

Diocese of Fredericton.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

The annual Missionary Meeting under the auspices of the Domestic and Foreign Board for the City of Fredericton was held in the Church Hall, in the city of Fredericton, on the evening of July 3rd., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Canon Forsythe, who explained the constitution and aims of the Society and pointed out the increase in Missionary contributions which had taken place since its formation in 1883, from \$42,000 in 1886 to \$110,000 in 1889; by Mr. A. P. Tippet, of St. John, on Childrens' work in regard to Missions; by Mr. J. Khaddar, a native of Jerusalem and a convert to Christianity, who described missionary work in Palestine; and by the Rev. J. R. Parkinson, who urged the carrying on of such work upon the old lines within the Church and according to the Faith once delivered to the saints.

D. C. SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society of the Diocese met in the Church Hall, Fredericton, on July 4th. under the presidency of the Bishop. The report of the Secretary referred to the severe loss which the Society had suffered in the death of its beloved and revered President, the late Lord Bishop of the Diocese, (the Most Rev. Dr. Medley,) who from the date of his arrival in New Brunswick till the close of his life had ever been a true and most generous supporter of the Society. How closely he identified himself with its work is known by all who know anything of the past history of the Church in New Brunswick. During an Episcopate of more than 47 years he was absent from the annual meetings on only four occasions: on two of them when he went to England to urge the continuance of the S. P. G. assistance owing to the financial crisis in his Diocese, and on two others he went to attend the Lambeth Council in obedience to the invitation of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. He contributed by annual donations alone nearly \$5,000 to the general purposes of the Society besides further generous offerings in behalf of its special funds.

Twenty-five years ago the Diocese was in receipt of an annual grant from the S. P. G. of \$14,000 which has been gradually decreasing until now it is only about \$3,000 and this will probably be discontinued at an early date. The Society has invested funds amounting in the aggregate to about \$133,000, the income from which is available for the work of the Church in the Diocese and of which the greater part is devoted to the work of Home Missions. The report showed an encouraging increase in the contributions throughout the Diocese. Many of the older parishes were nobly helping the missions which were still depending on aid. The report concluded as follows:

"The measure of success that has attended our efforts in the past ought assuredly to arouse every member of the Church in the present emergency. The missions of Albert, Campbellton, Dalhousie, Bathurst, Douglas, Bright and Simonds are vacant and there are not at the present time sufficient funds to re-open them all, unless the contributions to the general fund of the D. C. S. be largely increased. The question we have to face is simply this: are the members of the Church of England in New Brunswick prepared to allow the doors of the churches in those vacant missions to be boarded up, the parsonage house deserted and the congregation scattered as sheep having no shepherd?"

Reports from various parishes were then read,

showing generally encouraging progress in all parts of the Province.

The Report of the Home Missions' Board read by Mr. G. A. Schofield, Secretary, amongst other things indicated an increase of communicants during the past year: also that the grant from the S. P. G. for 1893 had been reduced by £250 and would be further reduced another 150 in 1894, leaving for the latter year the amount of £850 only, of which £650 would be available for missionary work, the other £200 being required for pensions, for which the Board is not responsible. In view of these facts the Board requested the Bishop to appoint a Committee to take steps for further arrangements for missionary work in the Diocese. Over \$3,000 a year additional must be raised to carry on all the work as at present arranged. It was suggested that each mission be required to pay \$10.00 additional this year.

The following were elected to the Board of Home Missions: Rev. Canons Brigstocke, Roberts, Nealos; Rev. Messrs. G. S. Newham and C. P. Hanington, and Messrs. G. A. Schofield, A. P. Tippet, W. M. Jarvis, C. N. Vroom, H. W. Frith, W. S. Fisher and J. S. Beck.

The following officers were elected: Rev. W. O. Raymond, secretary; G. E. Fairweather, treasurer; C. H. Fairweather and J. S. Beck, auditors.

The Executive committee were re-elected with V. W. Tippet and Robt. Inglis in room of Dr. T. C. Brown, deceased, and Ira Cornwall, resigned.

THE SYNOD.

