

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—Having regard to the difficulties with which the Imperial Government has now to contend, both at home and in distant parts of the Empire, and considering that the future welfare of our country must depend upon the measures that may be adopted by the High Court of Parliament, I authorize and recommend you, during the continuance of the present distress, to substitute in the Prayer for the Parliament of Canada as commonly used, for "this Dominion of Canada and the Parliament thereof," the words "the Imperial Parliament and the Parliament of this Dominion," and in the 6th line, for "this Dominion," "Her Dominions. When we use the Petition in the Litany that the Lords of the Council may be endued with grace, wisdom and understanding, let us bear in mind more especially Her Majesty's Ministers, by whose counsels the Realm is governed.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Feb. 10th, 1881.

We are requested by the Bishop to publish the following extract from the 16th Canon of the Provincial Synod, enacted at the Session of 1880:

"A printed copy of the Table of Prohibited Degrees shall be placed in the Vestry room, or near the entrance, of every Church in this Ecclesiastical Province, at the charge of the Parish, in some place where it may conveniently be read."

Copies of this Table have already been distributed by his Lordship, and any clergymen requiring additional copies can obtain them on application to him.

CHESTER.—We were favoured here with an unusual treat, on the evening of Monday, 7th inst., in the shape of a very interesting and instructive lecture from Rev. W. E. Gelling, Rector of Bridgetown, on the "Moral and Religious Bearings of Shakespeare." The lecturer occupied about an hour and a quarter, and was listened to by a large and attentive audience. A collection was taken up at the close of the lecture, which, though not so large as we could have wished, will be a very acceptable help towards the purchase of a new Sunday School Library, of which we are much in need. Mr. Gelling had kindly exchanged duties with our Incumbent, who is only in Deacon's orders, for the Sunday previous, in order to hold a celebration of Holy Communion at the Parish Church. It is almost too late to speak of New Year's Service, but I would mention, by the way, that we had a very interesting Service at that time, at which Rev. F. Skinner, of Lunenburg, preached, and held a celebration. The Service began with evensong and the sermon, and after midnight, the office for Holy Communion followed. Mr. Skinner's text was—"Let us now go even to Bethlohem," and the day was treated of as the octave of Christmas. The special Psalms and Lessons for Christmas evening being used, and hymns suitable for the Christmas season. We have been fortunate so far, in procuring a priest for a celebration about once a month in the Parish Church, but cannot provide so well for the out-stations as we could wish. The Parish Church looks very well in its Christmas garb, the prettiest part of the decorations being a triple arch over the chancel rail, which gives the Church somewhat the appearance of having a real chancel, which is its greatest want. Our evening congregations continue good, numbering, in fine weather, from three to four hundred, but the morning congregations, I am sorry to say, are not so good.

PORT MEDWAY.—I notice that, probably on account of the lengthy description of our decorations for Christmas in this Parish, the part referring to Port Medway is omitted. As the Church here was more extensively and prettily decorated, the people say, than ever before, allow me to give them the credit due for working indefatigably to "beautify the place of its sanctuary." Amongst the floral offerings for Christmas, was a calla, in bloom, the gift of Miss Dunphy, who, though confined to her home for months past through illness, never neglects floral offerings for the altar.

PRINCE-EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—At the Examination on the Book of Common Prayer, it was decided to give a sixth prize to W. Smeaton, as he was but one mark behind the fifth of the successful competitors.

The organ will be new throughout, except the wind chest of the old organ, at a cost of \$925, and the old organ. The Committee for carrying out the improvement are H. J. Cundall, Esq., and Louis H. Davies, Esq., and the contract has been signed with W. C. Greenwood, organ builder. Specification as follows:

Specification of New Organ for St. Paul's, Charlottetown.—Compass C C 1/2 G, 56 notes.—GREAT ORGAN.—1, Open Diapason, metal, 8 ft., 56 pipes; 2, Dulciana, metal, 8 ft., 44 pipes; 3, Molodia, wood, 8 ft., 44 pipes; 4, Unison Bass, wood, 8 ft., 12 pipes; 5, Octave, metal, 4 ft., 56 pipes; 6, Fifteenth, metal, 2 ft., 56 pipes; 7, Clarionette, metal, 8 ft., 44 do. SWELL ORGAN, C C to G, 56 Notes.—8, Viola, metal, 8 ft., 44 pipes; 9, Salicional, metal, 8 ft., 44 pipes; 10, Stopped Diapason, wood, 8 ft., 12 pipes; 11, Unison Bass, wood, 8 ft., 12 pipes; 12, Flute Harmonic, metal, 4 ft., 56 pipes; 13, Obro, metal, 8 ft., 44 pipes. PEDAL ORGAN.—14, Bourdon, 16 ft. COUPLERS.—15, Swell to Great; 16, Swell to Pedal; 17, Great to Pedal; 18, Tremolo to Swell; Balance Swell Pedal Height about 17 ft.; width, 10 ft.; depth, 9 ft. The front pipes to be richly decorated in gold and colours.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

In a notice of the election of Mr. Kingdon in the Living Church, published at Chicago, this passage occurs—"The writer of this notice had the pleasure, some years ago, of meeting Mr. Kingdon, at the time that he was senior curate to the Rev. Mr. Webb, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London; and the impression left upon his mind, of the reverend gentleman's ability and earnestness, is still fresh in his memory."

