

BISHOP DOANE'S SERMON.

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We must not forget that the Charity which believeth all things also beareth all things, and it will be a sore sin on any Christian soul if, by harsh words and the desire for mere personal victory, and lack of love, he should repel those and drive them away who are "not far from the Kingdom of God." As in morals, the true hatred of sin grows out of and consists with great love of sinners, so in religion, impatience and intolerance of error makes us long suffering, considerate, sympathetic, tender, very parakletai—if the expression may be reverently used—to them that are in error, that, through us, as we reflect Him whose light and life is love, God may show them the light of His truth.

I am sure I speak for all our home Episcopate when I say that we are glad to honor and congratulate the venerable Metropolitan of Canada, glad to welcome you my brother to be to him as Joshua to Moses; and, in your turn, to take the perils and the honor of leadership in this part of the Church of God; and glad to take our representative part in twisting in again the strand of our succession into the great electric cable of our common connection, through St. Paul and St. John, with the chief Bishop and Shepherd of our souls. Thread of minute and microscopic insignificance each Bishop is, in this great rope of wire, instinct and tingling with a mightier current than magnetic life can have, the presence of the Holy Ghost; articulate with the voices of inspired revelation and of the unerring tradition of the yet undivided Church; and girdling what is greater than continents, the centuries and countries of Christendom, through which it runs and binds them to eternity, to Christ, to heaven. Science, in its studies of the still undiscovered sources of electric power, has used it in a twofold way, to transmit the written and the spoken message from afar. And, as so often, the physical is the type of the spiritual, the material wonders of telegraph and telephone suggest the mightier mystery of grace. Nature learned late and uses for lower ends, the lesson of electric wires; for this continuous Episcopate of the Church, witnessing and keeping the word, has transcribed and transmitted from age to age the message of the written Scripture, authenticating with its signature that the message came at first from God, was borne upon its mission by the force of the Holy Ghost, and is with absolute accuracy written down for men to read. Still more personal is our relation on the other application of this spiritual force, to be almost the passive transmitters, by this telephonic enabling, of the *phone tou poimenos tou kalou*, the voice of the Good Shepherd. There is no other promise for the work that Christ has given us to do, of calling, guiding, gathering, feeding, folding, the flock He purchased with His Blood, but only this. The sheep hear His voice; ours they will not hear. Nothing has ever come of hearing human voices, to the sheep of Christ, but error and loss, hunger and scattering: I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas; or, in the modern names, of Rome, of Wesley, of Calvin. To the one fold of the one flock, those sheep come only who hear the Shepherd's voice. Not here or now, not on earth or in time, but in eternity, thank God, that *must* of Jesus Christ's constraining love shall be made true of all the sheep, "these also I must bring." Meanwhile, my brother, "our cares and studies are to be turned," as we "go before the face of the Lord to prepare His way;" to decrease ourselves that "He may increase;" to withdraw ourselves; to let "the sound of the Master's feet be heard behind" us; to be such "ambassadors for Christ as that God will beseech men by us;" to be the voice of Christ who "cries in the wilderness" after His sheep which He has lost, that He may bring them Home. Filled with the presence of His promise I *Am* with you. We say with Moses "I am has sent me." Filled with the power of His grace, with the perfectness of His teaching, with the purpose of His life; preaching not ourselves, but Jesus Christ and Him crucified; seeking not our own but the things that be Jesus Christ's; so commissioned, so controlled, so consecrated by Him; we who are set to be "Shepherds of the shepherds of the sheep," shall so set forth and show Him unto men, that they will hear His voice as we beseech or bless, instruct, encourage, warn, reprove, direct; His voice, in ours, regenerating, absolving, sanctifying, pleading the power and feeding with the food of His own sacrifice; and hearing, they will know His voice and follow Him in "a green pasture and beside waters of comfort" here; and then "through the valley of the shadow of death, fearing no evil," and then "to dwell in the house of the Lord forever." And we, being such pastors, alike in representative authority and in a real presenting of Him only unto men, O my Father, my brother, my brethren, "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

During the past year the following alterations have been made in the Schedule adopted by the General Committee last July:

Table with 3 columns: Parish Name, Assessment, Grant. Rows include Bathurst, Bay du Vin, Derby, Fairville, Restigouche, Richmond, Richibucto, St. Martin's, Upham, Wicklow, Prince William.

