

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

St. John Baptist.—The Rev. J. M. Davenport, who has returned to the charge of this Mission church—to the joy of his many friends—preached his first sermon on the evening of the 19th inst. to a large congregation.

The *Globe* of this city, of 20th Nov., gave the Pastoral of the House of Bishops in full. It is always generous with its space for Church news, a fact which Church people doubtless will remember. Its weekly Ecclesiastical Column of Nov. 22nd contained a good part of Bishop Anson's noble protest against the Episcopal Defender of Episcopacy.

Trinity Church.—The Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, D.D., read to his congregation the Bishop's Pastoral on the morning of the 19th inst.

Diocese of Quebec.

WATERVILLE.

A SUB-DEANERY MEETING, ST. FRANCIS.—A monthly re-union of the Anglican clergy included in the sub-deanery, of which Coaticook is an approximate centre, took place in Waterville last week.

On Monday evening there assembled the Rev. Canon Foster, Rural Dean and president. A. Stevens, secretary; G. Murray, W. Forsythe, C. Brooks and G. Parker. These gentlemen were most hospitably received by Mr. and Mrs. True, Sprigings, Flanders, Somerville, Hodgson, and Mr. and Miss Perkins respectively. With the incumbent, Rev. E. King, making seven, the clergy met in St. John's church for a brief intercessory service in behalf of missions at 7.30 p.m. A goodly congregation assembled. Instructive and inspiring addresses were delivered by Canon Foster and Rev. Mr. Murray on the chief historical facts connected with the planting of Christianity in the British Isles and its continued growth until the year 664, when the conference was held at Whitby between the Celtic and the Continental missionaries about the time of keeping Easter, etc. It was pointed out that the ancient British Church had her own bishops, priests and deacon preaching the word of God and administering the Sacraments of Christ nearly 600 years before any intrusion into her field, or interference with her work took place on the part of the foreign see of Rome, and that her liturgy and ecclesiastical observances had an eastern, not a western or Roman origin, and that the harmonizing of certain divergencies of practice in non-essentials was the chief purpose of the conference held at Whitby.

On Tuesday there was an early celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30, and morning prayer at 9.15.

From 10 to 1 o'clock, after brief business preliminaries, the time was very profitably occupied by the reading together critically and in course of the 5th chapter of the Epistle to the Galatians, in the original Greek.

Canon Thorndloe was present for a part of this day. All the clergy lunched together at the Waterville house.

At 2.30 Rev. G. Murray read a thoughtful paper on the attitude of the Church of England towards religious organizations outside her own fold.

In the afternoon the pupils of the model school received a very entertaining and instructive address from Rev. C. H. Brooks, on his knowledge and experience of the education, the

manners, and customs of young people in Turkey. A large number of parents and friends joined the scholars and all were greatly delighted with the speaker's clever and interesting remarks. Rev. Mr. Craik moved and Captain Parker seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Brooks.

At 4 o'clock the clergy re-assembled to discuss Mr. Murray's paper and other matters. Some returned home the same night. All felt that much mutual benefit had been the result of their conference, whilst the Watervillians spoke of the honor and benefit which had been conferred upon them by the selection of their parish as the place of meeting.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

THANKSGIVING DAY was well observed in Montreal by the different congregations of the Church. In most of the parishes morning service was held, and in some an administration of Holy Communion. In the Cathedral and at St. James' special and beautiful music was rendered by full choirs. Large numbers attended the services, and the city in the English section presented quite a Sunday appearance. It is impossible, however, not to feel that the special form of service used on these occasions is wholly insufficient and much needs improvement. It relates too much to the one simple aspect of *Harvest*, and the general character of Thanksgiving Day as a national festival is almost ignored.

Trinity Church.—Sunday, the 19th November, was observed as Thanksgiving Day in this parish, when there was special music provided at the morning and evening services. The choir has lately been reorganized, and the result was seen in the fine rendering of Sunday's music. At the evening service the offertory solo, "The Soft Southern Breeze," from "Rebekah," was sung with beautiful effect by Mr. J. C. Barlow.

The Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Rector of St. Martin's, was the preacher in the evening. He took as his text the marginal reading, revised version, of the 3rd verse of Psalm xxii., "But Thou continuest holy, O Thou that art enthroned upon the praises of Israel," and as usual delivered an exceedingly earnest, practical and instructive sermon.

