

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's*.—At a meeting of *St. Luke's* Parishioners, called for the purpose, on Tuesday evening, the Rev. Frederick R. Murray, of the Cathedral, *St. John's, Newfoundland*, was unanimously elected Rector of the Parish. Mr. Murray will arrive in Halifax to assume the duties of his new position in January, when we can assure him of a very warm and cordial welcome.

The Bishop of the Diocese will hold an Ordination on Sunday morning next in his Cathedral, when two Deacons will be raised to the Priesthood.

WINDSOR.—After Service on Wednesday evening last, a meeting of the members of the Church to take into consideration the affairs of the B. H. M., was held in the Chapel of Ease. Owing to the disagreeable state of the weather very few people were present. The Rector read the Report of the last year, and the appeal of His Lordship the Bishop, and urged on the people the necessity of contributing more largely to the funds of the B. H. M. this year than they did last year. The Rev. Canon Dart being present, called the attention of the congregation to the work which the B. H. M. had accomplished; but if its finances continued in a crippled condition, the work must necessarily be straitened. The stipends of the clergy were not sufficient for their comfort, and an effort must be made all over the Diocese to improve this state of affairs. Already, some of our best clergymen had left Nova Scotia for other Dioceses, and we cannot expect to retain the services of good men unless sufficient inducement was offered them to live at least free from the cares of poverty that so often afflict the clergy. It was suggested by the Rector that the ladies of the Parish organize a Mite Society for the collection of money towards the funds of the B. H. M. It is certain that they will be able to accomplish a great deal if they will only try. Windsor ought certainly to double the amount given last year. If every Parish were able to do this, the deficiency would soon be made up.

BRIDGETOWN.—At the last meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deacons held at Weymouth, the Rev. J. P. Fillet, R. D., and Rev. J. Ritchie were appointed delegates to visit the various parishes and address the people on the present condition of the Mission Fund. A meeting was accordingly held in this parish on the 10th ult. After evening prayers in the Parish Church, and a few introductory remarks from the Rector in reference to the reasons for calling such a meeting at the present time, and the absolute necessity that existed for increased effort on the people's part, an eloquent and interesting speech was made by Mr. Ritchie, who took for his subject *Liberality* and showed in how great a measure that grace was wanting in the Church at the present day, and pointed out how nothing but an increase of it would rescue us from our present difficulties. The Rev. gentleman concluded his address by making several practical suggestions for increasing missionary contributions, which, it is to be hoped many will be led to adopt. After the singing of a missionary hymn by the choir, the Rev. J. P. Fillet, R. D., came forward and delivered a very telling address on missionary enterprises in general, ending with an earnest, warm-hearted appeal to churchmen to come forward and nobly sustain the missions of their Church. It is to be hoped that the disinterested exertions of these gentlemen will be rewarded by largely increased subscriptions to the B. H. M.—Two very successful harvest festivals were held in this parish, one at Belle Isle, Oct. 2nd, and the other in the Parish Church, Bridgetown, on Oct. 9th, both churches were decorated in a very beautiful and becoming manner, the singing on both occasions was very hearty and appropriate, at Bridgetown the service was concluded by singing *Dykes' Te Deum*, as a hymn of thanksgiving, which was rendered by the choir most effectively. Offerings at both for W. and C. Fund.

The Rector of the Parish desires to convey his thanks to those parishioners who so kindly united in presenting him with a handsome robe for his sleigh, and to assure them that he highly prizes it on account of the kindly spirit which he feels sure prompted the giving of it.

SYDNEY, C. B.—A meeting in aid of the Board of Home Missions was held at Coxheath, in this Parish, on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst. The Rev. C. Croucher, R. D., attended to advocate the claims of the Board, and earnestly urged the necessity of more liberal offerings, if its present work is to be maintained and continued. The attendance was large, and the result of the meeting an increase in subscriptions and contributions.

ALTON MIXES.—The organ is now in the chamber prepared for it on the north side of the chancel. The removal was made by Mr. Max. Major of Fruro, at a very reasonable charge, and reflects credit on his workmanship as a tuner also. In the last item from this Parish, Mr. Hudson was called the Senior Church Warden, this was a *lapsus penne*, the seniority belongs to our constant friend, Mr. G. G. Carritt, who for 28 years has been an active worker for the Church in this Parish.

