

OUR ENGLISH BUDGET.

THE stained glass memorial window subscribed for by the members of the House of Commons, in memory of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, has been erected in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. The window is said to be one of the finest pieces of art work of the day.

THE oldest clergyman in London, perhaps in the whole United Kingdom, has just died—the Rev. John Abbiss, Rector of St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield.—This aged clergyman has held his living for sixty-four years.

SINCE the Diocese of Manchester was founded in 1847 two hundred new churches have been built. That is exclusive of the thirty-eight old churches, which have been restored and enlarged. The Bishop in quoting these facts lately at Preston, urged that what was wanted in this country, was not multiplication of so-called services, but multiplication of homes, in which men and women might live pure and worthy lives.

AT a public meeting lately held in England a clergyman said that an invertebrate Christianity and Churchmanship always leads to molluscous morality. Much truth in a few words there.

AMONGST the candidates for Deacon's Orders last ordained by the Bishop of Liverpool, was the Rev. G. A. LeBert, who has been a Wesleyan minister for about ten years. His appointment is considered a decided acquisition to the pulpit power of Liverpool.

DURING the past forty years \$3,625,000 have been spent in the restoration of old and the building of new Church of England churches in Wales. \$1,000,000 has been spent on the Cathedral of Bangor alone.

ALTHOUGH the Bishop of Peterborough is not worse, there is we regret to say no improvement in his condition; and until the internal abscess subsides it must be a continual source of danger.

MR. MACKONCHIE refuses to obey Lord Penance for three reasons:—Firstly.—Because the present Ecclesiastical Courts are unconstitutional. Secondly.—Because they are utterly incompetent. And, thirdly.—Because that which they have laid down as law is as obviously not law as that two and two do not make five.

THE Committee for settling the character of the cross to be presented to the Primate by the clergy of his province have chosen a handsome design in the Decorated style. The staff is to be enriched, as in the finest examples, with pinnacle work containing figures of Archbishops of the See; and it will be surmounted by a cross of the form shown in pictures and illuminations. After payment of expenses of printing, &c., there will be about £350 available.

A STRANGE scene was witnessed the other day in a parish Church in the west of England. There was a congregation of about five hundred persons, and the vicar referred in his sermon to the festivities in the neighbourhood in honor of the coming of age of the lord of the manor's eldest son and heir. He expressed the opinion that while my lord was very generous, it would have been well if he had abstained from giving beer seeing that so much drunkenness prevailed. This annoyed a member of the congregation of the agricultural class, who publicly asked the preacher what it mattered to him.

A SECULARIST Lecturer having recently stated, at Wigan, that Lord Derby had said all foreign wars were promoted by the action of missionaries from England, the matter was brought under his Lordship's notice. Earl Derby has written denying that he ever made use of such an expression, or that he has ever made any statement which could be made to bear such construction.

THE Queen, through her private secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby, has sent another letter to Dr. Samuel Kinns, author of "Moses and Geology," thanking him for a copy of the fourth edition of his work, which was followed by a personal letter from Sir Henry expressive of his own interest in the book.

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX—*Personal*.—The Rev. Bruce McKay, of Bermuda, is visiting Halifax.—The Rev. J. J. Ruggles, was in town last week.—The Rev. Dr. Hill preached at St. George's Church, both morning and evening last Sunday.—Rev. G. O. Troop is in Halifax, and preached at St. Paul's last Sunday.

YARMOUTH.—Rev. J. J. Roy, of the French Canadian Missions, has been urging the claims of the Mission at Trinity Church.

SYDNEY, C. B.—Mr. Shaw, the energetic agent of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, has been visiting this and other parts of Cape Breton, and has succeeded in securing a large number of subscribers to our Church Paper. Along the Southern Coast of Nova Scotia, Mr. Shaw's efforts proved most successful and altogether a fast growing interest in the welfare of our beloved Church, is being displayed.

