

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH ARMY.—The Bishops of London and Bedford have just consented to be Patrons of the Church Army. Prolonged missions connected by the working men Evangelists of the Church Army have been begun at Luton, Stockton, Leeds, Gateshead, Cheltenham, and Newport, and others are shortly to commence at Newcastle, Bayswater, Fakenham, Rotherham, Norwich, and Leamington. The Rev. G. Robinson, of Ulgham, explained at the Ruri-Decanal Conference at Morpeth, presided over by the Bishop of Newcastle, that this work had been very successful where an officer had laboured between several outlying village parishes. He said it had resulted in many conversions and had increased his Bible classes, and also the attendance at the early celebrations, some persons coming three miles through muddy roads on a winter's morning.

Children of Sunday-schools may help in securing new subscribers.

THE QUEEN AND CONVOCATION.—The following is the text of the Queen's reply to the address from the Convocation of Canterbury, which was read by her Majesty in person to the deputation, at Windsor, on Friday last:—"I accept with cordial satisfaction your renewed assurances of loyal and affectionate attachment to my throne and person, and I thank you very heartily for the expressions of your interest in all that concerns my domestic happiness and the health and prosperity of my family. It is most gratifying to me to receive your congratulations on the marriage of my dear daughter the Princess Beatrice with his Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg. I gladly accepted from you the copies of the revised translation of the Old and New Testaments, in which important work I had taken much interest. It will ever be my anxious wish that measures may be adopted having for their object the spread of true religion among all classes of my people, and tending to render the Church an increasingly efficient instrument for promoting the spiritual welfare of the growing population of England."

TOWN OR PARISH CLUBS.—We will send 20 copies of the CHURCH GUARDIAN for one year to any Incumbent or other Parish Officer for \$16, remitted with order.

IN THREE ways the Church of Christ has been from time to time brought down to the very chambers of death, and from this deep depression, she has risen again to newness of life. First: There has been the distress and suffering produced by outward persecution. Second: There has been a more formidable danger,—the decay of vital convictions within her fold. So it was in the early part of the thirteenth century, when the Arabian philosophers of Moorish Spain were so widely studied in the universities of Europe. So it was at the revival of letters in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, especially in Italy. So it was conspicuously in the eighteenth century, almost all throughout Europe; but in the heart of the Church was repeated the profound conviction, "Writers may say what they will, I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." Third: The Church of Christ has been exposed, also, to moral corruptions. Here, surely, is an evil more perilous than the sword of the persecutor or any form of intellectual revelation. And yet in evil times, however grave the scandal and deep-seated the disease, thousand and millions of simple folk have been true, on the whole to the life which God has given them,—true to that faith in the Divine Redeemer, in the sanctifying Spirit, in the claims of conscience, and of the world beyond the grave.—*Canon Liddon.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—The Church of England congregation and many others here will sympathize deeply with Mr. Morris Taylor, who assisted Mr. Moore last summer as Lay Reader, in the death of his father, General Reynell Taylor, which occurred on March 3rd. Mr. Taylor has, since been ordained by the Bishop of Ontario and is now in charge of the Clarendon mission in that diocese.

General Reynell George Taylor, H.E.I.C.S., was the fourth son of General Thomas William Taylor, C.B., of West Ogwell House, Devonshire, an old Devonshire family, and descended also from Sir Richard Reynell, who had charge in 1191 of the Castles of Exeter and Lancaster during the absence of Richard I. in the Holy Land.

He has always been spoken of as a pure-minded, honorable man, and a gallant soldier, a sincere Christian, kind-hearted almost to a fault, and as brave as a lion. He was beloved by all who came in contact with him, natives as well as Europeans. A comrade of Herbert Edwards and Nicholson, a follower of Sir Henry Lawrence, and at the same time a type of the best qualities possessed by each of those distinguished men. General Taylor's example will live long after him. There never was a case of distress known to him that his purse did not open to relieve it, and often the widow and fatherless children have found shelter in his house. A great supporter of missions, he was the founder of the Derajat mission (to which he gave £1,000) in a part of the Province he so successfully administered.

