

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SEVERAL REFERENCES having been made in the public press to one of the Bishops present at the Consecration of Dr. Kingdon having hired a special train on that Sunday evening, the Metropolitan has written the *Globe* as follows:—

"To the Editor of the *Globe*:"

"SIR,—Though I never notice attacks made on myself by occasional writers in the papers, I ask the favour of a reply to the persistent attacks made on a dear and valued friend, who, as I believe, is most unjustly treated. At a late meeting of the 'Evangelical Alliance' in St. John, reference is said to have been made by one speaker to 'a dignitary of the Established Church,' who is reported to have asked for a Sunday train for his accommodation. As I know of no 'Established Church' in New Brunswick, I cannot tell to whom the charge refers; certainly it cannot refer to me. Another speaker corrects the first, and informs the audience that the offender was an American Bishop; that he applied for a Sunday train, but 'as soon as he was informed that it was against the sentiment of the people, he withdrew the request.' I am in a position emphatically to deny not only that the request was made, but that the intention to ask was entertained. Bishop Doane (who is obviously the person pointed at) was my guest. I know precisely what he did and what he intended to do; and I am positive that he never made, nor had any intention to make, such an application. Had Bishop Doane, after the services of the Lord's Day, moreover, thought proper to set out, without a train, to catch the ordinary train, which, I understand, leaves St. John late on Sunday evening, I do not believe he would have broken any law of God or man; but instead of doing this he rested quietly in his bed, without any thought of the breach of the Sabbath his accusers would bring against him. If we are bound by the letter of the Jewish Sabbath, we are all wrong by worshipping on the first day of the week, instead of the seventh; and further, the Sabbath begins at six o'clock on the evening before and ends at six on the evening of the day of worship. A man who sets out at 8 p. m. begins his journey two hours after the Sabbath is over, speaking Jewishly. Let us, however, be consistent, and never call on our servants to make our beds, or prepare our breakfast, or clean our knives, or roast our mutton, or boil our potatoes, or lay out our tables, or light our fires, or even answer the door, or clean our boots. I may be permitted to add that it would be desirable in future that those who accuse the Bishops of a sister Church should take a little pains to ascertain the facts of the case from those who (like myself) are in a position to inform them.

"I am, sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"JOHN FREDERICTON

"September 8, 1881."

PERSONAL.—His Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor left Moncton for Sussex on Wednesday afternoon, and remained over night at Sussex. The next day he proceeded to St. John, and was the guest of Samuel Schofield, Esq. On Friday he proceeded to St. Andrew's, via Eastport, and was met by Rev. Canon Ketchum, and the next day drove to St. George, where he held Confirmation in the Churches at St. George and Pennfield, delivering three addresses during the day. His Lordship's affable manner and kindly disposition is making him host of friends among the laity of the Diocese.

RICHMOND.—The Rev. F. H. Almon has formed a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

CHATHAM.—The Most Reverend the Metropolitan returned to Chatham last week, and on Sunday the 28th inst., administered the rites of Confirmation to eight Candidates in the presence of a large congregation, who were delighted with his Lordship's able and edifying address upon the occasion. His Lordship's visit to Chatham was most happily marked by a highly enjoyable and profitable Conversation held on Monday evening in St. Mary's Chapel Sunday School Room, under the auspices of the Rector assisted by ladies and gentlemen of the congregation. The room was carpeted and decorated handsomely with flags, flowers, evergreens, etc., converting it into a grand parlor just suited to such an occasion. The congregation was well represented by its adult members and there were some other honored guests, including the Rector of Newcastle and Mrs. Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. Snowball. There was no attempt at formality in the proceedings, everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion as their tastes suggested. In addition to the interchange of sentiment on various subjects, by the more elderly guests, there was some excellent music—vocal and instrumental—while some engaged in chess, draughts, or bagatelle. A large table, well provided with light refreshments also received due attention. R. Carman, Esq., Church Warden, in a few well chosen remarks, and in the name of all present, expressed the satisfaction and pleasure it afforded him to welcome his Lordship among them, and he was certain that it was the cherished hope of all present, that as His Lordship had now a Coadjutor to share his labours, his visits to Chatham would be more frequent for a long time to come. On the present