St. Martin's.—The Pastoral of the House of Bishops was authoritatively read by the Rector at the service on the 19th instant.

Grace Church.—The Rector of this parish has taken in due course the degree of D.D. at Trinity College, Toronto, and was the special preacher at the Convocation lately held. We heartily congratulate him on the well earned title.

COTE ST. PAUL.

The Rev. G. Abbott Smith, B.A., delivered a most interesting address on some scenes in his late travels in the East, illustrated by a large number of beautiful views, in the Parochial Hall of the Church of the Redeemer, on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The hall was well filled and the lecture thoroughly appreciated.

FREMINGBURG.

Thanksgiving day was duly observed here by special service and administration of Holy Communion, at which there were twenty communicants, a large number for a week day celebration.

Diocese of Ontario.

TYENDINAGA.

MOHAWK MISSION.—The first church, a small wooden one, was erected in 1787; it was served

for many years by a native catechist, with occasional visits from the Rev. Dr. John Stuart, rector of Kingston, who had been appointed to the Mohawk Mission at Fort Hunter, N. Y., in 1770, by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, and preceded his flock to Catarqui, now Kingston in 1783. The rectors of Bath, Adolphustown, Picton, and Belleville, sometimes officiated in the Mohawk church.

In March, 1831, the first resident clergyman, the Rev. Saltern Givens, was appointed missionary to the Mohawks, and rector of Richmond; visiting and holding church services in the houses of many of the early settlers in the then districts of Victoria and Midland. The Mohawk parish was the parent from which have sprung many of the parishes in the surrounding country, in all of which the memory of the Rev. S. Givens is revered.

Canniff says of the original Mohawk church: Having served its purpose, and being in a state of decay, it was deemed necessary to have erected a new and more substantial building. The Mohawks consequently held a council at which chief Powles Claus made the following speech, after having all the ways and means discussed: "If we attempt to build the church by ourselves it will never be done; let us therefore ask our Father, the Governor, to build it for us, and it will be done at once." Reference was here made not to the necessary funds, for they were to be derived from the sale of Indian lands, but to the experience requisite to carry out this project. Sir Charles Bagot, the Governor, was accordingly petitioned; the petition was granted, and the corner stone of the present handsome edifice was laid in May, 1843, by Samuel Peter Jarvis, chief superintendent of India affairs in Canada, assisted by the venerable Geo. O'Kill Stuart, Archdeacon of Kingston; the Rev. S. Givens, rector of the parish; the Rev. W. Macaulay, rector of Picton, and the Rev. Job Deacon, rector of Adolphustown.

This being the 50th year since the church was erected, was deemed an appropriate time to renovate the interior, and give it a more bright and churchly appearance; accordingly a request was made to the Indian Council for a grant. This with the proceeds of a jubilee picnic made the requisite repairs.

While the improvements were talked of the missionary volunteered to raise money to place an altar in the chancel in memory of the Rev. Saltern Givens, first rector of the parish. He accordingly with the assistance of Mrs. Finlayson, of Deseronto, a warm friend of Mr. Givens, solicited subscriptions from persons of all creeds, who responded cheerfully.

The young people of the parish, determined to have a share in the work, organized a Guild with Miss Sophia Anderson as president, and worked with a will to assist the venerable Rector in what was his dearest wish—to have a real altar in the church in which he had ministered for so many years. That work is completed, and we all thank God for it. Old Christ church, Tyendinaga, now looks clean, bright and churchly; it has, too an altar and reredos, of which any church in the Diocese of Ontario may be proud. There are still curtains and lectern hangings to be procured, but the Guild, encouraged by what they assisted in accomplishing, will not cease to work for the church.

The design and workmanship of the altar and reredos reflect great credit upon the mechanics of the Rathburn Coy's sash factory, where it was manufactured.

At the base of the altar, which is of beautifully grained butternut wood, in the inscription, "In memory of the Rev. S. Givens, first rector of this parish, 1831-1850."—*Napanee Beaver.*

CAMDEN.

On Sunday, 19th November, no less than six services were held in this parish viz., St. Luke's,