

Selections.

ROYAL AND ILLUSTRIOUS FREEMASON.—We have frequently had occasion to notice, in terms of admiration, the considerate and paternal rule of Oscar, King of Sweden and Norway—a monarch distinguished for his patronage of literature and the arts, and favourably known to the scientific man and savans of the civilized world. In his own dominions he is beloved by every right-thinking man. His gracious condescension towards the humble, and his considerate anxiety for the welfare of his subjects, have won for him a popularity which few monarchs enjoy. As we understand our most distinguished masonic lodge purposes investing him with honorary membership, we avail ourselves of the present fitting opportunity to translate a letter, written in French, and addressed by the illustrious monarch to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The interesting and beautiful document appears in the Annual Circular for 1852, of the Grand Lodge in question. Here it is, in English dress:—

To the Very Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

“MR. BRETHREN.—The joy which every Freemason feels in obtaining a testimony of the friendship of his brethren, that joy I experienced on receipt of the diploma of honorary member of the Very Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland, which you have sent me. In assigning me this honorable position in the midst of you, you have afforded me a striking proof of your devotedness to my person. I appreciate the honour more particularly, as I am the first on whom the distinction has been conferred in this country. The office of a Freemason is, at once, noble and grand. It is our duty to labour with enlightened mind, and a heart charged with fraternal love, for the perfection of the human race. The weak who are oppressed, and all those who are in trouble, have inextinguishable titles to our zealous and charitable protection. It is by holding firm in the indissoluble bond which unites all our brethren, however dispersed, over all the surface of the globe, that we can attain to the end, to which we aspire in silence, but without ever ceasing, since we know that everywhere, and on all occasions, our brethren are ready to come to our aid with that charity, that spirit of concord, and that confidence, which should characterize all the members of our Order. Be satisfied my Brethren, that I observe with the utmost attention the march of events in the Masonic world, and that I sincerely rejoice in the success which attends on all true Freemasons while labouring for the purposes which you have indicated—namely the happiness and well-being of humanity. I offer you, my Brethren, the assurance of my fraternal affection, and it is by the holy number that I recommend you all to the all-powerful protection of the Great Architect of the Universe, who gives us peace, joy, and benediction. “OSCAR.
“Stockholm, September 17th, 1851.”

“AD. TAUVON,
(L.S.) Grand Secretary of the Grand National Lodge of Scotland.”

The admirable letter, evidencing, as it does, the large heart and enlightened mind of the illustrious monarch, was received with truly fraternal respect and applause, and ordered to be interleaved in the minute book of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. We are proud indeed to know that King Oscar will first be associated with Hibernian Freemasonry through the medium of one of the most distinguished lodges in Ireland's model province.—*Ulster Gazette.*

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

THE BISHOP'S VISIT TO THE STRAIT OF CANO.

By request the Missionary visiting the Strait of Canso met his Lordship at Port Hood, on Wednesday the 15th inst. Notice was sent round the village that there would be Divine service at early candle-light, to which a goodly number, and many of them with grateful hearts responded. The small building used for public worship presented an unusual sight that evening; and the small band of Churchmen in that distant and desolate place, had all their feelings and sympathies called forth by joining in “one accord” with the Bishop in the prayers and praises of their beloved church. More than eight years had elapsed since they had heard those prayers offered up by one of her ministers. Now they were rejoiced to listen to the Chief Pastor of the Church, and long will they remember his words of sympathy for their neglected condition, his earnest exhortation to remain in her communion, with the hope of being better provided with ministerial care for the future, and his stirring address to live always to the glory of God. There were several heads of families who had deferred through necessity the baptism of their children, preferring to have it done by the authorized ministers of their own Church, but who now embraced the opportunity of presenting them for this holy sacrament. After the second lesson they were brought forward, when the Bishop performed that service himself.

