

News from the Home Field.

CANON ON MARRIAGE.

We have been asked to give a prominent place to the Canon of Provincial Synod on Marriage within the prohibited degrees. It is as follows:—

"No clergyman of this Ecclesiastical Province shall knowingly solemnize a marriage forbidden by the 90th Canon of the year 1603, A. D., which is as follows:

"I. The Table of Degrees prohibiting certain marriages set forth by authority in the year of our Lord 1563, and usually annexed to the Book of Common Prayer, is hereby adopted by the Church of this Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

"II. No clergyman of this Ecclesiastical Province shall knowingly solemnize a marriage within the degrees prohibited by such Table.

"III. 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."

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

A MEETING of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Synod will be held in Halifax on Tuesday, 14th inst. At this meeting arrangements will be made for the business of the Session to be held in July, and notices of intended motions received by the Secretary, Rev. J. D. H. Browne, before the above named day, will be published with the other announcements of the Committee.

HALIFAX.—The eighth annual meeting of the Church of England Institute took place on Thursday evening. A large number of members was present, including many of the clergy, among whom were the Lord Bishop, Patron; Rev. Dr. Hill, President; Rev. J. D. H. Browne, Rev. J. Padfield, Rev. F. R. Murray, Rev. J. Bell, Rev. H. Almon, Rev. W. Sampson. After prayers by the President, and the confirming of minutes of the last annual meeting, the Secretary read the official report, of which the following is a synopsis: Total number of members, Feb., 1881, 291; new members during past year, 48—339. Left the city, 20; died, 2; resignations and lapsed membership, 28—50. Total members to-day, 289. The reading room has been more frequented during the past year than at any former time. The gymnasium and billiard rooms, being supplied in a lesser measure with appliances than some others in the city, are not as much used as anticipated, but sufficiently used to prove the utility of such provision for exercise and amusement of members. The apartments and means at command at this time will not allow of much improvement, though the necessity of it is apparent. The "Bray Associates" library, a valuable addition to the supply of literature, has by the kindness of the committee in London been recently augmented by a grant of books of the value of £20 stig. The anniversary services recently held at St. Luke's Cathedral introducing, as they did, the two newly elected Rectors to the members generally, the Council consider to have been very important, as a Church Institute cannot stand without active aid from the clergy, and the additional assistance available gives them increased hope for the future growth of the Institute. The Treasurer's financial statement shows the Institute to be \$151.41 better off to-day than it was twelve months ago. Receipts and expenditure during 1881, \$1,088.94, leaving liabilities to date, \$243.25, against \$394.66 this time last year. This debt the Institute hopes soon to have liquidated. A very warm vote of thanks to the retiring President, moved by the Bishop, was unanimously adopted, and feelingly responded to by Dr. Hill, who expressed his warm and unabated interest in the Institute, and regretted that Parochial duties compelled him to resign his office. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: Patron—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese; President—Mr. Wm. C. Silver; Vice-Presidents—Rev. Geo. W. Hill, D. C. L., Rev. Jno. D. H. Browne, Mr. J. Johnston Hunt, Mr. Selwyn H. Shreve; Treasurer—Mr. Thomas Brown; Secretary—Mr. W. M. Brown. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Bishop and Clergy generally; to the Rev. J. Padfield for instruction in English literature; to the committee of "Bray Associates" in London for valuable gifts of books; to the Rector and Wardens of St. Luke's for use of Cathedral for anniversary services; to the Rev. Canon Partridge for anniversary sermon; to Professor S. Porter and choirs of St. Luke's, St. Paul's, Bishop's and Garrison Chapels for interest in the musical part of the service; to the conductors of the city press for favors and courtesy, and to those who delivered lectures for the Institute and assisted in aiding it financially. The meeting closed with the benediction by the Bishop.

TRURO.—The Rev. D. H. Hind, the gentleman appointed by the Governors to obtain subscriptions for the endowment of King's College, visited this parish and intended addressing the people concern-

ing the work which he has in hand on Sunday, February 5th. The storm on that day allowed so few to assemble at church that he determined to postpone his appeal to some future time. In consequence of storms he found himself again at Truro on the following Sunday, and although the congregations, because of the great depth of snow, were not much larger than on the previous Sunday, he considered it best to begin his work, and delivered, we have learned, a powerful address and stirring appeal on behalf of the University. We are also glad to hear that the reverend gentleman's efforts were not unsuccessful.