PERSONAL.—We regret to hear of a serious accident to Mr. Geo. Whitney, of St. John, who injured himself severely, by a fall.

St. JOHN.—Funeral of the Late Francis L. Ruddock, Esq.—A large concourse of citizens attended the funeral of the late Francis L. Ruddock, which took place Feb. 9th, from Douglas Road, Portland. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, after which the procession moved to St. Luke's Church, where the burial service was read by the Rector, Rev. I. G. Stevens. The hymns, "Hush! blessed are the Dead," and "How sweet the Closing Day" were sung by the choir with much pathos. The interior of the Church was draped in mourning in respect to the deceased gentleman, who was an old and esteemed citizen of the town, as well as an untiring supporter of the Church of England, having been connected with Grace Church as a vestryman from 1835 to 1841, when St. Luke's Church was erected. At its first Easter meeting on April 12th, 1841, Mr. Ruddock was elected a vestryman and in the year 1855 he was elected Church Warden, which position he filled up to the time of his decease. The remains were interred in the Rural Cemetery.

At a meeting of the Corporation of St. Luke's Church, on Tuesday evening, the following resolutions were passed:—

"Whereas, It has pleased God to remove from among us our esteemed and valuable friend, the late Francis L. Ruddock, Esq., who has for 40 years been a faithful member of St. Luke's Church, 26 years of which he has filled the position of warden in the vestry of said Church in a most satisfactory manner, with great advantage to the Church, in which he has ever showed a great interest and with honor to himself in the faithful manner he filled the position; therefore

"Resolved, That we, the vestry of St. Luke's Church, deeply regret the loss of our worthy and esteemed friend, and hereby wish to tender to Mrs. Ruddock and family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement"

C. of E. Institute.—At the annual meeting of the Church of England Institute the following officers were chosen: Canon Brigstocke, president; Hurd Peters, vice president. Council—Rev. F. S. Still, M. Chamberlain, Dr. Walker, W. C. Drury, R. P. Starr, W.

A. Maclauchlin, Chas. A. Macdonald, W. D. Mills, H. W. Frith, and Geo. A. Schofield.

DORCHESTER.—The remains of the late Joshua Chandler, Esq., son of the late Lieut. Gov. Chandler, were buried Feb. 10th. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Rural Dean Simonds, Rector. The deceased, who was in his 36th year, was of a very amiable disposition, and was much esteemed. He held the position at one time of Private Secretary to the late Governor. It is a singular fact that he was buried on the first anniversary of his father's funeral.

THE Rev. John D. H. Browne wishes to obtain, for a special object, a dozen or fifteen copies of the Frederick D. C. S. Report. Will any clergyman or layman, having copies to spare, please forward them to his address, Halifax.

St. JOHN.—The Church of England Institute have been debating, whether the present troubles in Ireland have been brought on by England or not. The Telegraph gives currency to a report, which, it says, appears well founded, that a new Parish is to be organized within that of St. Paul's Portland, and that the site has been chosen, and several large subscriptions promised. This matter is not new, it has been talked over for a long time.

WESTFIELD.—The past week has been one of unusual interest to the Church people of this Parish. A very large and handsome stone font has been gifted in St. Peter's Church. It is the gift of St. Paul's (Valley) Church, Portland. It is of special interest to this Parish, as it was originally given to St. Paul's Church by the late Canon Lee. The wooden font which was in the church, given some years ago by the Metropolitan, is, with his approval, to be removed to the Church at Land's End.

St. James' Church has undergone more extensive renewal and improvements. A very handsome wooden font, made by Mr. George Hazen, of Fredericton, the gift of a lady, whose name is not made known, has been placed in the church. A brass plate on the pedestal bears this inscription:

In memory of EDWARD SEYMOUR WOODMAN, Rector of Westfield, Died March 13, 1880.

