

Church, believing simply that it has come to us in unbroken descent from the Apostles.

We have no theory of the Sacraments, being satisfied with the belief that they are commanded, and that God will bless our obedience.

Never spake this bishop more wisely than in this language; and daily, for years, have the words been becoming more and more singularly true. And that others who are not of our household of the one family are daily more and more fully realizing our generous and comprehensive position, we all have cause to know.

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From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, July 10th.—The diocesan synod is at present in session, its meetings being biennial. The session was opened by a very able and interesting address by Bishop Jones, in which he reviewed the work and progress of the Church since the last meeting of synod, two years ago. After referring, in touching terms, to the death of the late Bishop Binney, of Nova Scotia, and to the deaths of two of his own clergy, he stated that during the last two years five additional laborers had been appointed on the staff of the clergy of the diocese, their total number now being 57; that in that time he had held 66 confirmations, at which 2,343 candidates had been presented; that he had consecrated 9 new churches, and 16 graveyards. He spoke most hopefully of the prospects of the Church and the increasing and extending missionary spirit among the clergymen of the diocese.

The Diocesan Synod in Newfoundland was incorporated in 1875. It is composed of the Bishop, clergy and laity of the diocese. Every clergyman in the diocese licensed by the bishop has a seat and vote in the synod. The laity appear and vote by their representatives. Each mission or parish elects two representatives. The vote of each other, namely, bishop, clergy and laity, is taken separately, and the result of each vote is determined by the majority of the members present and voting in order, and no act or resolution is valid unless it has received the concurrent assent of the bishop and a majority of the clergy and laity. When the See becomes vacant the Synod elects a new bishop. In 1787 the first colonial bishopric was created—that of Nova Scotia—"with ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick and the island of Newfoundland." It was not till 1839 that Newfoundland was erected in a separate diocese, the Rev. Aubrey S. Spencer being the first bishop. When he arrived he found but eight clergymen in the island, and the church in a very disorganized and disheartened condition. At the end of two years he was able to report that there were twenty-five clergymen, 80,000 Church members and 3,000 scholars in the Sunday Schools. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel planted numerous missions and sent out clergymen. The foundation of a cathedral was laid in St. John's. In 1844 Bishop Feild, a man of great energy and devotedness, succeeded Bishop Spencer. Under him the Church prospered greatly and extended itself. The nave of the new cathedral was consecrated in 1850. On Bishop Feild's death in 1876 he was succeeded by Bishop Kelly; but infirm health obliged him to resign the following year. Bishop Jones succeeded him in 1878, and under him the Church has witnessed a steady growth and prosperity. The cathedral was completed and consecrated in 1885. It is one of the most beautiful structures on this side of the Atlantic, the cost since the foundation was laid having been \$400,000. The number of clergy have increased since 1878 more than 25 per cent. They now number 57. In 1845 the adherents of the Church of England in Newfoundland numbered 84,294; in 1857 they had increased to 44,285; in 1874 to 59,561; and in 1884 the census gave their number as 69,000. They are now over 70,000. The number of communicants is now 10,000. The number of places of worship 142. In Church of England day schools, which number 187, there are 9,847 scholars. The number of children enrolled in the Sunday Schools is 12,300; they are provided with 860 teachers, or, reckoning the clergy, 917 are engaged

in Sunday School work. There are two orphanages in St. John's which are sustained by private donations and subscriptions. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel makes an annual grant of £2,900 sterling in aid of the Newfoundland missions. The financial affairs of the Synod are managed by an executive committee, and each mission is assessed by it to the amount it may be expected to contribute to the general fund. There is a clergy, widows' and orphans' fund; a clerical pension fund; and another for the education of the children of the clergy. The diocese is divided into eight deaneries. There are two missionaries stationed on the coast of Labrador, one at Battle Harbour and the other has charge of the extensive mission at Sandwich Bay.

It is thus apparent that the Church of England in Newfoundland is thoroughly organized and is working vigorously and successfully. The zeal and liberality of its members are increasing. The organization of the Diocesan Synod, a dozen years ago, on a popular basis, in which the laity are fully represented, has been attended with happy results in enlisting more fully the sympathy and co-operation of the laity in all departments of Church work. In Bishop Jones the Church has a chief pastor of great zeal, ability and energy, who enjoys the confidence and affection of his own clergy and people, and the respect and esteem of his own community.—*Montreal Gazette.*

ONTARIO.

DESERONTO.—The ladies of St. Mark's Guild, the Rev. Rural Dean Stanton, rector, and the Rev. Robt. Atkinson, curate, are very much gratified with the result of their dinner on July 1st, and the grand Jubilee bazaar on July 8th. By their efforts \$300 have been secured to the Treasury of the Church. This is by far the most successful effort made by the congregation at Dresden. The upper part of St. Mark's church is rapidly approaching completion. At present the congregation is worshipping in the basement where the Sunday School also meets. A new organ has been secured and the ladies are arranging for another bazaar to be held in September.

SHANNONVILLE.—The exterior of the beautiful church (Holy Trinity), has recently been restored.