BAYFIELD.—Holy Trinity Parish.—Much has been said and written on the cares and privations of Missionaries going out among the heathen, and no loyal Churchman and sincere Christian can desire to detract in the least, from the nobility of their purpose, or minimize their hardships. But, have not Missionaries at home, especially in the country, most serious difficulties and hardships to contend against? Take an example, one, perhaps, by no means uncommon in other parts of the Diocese. A succession of storms, unparalleled in severity, have passed over the Eastern portion of this Province, culminating in the gale of the 10th Feb., after which snow drifts were formed, rising to the height of twenty-five feet. The Rector of this Parish left home on the morning of 4th Feb., to go to Antigonish, an out-station fifteen miles distant, which he reached at 9 o'clock, p. m., by the last Train H. & C. B. R. running from that until the 16th. The usual Services were performed, and visits made; and three days beyond the usual time of returning home having elapsed, the Missionary became quite anxious, as he knew that a very sick member of the Church required visiting at Bayfield, while a member of his own household was quite unwell. Proposals and suggestions of his walking home on snow-shoes, and of footing it on the R. R. track were abandoned as impracticable, if not dangerous. At length a span of good horses at a fancy price, was procured, and the start made. After much hardship, of which shovelling snow and pulling down fences formed a part, the journey hence was accomplished in six hours. Sunday, 12th inst., a message was received at the Rectory that the remains of a Church member was awaiting interment at Little Tracadie, some eleven miles distant. Neither "iron horse" nor domestic equine being available for this journey, the Rector, with a friend, had to undertake it on foot. These are, of course, hard, but are abnormal experiences in the life of the missionary on this station; but they clearly exhibit that when occasion arises, the ministers of Christ are ever ready to endure hardships. Now, imagine the disappointment of the missionary, at the close of these episodes, when his first mail for twelve days brought the circular of the Board, with the intimation that about seventy-five dollars was deducted from his grants. This will be, there is grave fears, a hard blow to the Mission. According to the number of its Churchmen, and considering that none are wealthy, a fair proportion of contributions to the B. H. M. have been regularly sent in, averaging \$50 per annum, while this year the amount has been increased to \$61. And, besides paying faithfully the amount required by the Quebec Scheme to the Incumbent, it is taxing its utmost energies at present for the payment of a Church debt of two hundred dollars. The prospects, therefore, of its being able to comply with the suggestion of circular, as to making good the reduction of grants, are slim indeed. Church Wardens here have invariably experienced that the task of increasing a stipend during an incumbency is much more difficult, even when relationships between Priest and people are of the most satisfactory character (which is the case at present in this Mission), than during a vacancy. Again, surely little comfort is afforded a missionary in the knowledge that he occupies a place among the unfortunate twenty-seven that have to submit to the reduction of grants as proposed. A suggestion to the Rector comes from a friendly quarter (which, however, he does not as yet pledge himself to accept), to board the first emigrant train going to the North-West, there apply for work, secure Government farms for his four fine boys, and assist in opening up useful careers for his three bright daughters.

CARD.—Dear Editor.—I desire, through means of your paper, to express my warmest and best thanks to those kind friends who united in giving me the thoughtful and useful present of a handsome India rubber overcoat this last Christmas. I have acknowledged the gift privately, and should have done so publicly had opportunity offered. I regard it as a mark of friendship and good-feeling, which, I can assure them all, I value most truly and most highly.

JOHN R. S. PARKINSON,
Curate of Shelburne.

Shelburne, N. S.,
20th February, 1882.

WINDSOR.—I am sure that you will be glad to know that after the destruction of the Chapel of Ease by fire, on Xmas Eve, we have been able at last to agree upon a site for our new Church. This site is a most suitable one, as it will be convenient for those of the parishioners who live out of town, as well as for those in the village, in addition to which the place chosen is "beautiful for situation" and can be so planted with trees as to make it