JORDAN RIVER.—The sea and fancy sale held here on the 16th Nov. was very successful, the sum cleared, after paying all expenses, amounted to \$86. With regard to the proposed alterations of the Church here, it has been decided to let the matter stand over until the spring, as it is too late to do anything to the building this year, and, perhaps, by that time some method may be discovered of bringing about the needed alterations to meet the object in view. What we want is a decent Churchlike building, and the question is can we convert the present ill adapted one into anything of the kind. It would be unwise to lay out money, in these hard times upon it, unless we felt sure it would prove satisfactory when finished. May He, Whose House it is, direct and enable us to carry out and accomplish what we wish.

LOCKEPORT.—There is to be a Fancy Sale, &c., on Tuesday before Christmas Day, by the *Children's Sewing Circle* in Lockeport.—*Parish Church Work.*

MAHONE BAY.—The teachers and scholars of *St. James' Sunday School, Mahone Bay*, will give, D. V., a popular entertainment, consisting of songs, carols, recitations and dialogues, in the Village Hall, on Monday evening, the 26th of December. A prominent feature of the entertainment will be the stripping of a brilliant Xmas Tree by Santa Claus for the benefit of the scholars. Doors open at 7 o'clock, and music to begin at 7.30 p. m. All are invited. Admission 10 cents.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle intend holding a fancy sale and tea-meeting on the 2nd of January, 1882. We think it only necessary to state that the proceeds are to be devoted to *St. James' Church Building fund* to secure hearty co-operation and a successful bazar and tea-meeting. Notice of the hour and place will be given in due time.—*Parish Church Work.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SUSSEX.—The marriage of Miss Alice C. Vail to Mr. Edward Hickson, of Bathurst, on Dec. 7th, created great interest in Church circles. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Beer and Miss May Arnold. The groomsmen were Mr. J. E. Hickson and C. O'Brien. At the wedding breakfast among the speeches, Canon Medley in proposing the health of the bride, said that her removal from Sussex, and from the choir of the Church especially, would be severely felt by him. It is generally felt that the departure of Mrs. Hickson from King's County would be a great loss to the music of the Church in that part of the diocese. She was always ready and willing to assist other parishes in their musical efforts, and her place as a cultivated alto singer will be difficult to fill.

MONCTON.—The new schoolhouse is completed. It is a plain building 50 x 20, which will seat 200 persons. On a future occasion it is intended to add a class-room for the infant class. The interior is sheathed up to the base of the windows with pine, stained, and the walls are profusely adorned with Bible cartoons and engravings which greatly add to the appearance. The windows were procured from R. Lewis, of London, Ont., and are very neat and tasteful, costing only 75 cents per foot. These were given by the classes in the Sunday School, who have collected the money for six out of the ten. Two were given by the Bible Class, two by the "Daughters of the Church," bought by Miss Iva Chandler, and one by the "Standard Bearers," bought by Miss Ella Stevens. The others were given by the remainder of the classes. A new Bell organ has been put in, and the first service which was held on the evening of the 27th, was of a very hearty character. Week night services will be held in the schoolhouse during the winter, and the building will be used for Sunday school, social and association gatherings.

PORTLAND.—*St. Paul's*.—The annual sale of *St. Paul's* Society was held at the house of the President, Mrs. W. H. DeVeber, on the 14th.

MONCTON.—Having noticed in a recent issue an account of the sale of several old coins, a lady has written us, stating that she has a silver piece of Elizabeth's reign which she desires to dispose of. She asks us if we could inform her how she would be likely to realize a price on it. Perhaps some of our readers who are authority on these matters can give the information. We shall be happy to place any person interested in communication with our correspondent. Address CHURCH GUARDIAN, Moncton, N. B.

BURTON AND LINCOLN.—It was with feelings of indignation that many of the Parishioners of Burton and Lincoln read an article in a late number of the *CHURCH GUARDIAN*, respecting the resignation of the Rev. R. Sirmonds, of the Parish of Dorchester. Certainly, during the years that he ministered in this Parish, he proved himself most zealous and hard working, frequently holding three Services, and driving many miles on the Sunday, winning the loving regard and respect of his Parishioners, and of many also not of our communion to whom he ministered with unvarying kindness whenever illness or trouble required his services. His Christian example in his daily life proved the reality of the truths which he taught, and I would observe to the

correspondent before referred to, that "patient continuance in well-doing" carries more influence than mere "energy and life."

