man knows the highest goodness who does not feel beauty. The beauty of holiness is its highest object. To see the King in his beauty is the loftiest and most unearthly attainment. Surely he who is callous to form and color, and unmoved by visible beauty, is not above but below our nature. He may be good, but not in the highest idea of goodness.—*F. W. Robertson.*

News from the Home-Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

DIGBY.

In Trinity Church regular services with meditations and readings were held during Lent, being well attended. On each day in Holy Week the meditations were on the seven words from the Cross. On Good Friday, work being laid aside, the congregation was large. In the afternoon at St. Paul's Chapel, Marshalltown, the solemn service was well observed.

On the morning of Easter Day the attendance at the Holy Communion and Matins was very full, the Rector, Rev. Dr. Ambrose, taking the prayers. A magnificent sermon was preached by Bishop Jaggard, late of Southern Ohio, but now occupying his summer residence beside the Basin, near Digby. His subject was the love of God as exhibited in the gift of His Son Who died for our sins and rose again for our justification. It was essentially a sermon for the needs of our day, when men cannot see cause of thankfulness in the mere fact that God, without their own choice, has created them for existence in a world of care and trouble, until they consider His love as exhibited in their preservation, and all the blessings which fall to their lot in this life, but especially for His inestimable love in the redemption of the world by His Son Jesus Christ, and for the means of grace, and the hope of everlasting and ineffable glory beyond the grave. It was a sermon long to be remembered.

At evensong the services, as in the morning, were bright and hearty. The regular choir gave place to the children of the Sunday School, singing Easter carols instead of hymns,—their sweet voices keeping excellent time, and their enunciation being particularly clear, owing to their careful training by Mrs. James E. Wright, the organ also being well handled by Mr. Guy Viets, the great-great grandson of Rev. Roger Viets, one of the Connecticut loyalists, and elected first Rector of this parish in 1785.

The decorations of the church for Easter Festival were particularly admired,—not only the chancel, from arch to altar, but the Font being decked with choiced flowers, the beautiful works of God, from conservatory and window-gardens.

Mr. Guy Viets, voluntary organist of Trinity Church, was this week presented by the congregation with a sum of money,—a slight token of their respect and their high appreciation of his services as organist. The Rector, in handing this gift to Mr. Viets in the presence of the choir, expressed his own thankfulness for this well-merited mark of appreciation, as Mr. Viets, he observed, had grown up from childhood under his pastoral care, and had always set a good example as a member of the Church. He valued such an example the more highly because of its beneficial effect upon his juniors, as boys are notably proud to be led by young men, towards either good or evil.

HORTON.

WOLFVILLE.—The services at the parish church of St. John, on Good Friday, and Easter-day were kindly taken by the Rev. C. E. Willets, D.C.L., President of King's College. There were 44 communicants, and good congregations morning and evening on Easter-day. The Church was tastefully decorated with flowers. The annual parish meeting was held on Easter-Monday afternoon. The wardens' accounts

showed a total income received from all sources of \$1069.07 for the year ending April 10th 1892, and a balance in the bank to the credit of the church of \$13.84. Messrs. Dixon and R. Storrs were elected wardens; Captain Tuzo, and Mr. Charles Smith were elected delegates to the diocesan synod to be held at Halifax, July 1st 1892.

KENTVILLE.—The Rector took the two services at St. James' Church on Good Friday; and on Easter-day, assisted by the Rev. A. Miller M.A., head master of the collegiate school, Windsor, he had four services in St. James' Church. There were 95 communicants and very large congregations. Several ladies and gentlemen of the church on Easter Eve very effectively decorated the church, with plants, flowers, Easter banners, and handsome white hangings. The subject of the rector's sermon in the evening was "Easter Joy." The annual parish meeting was held on Easter-Tuesday evening and was well attended. The wardens' accounts showed a total income received from all sources of \$1305.22 for the year ending April 10th, 1892, and a balance in the bank to the credit of the church of \$94.43. Messrs. C. Smith and G. Martin were re-elected wardens. The Ladies Guild showed a balance in hand towards the new organ of \$351.79. The proceedings at both the parish meetings in the parish of Horton were marked by the usual harmony and good feeling.

Diocese of Fredericton.

SUSSEX.

On Easter Sunday afternoon Miss Murray was presented a handsomely bound Commentary on the Bible by the Rector, Superintendent, teachers and scholars of Trinity Church, as a token of their appreciation of her twelve years of faithful and self-denying service in the schools as a teacher and as an earnest helper in every good work. A flattering address accompanied the presentation.

ST. ANDREWS.

All Saints' Church here was very chastely decorated for Easter; flowers being placed on the altar, lectern, font and pulpit. The musical portion of the service was well rendered under the direction of Mrs. Minnie Odell.

FREDERICTON.

At the Easter vestry meeting of Christ Church (Rev. G. Goodbridge Roberts, M.A., Rector,) Sir John C. Allen, Chief Justice of N. B., and Dr. Brown were elected churchwardens.

ST. JOHN, EASTER ELECTIONS.

TRINITY.—Messrs. Sears and G. W. Weldon, Wardens; Messrs. C. W. Weldon and H. L. Sturdee, delegates to Synod.

ST. PAUL'S.—Messrs. R. P. Starr and G. S. Smith, wardens; and Messrs. R. P. Starr and G. H. Lee, delegates.

ST. LUKE'S.—Messrs. James Holly and Jno. Tapley, Wardens; and Messrs. Rob. Coupe and W. H. Smith, delegates.

ST. JOHN'S.—Messrs. J. R. Armstrong and W. H. Merritt, wardens; and H. E. Wardroper and G. G. Ruel, delegates. The following resolution as to the retirement of Mr. James R. Ruel was unanimously adopted by standing vote: "That the parishioners of St. John's church desire to record their sense of the valu-