

urely cannot deny that it may also be given in answer to prayer in connexion with specially ordained outward symbols. But however this may be, as we strive more and more to grasp the all-prevailing influences of the mighty work of the Redemption of the World through the Incarnation of its Maker, our petty quarrels, in our feeble graspings after these mighty truths, will be lost in the immensity of the love of God thereby revealed. And as we contemplate, we, too, shall be imbued with some of this overflowing love, which must show itself through us towards all His creatures and to our fellow-men, and especially towards those who, from sharing a common belief in these great mysteries, may truly be said to be of the household of faith. NELSON.

**NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.**

**DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

**RAWDON.**—On Thursday, September 13th, this parish held its Sunday-school picnic and Harvest festival. The unsettled state of the weather had caused considerable anxiety, particularly on the preceding day which was most unpromising. However the day, though showery in the morning, proved very favourable and a large number assembled on the Rectory grounds where all the usual picnic amusements were provided and enjoyed. The ladies were kept busy at the tea table until dusk.

At the approach of twilight the children formed in procession and headed by their banner, and singing "Brightly gleams our Banner," marched to Church, where a large congregation assembled to join in the Harvest Thanksgiving service which, in this parish, always closes the Sunday-school picnic.

The Church was very prettily decorated with flowers, grain, fruit and vegetables. The service was of a festive character, the anthem, "Thou crownest the year" &c., being well rendered considering the smallness of the choir. The service was taken by Rev. K. C. Hind, rector of Newport, the lessons being read by Rev. R. H. Hudgell, rector of Stewiaske, who preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Thus was brought to a close a very happy and successful day; and all could join heartily in the words of the recessional hymn "On our way rejoicing." *Laus Deo.*

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

**FREDERICTON.**—The members of the Church of England in Fredericton gave a warm welcome on Tuesday evening to His Lordship the Bishop in the Church hall. An address on behalf of the Clergy and Laity at the capital was read by Chief Justice Allen. The address, after many complimentary references says: "The Clergy and parishioners while extending to your Lordship, not only as their venerated esteemed Diocesan, but as their long-trying, trusted and most valued friend, their affectionate greetings at this time, desire further humbly to express the hope that the blessings to themselves of your Lordship's presence with them, and to the Church at large in this Ecclesiastical Province of your wise and careful supervision of its needs and interests, may be continued through many years to come." His Lordship thanked his people very cordially for their warm words of welcome which sank deeply into his heart. He was glad to be back among them again and hoped to live and die in New Brunswick. He referred to the many marks of progress everywhere visible in the Church in England, and said he failed to observe any mark of disestablishment. In conclusion he said he had greatly enjoyed his trip and came back refreshed and invigorated. Sir Leonard Tilley spoke briefly, reiterating the good wishes expressed in the address. His Lordship pro-

nounced the benediction, and the proceedings terminated.—*St. John Globe.*

**SUSSEX.**—The bells of Trinity Church rang out their loudest welcome on the afternoon of the 18th to His Lordship, the Metropolitan of Canada, and Rev. Canon Medley his son, who arrived here by special train, looking well after their somewhat extended visit to England.

**WELDFORD.**—On Monday evening, 17th inst., an enthusiastic meeting in connection with the Church of England Temperance Association, was held in the Public hall here. The Rev. E. B. Hooper, Rector, who presided, delivered an earnest opening address, and after the singing of hymn 166, the Chairman introduced the Rev. D. V. Gwilym, Rector of Richbucto, who gave an eloquent and telling lecture on "Intemperance, its cause and cure." The rev. gentleman was listened to with rapt attention by an audience which filled the hall to its utmost capacity. The appreciation of the audience was well expressed by loud and continued applause. The Rev. Mr. Hooper returned thanks to the lecturer in behalf of the audience. The most interesting and instructive feature of the meeting was, that it avoided the intemperance of the general run of temperance men. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of hymn 196, followed by prayer and the Benediction.

**DEANERY OF SHEDIAC.**—The Sunday-school Teachers' Union of the Deanery, met at Dorchester on September 18th. Representatives were present from the parishes of Moncton, Dorchester, Shediac, and Westmoreland. Papers on "The Infant Class" and "Catechizing" were read and commented upon, and the course of lessons for the ensuing year was discussed. The Bishop Doane Manuals were recommended to be used another year together with "Church Teaching for the Little Ones" and "The Practical Question Book of the Bible," published by the Young Churchman Co. The subjects selected for discussion at the next semi-annual meeting were, "The Best Method of Retaining the Elder Scholars" and "Sunday-School Literature."

A meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter was held in the afternoon of the same day. A chapter of the Greek Testament was read and discussed, and a critical paper on the same read by the Rural Dean. Rev. C. F. Wiggins was appointed to visit Baie Verte and vicinity in company with Rev. V. E. Harris, of the neighbouring Deanery of Amherst, to report on the prospects of establishing a joint mission of the dioceses of Fredericton and Nova Scotia at this place to include Port Elgin and Tignish. The construction of the Chignecto Ship Railway, which will be begun at once, lends a new importance to this neighbourhood.

A paper of some importance on the Insurance of Church Buildings by the Diocesan Church Society was read, and after some discussion it was decided to ask the other Deaneries of the Diocese to take the matter into consideration.

Services were held in Trinity Church, Dorchester, on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, at which sermons were preached by the Rectors of Moncton and Shediac respectively. Several improvements have been made in the interior of this Church since the last meeting of the Chapter here, and it may be specially noted that the effect of the new East window supplied by Messrs. Spence & Sons, Montreal, is very pleasing.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**QUEBEC.**—*Presentation to the Rev. M. M. Fothergill.*—There was a large attendance of friends of the Rev. M. M. Fothergill, and members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, in the National School hall on the 18th inst. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was invited

to take the chair, and there were also present the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Revs. Canon Richardson, Lennox Williams, and Cole.

E. T. D. Chambers, Rector's Churchwarden at St. Peter's, addressing the Lord Bishop and the ladies and gentlemen present, said that the Churchwardens had hoped to serve a two-fold purpose in inviting all Mr. Fothergill's friends to be present on this occasion. It was the intention to furnish them with an opportunity of saying farewell to the Rev. gentleman, and again there was a hope that as many of them as desired to avail themselves of the opportunity might be present with the congregation of St. Peter's on this occasion, when they had assembled to testify their regard for their Rector, and their regret at his approaching departure. The rev. gentleman, he said, had been invited to the meeting for a double object—that an opportunity might be afforded him of saying adieu to a large circle of friends, and also that he might be made the recipient of an address expressive of his late parishioners' feeling in regard to him, and to his approaching departure. The address, which he then read, referred to the pain of sundering the ties that had bound pastor and people in the bonds of Christian love for over a quarter of a century, which could not be severed without a sense of deepest sorrow, on the part of those, who, in sickness as in health, in poverty and in wealth, had been the daily care of him whose sacred mission it had been "to teach of heaven and show the way." Deeply as they regret that the effect of the winter upon his bodily constitution, which necessitates his removal to a more temperate clime, they know and "feel at heart that One above, in perfect wisdom, perfect love, is working for the best."

The address concluded by expressing the hope that while engaged in feeding another portion of "the flock of God," and "taking the oversight thereof," Mr. Fothergill would continue to remember them at the Throne of Grace, so that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear," and all our partings shall be o'er, they with him may receive "a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

The address, which was signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Peter's Church by the Churchwardens, had been beautifully illuminated on parchment and suitably framed, and was accompanied by a cheque for \$130, the total offering of the congregation amounting to over \$150.

The rev. gentleman replied to the address, expressing his sense of the very great kindness which had prompted the presentation of it, and the generous gift accompanying, for which he most heartily thanked them. He assured them it was indeed a grief of no ordinary kind to part with them, his very dear and old friends; but while fulfilling the office of his ministry in a less rigorous climate he would ever think of them and pray for their welfare. And it was his earnest prayer that they might prosper and grow in the knowledge and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec announced that he had been asked to present to Mr. Fothergill an address from the Clergy of the Diocese, which he proceeded to read as follows:

*Dear Mr. Fothergill,*—Nowhere is the general regret caused by your departure from the Diocese deeper than in the hearts of your brethren of the clergy. For thirty years the genial fervor of your presence has been one of the familiar features of our corporate life. During a large part of that time you have discharged the laborious duties of the Secretary to the Church Society and to the Synod. That you have discharged these duties worthily and well goes, as the phrase is, without saying. From the indefatigable energy of your character it could not be otherwise. But we desire to emphasize our appreciation of the spontaneous obligingness and readiness to take trouble which