

AMERICAN CHURCH NEWS.

In our cities Good Friday is receiving an increased degree of attention, and the Three Hours form a large centre of attraction. Easter has been observed with much enthusiasm and Christian zeal, but it is too late for us to enter into details.

The death of Rev. John Fande, D.D., of Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, is much regretted in the American Church, as he was a strong man, with a clear head for business and debate, and an earnest worker. He was a German by birth, but an American by education and sympathy; his funeral was specially impressive, and partaken in by three bishops, his friends. The recent consecration at Fond du Lac has again been brought into controversy by the letter of the seven bishops who took part in it, and who now discuss Bishop Clarke's disclaimer of responsibility. They say plainly that he has mistaken his position, never had any responsibility such as would belong to a Metropolitan, and at best is only presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops. Needless to say, the other side is taken up with ready vigour, and the question has to be gone over again. The seven bishops are willing to shoulder all the responsibility and answer all questions that are put to them by proper authority.

The committee on the relief of the bishop, appointed at the last diocesan convention of Massachusetts, has reported, and the majority commend the appointment of a bishop-co-adjutor, while a minority report advises the division of the diocese into two. It is evident that the mass of population is in one corner, and Boston should give of its wealth to endow a new diocese in the sparsely peopled western end of the State.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew propose to have their annual meeting at Detroit, and the Canadian delegates should have little trouble in attending. One never returns from a Brotherhood meeting, but he feels an elevation in aim and character, and a desire to push forward by earnest work. Bishop Paret, of Maryland, was one of the speakers at sessions of the Association of Congregational Churches, held in Baltimore. His theme was the Lambeth platform, as bearing upon the reunion of Christendom, and he spoke hopefully of the ultimate reunion of Christian churches, although it may not be expected in our day or after our fashion. At Baltimore, the scientific world has met with a great loss in the death of Prof. H. Rowland, of Johns Hopkins University; the funeral took place at St. Paul's church.

Connecticut is arranging for a due celebration of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. It will be remembered that New England has a special interest in the S.P.G., as it was the first field for the society's operations. The commemorations will occupy seven days, May 22nd—29th, and as far as possible be spread over the diocese.

The Bishop of Albany's visit to Mexico has resulted in the clearing off of some debts lying upon the Church property, and placing Church work upon a better footing. He cannot think it right or possible for the American Church to draw back from her interest in Mexico, and he appeals for prompt and liberal offerings to the cause. One or more bishops are being spoken of for the Philippines, and the question will probably be fully discussed at the next general convention. Some anxiety still remains with regard to the future mission work of China, as the country is not nearly pacified, and trouble may arise in any quarter. But the missionaries are hopeful in returning to their former stations, and we must pray for them that their hands and hearts may be upheld. Bishop Graves, writing from Shanghai, March 5th, says: "Things in this part of China are by no means so perturbed, as would appear from newspapers. For instance, all our mission work in the Yang-tse Valley is being carried on as usual, and our hospitals and schools are full."

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

NOVA SCOTIA.

Frederick Courtney, D.D., Bishop, Halifax, N.S. Halifax, St. Paul's. A pulpit, which is of very chaste and elegant design, is very shortly to be placed in this church, as a memorial to the late Mrs. Lithgow, who was for many years a member of the congregation. The upper part is of cast brass, and stands upon an octagon basis, which, together with the steps, seven in number, that lead up to it, are made of oak. Altogether the pulpit possesses a most handsome appearance, and it will add greatly to the beauty of the interior of the church. Its workmanship is very fine, and reflects great credit upon the firm, who have executed the order, the Keith & Fitzsimmons Co., Limited, of 111 King street West, Toronto. The pulpit has a brass tablet affixed to it, which bears this inscription: "In loving memory of Caroline M. Lithgow, who entered into rest, 28th May, 1900, in her 78th year. This pulpit is erected by her son-in-law and daughter, Charles C. and Carrie E. Blackadar. 'The memory of the just is blessed.'"

Windsor.—Christ Church.—The congregation of this church has long held the enviable reputation of being one of the most liberal in Nova Scotia, but in the financial year, which closed on Easter Monday, they have surprised themselves. The total receipts for current expenses and various charitable objects are larger by some hundreds of dollars than the previous year, which was considered a good one financially. But besides this, they have by a special effort during the last two and one-half years more than wiped out the debt of \$3,000 on their Church property, the amount having been over-subscribed about 10 per cent. The large sum was obtained almost wholly through the untiring energy of a well-known lady member of the congregation, for in Windsor, as in most places, the ladies are always to the front when anything special is to be undertaken in the line of Church work. For the present excellent financial condition of the parish, the people are largely indebted to the business ability of their rector, ably seconded by an active vestry.

