

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's*.—The Rev. S. C. Smyth, priest temporarily in charge of this church, has been working with great energy through the winter, and has gained the affection of the people to a marked degree. A class of forty candidates are now awaiting confirmation. It is to be regretted that this faithful and earnest congregation is likely to be some time longer without a permanent priest, the Rev. W. P. Henderson, of *St. Philip's*, Tunbridge Wells (a Canadian by birth), who had almost accepted the incumbency, fearing at the eleventh hour to trust himself in a place where the mails are irregular in the winter.

It is interesting to learn that the organ fund, started a year ago with \$13 raised by some children by a concert, is now in the neighborhood of \$2,000. It is the oak springing from the acorn.

PORT MEDWAY.—The Rev. W. C. Wilson, so favorably known as curate of *St. George's* and priest in charge of *St. Matthias'*, Halifax, has undertaken the charge of this large and difficult parish. Under Mr. Wilson's energetic management it is sure to prosper.

CLEMENTSPORT.—The rectorship has been accepted by the Rev. W. S. H. Morris, formerly curate of Liverpool. The story of Clementsport is very similar to that of many another parish in Nova Scotia. A long period of sleepiness, during which the Dissenters were wide awake, was followed by the ministry of Mr. McCully, whose earnest work did much to raise the tone of Churchmanship and bring back the wandering. The parish at present is in a critical state, and many hopes are built upon Mr. Morris's energy and self-sacrifice to his work.

SHELburne.—The parish of Shelburne will soon be again without a rector, Mr. Peters having accepted the rectory of Bathurst, in the Diocese of Fredericton.

TANGIER.—The Chapter of the Tangier Rural Deanery held the twenty-fourth meeting at Tangier on May 12th.

On the previous evening, at 7:30, Divine worship was conducted, consisting of processional hymn (480 Ch. Hys.), evensong and addresses on "Plain Church Rules much neglected." The Rev. J. Partridge, of Ship Harbor, took the subject of "The Public Solemnization of Holy Matrimony," and the Rev. R. Smith, of Beaver Harbor, "The duty of the sick to ask the intercessory prayers of the congregation." Rev. E. H. Ball, Rector of the parish, was also present.

On Wednesday morning, at Spry Bay, matins was taken by Rev. R. Smith; the *ad clerum* sermon by Rev. J. Partridge, on Judges iii. 20, "I have a message from God unto thee;" and the Rector, as senior priest, celebrated.

Capitular meeting was held at Tangier in the afternoon.

In connection with evensong at 7:30, the service and sermon of "The Fishing" was taken. Mr. Smith preached the sermon from the text, "Be not conformed to this world," &c., with special reference to the fisherman's temptation in very early morning to so regard his worldly calling as to disregard his heavenly calling to the duty of constant daily prayer. This "Service and Sermon of the Fishing" is very popular in the parish, and the singing of the Fishers' Song, with its soul-stirring and pathetic passages, was well rendered by the choir and the large congregation, whilst the solemn pause for private intercessory prayer for those away at sea, and the excellent prayers for general protection and special graces, make the service a very solemn one.

Much regret was felt at the absence of Rural Dean Ellis, who, as he was the means of recommending this service to the Deanery, must have been specially disappointed at his inability

to be present and to preach to the fishermen members of his Deanery.

Evensong was taken at Spry on Thursday, with the "Service and Sermon of the Fishing," Rev. R. Smith again preaching.

The next meeting is to be held at Ship Harbor, August 4th.

FALMOUTH.—The parishioners of Falmouth, Hants, have secured a suitable building as a rectory, in which they are making improvements.

PORT HILL.—The new Church of *St. James*, Port Hill, P.E.I., has just been consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, who is at present visiting the Archdeaconry of Prince Edward Island.

