

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

HOW SHALL THE EVIL BE REMEDIED.—The Clergy, as a general rule, do not complain. They are hopeful and persevering.—They are energetic and enduring. But when you come to get at the hearts of most of them in the country, you find one evil preying, less or more, on all of them, their wives and their children included. And that is the irregularity practised by the people in paying their contributions to the clergyman's spend.

There are four classes of Parishioners regards this matter. 1st.—Generally few in number, who pay in advance at the beginning of the year. Blessed practice. It blesses their clergymen with peace of mind, and it must doubly bless themselves to know that that duty is performed. 2nd class.—Few in number also, who pay half-yearly at the end of each half-year. This is very well. One knows what he has to depend on in both cases. But I notice that the people belonging to these classes have regular incomes themselves on which they can depend. 3rd class, consists of a large number in most of our Parishes who have no fixed incomes themselves, nor no regular source on which they can depend. They get their money when they can, and pay it when they can, if they pay it at all. They are not really to blame. They cannot help it. They act under the pressure of their surroundings. 4th, also a large class, who are indifferent. They subscribe willingly, and swell the list of names, as well as the sum expected; but alas, they never pay. The clergyman's case, under these circumstances, is easily be defined—he must go into debt. He promises in hope of getting his salary. It does not come in. Faith is broken, and very sad results ensue. Experienced clergymen say that \$400, paid quarterly from the Mission fund, or some other certain fund, is better and more satisfactory in every respect than \$600, paid in the above mentioned way by the people. Then it follows that the clergyman who has a promise of \$600 from the people, actually loses the benefit of \$200, by the way it is paid.—COM.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—S. S. Teachers' Association. A semi-quarterly meeting of the Sunday-School Teachers' Association was held at the School Room of St. Jude's Church, Carleton, on the evening of the 5th, when Canon Brigstocke read a paper on "The Religious Wants of Children." He treated the subject as respects their intellectual, moral, and spiritual wants, shewing that the proper end of a teacher's labours is by no means gained if he merely succeeds in making them acquainted with the Doctrines of the Gospel,—it must be an endeavor to reach the heart and regulate the life. The Paper evinced much thought, and was scholastically written. The Rev. Mr. Brookman held that, as Christian parents are supposed to instruct their children at home, Sunday Schools are designed only for the children of the religious or indifferent. He also strongly insisted that none but converted persons should be teachers, a point that drew forth some remarks from the President, Mr. M. Jarvis, Esq., in his closing address. The Rev. George Schofield thought that the Gospel, if fully taught, supplied subjects calculated to influence the moral, enlarge the intellectual, and create and sustain the spiritual wants of all. The choir of St. Jude's, which is noted for its efficiency, gave two Anthems,—"Garry with Me," and "The Day of Rest cometh,"—which were highly appreciated.

St. Paul's, Portland.—The Vestry have contracted for the erection of an iron railing round the Church and Sunday school. The design was prepared by McKean & Fairweather, Architects. The

money has been raised by the ladies through their Sewing Society.

St. Luke's, Portland.—A sale of useful and... articles was held by the ladies of this Church from Tuesday to Friday of last week, (Aug. 5-9.) The proceeds are to be devoted to the completion of the Church.

NEW DENMARK.—The Danish settlement received a visit from the Metropolitan and Mrs. Medley on the 23d of June last. We have had occasion before in Church Work to tell the story of this Mission,—the reception into the Church of England of the whole Colony of Danes, the ordination of the Rev. N. M. Hanson to be their Pastor, and the noble attempt made by these new settlers to erect a Church. We are glad to chronicle evidences of their increasing spiritual and material prosperity. At the Visitation, twelve persons were confirmed, and 44 partook of the Holy Communion. The services were held in a house temporarily used for that purpose. In spite of the disagreeable and rainy weather, and the state of the roads, a large congregation assembled. The want of a suitable Church building is very much felt, and it is to be hoped that the Church now under erection, and nearly finished outside, may soon be so far completed that it may be used inside as well. The room where the service was held was tastefully decorated. The singing was hearty, and the offering of a whole congregation, not of a trained choir. After service, the Bishop and Mrs. Medley visited the Church building and grave-yard. The Church is erected in the Gothic style. It is 55 x 30 feet, with a tower 89 feet high. When complete, it will seat comfortably 250 people, and will be an ornament to the place. The settlement has increased largely this Summer. Over 100 have arrived from Denmark, and we rejoice to know that they have all joined the Church of England. They form a pleasing spectacle of a settlement comprising a united body of Churchmen, one in the objects of carving a home for themselves and children in the forest, and travelling to their heavenly home by the same good old paths.

