

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### HALIFAX.

The Bishop of the Diocese confirmed a class of 89 candidates at *St. Paul's* on Low Sunday at the morning service. At *St. Luke's* on the 2nd Sunday after Easter, 21 men and boys and 37 women and girls were confirmed at the evening service. One of the candidates at *St. Luke's* was deaf, dumb and blind, and had been privately prepared by the Rector, with the assistance of a blind young man who interpreted, by means of the finger language, the Rector's instructions. The service was very beautiful and impressive.

The Bishop is reading a course of lectures, which were delivered in Boston by Bishop Phillips Brooks, at *St. Paul's* every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The large Church is filled with eager and attentive listeners.

The mid-day service for men, under the direction of the *St. Andrew's Brotherhood* in Halifax, is being continued every Wednesday: Dr. Partridge conducting it for the month of April; the attendance has been very good.

At the beginning of the year the Clerical Club was formed in Halifax under the encouragement and advice of the Bishop, for the purpose of discussing subjects of importance to the Church: the membership consists of the clergy of the Church in Halifax, together with a few others in the neighborhood, the number being limited to 25. The Club meet once a month at the houses of the members in rotation, and a discussion takes place in which each member present takes part. Four meetings of the Club have been held which have proved of great interest and profit, besides bringing the clergy together, and enabling them to feel their essential unity in the work of the Church.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

**THE BISHOP MEDLEY MEMORIAL.**—The Episcopate of the late Bishop Medley, extending over a period of forty-seven years, and marked by singular devotion, saintliness of life, patient, persevering labour and unflinching liberality, was no sooner closed than it was felt that it was worthy of some public memorial, and that not his Diocese only, but his friends everywhere, as well as members of the Church in Canada, England, and the United States, and others who may wish to show respect to his memory, would very gladly contribute thereto.

Accordingly a committee, consisting of the Bishop, the Clergy of the Diocese, and Lay Representatives from each parish, was appointed to take the subject into consideration and decide as to the form of the Memorial.

After much careful deliberation, it has been decided that the memorial shall take a two-fold form:

First, a monument, to be erected in the Cathedral, subject to the approval of the Bishop, and to the amount of money subscribed for that purpose.

Second, the endowment of a Mission Canonry, to be known as the "Bishop Medley Memorial Canonry," in connection with the Cathedral, for the due maintenance of the services therein, and for carrying on special Mission work throughout the Diocese. The amount required for both objects is estimated to be not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

Subscriptions will be received as follows: First, For a General Fund, which will be applied towards the monument, until the sum subscribed for that purpose amounts to five thousand dollars, after which all sums will be appropriated towards the endowment of the proposed Canonry; or, Second, For the erection of the monument; or, Third, For the endowment of the Canonry. Subscriptions for the Canonry may extend over three years, and be paid in quarterly instalments.

It is hoped that the proposed memorial will enlist very general and hearty sympathy, and meet with a prompt and liberal response. All subscriptions should be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurers, *St. John, N.B.*

### Diocese of Montreal.

#### BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

A joint meeting of the chapters of the Brotherhood of *St. Andrew* will be held in Grace church school-room, Wellington street, on Saturday evening, the 29th, at 8 p.m., to which all members are earnestly invited.

#### LACHINE.

*St. Stephen's.*—The Easter services in this church were of a very bright and hearty character, and the congregations very large, being greatly in excess of last year and of any previous Easter Day. There were some 35 communicants at the eight o'clock service, the total at both celebrations being 117—also an excess over previous years.

The annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Monday evening in the church hall and was largely attended. The financial statement presented by the retiring wardens showed the total revenue for the past year to have been \$2,459.93, in addition to which \$342.85 had been raised towards paying off the debt on the church hall building, this latter amount being chiefly the result of the work of the Ladies' guild. For the ensuing year Messrs. F. Goucher and J. G. Brock were re-appointed rector's and people's wardens respectively; Messrs. R. C. Thorneloe and S. J. Doran, lay delegates to the Synod; Messrs. S. Shackell and E. W. Strathy, auditors, and the following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. J. T. Rathwell, R. L. Baynes-Reed, H. W. Reynolds, R. B. Kenrick, F. Crispo and Chas. Crispo. The rector, Rev. R. Hewton, M.A., and Mrs. Hewton leave this week on a trip across the Atlantic, bearing with them the best wishes of the parish for a pleasant holiday and a safe return.

### Diocese of Ontario.

#### ATHENS.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will administer Confirmation in Christ church here on the 15th of May, in the morning.

#### NOTICE.

It is intended to hold the Trinity Ordination in this Diocese in Kingston on Sunday, June 18th. Candidates for Deacons' and Priest's Orders are requested to present themselves for examination on Tuesday, June 13th, in the Synod Hall, Kingston, at 3 p.m., with their certificates and other papers. Any information required will be given by the Archdeacon of Kingston, Brockville, Ont.

#### APPOINTMENT.

The Rev. Canon Smith, rector of the Cathedral, has been appointed Dean of the Diocese of Ontario. His many friends, both in that Diocese and in that of Montreal and Quebec (with

both of which he was formerly connected) will hear with pleasure of his advancement. Mr. Smith was for some time Rector of *St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke*. He is a son of the late Rev. J. Smith, Rural Dean of Sutton, in the Diocese of Montreal, and is a graduate of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. Dean Smith is yet comparatively a young man and his appointment to such an important position is an evidence of his ability and of the esteem in which he is held.

#### KEMPTVILLE.

The special services during Lent were fairly attended, those during Holy Week better than usual; the children were catechized twice each day. There were three services on Good Friday. The three p.m. service consisted of brief meditations on the seven last words from the Cross, appropriate hymns and prayers. At the seven p.m. service the solemn Litany of the seven last words (in A. M. H.) was sung with a short collect between each part. There were four services on Easter Day. At the two celebrations there were 89 communicants. In the afternoon the Children's Easter service took place.

After the Nicene Creed the Rector, Mr. Emery, congratulated the parishioners on the debt being paid off on the church. On Monday in Easter week the Vestry met in *St. James' Hall*. After routine business it adjourned for two weeks. At a meeting for electing delegates for Synod, Messrs. J. M. Harding and George Keating, sr., were elected. At the adjourned meeting Messrs. J. M. Harding and George Eager were re-elected churchwardens, sidesmen were chosen, a churchyard guild and envelope guild were appointed. A committee was chosen to devise ways and means to procure a new churchyard fence. The committee purpose applying for help to the many former parishioners who have removed from this to other parishes, and have left their friends sweetly sleeping within this old churchyard.

New Bibles were purchased for the Sunday school, and used for the first time this Easter, taking the place of the old ones that had been in use for 35 years. Some \$50 worth of new books were added to the S.S. library.

The Ladies' Aid are going to place kneelers in the church.

The Mission Church of *St. Paul, Marlboro*, keeps up its numbers and evinces considerable signs of life and improvement notwithstanding the departure of many for the Northwest. The fortnightly catechizing after the second lesson has been very profitable to young and old.

On Saturday, April 22nd, Mrs. Tilton kindly described the workings of the Women's Auxiliary to the Kemptville branch in the Rectory drawing-room.

### Diocese of Toronto.

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toronto, in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, was held last week, commencing with service in Holy Trinity on Thursday morning, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Morrison, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., was the preacher and delivered an able sermon. The business meetings commenced in the afternoon in the school-room of Holy Trinity, which was crowded; the Diocesan President, Mrs. Williamson, presiding. There were present representatives from all parts of the Diocese and the following visitors: Mrs. McLaren, president of the Niagara Woman's Auxiliary; Mrs. Fessenden, Niagara, editor of *The Leaflet*; Mrs. Simpson, Niagara, secretary junior