occasion it was the happy duty of the Church people of this Parish to welcome among them, a Bishop who had bravely performed the duties of his sacred office, and who intended to remain at his post until the end of life. He sincerely trusted that the day was far distant when His Lordship would be prevented by years or infirmity from discharging the duties of the office he had for so many years so completely adorned, and for his faithfulness in which, he would undoubtedly receive the reward of all who do their duty in righteousness. The Metropolitan replied in his Lordship's usual happy manner. It was a pleasure and privilege he highly prized to be present upon such an occasion, when everything he saw and heard was so calculated to afford him satisfaction and happiness. It had always been a pleasure to him to come among them, and that pleasure was particularly grateful to him at the present time, when he saw such evidences of success in the work of the Church in this Parish. He was happy to congratulate them upon the satisfactory accomplishment of the important work just completed, by which they had now a free and unappropriated Church, wherein the rich and poor alike might receive the comforts of the Gospel. His Lordship referred to the great improvement which had taken place within the Diocese in the last few years, in the contributions to the various objects in connection with the Church's work. It was a pleasure for him to know that Chatham had been leading the way by so good an example. He congratulated them upon the very tasteful decorations of the building in which they were assembled, so handsome in itself that it was second to none in the Diocese.

His Lordship referred to Mr. Carman's mention of his intention to remain at his post, and wished to say, that neither now nor hitherto had he any other intention than to remain faithful to that sacred office to which, he thanked God, he had been called. He had no thought of remaining at ease in Fredericton, as he had understood some had supposed he would, but while strength was given him, he hoped to be found actively engaged in the service of his Divine Master. His Lordship earnestly trusted that the Divine blessing would be bestowed upon the Church people of this parish, so many of whom it had been his privilege to see on the present happy and enjoyable occasion. After the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," His Lordship, having pronounced the Benediction, left to take the train for Moncton followed by the good wishes of all present. A short time afterwards the company separated, all carrying away pleasant thoughts of a most enjoyable and profitable evening's entertainment.—*Miramichi Advance*.

The following important document has been sent by the Secretary of the B. H. M. to the several Rural Deans in the Diocese:—

OFFICE OF THE B. H. MISSION, }
St. John, Aug. 5, 1881. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I beg to enclose a copy of the following resolution, passed at the last meeting of the Board of Home Missions:—

"Whereas, The Grant from the S. P. G. to this Diocese has been reduced \$2,000 for the year 1882; and Whereas, This reduction will necessitate an increase of about fifteen per cent. on the sum at present required from Missions receiving aid from the D. C. S.;

"Therefore Resolved, That the clergy of each Deanery be required to furnish this Board, as soon as possible, with a schedule, showing how the additional amount can best be divided among the several Missions within the same."

(Then follows a statement of the amounts contributed to the stipends in each Mission not self-supporting in the Deanery, with 15 per cent. additional.)

In accordance with the above resolution, may I ask that you will lay this statement, as soon as possible, before the clergy in your Deanery, and advise the Board as to the part each Mission will contribute?

I may add that among the advantages to be drawn from this plan are—

1st. That the Missions will know at the earliest possible date how much they will have to contribute next year, and so have time to prepare for it.

2nd. That every Missionary will be consulted as to the assessment on his Mission.

3rd. That any additional contribution received from self-supporting Parishes will be available for new work, or for increasing the stipends of Missionaries, as may be thought best by the General Committee.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
GEO. A. SCHOFIELD,
Secretary.

To Rev _____,
Rural Dean of _____.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SACKVILLE.—Church matters in this quiet Parish are looking a little more hopeful this year. The Rectory is very nearly completed, and has been recently painted. The picnic and bazaar was eminently successful, realizing over one hundred dollars. Mr. Ellis, the Rector, having secured the assistance of a Lay Reader for the summer, the Parish enjoys the benefit of five services every Sunday—two at Sackville proper, two at Bedford, and one at Hammond's Plains and Beaver Bank alternately. It is intended to hold a series of Penny

Readings for the purpose of completing the Parish Room, the first of which will be held on the 27th inst. The Rector's assistant is practicing the Bedford choir for a full choral evensong on Christmas night, and has been delivering on Wednesday evenings, at Bedford, a course of free lectures on The Church, Her Rites, Doctrines, and History. A comparatively large number has attended these lectures, and seemed to be greatly interested. The Sunday School at Sackville, under the superintendence of Mrs. Ellis, holds its own. A new Sunday School has recently been started at Upper Sackville, two miles above the Rectory. The Pic-nic Committee desire to thank those who so kindly assisted in carrying out the arrangements.

