

If an oath or promise causes us loss to keep, may we break it? What is chivalry? What is interest? Usury? What law had the Jews about this? [see margin of Bible] Why forbidden? What does the Hebrew name for it mean? May a Christian take interest for his money? What should be his rule? What is a *bribe*? Who was a dreadful example of it? "Shall never be moved"—what is that? In whom was this pattern of holiness fulfilled? Why was this Psalm appointed for Ascension Day? How must we ascend?

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HALIFAX.—Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, the lately elected Rector of St. Mark's and St. John's, was inducted with the usual ceremony, by his lordship the Bishop, at St. Mark's church. The service was participated in by Rev. Archdeacon Gilpin, Rev. J. B. Uniacke and Rev. Wm. Ellis, of Sackville. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, as the ceremony is a most imposing one, and has not been performed here for some time. Before proceeding with the ceremony the Bishop delivered an address to the parishioners, commending the new Rector to them, and asking their earnest assistance in soothing the path of his exceedingly arduous duties. After the induction, the usual Sunday evening service was gone through, and the sermon preached by the Bishop.

MONTREAL.

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MONTREAL. *Church of St. James the Apostle.*—The Church Aid Society has issued its reports, which states:—

"There are now twenty-six families residing in Cote St. Paul or in the immediate neighbourhood, of which, either all or some of the members attend the Church of the Redeemer, and in addition there are five individuals living in boarding houses who also attend the Church. Out of the residents of the district there are thirteen communicants. During the year services were held every Sunday morning, without exception, at nine of which one or the other of the clergy of the parish was present, on another occasion the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and on another the Rev. J. C. Davidson of Frelighsburg, the remaining services being taken by laymen. Services were also held on Easter Sunday evening, Ascension day, Christmas day, Feast of the Epiphany, St. Matthias day, Thanksgiving day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on every Wednesday evening during Lent. The largest attendance at any one service was fifty-six; average attendance on Sundays forty-one; average attendance at Lenten evening services twenty-three. During the year there has been one baptism, but no marriages or burials.

During the year the fencing of the church lot has been completed by the erection of a neat picket fence in front and at the side, which, with the church porch, has been painted, the cost of the whole, amounting to over fifty dollars, having been defrayed out of the ordinary offertory collections. Offertories have been taken up each Sunday and have averaged \$1.89. The offertory for the mission fund at Easter 1880 amounted to \$5.20; Algoma \$2.53. For the North-West (on Thanksgiving day) \$5.53, and for mission on Epiphany \$6.69. Much interest is evinced at all the services, and the observances of the different seasons and Festivals of the Church is manifestly approved by the people. The work is certainly growing, and if the influx of population expected this spring, through the re-opening of the different manufactories, takes place, the Church will be occupied to its full capacity. Increased lay help, especially for the Sunday school, is required. During the absence of Mr. Rendell the organ has been taken by Master J. Campbell, formerly one of the choir of St. James', and his services have been most faithfully and effectively given. The special thanks of the society are due to Mr. L. H. Davidson, on whom has mainly devolved the duty of conducting the services, for his untiring energy and zeal.

The lay work of the mission during the past six months has been of a onerous character to Mr. Davidson, on whom the bulk of the labour has fallen. The mission is about four miles from the city, and the duties appertaining thereto have been numerous. Before the morning service, on Easter day this gentleman was made the recipient of a handsome Illustrated Family Bible, the gift of a grateful congregation.

The successful working of this mission demonstrates to parishes generally the wisdom of an active employment of lay co-operation.

MONTREAL.—The Bishop is busily engaged in his Eastern townships tour. The administration of Confirmation by him is always made an impressive rite. Having requested some clergyman present to address the candidates he commends them, with a few sympathy-moving words, to the silent prayers of the congregation, for which silence is made for a space. In the "laying on of hands" he does just what the rubric orders "lays his hand on the head of every one severally," not saying the words for two or four at a time, as the Bishop of Liverpool has unfortunately done, and merely to be distinguished from others, has reverted to. The candidates at our Confirmations, supposing they were ever so poorly instructed beforehand, can hardly go through this service without feeling that it is something more than mere form, something more too, than "ratifying and confirming" the promises made for them in their Baptism.

In Glen Sutton a goodly number were confirmed, and six adults baptized. In Sweetsburgh four were confirmed. A well attended missionary meeting occupied the evening of the 4th instant, in Cowansville, at which addresses were given by the Bishop and Revs. Messrs. F. H. Smith, of West Sheffield; J. Smith, of Sutton, and the rector. As much of this same kind of work will characterize the visitation of the bishop, detailed reports need not be given or looked for.

We read that there are some better prospects; that a long-talked-of church, for the township of Wright, on the Gatineau, will be made a reality. The Rev. Mr. Chambers has enlisted the sympathies of some well disposed and attached members of the church, and others also, in the matter. We hope and trust that he may be successful.

It is announced in one of the local papers, that the Rev. John Kerr is likely to accept an appointment to Hemmingford, instead of a temporary position in Montreal.