BROCKVILLE.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Leeds Co. was held in St. Paul's parish last month; the following clergy being present: the Rev. Rural Dean Grout, the Revs. Messrs. Tighe of Lansdowne, Coleman of North Augusta, R. N. Jones of Farmersville, Quartermain, Pocock and Hague of Brockville. Divine service was held in St. Paul's church on Tuesday evening, the Rev. R. N. Jones preaching the sermon from 1 Peter, ii. 21. The service was very bright, the responses and hymns being joined in with great heartiness. At eight o'clock next morning there was an administration of the Holy Communion. At the regular meeting various subjects were discussed, chiefly the advisability of the use of S. S. Leaflets, and of uniformity of ritual in the churches. Owing to the absence of the Rev. Mr. Codd, the discussions of the 1st and 2nd Resurrections was deferred till the next meeting. After the session was over the members of the Rural Deanery with some friends enjoyed a nine miles run up the river in a steam yacht kindly loaned by one of Brockville's citizens. In the evening a public meeting was held in the church, when addresses were delivered by the Rev. Rural Dean Grout and the Rev. Stearne Tighe. The next meeting will be held in Lansdowne.

TORONTO.

Rural Deanery of East York.—The quarterly meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery was held at the rectory, Unionville, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12th and 13th. There were present during the session the Revs. John Fletcher, A.M., Rural Dean, John Carry, D.D., John Davidson, A.M., John Vicars, A.B., Isaac Middleton, A.M., and Frederick Burt. Letters of apology for necessary absence were received from the Revs. Anthony Hart and J. H. Harris, the latter was delayed through illness, the former being residing examiner at the terminal examinations of the pupils of the High School at Markham. On Tuesday evening a very practical sermon was preached by Rev. Isaac Middleton from Psalm xix. 12. On Wednesday morning the Sacrament of the Supper of the Lord was administered; the Rev. I. Middleton being celebrant. The business meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m., and was fully occupied during the forenoon in a profitable discussion upon the portion of Scripture appointed for consideration, Heb. xiii., in the original Greek. After recess for dinner the Chapter resumed, when a learned essay was read by

Rev. Dr. Carry on the futile attempt of the Emperor Julian to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem, in which in a clear and exhaustive manner the various proofs of this extraordinary fact were given from contemporary authors. The Chapter then took into consideration the state of the missions in the Deanery, and great regret was expressed at the long continued vacancies in the missions of Beaverton and Sunderland; after a serious deliberation on the subject a resolution was passed requesting the Bishop to use his personal influence and his best endeavours to replace those missions on their former footing with missionaries and regular services. It was thought by the Chapter that the Old Testament did not receive at their hands that full critical examination to which it is entitled, and that our efforts have been confined to the elucidations of the New Testament to the exclusion of that portion of God's Word which the Apostle declares is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. It was therefore determined that at least for some time the attention of the Chapter would be directed to the Old Testament, and that the Minor Prophets, as the portion of the oracles of God which receives least notice, should now form the subject of our meditation. The next meeting of the Chapter was appointed to be held at Port Perry on Oct. 11th and 12th, when the following subjects would be considered: an essay by the Rev. John Davidson on special forms of missionary effort suitable to our Deanery, and the first three chapters of the Book of the Prophet Hosea.

JOHN FLETCHER, Rural Dean.

ALNWICK.—Last week a beautiful stained glass window was placed in the chancel of St. James' Church. It is a memorial by the congregation to the late Rev. John McLeary, their beloved pastor for so many years. The window is of three parts and is of the Gothic style. The design is very chaste and cannot fail to meet with the appreciation of all who see it. The figure in the centre piece to the left represents a baptismal font surrounded by a lovely wreath of water lilies, emblematic of purity. In the middle portion is a lamb bearing a white banner on which is a red cross representing the lamb of God who meekly bore His cross and dyed it with His blood. To the right is a figure of a chalice with some heads of golden wheat and a bunch of purple grapes representative of the bread and wine of the Eucharist. Across the foot of the window an inscription reads: "Erected by this congregation to the Glory of God and in memory of the Rev. John McLeary, a former Incumbent, who died Oct. 10th, 1886." It was manufactured by McCausland & Son, of Toronto, and the selection was made by the Rev. C. W. Bradshaw, of Ashburnham. It is a real work of art and exceedingly creditable to the congregation of the pretty little church which it adorns. It is very doubtful if its equal could be found outside our larger towns and cities, and those who have been so liberal of time and expense may well be gratified with their beautiful memorial.

The Sec.-Treasurer of the Church Woman's Mission Aid of Toronto Diocese desires that all applications for assistance in the form of clothing, Xmas trees, &c. may be sent in as soon as possible. This Society is now working in connection with the Woman's Auxiliary, but applications of the above nature are to be sent in as usual to Mrs. O'Reilly, 37 Bleeker St. Toronto.

Mrs. A. E. Williamson acknowledges with many thanks the following sums for the Neepigon Mission: Rev. J. C., Cookstown, \$2 00; Kingston, \$5.00.

The following gentlemen were ordained priests on Sunday, 31st July, at St. James' Cathedral by the Bishop of Toronto, Revs. A. J. Broughall, H. P. Hobson and Provost Body assisting, Rev. Prof. Boys delivering the sermon:—Rev. George Herbert Broughall, B.A., master at Trinity College school, Port Hope; Rev. J. G. Lewis, L. T., assistant at St. Albans, Cathedral, and the Bishop's private secretary; Rev. George E. Lloyd, chaplain to the Reformatory, Penetanguishene. The following were ordained deacons: Herbert J. Hamilton, B.A., to the curacy of St. John's church, Port Hope; Wm. E. Carroll, B.A., to the mission of Mulmur West; Francis John Lynch, to the mission of Sunderland; Thomas Robert O'Meara to the curacy of St. Philip's church, Toronto.

NIAKARA.

The Rev. Mr. Bennet, late of the diocese of Ontario, who has been appointed priest in charge of Grace Church, Waterdown, and curate of St. Matthew's, Aldershot, began his duties on the fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 11th.