NEWPORT.—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., the ladies of St. James' Church held a tea-meeting and sale of fancy articles at the Meander Grounds. This naturally lovely and park-like enclosure was kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee by its owner, James Mosher, Esq. The object of the above effort was to reduce the mortgage on the Rectory, which, together with a year's interest shortly due, amounted to \$428. The day was all that could be desired; the tea-tables well laden with delicacies to tempt the hungry and to satisfy the most fastidious; the fancy table well stocked with endless variety; the refreshments much in demand; the patronage very liberal; and a sum in the immediate neighbourhood of \$325 was netted. All who took any share in this undertaking are to be congratulated on the signal success they met with—even larger than was anticipated. The men are to be thanked for the deep interest taken in preparing the grounds; and such a united and willing effort augurs well for the future of this parish.

TANGIER.—This prosperous Mission has been enjoying some extra services during the summer months, the Incumbent having procured the services of Mr. A. F. Whitford, of King's College, to act as Lay Reader for him. Services have been held both morning and evening at Spry Bay and Tangier; also at Gerrard's Island and Hause's school house every alternate Sunday. The Sunday Schools are well cared for in both places, and the attendance is very good. I regret to say that Sunday Schools were neglected altogether in this Mission, but this want has been supplied since the Rev. Mr. McLeod has come amongst us. Mr. Whitford has organized two singing classes—one at Shoal Bay and the other at Tangier, with over thirty in each class. On Tuesday, the 6th inst., a Sunday School Pic-nic was held, under the superintendence of Mr. Whitford, in Tangier, at the field of Mr. John Myers. At 2 o'clock the children left the Church and marched to the pic-nic grounds, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." All present spent a very pleasant day.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—The exterior of the parish church has been neatly painted, and presents quite an improved appearance. A gentleman (summer visitor) has presented the church with a handsome three-light chandelier, which, now the short days are coming on, is found to be most useful, as well as ornamental. A lady of the congregation intends presenting the church with two chairs for the chancel. They will be of the latest ecclesiastical design, and will greatly add to the appearance of that part of the church. The Parish of Grapaud is one of the few parishes on this Island where the Church people seem to take an interest and pride in making their church in every way suitable for conducting the worship of Almighty God in a reverent manner, according to the form of our beloved Church. That this is true is best known from the fact that their church is considered by many to be the most Church-like church on this Island. The annual Sunday School pic-nic was held on Tuesday, 30th August. The teachers and scholars of the various Sunday Schools in the parish assembled in the parish church at 1 o'clock p. m., where a short service was performed by the Rector, assisted by Rev. A. Osborne, of St. Paul's, Charlottetown. After service, the teachers and scholars, with quite a number of visitors, adjourned to the pic-nic ground, where they spent a very pleasant afternoon, after which they were dismissed by an address from the Rector and the singing of the National Anthem.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HAWKESBURY.—The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Festival was held in this Parish on Thursday, the 1st inst., and passed off most successfully. "Holy Trinity" Church (which by the way may be described as a perfect gem) looked its best in the Festal attire, in which loving hearts and skilful hands had dressed it. At the entrance to the porch on the north side a handsome banner with letters on a scarlet and white ground first met the eye; then came the font, a perfect mass of the choicest flowers artistically arranged. The entrance to the chancel, the lectern, the handsomely carved oaken altar, and various other portions of the sacred edifice were in like manner appropriately adorned with sheaves of grain, blended with which were the choicest fruits and flowers of the earth, all emblematic of the purpose which had brought the worshippers together, viz., to yield to the great Lord of the Harvest their grateful thanks for His