[We call the attention of our readers to the above account. The Danish settlers have been unwearied in their efforts to build their Church. Their means are limited, but they have worked most nobly, and have received some measure of outside assistance. But they need a small amount more to complete their Church so as to be able to worship in it. Surely some devoted Churchman or Churchwoman, in reading the above record, which we have received directly from the settlement, will gladden the hearts of these people who have come over to us, by a contribution. It is an exceptional case. They are strangers in a strange land. They have come into communion with us, and need a little assistance in the start to build their Church. Let us help them. We shall be happy to acknowledge and forward any sum, however small.—Eps. C. G.]

DALHOUSIE.—We have been asked to point out an error in the Circular recently sent from this Parish to the Clergy of the Church throughout Canada. A typographical error made the Appeal ask for funds to "furnish" the Parsonage, when it should have been for "finishing" the house, the building being still in a very incomplete condition. See Mr. Street's letter in another column, and read the Appeal, which is as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Sir.—The urgency of our case, as well as the bounden duty which our dear Saviour has enjoined upon His Church to help the necessitous members of His Flock, must be our apology for sending to you, and to others, this plea for aid. The Members of the Church in Dalhousie have suffered much by being deprived, for lengthened periods at a time, of the ministrations of the Church. Many have thus been lost to us, and have been absorbed into the ranks of Presbyterianism. During the past two years—since our present Rector took charge of the Parish—we have been making a strenuous effort to erect a Parsonage, feeling that to be the best and only way of securing the continuous residence of a Clergyman amongst us. But the people in connection with the Mission are very few—for the most part very needy,—and they have sustained an irreparable loss by the removal

of several members since the first step towards the building of a Parsonage was undertaken. We have however, tried, conscientiously and faithfully, to do what we could, and the building is now so far advanced that \$400 or \$500 more would render it fit for occupancy. But it is the last straw that breaks the camel's back; and where and how to raise this sum is the vexed question which is now discouraging many who have nobly worked hitherto. We have exhausted our funds, and unless the above sum can be immediately raised, and the Parsonage finished, we cannot expect our Pastor to remain much longer with us, paying, as he is now doing, a high rent out of his "miserable pittance" for the only available house in the place. The Bishop of the Diocese has kindly helped us by a handsome donation of \$50. Will you not, dear sir, for the love of Christ, send us ONE DOLLAR; and also shew this Circular to as many of your Parishioners as you may judge fit? We feel constrained thus to appeal to the Church at large. And, after all, are we not all one family in one common Lord, and, as such, bound to help one another as far as possible? As Members of the Universal Church, we dare not confine our sympathies within local bounds. Your money—and the sum we ask is small—will not be thrown away. What you give to God for the cause of His Church will return in abundant blessings upon you and yours. Did not our blessed Lord say—"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME."

Contributions will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by The Rector, Rev. J. H. S. SWET, S. A. C., Dalhousie, N. B. Or by the Wardens, H. A. JOHNSON, Esq., J. C. BARRERIE, Esq., Dalhousie, N. B.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's.—St. Mark's Sunday School Picnic took place on Friday last, by train to Windsor. The new depot, at half-past seven, represented a scene of busy life. Several hundred passengers of all ages and both sexes, (ladies predominating,) were crowding into the cars and filling every inch of available space. At 8 p. m. the children of the Sunday School arrived, with a brilliant array of banners, and being arranged in their seats, the motley "Six Hundred" charged for Windsor, and arrived safely at 10.30, and proceeded to the College grounds. The weather was lovely, and so were the ladies, and the grounds well adapted for such a scene. Those who loved publicity and games revelled in the closely-mown lawns in front and rear of Alma Mater, whilst others took their quiet walks and well-filled baskets to the leafy dells, abounding in beauty and life; and, so far as the writer observed, there was not—

"One temper spoiled," nor "One bran-new bonnet spoiled."

