

Gregory, was held at the Chapter House. After prayers, a letter, specially written for the occasion by the Bishop, was read by the Treasurer, in which much interesting information was given concerning the work and its progress. A very satisfactory financial statement as to the general fund was presented by the treasurer, and it appeared that over £950 had been contributed in answer to the appeal which was issued by the Bishops of St. Albans, Rochester and Lichfield, after the burning down of the Bishop's house, with its contents, at Regina. A short general statement was also made by the secretary, after which the Chairman addressed the meeting in a few hearty words, expressive of the thankfulness that should be felt for the great blessings which God had vouchsafed to the work. Especially was it a matter of congratulation that the money asked for by the Bishop for the farm was now almost entirely raised by gifts, without recourse to loans. Some £300, he believed, was still required, which would make complete the purchase of the land. Canon Legge, vicar of Lewisham, Mr. Taylor, who had been the Bishop's churchwarden at Woolwich, and Mr. J. Shaw Stewart, also addressed the meeting; and cordial votes of thanks were given to the lady correspondents and all helpers, and to the chairman. Canon Curteis then referred to the presence of the Rev. W. St. John Field, who was about to join the Bishop as a fellow-laborer, and expressed all heartfelt good wishes and prayers for his welfare. After Mr. Field had replied, a happy and satisfactory meeting was terminated by the Chairman giving the Blessing.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

Continued.

FREDERICTON.—On Thursday, the 17th inst., the annual Sunday-School Festival was held on the grounds adjoining those of the Rectory. Everything had been duly and bountifully provided by the teachers and other kind parishioners that could tend to make the occasion a joyful and happy one. The scholars, we are sure, heartily appreciated the self-sacrificing labours of those who worked so hard to give them such a generous treat.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Continued.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—The Rev. F. R. Murray, rector of the parish has returned to his charge much improved in health, and is now vigorously carrying on the many and exacting good works which have made St. Luke's the model church of the diocese. Rev. A. D. Sylvester leaves for a well-earned rest, and will pay a visit to the States.

Trinity Church.—Quite an improvement has been made in the exterior appearance of the church by the removal of a heavy iron rail, and by placing a neat pathway to the side doors of the building. Under the persevering and unassuming work of Mr. Sampson, Trinity has undergone many improvements, and the congregation is being quietly and surely built up.

St. Mark's.—A special service of sacred song was held in St. Mark's last Thursday, when selections from Handel's Messiah were sung, accompanied by the Misses Taylor and Pickford, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Mitchell. Professor Pater, of St. Paul's, presided at the organ. The service was a great success. A special offertory was taken up for the improvement of the three mile church burying ground.

DARTMOUTH.—At the meeting for the election of a rector, the choice fell upon the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, the esteemed rector of St. Mark's. There were 60 voters present, so that 31 votes were necessary for a choice. Mr. Winterbourne gained exactly that number, while three other candidates gained respectively, 16, 10, and 3. It was announced at the meeting that there was

sufficient authority for stating that in the event of an unanimous call to the Rector of St. Mark's, he would accept the parish. A unanimous call was then extended to the Rev. gentleman. We congratulate Mr. Winterbourne on this tribute of respect and confidence shewn him, we congratulate the parish on the good sense and patriotism shewn to the diocese in selecting all diocesan men for the honour of the votes.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Much excitement prevails in Newfoundland upon the effort now being made to rush the Conservative Government. The *Times* of 19th Sept., says:

Those who love to see dear old Terra Nova keep pace with the times, will, we feel confident, vote for Sir William Whiteway and Party on the 31st day of October. That our beloved little isle has prospered under the progressive policy of Whiteway and Party no right thinking man can deny, and to hurl the present Government from power for the purpose of making room for incompetent and revengeful men is an act of which all true Newfoundlanders will not be guilty of.

We however refer to the matter chiefly as illustrating the dangers to even the political economy through the unhappy and unreasonable division existing in Protestant Christendom. It is well-known that the Romanists "hang together" as the phrase is, in this as in most other matters; whilst the separation amongst Protestants operates to their defeat.