mercies in this respect again so bountifully showered upon our land. A large congregation was present, and entered heartily into the special service which was said by the Incumbent, the Rev. A. Phillips, the Lessons being read by the Rev. J. Elliott, of Vankleek Hill, and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. H. B. Patton, of the Mission of Gloucester. The special offertories was in aid of the Algoma Diocese. At the conclusion of the Service, the congregation generally, with the Sunday School, repaired to a beautiful grove beside the Ottawa River, where the energetic committee of ladies served an excellent dinner. The afternoon was pleasantly passed in various games and amusements until, as the shades of evening appeared, the children (whose conduct throughout the day—it is proper to say—had been most exemplary) gathering together sang several hymns, listened to some remarks from their clergyman, and gave hearty cheers for those who had kindly provided so many enjoyments for them. The names of Mrs. Hamilton, of Elendale, and Mrs. J. Hamilton, of the Hall, (the respected donors of barrels of apples, and bags of sweet meats, being specially honoured, Children and elders joined in deciding that a most enjoyable day had been spent. It is understood the Rev. R. M. Landsdowne has accepted the Parish of Merrickville.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BRADFORD PARISH.—"Harvest Home Festival" on the 1st inst., at Christ's Church, Middletown, in the above Parish. Eucharist at 9 a. m. Rev. A. W. Spragge, Celebrant; Rev. W. W. Bates, Dean. Matins and sermon at 10.30, Mr. Spragge taking Prayers and Lessons, Mr. Bates preaching from Epistle for the day. Excellent dinner and large attendance at grounds; quadrille band in attendance. Church very beautifully decorated with banners, mottoes, fruits, grain, roots, &c. Several vases of beautiful flowers on Altar Table.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Bishop, at the request of the Synod, has summoned a Conference of Sunday School workers, to meet in Hamilton on Wednesday, the 5th of October.

The Synod having passed a resolution to create a fund for the aid of Divinity Students in this Diocese, the Bishop has recommended his clergy to preach a sermon in reference thereto on Sunday, the 11th of September, and to devote the offerings of the people on the following Sunday to that object.

HAMILTON.—All Saints'.—The edifice is at present undergoing some repairs. The appeal for the necessary means received a hearty response from the parishioners.

THE REV. CANON CARMICHAEL, of the Church of the Ascension, and the Rev. Charles H. Mockridge, of Christ Church Cathedral, have returned from their vacations.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE REV. MR. STUNDEN, late of the Diocese of Ontario, has accepted the position of assistant minister in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg. The Rector (Rev. O. Fortin) has, for some time past, felt keenly the need of assistance. The congregation has increased so rapidly with the growth of the city that it was no possible any longer for one man to serve it effectually. Much improvement has been made within the last few weeks in the musical part of the services in Trinity. Since Dr. MacLagan has taken the organ new life seems to have been infused into the choir.

The Rev. W. Dawson arrived here on Saturday night last from England. He has been appointed to a new group of Missions in the neighborhood of Fort Ellice, with Birtle as centre. This appointment may be said to be the first fruits of the aid from Montreal Diocese. It was made mainly on the guarantee of \$500 per annum from Mr. C. J. Brydges, Treasurer of that Diocese.

Pending the appointment of a successor to the late Mr. George, the Rev. Mr. Canham will take the duty at Portage La Prairie. The latter gentleman is on his way to the Diocese of Athabasca, where he is being sent by the Church Missionary Society. Owing to the lateness of the season when he arrived, he has been unable to proceed to his destination this year. We shall, however, find him plenty to do here while he is with us.

The Rev. W. C. Pinkham, Superintendent of Education, has resigned the Incumbency of St. James'. His duties as Superintendent were so greatly increased owing to the enlargement of the Province that he found it necessary to take this step. He will still, of course, continue to give his valuable services to Church work generally, though not attached to any particular Parish.

There was an interesting Church opening at Westbourne on Sunday last. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan preached in the morning, and Rev. Canon Grisdale in the evening. The attendance at both services was good. There was a Confirmation in the afternoon. The Rev. T. Cook is Incumbent of this Parish. He and his congregation are to be highly congratulated on the completion of so neat and so well finished a Church.

MANTOBIANENSIS.