The Synod of the Diocese met on July 5th, when Bishop Kingdon delivered a long and able charge in regard to the affairs of his Diocese opening it with a well deserved tribute, admirably put, to his predecessor, the late beloved Metropolitan of Canada. In the course of his address he announced the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Brigstocke as *Archdeacon* of the Diocese, an appointment which will give very general satisfaction and we join our congratulations with those, doubtless, of many friends in the Diocese of Fredericton and throughout Canada to Dr. Brigstocke on his appointment to this important and responsible office. May he long be spared to fulfil its duties to the benefit of the Church and as we know it will be to his own honor. The Bishop stated in concluding his address that he regretted to be compelled to say that his medical advisor had ordered him to take a rest, in consequence of which he proposed to cross the Atlantic for a couple of months leaving from Montreal a fortnight after the close of the Synod. In his absence Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke will act as his Commissary. Sir John C. Allen, Chief Justice of New Brunswick, on the conclusion of the Bishop's charge moved a complimentary vote of thanks therefor, expressing his high appreciation of it, and also moved that the charge be printed as an appendix to the Report and such portions as were necessary to take action upon be referred to a special committee to report at this Session.

Diocese of Quebec.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

For a second time since last October, and so within the short period of nine months, the hard-working and seemingly tireless Bishop of Quebec has just visited Waterville, Eustis and North Hatley (of which Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., is incumbent), and carried out the following very full programme in less than a day and a half.

WATERVILLE.

June 30th, Friday, 9.30 a.m.—Arrived and

paid a pastoral visit to Mrs. Rooney, who was confirmed by Bishop Stewart and has lived under the ministrations of Bishop Mountain and Bishop Williams, so that Bishop Dunn is the fourth Episcopate of the same diocese with which she is acquainted. St. John's Church, 10 a.m.—Confirmation of four young people of each sex and two married persons.

11.50 a.m.—Calls received in the parlor of the Waterville House, where the Missionary, Mr. King, has his rooms. 2.15 p.m.—Visit to the wire mattress and iron bedstead factory of Geo. Gale & Sons, the chief industry of the place; address to the employees.

EUSTIS.

3.15 p.m., Schoolhouse—Five adults baptized and six confirmed; 5 o'clock, visited ground desired for a new church; 5.30 tea at Mr. Martin's, and afterwards a visit to the two nearest neighbors.

NORTH HATLEY.

Reached here at 7.30 p.m., and in the Union church baptized one adult and confirmed two; 9 o'clock, received calls at Mr. H. Armstrong's; 10.15 p.m., reached Mr. R. Cull's "Mount Pleasant Farm" on Lake Massawippi for the night.

Saturday, Dominion Day, 10 o'clock—Infant baptism and Holy Communion: thirty-two communicants; 11.50, visit to the site of the new church; 1 o'clock, dinner at Miss May's; 2.30 train taken for Sherbrooke and Richmond.

The Bishop delivered an address both before and after each Confirmation, which with that on Saturday morning made seven throughout the mission. His Lordship's earnestness and ability made a marked impression, whilst his genial manner amongst the people whom he met was most attractive.

Beautiful flowers in pots were neatly arranged in and about the chancel of St. John's, Waterville. The schoolroom at Eustis was carefully prepared and decorated with cut flowers and maple leaves. At North Hatley vases of flowers were appropriately placed upon the re-table.

The Bishop had a brief interview with Mr. Wiggott, who was one of the building committee of St. John's Church fifty years ago.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

A GENEROUS GIFT.—Some little time ago a request was made to the Chairman of the Book and Tract Committee by the Sunday-school Association of the Diocese, that there should be procured from the Church of England Sunday-School Institute in England, copies of its publications in connection with its system of Leaflets. Dr. Davidson, the Chairman, wrote to the Institute, and we are now able to announce that they have sent forward as a free gift to the Diocese some seventy volumes (large and small) of their publications in connection with Sunday-school work, all of which are in the Depository in the Synod Hall and can be seen and examined by all interested. It is only necessary to see these books to find how full and complete is the assistance provided for Sunday-school Teachers and Superintendents in connection with Sunday-school work. The oft-used argument in behalf of the International system, that there is no sufficient literature in connection with any other is disproved by eyesight, and may be further disproved by examination of the contents of these books.

THE S. P. C. K.—We had a call last week from a representative of the S. P. C. K. on his return journey from Chicago, and had opportunity of examining a number of the new publications which are being issued by the Society.