These alterations were made upon special application in each case, and for reasons which, after full consideration, the Board deemed sufficient to justify the change.

Deputation Visits.—Deputations appointed by the Board have visited the following Missions during the year: Norton, Albert, Prince William, Bright and Queensbury.

In the case of Norton, the Deputation reported that after meeting a large number of the Parishioners and discussing with them the position and resources of the Mission, and considering the length of time the Mission had been aided by the Society, they could not recommend any alteration in the terms of the grant. The engagement has since been completed, and the assessment paid.

In the case of Albert, the Deputation reported that after visiting several parts of the Mission and consulting the people, they were convinced that if the work was to be maintained, the grant from the Society must be increased for a time and a reduction made in the assessment. The Mission has been vacant some months, and, in view of the present state of the Society's funds, the Board cannot recommend any change in the grant for next year.

In the case of Prince William, the Deputation recommended that the amount required from the Mission be reduced \$50. This has since been done; the engagement has been made and the assessment paid.

In the case of Bright and Queensbury, the Deputation recommended that the two Missions should be served for the present by the Missionary at Bright, the people in the two Missions to contribute \$280, and the grant from the Society to be \$520. This has been done for some months, and the Board recommend that the arrangement be continued next year, provided a satisfactory arrangement can be made to supply Douglas with services.

Parsonage Houses.—Grants of \$100 each have been made upon the usual conditions to Stanley, Westfield, and Burton. The Board desire the General Committee to give direction as to the payment of these grants, which are made conditional upon the existence of available funds (see Rule 13, page 16, D. C. S. Report, 1880.)

Divinity Scholarships Fund.—A grant of \$60 from the income of this Fund has been paid to Mr. James Cowie, subject to the Rules which govern the Fund.

New Grants.—A grant of \$40 has been made for the services of the Reverend B. Shaw, in the Mission of Johnston, during the past year.

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.—The Board have sent to this Society, as requested, a full statement of the work at present maintained in the Diocese.

The grant made to this Diocese for 1881 was £1,000 for Missionary purposes, and £120 for Divinity Scholarships; this was £100 less than the grant for 1880. The grant for 1882 is £1,500 for Missionary purposes and £100 for Divinity Scholarships—being a reduction of £400, or about \$2,000.

In the letter announcing this large reduction, the Secretary says that "they had before them the duty of reducing the existing grants to the extent of £7,940, and their object has been to do this with the least possible hardship to individuals, and the least hindrance to the work of the Church."

For several years past the Board have pointed out in every report the danger of a large reduction in this grant, so that no one can say that it is now made without due warning. Even now, six months' notice is given. During that time every effort must be used to make up the amount. In view of the rule adopted thirteen years ago by the venerable Society—that nine years should be the time during which it might contribute towards the support of a Clergyman in a Colonial Mission—it must surely be acknowledged that there is an especial duty upon Missions which have been assisted for thirty or forty years, to become self-supporting within a short time. Surely all will unite in the effort that must be made to prevent Churches being closed and Missions abandoned. There are many who avail themselves of the services of the Church, and yet give little or nothing to the Diocesan Church Society, without whose grant those services could not be maintained. Let there be a Committee appointed at once in each Mission throughout the Diocese to call upon all persons attending the services of the Church and urge them to contribute according to their ability to the maintenance of those services.

The Board desire here to remind the Missions receiving aid from this grant that one of the conditions upon which it is made is that they send a contribution to the Foreign Missions of the Society. According to the Report for 1880, there were no contributions from Andover, Bright, Burton, Cambridge, Grand Manan, Moncton, New Maryland, Newcastle, Petersville, Richibucto, Richmond, Restigouche, Sackville, St. George, St. David's, Springfield, Waterford.

MEETING OF THE DEANERY OF KINGSTON.—The Deanery will meet at Petitcodiac Wednesday and Thursday, August 10th and 11th. Wednesday—Meeting of Chapter 2 p. m.; Acts ii. in Greek; Psalm vi. in Hebrew; service 7.30 p. m. Thursday—Holy Communion 7.30 a. m.; meeting of Chapter 9 a. m. B. Shaw, Hon. Secretary.

