

pleads that the hundreds of thousands of British and American tourists, who at this season are enjoying their holiday on the Continent of Europe, should help him to put before intelligent and observant foreigners the best possible exposition of the English Church.

MR. SPURGEON is evidently alarmed at the tone of the recent discussions among the Wesleyans on the questions of Inspiration and Sabbath-keeping. In conjunction with a number of other preachers he has issued a manifesto, in the course of which he says:

"We, the undersigned, banded together in fraternal union, observing with growing pain and sorrow the loosening hold of many upon the truths of Revelation, are constrained to avow our firmest belief in the verbal inspiration of all Holy Scripture as originally given. To us the Bible does not merely contain the Word of God, but is the Word of God. From beginning to end we accept it, believe it, and continue to preach it. To us the Old Testament is no less inspired than the new. The book is an organic whole. Reverence for the New Testament accompanied by scepticism as to the Old appears to us absurd. The two must stand or fall together. We accept Christ's own verdict concerning 'Moses and all the prophets' in preference to any of the supposed discoveries of so-called higher criticism."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SPRING HILL MINES.—The corner stone of the new Parish House was laid on August 26th by Mrs. R. G. Leckie, of Londonderry Mines. The esteemed lady is well known for her active works on behalf of the Church and of all good objects. A silver trowel was presented to her by the congregation. The trowel was the work of M. S. Brown & Co., of Halifax, and was a beautiful artistic piece of work. The cavity of the stone contained the leading newspapers of the day, the coins of England, America and Canada, and an inscription which began 'To the Glory of Almighty God, and in furtherance of the work of the Church of England in its social, industrial and educational aspects, this the Parish House of All Saints was founded by its patroness, an American Lady.' It is sincerely to be hoped that now such substantial interest has been shown by strangers to Church work in Nova Scotia, many of the wealthy sons and daughters of the oldest colonial diocese will be stirred by this example to leave their mark upon their respective parishes, and especially upon the poorer and struggling missions. The gift of such a building, the present of an inexpensive Mission Church, or even the complete sustentance of a missionary in a new district for a few years, are within the means of many and needs only the breath of God's Holy Spirit and the cooperation of the faithful to accomplish such manifest good for God and His Church.

At the ceremony of laying the stone the Rev. Simon Gibbons gave a brilliant address on 'What mean ye by this service.' There was a very large concourse of people present, among whom were members of Parliament, the Mayor and Town council, and a large number of visitors from a distance. The building is sixty-three feet by forty-four feet. It will contain a Sunday school, holding 300 persons, a cooking school room, a kindergarten, gymnasium, reading room, game room, band room, and Rector's office. The parish is to be congratulated.

HANTSPOUR.—*St. Andrew's.*—The Ladies' Aid of this Church intend holding a tea meeting and fancy sale on 17th Sept; next, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the fund for clearing off the debt on the church building.

WINDSOR.—Christ Church people held an excursion on Saturday, the 29th ult., to Horseshoe

Cove by steamer 'Hiawatha.' It proved a great success and was attended by a large number. The band of the 68th Battalion was present and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

PERSONAL.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney was recently in London, Eng., and consulted leading physicians there as to whether it would be advisable for him to return to Nova Scotia this year, his health being still very poor. On their advice he will not return for some months, but has gone to a southern latitude.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

EAST HATLEY.—Bishop Niles, of New Hampshire, has been paying a visit to old friends in this neighborhood, having arrived here on 25th August. On the 29th he took part in the ceremony of consecrating the new bell for the church here, and delivered an excellent address. After the service a bountiful repast was served, free to all, in the hall adjoining the church, and thereafter addresses were given by Bishop Niles, Archdeacon Roe, Canon Foster, Revs. Thompson, Forsythe and Smith, and by Ald. Shorey of Montreal.

STANSTEAD.—The Parochial Church School of Christ Church has been reopened for the year, under the direction of Miss Wardrop.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has returned from his visitation to the Labrador coast, which is included within his jurisdiction.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese having finished his visitation in the Ottawa District, and will this week in the Deanery of Iberville.

