

building, the House of God, is the only right place for their joining together of man and wife in a union as indissoluble as that of which it is a type and symbol, "the mystical union which is betwixt Christ and His Church;" to say nothing of the seriousness and even solemnity characterising such a service when conducted in the Church, driving away the lightness and frivolity with which even the act of marriage is regarded when it is performed in a private dwelling.

I must not forget a reference to the work that is being done by the Churchwoman's Missionary Association, that organization which is for this Diocese what the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary are for the others. Not more than three or four years ago the Association granted me for the more needy of the Clergy \$900 a year to be distributed at my discretion; now, through increased effort and by the help of the branches at Amherst and Truro, and the contributions sent from Yarmouth, Tangier, Kentville and Windsor, they are able to increase it to \$1200, besides sending out two boxes valued at not less than \$400, to two of our own clergy, and a large bale of warm clothing to the value of about \$25, for the people on the coast of Labrador ministered to by the Mission to deep sea fishermen. I am glad to hear that branches are organized in Digby and Springhill, and hope that they may be set on foot in many more parishes of the Diocese that so we may be able to extend our benefactions far beyond our own borders, and ultimately ever across the ocean to the Missionaries in Foreign lands.

When the calamitous fire occurred in St. John's, Newfoundland, by which the Church lost so heavily, I was glad to welcome to my home the burnt out and much afflicted Bishop as he was passing thorough Halifax to plead his cause in the United States and England, and to address a letter to the Church people asking for contributions to aid in restoring, at least partially, the beautiful cathedral. We had all previously joined with the general public in aiding the houseless and needy people, but the response given to my appeal was most generous, and on 12th January, 1893, the Bishop of Newfoundland wrote me—"The total (\$1793.30,) is a very handsome sum—the largest collected by any Diocese—and we are very grateful for it." Included in the sum was an amount of \$101.05 collected at a service on board H. M. S. "Blake," which was as generous as it was unexpected.

The only legacies which have been reported to me are the following:—\$100 by Mrs. Mary Hemlow, a poor woman in Liscombe, Guysboro County, to the Colonial and Continental Church Society,—\$1500 by J. W. Turner to Christ Church, Dartmouth, for any one of three specified objects, and a further sum of \$2000 on the death of his widow, towards providing a new Church building for the Parish.

There may have been other sums left to Church objects, of which I have not heard, and I desire that the Clergy and Churchwardens will send me word at any time of legacies being bequeathed, that I may make due acknowledgement of them in my address to the Synod, and that their mention may stir up others to go and do likewise.

I have received from the Convener of the Committee of the Diocese of Montreal "On the better observance of the Lord's Day," some copies of the Report presented to and adopted by the Synod, accompanied with the expression of a "hope that the Church in Nova Scotia may unite with the Diocese of Montreal in an application to the Dominion Parliament at its present session to pass a general Sunday Observance Bill, covering the whole Dominion, either by the adoption of Mr. Charlton's Bill now before the Legislature for the same purpose or by the introduction of any similar Bill by the Ministry themselves." It will be for you to decide whether you will take any such action or not, but I should be glad if you would in some