GREENWICH.—The church at the lower end of the Parish has been boarded in and shingled. It is hoped that it will be ready for service this fall.

FLORENCEVILLE.—We regret to learn that the house owned and occupied by Rev. Joseph E. Flewelling, Missionary at Wicklow, was totally destroyed by fire on the 16th, in the absence of the family. The fire caught in an adjoining house, and four houses were consumed. Mr. Flewelling was in St. John at the time, and his wife at Woodstock. The insurance was only \$600, while the loss was quite \$1000. Mr. Flewelling wishes, through the columns of the GUARDIAN, to thank those of his friends who have already extended to him sympathy, &c. Any who may wish to assist him in this his time of need, can remit by Post Office order to Florenceville, Carleton Co. "Give and it shall be given you."

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

NORTH-WEST COMMON MISSION BUILDING.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Previously acknowledged, Collected by Miss Taylor, Collected by a lady member of St. Luke's, Collected by a member of St. Luke's, Rev. W. H. Groser.

SELWYN H. SURVEY, Treasurer.

Halifax, July 18, 1881.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The amount received from Springfield, (St. Elizabeth's Church), P. E. Island, for Algoma, was \$8.30 instead of \$5.30 as reported.

July 2nd, from Rev. H. Stamer, \$1.51, collection Thanksgiving. Also July 20, from Rev. E. Ball, Springfield, \$1.90, collection for S. P. G.

W. GOSSIP, Treasurer.

HERRING COVE.—The Rev. Geo. F. Maynard has been very successful in his appeal to Churchmen throughout Canada, in aid of the Fund for building a new Rectory. The foundation is being laid, and Mr. Maynard hopes to have the building finished this Fall. The people are doing all they can, but their means are limited, and the Missionary has been obliged to seek outside help. Services are held regularly at Falkland, and at Herring Cove, and good congregations encourage the clergyman by their attendance and interest.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, WINNSOR.—We are very glad to learn that the Rev. Mr. Willetts has withdrawn his resignation, and that he will continue head-master of the Collegiate School. With the Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Willetts in charge, parents may depend upon the utmost kindness and care being shown their children. Mr. Willetts has proved himself to be a successful and accomplished teacher. The clergy should take more interest in this school, which is so necessary to the future success of King's College.

CORNWALLIS.—On a recent visit to this parish, we were glad to learn that steps were being taken to rebuild the Rectory, which was destroyed by fire last summer. Mr. Axford has been most unfortunate in the loss of his house, but the parishioners of Cornwallis are a well-to-do, well-disposed people, and we doubt not nothing will be allowed to hinder the completion of the work. The country about Cornwallis is looking very charming, and the crops this year are particularly good.

MACCAN.—On Saturday, the 16th, the Bishop confirmed seven candidates—four males and three females—in this Church. There were present, besides the Missionary, the Rev. Canon Townshend and Rev. Dr. Uniacke, of Amherst, and the Rev. J. D. H. Brown, of Halifax. The Service was well attended. This is part of the writer's first Mission, and the faces of old friends made him feel very much at home. Mr. Ball's residence is near this Church.

STEWIACKE.—The Rev. J. C. Cox held services in this place and in English Settlement, on Sunday last, preaching twice in the former, and once in the latter place. The people are anxious to have Mr. Cox accept their vacant Parish, and we believe there are some prospects of his acceding to their request.

PICOU.—Rev. Dr. O'Meara, of Port Hope, Ontario, who is now on a visit to some friends in Picou, will take the Rector's duty while Mr. Edgecombe enjoys a well-earned and much-needed rest in Prince Edward Island.

NEW GLASGOW.—The Bishop of Quebec, who is staying with Mr. Moore, at the Church Rectory until the S. S. *Scud* can take his Lordship to the Magdalen Islands, most kindly celebrated the Lord's Supper, and preached for us on Sunday last; he was assisted by the Rev. J. Boydell, and our Rector. The plans for our proposed new Church have

arrived from England; they are the work of J. Drayton Dyatt, Senr., Gloucester House, Liverpool Road, Holloway, London. Mr. W. is Diocesan Architect for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury. The designs are just what we needed, and are most pleasing.