BEDFORD.—On Monday, the 19th inst., the Lord Bishop visited this parish for the purpose of holding a Confirmation. Thirty persons (amongst whom were some advanced in years) were presented by the rector, the Rev. H. W. Nye, as candidates for the sacred rite. The bishop feelingly addressed them on the obligations they were about to renew, and the blessings they were desirous to receive, and afterwards preached to the general congregation on the subject of the Lord's Supper. The services were hearty, and the singing was good. The clergy who assisted on the occasion were the Rev. J. B. Davidson, rector of Frelighsburg, Rev. T. W. Fyles, rector of Nelsonville, and the Rev. G. Forneret, rector of Dunham. About sixty persons remained to partake of the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

It has been proposed that a special Church service, with anthems, etc., be held in Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday, June 21st, at 8 p.m., on the occasion of the meeting of the diocesan Synod. In accordance with this a circular has been issued, inviting the choir masters of the various churches to attend a meeting for the purpose of arranging the necessary details.

The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Synod Hall. His lordship the Bishop presided, and there were present:—Ven. Archdeacons Lonsdell and Lindsay, Rev. Canons Baldwin, Ellegood, Evans and Norman, Rev. Messrs. Fulton, G. C. Robinson, T. W. Mussen, J. P. DuMont, Dr. Sullivan, W. L. Mills, J. Empson, De Gruchy, Messrs. Brydges, Bethune, Davidson, R. Evans, C. Garth, C. Gibb, J. Hutton, H. L. Robinson, N. S. Whitney, T. White and Dr. Johnson.

The Treasurer submitted his financial statement of the mission fund, which showed a balance of \$3,964.84 remaining on hand. The treasurer was instructed to pay to the family of the late Rev. Mr. Brethour, what would amount to a quarter's salary.

Mr. L. H. Davidson read the report of the committee appointed to consider what is known as the Quebec plan of paying the stipends of missionaries. The report submitted a draft or canon for giving it effect, the canon being based on those in existence in Toronto, Huron, Niagara and Fredericton. The report was received and ordered to be included in the report of the Executive Committee to the Synod.

A statement, submitted by the Secretary, of the returns by rectors and incumbents, of any and all endowments and trusts held, in favour of the parish or mission of such rector or incumbent, or in favour of any particular church or chapel, or for the general purposes of the Church of England within such parish or mission, and of the mode in which each such endowment is invested, was referred to a committee, composed of the Treasurer, Chancellor and Messrs. Davidson, Hutton and White, to report upon it at the next meeting of the committee.

An application by the Rev. Mr. Allan in relation to his claim upon the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, was

agreed to. The Bishop reported the death of the Rev. Thomas Johnson who had been a retired pensioner on the S. P. G. Fund for thirty years.

A discussion took place on the subject of appointing a city missionary, suggested in a letter from Mr. Lindsay, and the matter was referred to the committee to which was referred the subject of grants from the Mission Fund.

STANBRIDGE EAST.—In the afternoon of Monday, May 9th, the Bishop held a Confirmation in the church of St. James, and afterwards preached an eloquent sermon. The clergymen who attended his lordship were the Revs. H. W. Nye, T. W. Fyles and G. Forneret. Evensong was read by the respected Incumbent, the Rev. I. Constantine, M.A. The musical part of the services was ably conducted.

FRELIGHSBURG.—A very profitable and pleasing visitation of this parish was made on the 6th and 7th instant by the Lord Bishop. The annual missionary meeting in favour of the diocesan's work took place on Friday evening with earnest addresses from Revs. Messrs. John Ker, G. Forneret, F. Haslam and J. C. Davidson. The bishop spoke vigorously upon the work accomplished and to be done, vindicating the claims of the Church as one of the most progressive amongst all ecclesiastical bodies. The foundations already laid, the marked success in various fields secured, only proved the possibility of what might be done, if each professing member of the Church were roused to the duty and blessing of missionary enterprise at home and abroad. The attendance was large for the season as well as at the impressive Confirmation service on the following day. There were seven thus admitted to the fellowship of Christ's religion.

On the 6th inst. in the above parish a conference of the leading men of the county of Missisquoi interested in the Temperance cause, was held under the patronage of the Bishop. It was resolved that an auxiliary to the Quebec branch of the Dominion Alliance should be formed for the county.

ONTARIO.

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THE BAY OF QUINTE CLERICAL UNION held their meeting at the village of Stirling on the 17th and 18th inst. The Rev. T. Godden, Incumbent, presided at the meetings. Only seven members of the association were present. Various parochial engagements prevented many of the members from attending.

On the evening of the 17th, services were held in the village church, one of the most elegant country churches in the diocese, erected some eighteen or twenty years ago, during the incumbency of the late Canon Preston. The heavy debt which for some time burdened the church has been happily discharged. A very fine toned bell, which arrived only on the day previous, was rung for the first time to call worshippers to this evening's service. The bell which weighs 462lbs. is from the well-known foundry of Menecely and Co., and cost \$158.00, which sum was raised by the exertions of Mrs. Godden and the ladies of St. John's church who are much to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts, which it was quite evident that the congregation generally warmly appreciated. Notwithstanding the rain, there was a very good congregation and after the saying of the Evening Prayer addresses were delivered. The Rev. Rural-Dean Kirkpatrick spoke on "the Public and Private Reading of God's Word," and in the course of his remarks explained what was meant by the Revision of the New Testament Translation which had been issued by the printers that day. He was followed by the Rev. J. W. Burke who spoke upon the duties and privileges of attending public worship. The next morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at half-past seven, which was more than usually well attended by the laity.

At 10 a.m. Litany was said, after which the members of the Union met at the Rev. T. Godden's. At 2.30 p.m. the members again met. At both these sessions the chief subject of discussion was the question of the revision of the "Authorized Version" of the New Testament, which was ably introduced by the Rev. Rural-Dean Kirkpatrick. At eight o'clock a very fair congregation again