Truro.—St. John's.—The Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation service in this church on Wednesday, May 1st, when twenty-four candidates received from his hands the sacred rite.

FREDERICTON.

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Moncton.—St. George's.—A highly interesting and successful annual conference of Sunday school teachers of the Diocese of Fredericton, was held in Moncton on the 7th and 8th inst. About 75 teachers and clergymen met in the schoolroom of this church on the afternoon of the 7th, and the conference was presided over by the Bishop, who delivered a short and instructive address. The rector, the Rev. E. B. Hooper, followed the chairman with an address of welcome, and then the appointed programme was proceeded with. Admirable papers were read at the first session by Miss Winters, of St. John, and Miss Hannington, of Hampton village, King's county. These papers were followed by a vigorous and general discussion in which the very Rev. Dean Partridge, Canon Forsyth, Rev. J. Richardson, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Rev. Scovil Neales, Rev. C. Schofield, and others took part. At the second and evening session after prayers, excellent papers were read by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Mr. N. F. Perkins, of McAdam, and Mr. Whyte, of Doaktown. An able address on "Bible Classes," was delivered, by Mr. C. Acheson, of Moncton. The discussion following

the papers and the address was most interesting and hopeful, and was taken part in by Dean Partridge, Rev. J. Richardson, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Rev. G. F. Scovil, and others. After an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday morning, the 2nd day of the conference, and at the third session of the conference admirable papers were read by Rev. E. W. Simonson, of Centreville, Mrs. H. H. Pickett, Miss Haynard and Miss E. Hannington, of St. John. A general discussion followed each paper, which was participated in by Canon Forsyth, Rev. C. F. Wiggins, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, Rev. J. Richardson and others. There was also a stirring discussion on the use of leaflets in Sunday schools, which was affirmed to be desirable. At the 4th and last session of the conference most excellent papers were read by Mrs. Macinnes, and Miss E. H. Dicker, of St. John. After a general discussion of these papers, and the answering of questions which had been placed in a question box, the conference closed with the Benediction by the Bishop. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the citizens of Moncton for kind hospitalities extended to the members of the conference, and to the writers of the admirable papers. The conference was one of the most satisfactory and profitable which has yet been held, and gave evidence of great improvement and increasing care and faithfulness in the important work of Sunday schools.

Newcastle and Nelson.—The day following the Sunday School Teachers' Conference at Moncton, the Bishop of the Diocese held Confirmation services in Newcastle and Nelson. At St. Mark's church, Nelson, which was handsomely decorated with flowers, seven candidates were confirmed. Canon Forsyth, Rural Dean, was present with the Bishop, and the rector, the Rev. P. Snow.

Chatham.—A meeting of the rural deanery of Chatham was held here on April 30th, and May 1st. There were present, the Revs. Canon Forsyth, rural dean; T. W. Street, M.A.; W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., B.D.; C. O'Dell Baylee P. G. Snow, and G. L. Freebern, B.D. The meeting opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning at 7.30 o'clock. At the chapter meeting, 1. John v., was read in Greek. Papers were read by Revs. W. J. Wilkinson, and G. L. Freebern, the former taking for his subject: "Church Discipline," the latter, "The Advantages of an Ornate Ritual." The Rev. Canon Forsyth was re-elected rural dean, and Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. G. L. Freebern and the Hon. J. P. Burchill were elected delegates to the Board of Home Missions. At a meeting of the S. S. T. A., held in St. Mary's school-room, papers were read by the Revs. T. W. Street and G. L. Freebern, on "The Importance of Interesting Children in the Missions of the Church," and "How to Teach the Lesson of the Christian Year." The Rev. P. G. Snow resigned his position as secretary-treasurer, and the Rev. G. L. Freebern was elected in his stead. Both at the deanery and S. S. T. A. meetings, resolutions were passed expressing regret at the departure of the Rev. P. G. Snow, from the deanery and diocese, and the hope that the future might, by God's good grace, abound in all blessing and happiness, both for himself and Mrs. Snow, in their new home.

QUEBEC.

Andrew Hunter Dunn, D.D., Bishop, Quebec. Sherbrooke.—St. Peter's.—At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of this church, held on Tuesday afternoon, April 30th, the following officers were elected: Vice-presidents, Mrs. Grundy, Mrs. Buck, Miss Bostwick; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. N. Worthington; recording secretary, Mrs. Robins; treasurer, Miss Twose.

Quebec.—Holy Trinity Cathedral.—The Church people throughout the Dominion will sympathize

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