ALBION MINES.—Advantage was taken of the absence of our Rector at Fredericton to have the church thoroughly cleaned internally. \$560 were taken at the strawberry festival on the 19th—say \$500 clear. This, with \$300 paid or promised, will enable us to go to work at once on the new chancel. On the 17th the Lord Bishop of Quebec preached for us, both morning and evening, much to our delight and edification. His attendant priest, Mr. Boydell, also took part in the services, and preached an admirable sermon on Wednesday, the 20th, on which day the Sunday School children had their summer treat. Bishop Williams addressed them on the grounds at Mount Rundell.

AMHERST.—On Friday, the 15th inst., the Bishop of the Diocese arrived in Amherst from Fredericton, where he had been taking part in the consecration of the Coadjutor Bishop. His Lordship was met at the station by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Townshend, R. D., who for over forty-seven years has faithfully ministered to the parish. At 3 o'clock service was held in the beautiful little church, in which is displayed, in much good taste, some elaborate ornamentation, the handiwork of a faithful daughter of the Church. Thirteen candidates were presented for the "Laying On of Hands." The Bishop, in the course of his address, took occasion to congratulate the Rector on the evidences of care and devotion in the appearance of the sacred building, and urged the importance of beautifying God's Sanctuary, and of showing reverence and zeal for His Service. We are glad to be able to repeat what we have before felt it a pleasure to state, viz.: that Amherst church, in its internal appearance and in the carrying out of the Church's Liturgy in all its beauty and solemnity, is the model church of the Diocese, and too much credit cannot be bestowed upon its devoted Rector, to whom is due this most gratifying state of things. Canon Townshend is assisted in the services by Dr. Uniacke, who has shown himself a willing helper.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—His Lordship the Bishop visited St. Paul's Church on the evening of the 22nd. Although but little more than a year had elapsed since the solemn rite of the "Laying On of Hands" was administered in the same church, twenty-five candidates were presented. The Bishop was particularly pleased that so many men were amongst the number of those confirmed. The altar and chancel presented a most beautiful appearance on account of the profusion of flowers so tastefully arranged by willing workers. Mr. Jamme, with his usual kindness, offered his team for the conveyance of His Lordship from the railway station. The writer but echoes the heartfelt wish of his brother parishioners in saying, May our much loved Bishop long be spared to the Diocese and we often be cheered by his coming amongst us.

SPRING HILL MINES.—We enjoyed on Sunday week the privilege of visiting this highly interesting locality, the scene of our first labours as an ordained Minister. Under the patient and faithful ministrations of the Rev. E. H. Ball much work has been accomplished during the past three years, and the consecration of a very pretty and churchly structure by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the same day made our visit particularly agreeable one. In the morning at 10.30 o'clock the Bishop consecrated the church, under the name of "All Saints," with the usual impressive ceremony provided for such occasions. His Lordship's kind and forcible words will not soon be forgotten by those interested in the Mission, and must have been most gratifying to both the Missionary and his devoted people. In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a Confirmation service was held, when ten persons of both sexes, and of all ages, came forward to renew their Baptismal vows, and to receive the Apostolic ordinance of the "laying on of hands." The church was crowded at both services, and the Bishop's words must have made a deep impression. The new building will bear favorable comparison with the best of its class in the Diocese, and has been built and paid for, to a large extent, by the people themselves, who take a pardonable pride in its fine appearance as it stands near the summit of a hill, on by far the best site in the village, its spire surmounted by the emblem of our Faith, a prominent beacon of light and hope alike for all who desire the blessings of Christ's Church. While congratulating both pastor and people, which we do most heartily, we must particularly express the Church's indebtedness to Mr. Ball, who has made many sacrifices to minister to this people, and whose personal labours have very largely contributed to the successful completion of so very important a work. Mr. and Mrs. McNutt have our very warm thanks for cordial hospitality.

PARRSBORO'.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese arrived in this parish on the 18th inst., and at an early hour on the morning of Tuesday, the 19th, in company with the Rector, he started for the Mission station of Port Greville, twelve miles distant from the Rectory, where they arrived a few minutes after ten o'clock. The morning drive along the southern slope of the Cumberland Mountains, in full

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS. To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, and the General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society. The Board of Home Missions submit the following Report:—

(To be Continued.)