The *Times* says:—

GOOD COUNSEL.—Wednesday's *Advocate* informs its readers that there ought to be no contest in any Catholic district at the forthcoming political contest. This announcement is significant; and we as staunch Churchmen would advise the Protestant electors to do likewise, and have no contest in Protestant districts. At the present critical state of affairs Protestants should, and must be united. The unholy disunion of Protestants at the present juncture is appalling, and a disgrace to so large and liberal a body of Christians.

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BRITISH BUDGET.

The Bishop of Meath (Dr. Reichel) stands next in rank-precedence, according to prescriptive right and the law of the realm to the two Archbishops of Ireland. He is entitled to the prefix "Most Reverend," as a consequence of this premiership.

At the close of the last century in Dublin, there were 40,000 Protestants and 120,000 Roman Catholics. In 1884 there were 148,000 Protestants and 184,000 Romanists—the former increased about 250 per cent.

The parish Church of St. Andrew, Sedbergh, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, has just been restored at a cost of £4,000.

Dean Howson has been ordered by his medical adviser complete rest for some time. The Dean is at present in Scotland.

Lord Penrhyn, who had already given the site for a new church at Capel Curig, a village nestling at the foot of Snowdon, will also contribute eleven hundred pounds towards the cost of its erection.

Sunday, the 25th October, has been selected as the National Church Sunday for the present year. Sermons will be preached in most churches, and offertories made on behalf of Church Defence.

The Bishop of Exeter recently opened the temporary iron church of St. Helena on Lundy Island, which is situate about twenty miles from the "bar" in the bay of Bideford. The build-

ing has been erected at the sole expense of the Rev. H. G. Heaven, the proprietor of the island, who has for many years conducted Divine service in a farmhouse. No church has been open on the island from time immemorial, though the ruins of the old fabric of St. Helena are still discernable. The last recorded institution of a clergyman was that of Nicholas Comyng by Bishop Grandison, February 3rd, 1355. For 200 years the island was the lair of pirates. The erection of the iron church has been the object of the keenest interest to the islanders, who crowded to the opening service—men, women, and children, almost without exception.

A famous Prayer Book is now on exhibition in Bond Street, London. It is three inches by two. It was originally the property of Queen Elizabeth. It consists of sixty-five leaves of vellum, on which are neatly written, in the Queen's own hand, prayers in English, Greek, Latin, French, and Italian. The inside of the shagreen case, which is adorned with ruby clasps, contains a pair of miniatures—one of the Queen and one of the Duke d'Alencon—painted by Nicholas Hilliard. It is supposed that the book was intended as a *gage d'amour* for the Duke in 1551, when it is known, she had agreed to accept him as her husband.

A vacancy among the heads of Houses at Oxford is caused by the death of Dr. Bulley, the venerable President at Magdalen, who graduated at the University as far back as 1829. He was elected President of Magdalen in 1855.

During forty years \$200,000,000 have been expended by members of the Church of England in building and restoring churches.

AMERICAN BUDGET.

NEBRASKA.—S. John's Church, Ulysses, a memorial to Bishop Clarkson, has just been completed.

A new Parish has been organized at Omaha, Neb., under the name of S. John's. A church will be immediately built, on lots already purchased. A Detroit churchwoman has volunteered to give all the chancel furniture.

NEW YORK.—The opening services of the Centennial Convention of the Diocese will be held in Trinity Church, New York, on Wednesday, September 30, 1885. Morning prayer will be said at 9 a. m. At 10 a. m. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and an historical discourse. Immediately after this service the Convention will organize and adjourn. On the same day, September 30, there will be a commemorative service at St. Thomas' Church, New York, at 8 p. m., at which addresses will be delivered by the Bishops of Western New York, Central New York, Long Island, and Albany.

In the Church of the Holy Communion, Patterson, alterations are being made for the accommodation of a surpliced choir. The choir will assume their vestments on September 27th, when a harvest festival service will be held.

SOUTHERN OHIO.—A branch of the American Church Temperance Society has been organized at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia.

St. Mary's Church, Hillsborough, Rev. Edward Bradley, Rector, is in receipt of the munificent gift of a noble organ from Mrs. Rufus King, of Cincinnati.

WISCONSIN.—The Diocesan Council has declared its mind upon the Book Annexed in the following resolution: "That longer consideration and fuller discussion should be had before any amendment whatever shall be made to the Book of Common Prayer."

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