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE removals of the incumbents of Richmond and Hatley, already mentioned in my correspondence, together with others now to be mentioned, have made more changes among the clergy of this quiet Diocese than have been seen for many years. The clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, it may truly be said, are not men in any sense 'given to change.' It seldom happens that one of them removes to another Diocese. There is among them a peculiarly affectionate attachment to their own Diocese, their Bishop, their brother clergy, and their Diocesan institutions. This gives to the Diocese solidity and strength, besides other advantages. Now, however, we are losing one of our clergy by emigration; the Rev. James Boydell, M. A., Missionary at Kingsey, has accepted the charge of Brandon, in Manitoba, and goes there after Christmas. Mr. Boydell will be a loss to us and a gain to Manitoba, for he is a true-hearted, faithful, religious gentleman, unflinching in the quiet, persistent discharge of his duty, ever cheerful and full of sympathy,—just the man to win real success in his new home. His brother-clergy, as well as his own people, greatly regret his loss. But we must not begrudge a good man to a field which needs good men so sorely. We are losing also the services of the Rev. A. W. Woolryche, who, owing to a complete break-down of his health, is retiring upon the Pension Fund from the charge of the Mission of Bury, a Mission some 25 miles from Sherbrooke. Mr. Woolryche is still comparatively a young man, and the failure of his health is a most grievous trial, deeply lamented by his many warm friends. Mr. Woolryche came to us from England some 20 years ago, and after serving a few years in a country Mission was for many years incumbent of Levis and South Quebec, and also Secretary of the Church Society. There his health failed him, and after holding for a short time, at intervals, several country cures, he is now obliged finally to retire. Mr. Woolryche was an able preacher, and a man of considerable attainments in literature, and very much endeared himself to his friends by the charm of his conversation and the warmth of his affections. He is succeeded in the charge of the large and important Mission of Bury by the Rev. F. W. Webster, B. A., lately returned from a two years' tenure of the Mission of Labrador, his first charge. Mr. Webster is a native of Quebec, and a graduate of the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, as also is Mr. Boydell. The Rev. Albert Stevens, M. A., also of Bishop's College, succeeds Mr. Balfour at Hatley. He has been Missionary in the two townships of Barford and Hereford, without change, since his ordination 6 or 7 years ago, and has there won for himself and for the Church—of which he may be said to have been the founder there—a good degree, and great respect and esteem. The Rev. John Foster, however, the incumbent of the neighbouring Mission of Coaticook, did good service as a pioneer Missionary in Hereford and Barford, as did also his beloved and lamented successor, the Rev. Mr. Corvin, one of the holiest and most lovable, as well as one of the most eccentrically innocent of men. The ground, however, was much of it quite unbroken, and all of it new and little won when Mr. Stevens went to reside at Dixville, the principal village at Barford. Barford and Hereford are settled chiefly by Americans, an element of our population of the greatest value, but having its peculiarities: deeply prejudiced against the Church, but when really won making the best of Church people. Dixville is intensely American. The story of the naming of the place will illustrate the quaint humour of the people. Its former name was Drew's Mills, but as there was a Drew's Mills in Ontario the Postmaster requested them to select some other name. The great man of the place was a Mr. Richard Baldwin, and all the other distinguished citizens were Baldwin's. Mr. Richard Baldwin, however, though influential and wealthy, in fact, owning the place, was universally known as *Dick*. Hence, when the mandate of the Postmaster came it was suggested and at once adopted, with applause, that Drew's Mills should be henceforth known as *Dixville*. Mr. Stevens is himself of American origin on his father's side, and a son of the soil, and has proved himself admirably adapted to win the regard and confidence of his shrewd neighbours, who know, none better, how to value solid worth. A curious incident will serve to illustrate this. Mr. Stevens met one day a Dixville man, whose family—not himself—had begun to attend with increasing regularity upon his ministry, and as they were passing one another with a salutation, the farmer pulled up and said, 'Elder,' (they call all ministers of religion *Elders* thereabouts) 'Elder, I want to speak to you. I've been thinking that I ought to pay something to you.' 'Yes,' said Mr. Stevens, 'that's very kind of you.' 'Yes,' said he, 'I've made up my mind to pay four dollars.' 'That's very good of you,' said Mr. Stevens. 'But, I guess you don't know,' added his friend, 'what I'm going to pay it for.' 'Well, perhaps not,' said Mr. Stevens. 'Well, I'll tell you then,' said the farmer, with the greatest gravity, 'Two dollars is because you mind your own business, and two dollars is because you let other people mind theirs.' And then while the clergyman listened with mingled amazement and amusement, he added, 'I've been noticing' things

