

Old World. We are here, both communities endeavoring, as I have said, to build up great, free nations. But one of the difficulties which stand in our way, one of the problems which we both have to solve is, how we may, in connection with the freest possible institutions, and with the greatest possible extent of individual freedom—how we may, at the same time, promote that recognition of the great principles through which, after all, is the best safeguard of the freedom of communities.

I know of no means by which we can so well accomplish this as by that of the great Church to which we both belong, and I can only as a Layman come from Canada, extend to you Laymen of the United States, members of this Convention, the right hand of fellowship, pledging you, as I hope you may pledge us in return, our most earnest and best efforts for the promotion of the interests of our Church, expressing our best hopes for the realization of this blessing, which God, through this Church, is bestowing upon communities of kindred people.

The President, Mr. Fennings Taylor, the Deputy-Clerk of the Senate of Canada.

Mr. Fennings Taylor, Mr. President, Reverend gentlemen and gentlemen: When my worthy friend, the Prolocutor of the Provincial Synod of Canada, was kind enough to select me as one of the delegates to this Convention, I think he was under the impression that I had a great capacity for listening. For though my official life is passed in an atmosphere of debate, with an occasional flurry of temper and now and then a flash of oratory, still I am denied the privilege of doing more than what Sidney Smith recommended some one to indulge in—eloquent passages of silence. But sometimes we are rather pleased at disappointing our friends and perhaps of astonishing ourselves. Although the last to speak to you, and I of course speak under one great disadvantage, as all the ideas which I had may have been stolen from me and used by the delegates from Canada who have spoke before me. Nevertheless I venture to amplify for a moment a thought which occurred to me in listening to the venerable President of the House of Bishops this morning.

I do not wish to be guilty of the bad taste of referring to matters of state here; but there is a word which has been whispered at Washington and muttered in Ottawa, which I think we may use here without any whispering or muttering. This is a Church Parliament, and I take it, the Church Parliament of the United States, in which we, at all events, have a great interest. And that word, which I speak with great submission, is "reciprocity." [Laughter.]

Now I think that we and Churchmen in our Church Parliament will beat, and indeed have beaten, the statesmen altogether, for we have by acclamation established a reciprocity treaty between the Churches of Canada, and of the United States. We are here in answer to your kind invitation to listen, to watch your good works, and, if possible, to benefit by them; to appreciate your charity, and in all respects to take advantage of the occasion and annex everything we can that is good, to take away with us. [Laughter.] For here at all events we must be brothers, as we are all spiritually descended from the great mother church of England. And I am sure that in this place all our hearts throb with equal affection for that mother Church, and for one another, and that we can each say so to the other, "I wish you good luck in the name of the Lord."

The President, The communication presented by the Delegation from the Church of England in Canada, will be entered upon the journal.

The Rev. Dr. Craik, of Kentucky. Mr. President, I take the liberty of moving now that the members of the Deputation from our sister Church be requested to take seats at their pleasure by the side of the President on the platform during their stay.

The motion was agreed to.

The members of the delegation from the Canadian Church, freely and gladly availed themselves of the privilege thus accorded to them. They took their seats by the President from time to time during the next six or seven days of the session of the House of Deputies, and listened with interest to debates on many important questions affecting the welfare and progress of the Church of

Christ. They were much impressed not only with the ability with which the debates were conducted, but also with the spirit of order, and harmony, and brotherly love which prevailed throughout the whole of that representative assembly.

We are promised by one member of the delegation a full account of a very interesting and important service, the consecration of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Maine; which he attended on his way back to Canada, after leaving the General Convention.

On Thursday Oct. 11th, after a lunch at the Hotel Brunswick, Boston, the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies, and the Canadian delegation, had a very pleasant social gathering, when brother met brother in friendly greeting, and interchange of thought. A few short and hearty addresses were given at the close by the venerable presiding Bishops of the American Church, Bishop Smith, of Kentucky; by Bishop Potter of New York; the Bishops of Huron and Fredericton, and Mr. Fennings Taylor.

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AMHERST.—Our correspondent, in order to save the post, was compelled to omit all mention of the evening services on the day of the consecration of the chancel. The same clergy were present and took part, with the exception of Rev. Donald Bliss, of the Fredericton Diocese. The Bishop repeated a great deal of his address on consecration—as there were many present who were not able to attend in the morning—and afterwards preached one of his most able and effective sermons. The music and singing at this as well as at the morning service were excellent, unpretentious and devotional, reflecting the greatest credit on the voluntary choir and on the well-tryed and never-forgotten organist, Miss Ratchford. After the evening service, a large number of the parishioners and others met the Bishop and clergy by invitation at the residence of Lt.-Col. Stewart, to whose purse and to the patient skill of whose wife the Church in Amherst is so very largely indebted. The Bishop started by I. C. R. the next day for Wentworth, en route to River John Parish.