HALIFAX.—*St. Paul's*.—Some time ago, Mr. Hole, an English priest, offered to come out to *St. Paul's* on a three months' trial, and his offer was gratefully accepted by the vestry. Now, however, Mr. Hole finds himself unable to come out unless he is definitely elected Rector. This decision on Mr. Hole's part practically decides the question, which has been an anxious one to Halifax Churchmen for some months past, the vestry having unanimously resolved to support his candidature.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England Institute held last week a sale of work, by which the sum of \$300 or more was added to the funds. On the following Monday a public meeting on behalf of the Institute was held in Argyle Hall, and was fairly well attended. The object of the meeting was to bring before Church people generally the subject of the new building which it is proposed to erect. The speakers were Dr. Partridge, Rector of *St. George's*, F. C. Sumichrast, Sydney Harrington, and J. T. Wyld, Esqs.; and the meeting was quite an enthusiastic one. The purchase by the Committee of a site on Barrington street was approved of, and all references to the new building were received with applause. Let us hope that the good people of Halifax may not be content with applause. The building, of which a detailed description was given, is to contain reading rooms, billiard rooms, a gymnasium, a ladies' parlor, and a large hall suitable for meetings, concerts, etc. It is to cost \$16,000, of which \$4,000 has already been subscribed by some ten or twelve persons. The Lord Bishop, with his usual open-handedness, heads the list with \$750. One family, W. C. Silver, Esq., and his three sons, give nearly \$1,000; and the rest is made up in sums varying from \$500 to \$100. The Committee hope to raise another \$4,000 by donations equally large—\$1,000 in sums of \$5 to \$30, and \$1,000 from the Women's Auxiliary. When \$10,000 have been subscribed, the work of building will commence. As the present members are building for posterity, they propose to let posterity pay some of the debt—a plan upon which our generous forefathers did not act. All subscriptions are to be payable in two years, or by eight quarterly instalments.

PICTOU.—*St. James'*.—The Bishop of Nova Scotia held a Confirmation in this church on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., when the Rev. John Edgecumbe presented twenty-seven for the rite of laying on of hands, including one from a neighboring parish. The building was quite full with an attentive audience. The Bishop seemed as vigorous as ever, and spoke with great power. His address to the candidates was calculated to leave a lasting impression on all present. His Lordship left the next day for Prince Edward Island.

Every Churchman should subscribe himself, and should help to extend the influence of the Church paper, by securing other subscribers.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

Appointments of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Metropolitan) for June, July and August:

June 13.—Woodstock.

June 20.—Ordination at the Cathedral.

June 24.—King's College, Windsor, where he preaches the Anniversary Sermon.

June 29-30.—Synod meeting, St. John.

July 11.—Kingsclear, confirmation.

July 12 to 17.—Grand Falls, Edmunston, Andover, River de Chute, New Denmark and Centreville.

August—*St. Andrew's*, *St. George's* and *Cam-pobello*.

[We regret that we have not received our usual budget from this Diocese this week.—Ed.]

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Wm. Eames, deacon in charge of Labrador, returned early in May, and has gone to visit his friends in the Eastern Townships, awaiting his ordination to the priesthood on Trinity Sunday. He reports health good; winter remarkably mild, interfering with the usual facilities for travelling, the snow not being of uniform depth nor the ice safe, so that long detours had to be made around some of the bays. The loneliness of the situation was a good deal relieved by the three mails received during the winter. People very kind, and thoroughly appreciating the service he was able to give from the time of his arrival in July of last year.

The Secretary of Synod has given notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee for preparing the routine paper of the coming session, summoned on the 20th of June. It is hoped the Gulf District will be well represented, both by clergy and laity, that the special wants and standing of the Church in that remote part of the diocese may be known and discussed.

MAPLE GROVE.—The annual vestry meeting at Trinity Church was held on the evening of May 3rd. The incumbent, Rev. R. Hewton, occupied the chair. After the opening prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The financial accounts of the past year were examined and found satisfactory. Messrs. H. Cross and John G. Dinning were re-elected churchwardens, the former receiving the thanks of the vestry for a pretty chancel lamp presented by him. The Sunday-school in connection with the church is being re-opened, having been closed since Christmas. The teachers extend an invitation for all to attend and assist in advancing so important a work.

A Subscriber in the Diocese of Quebec in renewing for another year writes: "I like the paper (the CHURCH GUARDIAN) very much, and wish that every Church family would read it."

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Church of England Women's Association*.—At the last meeting of the season of the Church of England Women's Association for the Diocese of Montreal. The president, Mrs. Henderson, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The meeting was opened with prayer, after which the Secretary's and the Treasurer's reports were read, and considered highly satisfactory. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand of \$72. The President gave a short history of the Society since its formation on the 6th of February of this year, urging on the ladies present to work for the missions during the summer months. She stated that the Society was intended to embrace all the women in the diocese, each congregation working in its own way. The chief object of the Society is to make all acquainted with the Church's work,