since you've been among us. Elder, we've had a good many ministers of various kinds, and they've all mixed themselves up with other people's business and made trouble; but you've kept right along minding your own business. Now, I don't go to your Church, nor to any other, but I've made up my mind to pay towards yours.' Accordingly he handed over to the 'Elder' four dollars. The Dixville people, of all classes, will be right sorry to lose their quiet, gentle, ever earnest and devoted friend, Mr. Stevens. Barford lies next to Vermont, and Hereford to both Vermont and New Hampshire. The Church in the United States has not extended itself to either point, though glorious opportunities have been well and wisely laid in Hereford and Barford. Mr. Stevens is succeeded by the Rev. C. B. Washer, who leaves the Mission of Brompton and Windsor, two townships lying between Sherbrooke and Richmond. Here Mr. Washer, who came to us from England, has been labouring with loving zeal and untiring persistency for nearly five years. This Mission was wholly new ground to the Church when the services were begun in each township in 1870 by the Rev. Dr. Roe, then Rector of Melbourne and Richmond. The annexing of this large territory to the Parish of Melbourne led to the Rev. Isaac Thompson joining Dr. Roe in 1871. In 1874, when Dr. Roe was removed to Bishop's College, and Mr. Thompson succeeded him at Melbourne, Brompton and Windsor were made an independent Mission. Notwithstanding the long neglect of these townships by the Church, and the forestalling of her by other religious bodies, the Church is now taking root and growing in Brompton and Windsor, and the zealous labours of Mr. Washer have won many. It is feared that this interesting young Mission will have to be served by lay readers from Bishop's College until the next mid-summer ordination of the Bishop of Quebec. It may not be without interest if I mention the regular Sunday work of some of these gentlemen whose labours I have been reviewing. Mr. Washer, 3 full services every Sunday, and superintending and teaching classes in two Sunday Schools, with 12 miles of driving; Mr. Thornelee, the same, with 6 miles' drive; Mr. Thompson, the same, with drives from 8 to 20 miles; Mr. Stevens (who has 5 stations), the same, with a drive varying from 12 to 20 or 25 miles; Mr. Balfour (three stations), the same, with a drive of 20 miles. Of course, their Sunday work is the best of their work. The triumphs of these Missions have been won in diligent, unceasing, *instructive*, affectionate house-to-house visitation. Your readers will not now wonder that these ministries should be in the best sense successful. S. T. P.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Dr. Sullivan's sermon on the "Intermediate State," as expected, drew a number of hearers additional to the usually large congregation. The subject was ably treated, and was very much akin in way of treatment to the sermon preached in St. Margaret's Church, London, on the same subject, and since published by the Rev. Mr. Body, the well-known Missioner, among the so-called *Ritualistic* sermons of the Church. Dr. Sullivan alluded to the common idea entertained so generally among Protestants, that the souls of the departed enter immediately upon their final state, and from Scripture proved its fallacy. On this question of the Intermediate State has it ever been observed by Churchmen that the Methodists in the Catechism they put into their Sunday School children's hands, make their theology utterly at variance with their hymns. In one of his hymns Wesley speaks of three places, Heaven, Paradise, and Hell, while in their Catechism they speak of two only, and what is more, they go into positive details as to the nature of the bliss in one, and misery in the other. So that the impression conveyed to the child's mind is a very material one indeed, that many would join with Dr. Thomas and others in repudiating. The impression conveyed to my mind was, that they have gone beyond the language of Scripture in their Catechism, or so put it as to make it open to unhesitating rejection by every thinking mind.

HORNBURG.—*St. Mary's*.—The Services and congregations here have been steadily improving of late. Perseverance and patience have certainly been exercised by the Incumbent, and by them he has overcome great difficulties. The Church-building has been retined inside, and otherwise made to look spruce and comfortable. The musical portion of the service has been under the management of an excellent organist, lately from London, and who has been, we understand, at one time in the musical corps of S. Alban's, Holborn. He has improved the singing very much, and has aided in bringing about some very needful improvements in the way of promoting reverence and devotion.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS—Continued.

DURING the past year there has been from immigration a large advance of settlement in Western and Southern Manitoba. From want of funds we have not been able hitherto to do much to meet the needs of our fellow churchmen, but we have done what we could, and we have it now in our power to occupy several of the more important districts. In