River John.—The Lord Bishop was met at Wentworth by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Downing, on Thursday afternoon, 18th inst., who drove him to Barrasois, where Divine service was held in the school house; the Bishop preaching. Having rested the night at the pretty rectory at River John, the Bishop proceeded some 7 miles to a spot on the Back Road between River John and Tatamagouche in Colchester County—a settlement of plain farmers without any other designation than that given here—his Lordship there found what he justly called "a beautiful church" all ready for consecration with its surrounding "God's Acre." It is, considering all the circumstances, a most remarkable structure—beautiful in form and proportions—and erected by the self-denying labours of a few back country settlers, without extraneous aid, to any extent beyond the price of the windows from the S. P. C. K. at home.

The consecration service was first said for the burial ground—which was perambulated by His Lordship and the Rector and parishioners—the pastoral staff being borne and the decree of consecration read by the Rev. D. C. Moore (Pugwash). The church was then consecrated, confirmation was administered to 18 persons (several of whom have been received from the sects), and the Holy Communion was celebrated, a goodly number of those present communicating. The Bishop's voice had partially deserted him—but with his characteristic determination he persisted—and addressed the audience thrice, once on the nature and value of consecration, secondly on confirmation (special to the candidates), and thirdly, an extempore lecture, full of some fatherly advice, in lieu of a sermon, which he really was unfit to deliver. Returning to the Rectory and resting a few hours, the indomitable Bishop again attended a service in the Parish church; confirmed five more candidates and addressed them, preaching to a crowded congregation. The shortened form of evening service was said by Mr. Moore, and the

preface to confirmation read by the Rector. The Bishop was driven to Truro (30 miles) by the Rector the next day and reached home, we trust, on Saturday night. This communication would not be complete unless just mention were made of the giver of the site of the new church and churchyard, Mr. George Forbes—of the numerous members of the Mingo family, notably Messrs. David and Levi Mingo, Mr. Neville, who all contributed their time, labor, skill and means to obtain a House of God amongst themselves. Mr. Morrill, of Brule, also contributed freely according to his means—furnishing one of the stoves as a gift, the other on most favorable terms, in addition to money.

This little church is near the junction of two roads, and serves, besides the people in the immediate neighborhood, for Brule and for a little settlement with the churchly name of "Keble," and, to a certain extent, for Barrasois. The altar in the church was neatly vested in frontal and super frontal of green, with gold colored stoles—the work of the Rector's wife—and the prayer desk, of excellent design, cleverly carried out, was made by Mr. David Mingo. It is hoped before long to add a tower and spire—indeed the S. W. porch is so constructed as to form the base of a future tower. It must be a great gratification to Mr. Downing, the Rector, to see this work, so far, complete, and the more so as, at the same time, a frame is ready and other preparations made for rebuilding the Parish church—the attendants on which are necessarily reduced by the erection of this Trinity Church on the Back Road. His labours are the more commendable as he is young in orders—and he gives another instance of valuable services rendered to the Church by those originally brought up and educated without her pale.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Algoma Missionary News for October records the following payments from Nova Scotia: Algoma Diocesan Fund, per B. Foreign Missions, N. S., \$200; do., per Rev. Canon Townshend, \$25; Shingwauk Home, B. F. M., \$51.50; Wawanosh Home, B. F. M., \$53.35; the Secy. B. F. M. has also received from Mrs. J. Wade and Miss E. Wade, of Belle Isle, N. S., for Wawanosh, \$2.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Received from Miss E. Wade, Belle Isle, Annapolis Co., by Rev. D. Moore, two dollars, P. E. I. cur., for Indian girl; Wawanosh Home, Algoma, Wm. Gossin, Prince B. F. M. Div., N. S., Halifax, Oct. 22, 1877.

WINDSOR.—The new building for the Academy will be ready in a fortnight. It reflects great credit on the architect and builder, S. Brookfield, of Halifax.

The temporary buildings are overcrowded, and it will be a great matter to have more accommodation for the increasing number of pupils. The new Academy occupies the same site as that burnt down five years since—it has cost about \$10,000, and is really a most handsome edifice—four stories high (including the Freestone base) 87x50 feet area.

We congratulate the head master on the near prospect of freedom from his present cramped quarters and trust that he may still continue to succeed.

KINGS COLLEGE.—The chapel built at the expense of the ever-ready Mr. Edward Binney (our Bishop's uncle) to the memory of the late Canon Hensley—Vice-President of King's College will be ready for consecration in five or six weeks. Mr. Brookfield is the builder of this as well as of the Academy—but the designs are by Sterling & Dewar, the dimensions 63x82 feet, the height being 45 feet. The roof interiorly sheathed diagonally, stained with sienna and vermilion; the iron work is ultra-marine with gilt bosses. The windows are of stained glass.

Both buildings owe much to the superintendence of the clerk of the works Mr. George McKenzie.

BRANWICK.—A new church 40x22, accommodating 150 worshippers is in course of erection.

HALIFAX.—Canon Dart, D. D., President of