ANNAPOLIS.—The next meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery will be held at Bridge-town on Wednesday, the 28th April. Morning service at the parish church, with sermon and celebration of Holy Communion, at usual hour; conference of members of Chapter in the afternoon; Scripture, Acts v.; Missionary meeting in the evening. By order of the Dean. H. D. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

BEAVER BANK.—Miss Penelope Grove heartily thanks the kind "well wisher" who sent her two dollars for the little mission church at Beaver Bank.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Temperance Society.—The Coffee Rooms of the Society are doing a good work, and are being pushed forward by the present energetic manager. The committee intend to ask for an extension of lease.

A special meeting of the executive of the Church of England Temperance Society was held last Saturday in the Institute Rooms, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in the chair. The Licensing Act now before the Local Legislature was discussed, and the following resolution, proposed by the Rev. F. R. Murray, and seconded by R. J. Wilson, Esq., was passed unanimously:—

Whereas, A bill entitled "An Act respecting intoxicating liquors" is now under the consideration of the House of Assembly; and

Whereas, We are of opinion that said Act would be in the best interests of the law and order of the City of Halifax, as well as the Province in general; therefore

Resolved, That the Council do petition the said House of Assembly to pass the said Act, that it may become law.

The resolution has been forwarded and presented to the House of Assembly.

DARTMOUTH.—The Rev. Dr. Partridge lectured in the Sunday-school room last Tuesday

in aid of the addition to the Sunday-school building. There was a large attendance, and the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed.

Much interest is being manifested over the approaching election of a Rector. There are about thirty applicants for the position. The favorite names are all local ones.

ALBERTON, P.E.I.—A very large and interesting meeting was convened in the St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Alberton, last week, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means of securing a clergyman for this charge. There was present a very large representation from remote parts of the district, who with the churchmen of Alberton, were equally zealous to secure the services of a good evangelical pastor, to enter at once upon his mission in this important field. Mr. Benjamin Champion was called to the chair, and the undersigned appointed Secretary. The meeting having been called to order, Rev. R. W. Dyer's resignation of St. Peter's parish was then read, to take effect on Easter Monday. Moved by Henry Oliver, and seconded by Charles Traverse, that a committee of three be appointed to draft an answer to the resignation, to be presented at the Easter meeting. The following were then chosen: Henry Oliver, Ernest Duvar and Wm. Champion. It was moved and carried unanimously that the Churchwardens be instructed to advertise in the *Evangelical Churchman*, Toronto, and the *Church Guardian*, Montreal, for a clergyman for the parish of St. Peter's. It was also moved and carried that a committee of seven be appointed to take charge of the applications, and also to engage said minister. The following committee was then chosen: James E. Birch, Earnest Duvar, Charles Traverse, Ebenezer, Bearisto, Henry Oliver, Benj. Champion and J. D. Woodman. Moved and carried that the amount subscribed to the minister's salary be paid quarterly, and that collectors for each section of the congregation be appointed. The meeting was unanimous in its expressions of regret that Mr. Dyer, from old age and infirmity, was compelled to give up his charge, as he has ministered to the spiritual wants of this parish for over twenty years.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The forty-fourth Annual Report of the Church Society of this Diocese is now being circulated throughout the Missions. As the annual meeting was held in February the compiling and printing have been very expeditiously carried through, which speaks well for the zeal and energy of the worthy Secretary. The report itself is well got up, and gives a clear and concise description of the work of the Church in the Diocese. The detail of work by the Missionaries on the whole hopeful and cheering. The financial statistics very encouraging. And it is hoped ere long the diocese will see the way to free the S.P.G. from any further grants, and become self-supporting. The local endowment funds are now becoming available and will further this good work, which is generally felt to be the wish of Churchmen, both clergy and laity throughout the Diocese. The report of Sec.-Treasurer of Foreign and Domestic Missions is now regularly inserted in the annual and meet with great interest, as upon the zeal of that Committee and of the Women's auxiliary depend the success of raising funds for our own Missionary Diocese of Algoma and the Northwest, as well as the thank offerings we can return to the S.P.G. in acknowledgment of their long continued care and kindness to the Church in Canada.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine.—Confirmation service on Sunday afternoon, April 11th, the Bishop of the Diocese confirmed