MONTREAL.—*St. John the Evangelist.*—Messrs. Warren & Son, of Toronto, are at present building two fine organs for this church, viz.: a grand west end organ, which has been presented to the parish, and a chancel or accompaniment organ, which the congregation is putting in. It is expected they will both be ready by November 1st. The prospects for a progressive year of church work in this parish were never so good.

Grace Church.—The corner stone of the new church for this rapidly advancing parish will be laid on Thursday, the 17th inst.; the proceedings commencing at 3 p.m.

St. James'.—The addition to this church is rapidly approaching completion, and adds much to its appearance and capacity. The Rector on last Sunday announced that the wardens would attend on Saturday, the 12th inst., to allot pews.

The Rev. G. A. Smith, heretofore assistant at the Cathedral, has, it is said, accepted the like position in this Church and will enter on his duties shortly.

Mr. Smith's work has been much appreciated by the Cathedral Rector, churchwardens and congregation, whose best wishes go with him in his new sphere of usefulness.

DUNHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—The following circular has been issued by the Bishop of the Diocese:

At the request of the Corporation of Dunham Ladies' College, I have appointed the Rev. F. H. Dixon of Montreal, and Rev. W. Robinson of West Shefford, to canvass the Diocese of Montreal, with a view to liquidating the debt on the College building.

The amount of the debt is \$3,000; Canon Robinson has obtained promises, provided the debt is paid of \$800; the parishes in the Eastern Townships \$450; leaving to be obtained by the 1st of October \$1,750.

The building is mortgaged and a judgment obtained. If the money be not raised by that

time the building must be sold and go out of the hands of the Church. The building is worth \$8,000.

The honor of the Church is very deeply involved in this matter, as it will be most sad if faith be not kept with the lady who has lent the money, and the loss of the building will be a great hindrance to the cause of education in this diocese.

If the debt were removed there is no doubt that the College might be made to do a good Missionary work.

I strongly recommend the Reverend gentlemen who have kindly undertaken this duty to the liberality of the members of the Church.

KNOWLTON.—The Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Montreal officiated at both services on Sunday, 30th ult., in the Parish Church here, the Rector being unwell.

The annual picnic of the St. Paul's Sunday school was held this year at Bolton Springs and proved a great success. There was a large attendance of scholars and young people.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., the last services in old St. Paul's Church were held and were of an impressive nature. Many sweet and interesting memories cluster round the old building which is now about to be removed to make room for the fine new church to be erected upon its site. For years past this has been felt to be necessary but from one reason or another, action has been delayed till the present time.

St. JOHN'S.—Rev. Rural Dean Renaud close his connection with this parish on Sunday last conducting the service in St. James' both morning and evening, and delivering his final sermon at the evening service. He commences his work in St. Thomas' Church, Montreal, immediately and the best wishes of many friends follow him to his new sphere.

NOYAN.—*St. Thomas*—Preparations are being made here for the annual Harvest Home Festival which will be held on Sept. 16th. The occasion is one which is always looked forward to with pleasure by the church people of this neighborhood.

FREELIGHTSBURG.—The Rev. Dr. Krans, of New York, has been revisiting his old home, together with his family, and on the two Sundays last past has rendered assistance in the services of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church. The Consecration of this, probably the most beautiful church in the Eastern Townships (and sometimes called the Cathedral) is fixed for Sept. 29th. Special preparations are being made for the event which will be one of great interest, not merely to the Church people of the parish of St. Armand East, but to many others now resident outside its bounds.

SOUTH STURKELY.—The Sunday school in connection with this Church, held its annual picnic in Goddard Grove on the 27th ult., which was very largely attended and was most successful. Prizes were awarded for Sacred music, vocal and organ; for boy's race, over 12 and under 12, and Girl's race.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*All Saint's*—Rev. A. H. Baldwin, rector of the parish, was assisted in the services on Sunday last by Rev. Benjamin Gibson, of Dublin, Ireland, Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Order. In the morning the reverend gentleman preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from I. Kings xix., 4:

St. James'.—The Rector, Rev. Canon Dameron, has returned from his holiday, and preached at the evening service on Sunday last. In the course of his sermon he gave some advice as to anonymous letters. He said:—"As one who has received a good many of these documents in my lifetime, I want to give you this advice. Never allow writings so base, so