

REV. E. C. PARKIN.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of one of the oldest clergymen of this Diocese: the Rev. Edward Cullen Parkin, who died on the 21st instant, St. Thomas's day, at his son's residence, in the Village of Waterville, in the County of Compton.

The son of an old Quebec Missionary, Mr. Parkin was ordained Deacon in the year 1844, and Priest in the year 1845, by Bishop G. J. Mountain, and after serving for a short time at St. Paul's Church or the Mariners' Chapel in this City, was appointed in 1845, to the Mission of Valcartier, where he remained till the autumn of 1864, when he moved to the Parish of Cookshire. Here he remained till 1881. While here he was the means of building the present handsome stone Church of St. Peter's, in the Village of Cookshire, one of the most sightly ecclesiastical buildings in the Eastern Townships; and, during nearly the whole of this period, Mr. Parkin acted as the Hon. Secretary of St. Francis District Association of the Church Society of this Diocese. From 1881 till 1890, Mr. Parkin was Rector of Nicolet, when he ceased from active work, and was placed on the Pension Fund of this Diocese. A good churchman, a faithful and true friend, Mr. Parkin's loss will be severely felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him, and his son and daughter, and also his brother, Mr. C. W. Parkin, of St. Francis College, Richmond, have our kind sympathy in their sore bereavement.

HARRIET MARY NICOLLS.

On Christmas Day, there passed away at her residence, at Lennoxville, one who from childhood was intimately associated with the fortunes of the Diocese of Quebec. Harriet Mary Nicolls was daughter of the late Right Rev. George Jehoshaphat Mountain, D.D., Lord Bishop of Quebec, and widow of the late Rev. Jasper R. Nicolls, D.D., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. How much the Diocese owes to the Mountain and Nicolls families, it would be hard to estimate. The funeral took place at St. Michael's Church, Bergeville, erected by her brother, the Rev. Armine Mountain, and was attended by her sons, the Rev. G. G. Nicolls, of Rivière du Loup, and Armine Nicolls, Esq., Bursar of Bishop's College, who, with all near relations, have our most respectful sympathy.

DISTRICT NEWS.

ST. MICHAEL'S, BERGERVILLE.

The Bishop of the Diocese has recently paid two visits to this Parish, but on both occasions the war of elements, a rain storm in the first instance and a snow storm in the second, prevented many from reaping the advantage they might otherwise have done.

On the 28th Nov., at the request of the Parochial branch of the W. A., his Lordship delivered a most interesting and spirited lecture on Home Missions, choosing as his subject the work which he had himself carried on at South Acton. The topic was most graphically illustrated by dissolving views, which vividly portrayed the many scenes of interest connected with his labours, and enabled the audience to trace the successive steps in the formation of the district from small beginnings till its consolidation into a completely organized Parish, with its numerous agencies for various good works in full and successful operation.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop, for his most interesting lecture and his kindness in coming over to address the meeting in such bad weather, was moved by Mr. John Burstall and seconded by Col. Forsythe.

On the first Sunday in Advent, the annual service of Intercession was said at the eleven o'clock service, when the Bishop preached. His references to the special teaching of Advent in its connection with missions and his masterly defence of the work of missions and the real success which had attended them as shown by the unqualified testimony of laymen, whose high position and long experience coupled with exceptional opportunities of observation, rendered such testimony invaluable, were listened to with deep attention. The manifest duty of taking an active interest in the spread of Christ's kingdom and the necessity of communicating information about missions as a chief means of evoking that interest, were impressed upon both pastor and congregation. We trust the suggestion will not be lost upon either, and that each in his way will endeavour to promote a keener sense of the duty incumbent upon us all.

DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS.

Church Society and Deanery Board.

The usual anniversary was held in Sherbrooke on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 5th and 6th. On Tuesday, 5th, at 2.30,