And although engraven in brass, it can hardly be more enduring than in the hearts of those to whom he so long and faithfully ministered. A new altar, lectern, prayer desk and chairs, made of black ash and walnut—the gift of the Rev. A. V. Wiggins—add greatly to the appearance of the chancel. The prayer desk is provided with a handsomely worked kneeling cushion, made by a young lady in Fredericton. Mr. H. Burgess and Mr. Northrup have provided the church with kneeling stools, and made changes in the seats for greater convenience in kneeling. A new communion rail is being made and will be placed in the church next week; and further improvements are to be made in the spring.

Church Work is to be localized next month. Already there are over fifty subscribers, and it is expected that it will find its way to nearly every household in the Parish and to many beyond its limits.

WESTFIELD, N. B., Feb. 11th, 1881.

The Missionary and Church Wardens of St. Peter's Church, on behalf of the congregation, desire to tender their most sincere thanks to the corporation of St. Paul's (Valley) Church, Portland, N. B., for their very handsome present of a stone font.

A. V. WIGGINS, Missionary. A. M. WOODMAN, W. BURGESS, Wardens.

DIocese OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

BELLORAM.—The people of Belloram, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland, have just completed a very handsome Church, with about \$4,800 (four thousand eight hundred dollars) With their Pastor as leader, they have accomplished this work themselves, without the aid of a tradesman or architect. They received some assistance in the way of money and purchase material, an account of which will hereafter be seen. The people have

given money and free labour, in some instances amounting to thirty pounds. It was truly a gratifying sight to see those men go to the work from day to day and from week to week, as if their Church was the only work they had to do, and to look in at the door, to see every day, on an average, about 30 men for the past two months working away so eagerly and so earnestly, as if they were receiving the highest wages. The building just completed is one of the finest in the Diocese. The Nave measures 80x45 feet, and the Chancel 18x20. The Xmas of 1880 has been indeed a happy one for this place, and the people of Belloram may well feel proud of the great work they have just accomplished. But not being content to keep all the joy to themselves, they endeavoured to impart some to their Pastor also, and, with this intent, placed at his door, as a "Xmas Box," a barrel of choice apples, a choice ham, weighing about 25 lbs., and a whole suit of rubber clothing, from head to feet; this was to protect him from the salt water rain when he went out driving in his boat. With the present was a note, enclosing a beautiful Xmas card, upon which was a very significant motto, implying a desire that the love and sympathy, which had hitherto been mutual, should never cease. The note was as follows:—

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—With this note you will please find at your door a present which we hope will give you as much pleasure in receiving as it gives us in giving it. The enclosed card expresses our sentiments.

"YOUR LOVING PARISHIONERS."

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

FRELIGHSBURG, QUE.—The Founder's Festival in connection with the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church was a marked success. Old Trinity was built in 1808, and of its opening we have the following account—"Early in the year 1809 a new Church was completed in the Eastern part of the Seignior, and when Divine Service was performed in it for the first time on a fine day in January, there was a congregation of a thousand persons." The anniversary of this historical event, falling this year on Saturday, for manifest reasons, the anachronism was committed of celebrating the day following—Sunday, Jan. 30th. While the severe weather forbade the hope of the vast concourse of thousands which witnessed the laying of the Corner Stone in June last, it did not prevent the attendance of a large congregation on the Lord's Day, to take possession of the splendid Lecture Hall, which will hereafter afford a commodious, convenient and comfortable home for devotional, philanthropic and Parochial purposes of the Church of England. It proved itself all that could be desired in the healthfulness, warmth and lightness of its attractive surroundings. The morning Service was rendered in an appropriate and warm-hearted manner by the choir and congregation, the sermon being delivered by the Rector, Rev. J. Burrows Davidson, followed by the Holy Communion, at which there was a large number of communicants. The Rev. J. C. Davidson took part in the services. In the evening, after an earnest service of Praise, the sermon was preached by the Rev. Homer White, M. A., Rector at Enosburg, Vt., admirably suited in its instructive and eloquent features and kindly references to the occasion, and exacting the appreciation of his auditors. On the next evening, Monday, the Re-union of all friends was one long to be remembered, and one eminently cheering to all concerned. The bonneties of the ladies in supplying every attraction to appetite and taste were overflowing, and their attendance unceasing, until all were satisfied. Then came a characteristic speech of eloquence and wit from one of the chief workers in the enterprise, S. N. Hunt, Esq., which secured the attention and earned the applause of all. Subsequently the assemblage, after hymn and prayer, were addressed by the Rector, the Rev. J. Smith, the Rev. George Forneret, the Rev. Mr. Richardson, the Rev. J. C. Davidson, and the Rev. F. M. English.—Local Paper.

UNITED STATES.

THE Rev. Dr. Norton, of Louisville, Kentucky, one of the most prominent of the American clergy, and the author of several volumes of Sermons for Lay Readers, &c., died January 14th. For nearly forty years, he has been a prominent factor in the Church's growth.

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