COW BAY.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese arrived here from Sydney, on Saturday, the 4th August. On Sunday morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion at St. Paul's, at 8 o'clock, which was attended by a large number of communicants, and by several who had never been induced before to attend Service at such an early hour, and who could not fail to be impressed with the fitness and the beauty which the stillness of the early morning always lends to the occasion. This, together with the solemn manner in which the Holy Sacrament was administered by the Bishop, has, I trust, been the means of arousing many to a sense of duty in connection with this, the greatest of duties. At 11 o'clock, the Bishop was driven to South Head by the Incumbent, Rev. W. J. Lockyer, for the purpose of Confirmation and Holy Communion at Christ Church. This Church, like St. Paul's, was beautifully decorated, and filled to overflowing, a large number being prevented from entering. The usual anxiety to witness the Scriptural Rite of Laying on of Hands, and to hear the Bishop's plain and practical remarks on this and other subjects was shown, by the request, that the windows should be thrown up as far as possible, in order that those outside might receive at least a partial benefit. The devout attention of this congregation, together with the heartiness of the singing, could not fail to call forth some pleasing remarks from the Bishop during his fatherly address. After the Benediction his Lordship returned to Cow Bay for Evensong and Laying on of Hands. Here, as before, a crowded Church awaited the Service, and fully 150 people had to go away for lack of room. The chancel and font were beautifully decorated. Evensong was said by the Rev. Mr. Lockyer as far as the third Collect, after which the Bishop came down from the sanctuary and delivered his pastoral address to a most attentive congregation, after which the candidates were presented for the solemn rite. The Bishop expressed himself highly pleased with the present state of the mission, and gave us all great encouragement by his advice. The new choir, under the leadership of Mrs. C. Archibald, did justice to their part of the Service. On Monday, the Bishop proceeded to St. Luke's, Glace Bay, and administered the Rite of Laying on of Hands to a well prepared class. His Lordship was the guest of Robert Belloni, to whom the Incumbent would extend heartfelt thanks for this and many other acts of kindness. His Lordship left for Louisburg on the next day, taking the Rev. W. J. Lockyer with him to act as chaplain in that mission.

LOUISBURG.—Having concluded his visitation to the Mission of Cow Bay, his Lordship the Bishop proceeded to Mainadieu, and having Con-

firmed a large class of candidates there, reached this place on Wednesday, August 8th. At 7 p.m., St. Bartholomew's Church was well-filled with an attentive and devout congregation. Evensong was said by the Priest of the Mission, Rev. T. Fraser Draper, and the lessons read by the Rev. W. J. Lockyer, Incumbent of Cow Bay. His Lordship preached a most impressive sermon. The morning following (Thursday), being the day appointed for the Consecration of the Church and the administration of the Holy Rite of Laying on of Hands, the sun rose clear and bright, cheering the hearts of Priest and people who had been looking forward to the day when their neat and unique place of worship should be dedicated forever to the Service of Almighty God. Long before the hour for Service, groups of men, women and children from the village and outlying district of Lorraine could be seen wending their way to the "House of Prayer." The Church being again filled, at 10.30 a.m., the Bishop, preceded by the Incumbent of Cow Bay, acting chaplain, was met at the door by the Priest Incumbent, Rev. David Smith, R. D., and Vicar of Sydney, the Church Wardens and others of the Parishioners, when the Incumbent read the petition of Consecration, and having been assented to by the Bishop, he, with the clergy present, proceeded to the chancel, the choir chanting the Psalm cxxiv. His Lordship, from the step, gave a brief address, setting forth and fully explaining the meaning of the Consecration Service. The Vicar of Sydney having read the Sentence of Consecration, Hymn 259 (A. & M.), was sung, Matins was then said by Rev. W. J. Lockyer, and the Lessons read by Rev. D. Smith. After singing hymn 270, the Bishop addressed the candidates in a most impressive and loving manner. After pointing out for the further building up of their faith in "that once for all delivered," the Apostolic origin of this Holy Rite, and shewing the necessity of all Christians availing themselves of this privilege, an earnest appeal to persevere in the right path, and to still further strengthen themselves by receiving the Blessed Sacrament, was made by his Lordship. Hymn 349 having been sung, 14 males and 12 females were presented by the Incumbent to the Bishop, who laid his hand on them and confirmed them. Again the song of praise was heard, the congregation joining heartily in hymn 348. The Bishop preached an extemporaneous sermon, taking for his text 1 Cor. x. 12—"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." An earnest appeal was addressed to all, but more particularly to the young men who were urged to be watchful and on their guard, and avail themselves of all the means of grace provided in the Church, shewing them that when thinking ourselves safe the greater then is the need for watchfulness and prayer and the ordinances of our most Holy Religion to protect us from falling. The Bishop's manner was most loving and earnest, and deeply impressed the large congregation present. In his address in the Consecration Service the Bishop referred to the necessity of a mission house, which would enable the congregation to have a clergyman constantly among them. We are pleased to note that preparations are being made for the erection of a Glebe House, which will be undertaken early next year. His Lordship also congratulated the congregation upon the great improvements the interior of the edifice had undergone since his last visit, and upon their now having a free Church for Divine Service. He pointed out one great deficiency, and regretted he was obliged to Consecrate the building without a font, and trusted that one would be placed there before the next visitation. At present the Incumbent must satisfy himself with a bowl and table, and would doubtless be much encouraged if some kind friend would supply this deficiency to a poor parish. The Incumbent had hoped to present 30 candidates, but one having left for England, another absent from home and two at sea reduced the number to 26. The appearance of the Interior of the Church and particularly the chancel is worthy of special notice. The altar was vested in its festive color, white, and the contrast between