an ornament to the place. The site chosen for the new Church is what is known by the name of the Old Jail Corner, and is situated in King and Wentworth Street. I am really happy that this preliminary step has been taken, and has given satisfaction to all. We had to obtain two lots to give us a suitable site. For the one we gave \$800, and the other we obtained for less than one-half its value from that generous member of our Parish, Mr. Edward Dimock for \$700. This lot was almost a gift, as it was purchased by him I am told for \$1800. Mr. E. Dimock in addition to this, has given to the Building Fund \$1000. This has cheered our heart and has been followed by a subscription from Mr. J. Shaw, of \$500; and one from Mr. W. Dimock, of \$800. These are the three names on our list at present, and with this beginning we are very hopeful; it remains to be seen what the other parishioners will do; but I have no doubt whatever that a most generous response will be made by all in the Parish to "arise and build." Why should I doubt the hearty co-operation of my parishioners? Deprived of all external aid twenty-six years ago, with not an acre of glebe, and with no endowment, we have had the honor of being the first Parish to sustain ourselves, and though with only one man of large means amongst us, we have sustained ourselves, contributed to all Church Societies and objects external to us, and have helped largely again and again many of our clerical brethren in building new churches, and in many other ways. Thus looking back upon the past, I hopefully look forward to the future. It is an object, I need not say, very near my heart to see completed here a Church of God worthy of our position in the Diocese. But with all our efforts we need the help of our brethren. We are not a rich Parish; we are helping ourselves to our ability; but may I not ask for the aid of those whose affection may turn to Windsor Parish from many a reminiscence of times gone by. Many in the Diocese have received kindness at the hands of those passed away from us forever; many have been married here; many have sacred dust lying here awaiting the archangel's trump; many have renewed their baptismal vows here; many have received their first communion here. I will not doubt that many have sacred recollections of services in our poor little Chapel-of-Ease. Have I not reason to hope that the whole Diocese may feel a deep interest in the new church about to be built in Windsor. Let it be remembered, also, that for generations the parish of Windsor furnished the rites and ordinances of religion almost, if not quite, without charge to those being educated here. By all the sacred recollections of the past, and by all our hopes for the Church in the Diocese for the future, I ask all our members to help us in building up Zion, and in our efforts to make God's House in this important parish more worthy of Him Who is to be worshipped within its sacred walls. I may add that—thank God—we are thoroughly united in this good and great work. At our last meeting some of the parishioners thought that it might be more for the interest of the parish to have the new church nearer to the site of the Chapel-of-Ease, but when they found that the present site, if chosen, would give satisfaction to all, they cheerfully gave their adhesion to the wish of their brethren. Our good Bishop has for years tried to stimulate us to build. I make now an appeal, especially, but not solely, to all King's College men, Lay and Clerical, to help me to make the Church in the Parish of Windsor (a Parish dear to many) that which we may feel proud of.

THOMAS MAYNARD, Rector.

P. S. Before opening our subscription list, the ladies of our sewing society wrote to say that they would have great pleasure in handing in to the wardens \$2,865, which they had worked for and obtained in nine years, which sum they will give to the completion of the interior of the new church. We also have secured towards the Building Fund from the president and officers of the People's Mite Society, \$468. We have also received from the Rev. George Maynard towards the building of a Free Church, \$150 with interest, and the sum of \$50 given to the Rector for new church, from the late William Johnston, Esq., Barrister. Through the indefatigable exertions of some of our young lady friends, we have also realized some thirty dollars.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—St James' Church Concert.—The most sanguine expectations of the audience at the concert held in Trinity Church school-room, under the auspices of St. James' Church, were fully realized. Edward Willis, Esq., acted as Chairman. A choir composed of 26 persons sang selections during the evening, and they came in for a goodly share of the applause. The programme, as printed, was carried out, with the exception of the trio in which the Misses Crothers were to have taken part, they being unable to assist.

C. of E. Institute.—At the sixth annual meeting of the Church of England Institute, held at the rooms of the Institute, Odd Fellows' Hall, the President, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, read his annual report, which was adopted. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Canon Brigstocke, President; C. F. Kinnear, Dr. Walker, Lay Vice-Presidents; Rev. F. S. Sill, M.

Chamberlain, A. Tippet, C. E. L. Jarvis, R. P. Starr, W. H. Merritt, C. A. McDonald, W. C. Drury, H. W. Frith, H. Peters, Executive Committee. A resolution of thanks to the Ladies' Association passed; also a vote of thanks to the President.

PERSONAL.—The Metropolitan will arrive in St. John on the 6th March, and will spend part of Lent in St. John. The Bishop-Coadjutor will also spend a part of the season in Lenten work in the city.

THE severe storms of the 22nd and 23rd seriously impeded travel, and prevented us from securing much Diocesan news.

CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONARY BOXES.—Returns for half year ending July 1st, 1881.—Burton, \$2.15; Carleton, 21.26; Chatham, 27.41; Derby, 1.51; Dorchester, 8.44; Fredericton, 37.44; Gagetown, 3.20; Greenwich, 11.10; Hampton, 5.10; Kingsclear, 6.52; Kingston, 15.15; Moncton, 10.00; Musquash, 1.96; New Denmark, 3.48; New Maryland, 5.81; Point du Chene, 2.42; Restigouche, 2.13; Richmond, 6.93; Richibucto, 0.60; Springfield, 6.35; St. Andrews, 10.56; St. David, 1.87; St. James', St. John, 3.25; St. Paul, St. John, 65.84; Trinity, St. John, 69.11; St. Martins, 7.16; Sussex, 8.79; Waterford, 9.98; Westfield, 27.38; Wicklow, 3.41; Woodstock, 27.51. Total \$413.52. Number of boxes out, 796; number of boxes making returns, 437.

Returns for half year ending Dec. 31st, 1881.—Andover, \$8.43; Bathurst, 6.22; Bright, 7.32; Burton, 4.78; Carleton, 18.48; Derby, 3.87; Dorchester, 9.51; Fredericton, 40.04; Gagetown, 3.79; Greenwich, 11.22; Hampton, 11.06; Kingston, 12.56; Maugeville, 9.43; Musquash, 5.46; Newcastle, 7.91; New Denmark, 3.41; New Maryland, 4.71; Petitcodiac, 9.10; Point du Chene, 1.73; Prince William, 8.00; Richibucto, 6.50; Rothesay, 2.50; Springfield, 6.52; St. Andrews, 2.42; St. David, 3.31; St. James', St. John, 3.00; St. Mark, St. John, 50.00; St. Paul, St. John, 64.00; Trinity, St. John, 65.00; St. Martins, 7.42; St. Stephen, 6.73; Stanley, 6.10; Waterford, 8.02; Westfield, 30.00; Wicklow, 2.00; Woodstock, 21.44. Total \$471.79. Number of boxes out, 969; number of boxes making returns, 451. Total for the year, 1881, \$885.31.

FREDERICK S. SILL,
Secretary of Mission Box Committee.
St. John, N. B., February, 1882.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

MONTREAL.—Lenten services are of course being held in all the churches of the city. The Bishop preached on Ash Wednesday evening in the Cathedral. Other clergy of the city—the Revs. Canon Evan, Dumoulin, Baylis, Sullivan—will take the special sermons through Lent. In country parts the frequency of the services and the attendance will depend very much on the weather and roads. Lent to a country clergyman in the country is a very trying time, mentally and corporally. His exertions in the preparation of sermons and lectures do not meet with that attention and attendance that braces and stimulates. The deep and searching subjects he has to preach on he can't give that feeling and point to when he finds only a few familiar faces before him, and most of them from his own household. He can't rouse himself to preach and speak as he would to his Sunday congregation, and so any casual attendant goes away and thinks the Lenten sermons not interesting or arousing. Perhaps it is the Sunday sermons that should be made so arousing as to cause more to come to the special weekday services.

THE Matron of the Hervey Institute has had from the force of public opinion to resign, notwithstanding the report of the investigating committee in her favor, and the ladies of the managing board. Better so.

A CURIOUS instance of the marriage laws and their manipulation by the Church of Rome has lately been manifested. A certain couple in one of the not distant parishes of the Roman Diocese of Montreal were married in the regular way, when about a year after it was discovered somehow that there was a degree of affinity between them which came within the somewhat far reaching regulations of the Roman Church laid down as concerning the "Holy Estate." The parties were duly notified by their spiritual adviser that it was requisite to have a dispensation, and obtaining that, a repetition of the marriage. All this, as faithful children of the Church, was agreed to until the time of the re-marriage. And here comes the greater complication. The lady wished to make a new stipulation on the eve of what, in the eyes of the Church, would be the true and lawful wedlock, to which the man, however, would not consent, and they parted in consequence. Having accepted the Church's dictum that they were not married before, they proceeded, or one of them (the husband of the year) proceeded to select a new partner, to whom he was without demur, on the part of the Church, wedded. The forsaken woman who had been a widow at the time of her last engagement resumed the name she went by then. Her first husband had been a member of some Roman Catholic Benefit Society which grants to widows a weekly allowance. The