The Museum was duly inspected and admired; and that admirable gem—the Memorial Chapel—came in for a share of the general admiration.

The thanks of the party were due, and are heartily tendered, to the College authorities, for the kindness manifested by throwing open the grounds, museum and chapel; and also specially to Professor How, V. P., who so kindly descanted on the various curiosities, and acted as guide in the Museum. All praise is due to the curate, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, and to the S. S. superintendent, J. G. Smith, Esq., so busy were they in superintending, interesting, and catering for all; and the general verdict in the train returning was, all have had a lovely time. Order, peace, and happiness reigned supreme throughout the day.—COM.

ACADIA MINES.—Great improvements have recently been made in the grounds around the Church at this place. A neat fence has been put up, a good carriage drive made, and the walk nicely gravelled, at an expense of \$150. When we consider that only a few weeks ago, one of the furnaces was put out, and many men thrown out of employment, this improvement speaks volumes for the zeal of the Church people. In addition to this good work, it is contemplated at an early day beginning the construction of a Rectory. Steps have already been taken towards this object. Mr. Harris

is beginning well, and is to be congratulated upon his success. A school for boys and girls will be opened on the 18th August, at the Mines, under the management of the Rev. Mr. Harris, assisted by Miss Harris sister of the Incumbent, and Miss Roberts, of P. E. Island, all experienced and successful teachers. It is to be hoped that this new school will meet with a large patronage.

SYDNEY, C.B.—A Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was organized in St. George's parish, on Tuesday evening, July 29th. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Professor Wilson, who has charge of the parish during the Vicar's absence. The Professor having, at a recent service, preached an eloquent sermon on this subject, gave a short address, in which he expressed his deep interest in the work and urged those present to deeply consider the additional obligation they were undertaking. He also directed their special attention to the necessity of making their resolution of abstinence, fully relying upon the strength which proceeds alone from God.

Selwyn H. Shrove, delegate from the Diocesan Society, gave a brief account of the work of the society in England and this Diocese; he explained its objects and gave some general information regarding its work. After the officers were elected and committees appointed, twelve of those present took the total abstinence pledge and were admitted members of the society by the President, Professor Wilson, who used the impressive service provided in the Manual.

On the following evening (Wednesday), immediately after service, another meeting was held in St. George's School-house. After some business matters had been disposed of, five more joined the ranks of the Society. Speeches were made by Professor Wilson, Messrs. Shrove and McLean, of Sydney, the latter explained the legislative restrictions as they at present exist.

Rev. Clarence W. McCully, Incumbent Louisburg, delivered an earnest and eloquent address of some length, which was listened to with deep attention. He spoke of our Baptismal covenant, and the privileges and responsibilities of every member of the Church of Christ. He referred to the reason given by the Church for adopting this special means to meet the prevailing sin of intemperance. He earnestly besought those who were led away by this sin to become total abstainers at once, and above all things to seek the aid of the Holy Spirit to enable them to keep their promises.

The society hopes very shortly to provide a reading room for its members; books, papers and magazines will be very useful to them, and will be thankfully received by any of the officers of St. George's Branch, Sydney. We wish the society every success in its work, and hope soon to hear of the organization of Branches in other parts of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The following appointments have been made by the Bishop in the diocese of Newfoundland:—Rev. J. J. Curling, Rural Dean of the Strait of Belle Isle; Rev. D. V. Gwilym, Curate-in-Charge of Spaniard's Bay; Rev. William How, S. P. G. Missionary at Greenspond; and Rev. J. G. Cragg, S. P. G. Missionary at Catalina.

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Marriages.

KAULBACH—MCLEAN.—On the 7th Inst., in St. Luke's Church, Hubbard's Cove, by the Rev. H. Stamer, Rector, Creighton Kaulbach, of Lunenburg, to Ellen McLean, of Mahone Bay. WAGNER—FORBES.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Mission of Louisburg, C. B., on Tuesday, 22d July, by Clarence W. McCully, Deacon, in charge, Leonard Wagner and Annie Forbes, both of Louisburg.