At an early hour on Thursday morning, we were on our way to the Strait, a distance of 28 miles, which was performed by 10 o'clock. Some time was spent in making preparation to cross over to McNair's Cove, where a church and burial ground were ready for consecration; and where an attentive congregation was awaiting the arrival of his Lordship. The petition for consecration being read, the Bishop proceeded at once

to the performance of that solemn service. On this occasion the congregation was exhorted to wait with patience for the appointment of a Missionary to reside among them. They were reminded that nothing would be gained by joining with any other church, and that all new things in religion were in most instances detrimental. Novelties were dangerous; the old tried paths were the best paths; and in the Church they had more real helps in working out their salvation than in any other Church on earth. The sermon was suitable, practical and scriptural, after which the burial ground was also consecrated. This ceremony being ended a short and appropriate address was then presented, to which his Lordship at once happily replied. This Church, which was called St. Andrew, stands about halfway up the Strait. It is indeed beautiful for situation, and can be seen on its lofty site a distance of ten miles. It serves to guide the mariner not only through the billows of the great deep, but also through the waves of this troublesome world. And frequently do we find the hardy son of Neptune listening to the words of eternal life within its sacred walls. It is indebted to the liberality of friends at home and abroad for aid towards its erection; but to none more than to one individual who resides in that rising settlement.

In the afternoon his Lordship proceeded in a boat 8 miles down the Strait to another Church, where he likewise addressed the people assembled, in words of encouragement, warning and admonition, and delivered in a most earnest manner a truly excellent sermon. The night was spent at the hospitable house of J. B. Hadley, Esq.

On Friday morning the Bishop crossed over to Ship Harbour, where he met a small number of warm hearted Churchmen, baptized five children, and delivered an extemporaneous address, full of the words of eternal life. Here a piece of ground formerly deeded to the Church, is to be consecrated as a place of burial of the dead. After commending them all to God, and to the word of His grace which is able to build them up and give them an inheritance among all them that are sanctified, his Lordship recrossed the Strait, and set out for Little River, where he had other and important duties awaiting him.

Sept. 22, 1852.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

MR. EDITOR.—In compliance with a wish expressed in the *Church Times*, I proceed to furnish you with an account of the Lord Bishop's visit and proceedings in this part of the Diocese. On Wednesday, 15th inst. his Lordship, accompanied by Rev. W. T. Morris of Guysboro, arrived at McNair's Cove from Port Hood, and on the following day consecrated a new church at Milford. On the 17th his Lordship crossed the Strait of Canso to Ship Harbour, and there held divine service, and baptized a number of children. In the afternoon of the same day he recrossed to the Ferry at Forrestdale, where the Rev. A. W. Millidge of Antigonish, was awaiting his Lordship with a carriage to convey him to Little River, a distance of 22 miles, where they arrived late in the evening, and were most kindly received and entertained by James Randall, Esq. and his hospitable lady. Divine service was held in the neat church at Little River on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, a. m., when the Rev. W. T. Morris said prayers, and twenty candidates presented themselves for Confirmation, whom his Lordship most solemnly addressed at some length, and then preached an impressive sermon. His Lordship then took farewell of his kind host and hostess, and proceeded with Rev. Mr. Millidge to Antigonish, 16 miles, where they arrived at about 5 o'clock, p. m.—the Rev. Mr. Morris having parted with them at Little River to resume the duties of his own parish at Manchester.

Before reaching Antigonish, his Lordship was met by Rev. James C. Cochran, who had unexpectedly arrived the previous day from Halifax, and was now accompanied by his son Mr. William Rupert Cochran, Mr. Griffiths, and E. H. Harrington, Esq. Churchwarden. The proceedings on Sunday 19th, at Antigonish, were of a most interesting, impressive and solemn character, and will long be remembered by the inhabitants of all denominations who thronged the church. Morning prayers were said by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Millidge, after which the Bishop preached a most effective sermon on the authority of the Episcopacy, from our Saviour's commission to the Apostles down to the present time. Rev. Mr. Cochran then presented Mr. William Rupert Cochran, and Mr. John Griffiths (from England) for ordination, to whom his Lordship administered that sacred rite, and then read the Communion service, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Gospel being read by Rev. W. R. Cochran. A collection was then taken, after which the congregation separated, and his Lordship proceeded to administer the Holy Communion to about twenty communicants, exclusive of the clergy present. Afternoon service at 3 o'clock. Prayers said by Rev. J. C. Cochran, after which six candidates for Confirmation presented themselves, to whom the Bishop's address was most solemn and pathetic. His Lordship then ascended the pulpit, and from the text “Prepare to meet thy God” preached a sermon as solemn and deeply affecting as any in that crowded congregation had ever listened to. The congregation, composed of Romanists, Baptists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, then separated, expressing golden opinions of his Lordship, and his pious, affectionate and impressive manner.

His Lordship during his stay at Antigonish, was entertained by the Rector of the Parish, who on Monday morning conveyed him half distance to Pictou, where he met Rev. J. Forsythe, of Albion Mines, who received his Lordship into his carriage, and conducted him

to New Glasgow—from thence you will probably be furnished with a further account of his Lordship's progress. The kindness, candour and affability of his Lordship, have impressed his people here with sentiments of love and esteem towards his person and his holy office, which will long be cherished in their hearts and memories. E.

Antigonish, 22nd Sept. 1852.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

St. Margaret's Bay, Sept. 21, 1852

MR. EDITOR.—In my farewell sermon lately delivered to my people, I took occasion to mention my intention, should God give me the necessary strength, to do all I can while in Europe, for the Endowment of my Parish; and I intimated that I expected the people would not leave me solely to work for them, nor depend altogether upon strangers; and that some few at least would show their interest in the great work, giving, were it but a little towards it—a little being all I could expect. I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of a Doubleloon from Jas. Crucher, Esq.—One Pound from W. E. Brino, Esq.—One Sovereign from Mr. Peter G. Boutilier—for that object, with a wish that I might use the money myself, if I should need it on my travels; for which I beg to thank them very sincerely. I pray that others in the Bay may be enabled to follow this good example, by remitting their gifts, however small, into the hands of the Diocesan Church Society, through the Rev. W. R. Cochran. It would greatly encourage myself, and others at Home, to work for the poor fishermen, if the friends of the Church at Halifax would also kindly manifest some interest in the matter. I would also beg leave to return many thanks to those of my parishioners who have exerted themselves at an unusual time of the year, and amid much distress, owing to an unprecedented failure in the fishery, to make up the sum of £44, to enable me to meet my travelling expenses. May they receive in their own bosoms here a hundred fold, and in the end eternal life, through our only Mediator and Redeemer Jesus Christ.

I remain, Mr. Editor, yours very truly,

J. STANNAGE.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a Meeting of the Wardens, Vestry, and Parishioners of St. Luke's Church, Annapolis, on Monday, the 20th day of Sept., 1852, at 5 o'clock, p. m., holden in the said Church, pursuant to a Notice given by the Rev. Edwin Gilpin, the Rector thereof, on the Sunday last preceding; the following Resolutions were moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted; namely, the

1st Resolution, moved by Mr. George Ranciman, Warden; and seconded by Mr. Wm. R. Ruggles, Vestryman:—

That, while this Congregation submits reverently to the will of God, in the removal of their late assistant Minister, the Rev. James Bartlett, they retain a deep sense of his worth; and of the loss this Mission has sustained by his early death.

2nd Resolution, moved by Alfred Whitman, Esq., and seconded by Mr. John Whitman:—

That, it is the opinion of this Meeting, that the Salary in advance of the Quarter on which the late Rev. James Bartlett had just entered, should be paid to his Executors, for the benefit of his Family; and that the Wardens be requested to pay it accordingly.

3rd Resolution, moved by J. W. Ruggles, Esq., and seconded by Mr. Robert J. Harris:—

That, the Rev. The Rector be requested to enclose a Copy of the two foregoing Resolutions to the Father of the deceased, and to express at the same time the general sympathy of this Congregation, in the bereavement he and his Family have just sustained.

4th Resolution, moved by Mr. John Whitman, and seconded by Francis W. Pickman, Esq.:—

That this Meeting continues fully sensible of the necessity for the services of an Assistant Missionary in this Mission; and pledges itself to continue the effort hitherto successfully made to effect this object.

That it is their wish, the Rev. James Ritchie, born among them, and with whose character they have been well acquainted, be selected to fill this office.

That, the Rector, if he concur in this opinion, be requested to take whatever steps shall be necessary to effect so desirable an object.

That, the Rector be further requested to transmit Copies of all the foregoing Resolutions, to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and to the venerated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and to the Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia, expressing at the same time, to both those Societies, the deep sense we have of the benefits we have received at their hands; with our earnest Petition that they will, respectively, continue their assistance to so useful an object as the sustaining an assistant Minister in this Mission; an object which, without their efficient help, we cannot hope to effect.

Further, Resolved. That the said Church be kept in mourning dress for four successive Sundays from the time the deceased departed this life.

And, lastly, Resolved. That the Rector be requested to have all of the above Resolutions published in full, in the *Church Times* paper, issued at Halifax.

A true Copy from the Vestry Records.

J. CORBITT,
Clerk.