

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**CORNWALLIS.**—*Church Bells* of October 25th gives a portrait and sketch of the career of Rev. John Storrs, M.A., Vicar of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London.

Mr. Storrs is the eldest son of the late rector of this parish. He took a good degree at Cambridge, in 1869, and has succeeded admirably as curate and then vicar in Bury St. Edmunds, and also as curate and vicar in his London parish. 'His parish is now,' as in the days when the Bishop of Truro was vicar 'one of the best organized and worked in London.' Mr. Storrs is a hard worker and an able preacher. He is a Nova Scotian to be proud of.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**MONTREAL.**—*St. George's.*—The St. George's Church Temperance Society held its first social last Monday evening, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael presiding. Addresses were delivered by Ven. Archdeacon Evans, the Rev. Mr. Newnam and the Chairman. The latter urging united and vigorous action against the Provincial Government, which was in bondage to the drink traffic, after which the Bishop closed the meeting with the Benediction.

On Tuesday evening, the 26th, the Young Men's Christian Association held its twenty-fifth annual meeting in the Parochial Hall. There was a large attendance of members of the congregation, and on the platform there were the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Chairman, the Very Rev. The Dean, Revs. Canon Mulock, Ker, Tucker, Charters, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. Mr. Fairclough, organist of St. George's, was present with a number of his choir boys. The meeting having been opened with the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and prayer by Canon Mulock, the President of the Association, the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., delivered an address referring to the work done by the young men during the past year, and acknowledging the financial assistance received from the congregation, one member of which, Mr. Reford, had in answer to a special appeal sent in a cheque for \$100. Addresses were also made by the Rev. J. Ker, B.D., Rector of Grace Church, the Dean, Mr. Parnell (the Treasurer), and the Bishop in closing. Several songs were given during the evening, as also a quartette by members of the choir. The Association is doing good work, and well deserves the earnest support of the congregation—always willingly given—as doing, in the Dean's words—the missionary work of the parish. The Bishop, Dean and Mr. Parnell spoke in terms of high praise of the able fulfilment by Mr. Tucker of his duties as President of the Association.

Some improvements are being made around the parochial building. The schoolroom is being connected with the vestry of the Church by a covered passage, and alterations are being made in the choir. When is the tower of the church to be completed?

**Grace Church.**—A Young Men's Christian Association has been formed in the parish of which the Rector is President; Wm. McWood, 1st Vice President; C. Manning, 2nd Vice-President; E. T. Cooker, Treasurer; F. E. Starke, Secretary and G. Tutill, Assistant Secretary; the Committee being Messrs. Powles, Ward, Collins, Vaux and Bishop.

Active work has been undertaken; the Mission in Rushbrook street, [formerly carried on by St. George's young men], being now worked by the Parochial Association. Fortnightly meetings are held, at which papers or essays are read and addresses given by members of the Association and others. At the meeting on the evening of Dec. 2nd, Mr. Fred Morris will read a paper on "The uses of Biography." On Dec. 16th, a Scripture essay by Mr. F. Price, "Destruction of Sodom," and a paper "Why I am a Churchman," by Mr. T. Norwood are an-

nounced. All success to the Rector and young men in the new departure.

**Trinity Church.**—The Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., has entered upon his duties as assistant priest in this Parish. It is said that the musical service inaugurated under Mr. Couture is continued, and are highly appreciated by the congregation.

**St. James the Apostle.**—A new Mission Church in the western part of the parish is talked of. We understand that through the foresight of the Rector a very desirable corner lot has been secured; and that the erection of a suitable building will probably be commenced at an early day.

**LAY PREACHERS.**—Has there been an order of Lay PREACHERS, created in this Diocese? or can it be that the members of the Lay Helpers Association who act as Lay Readers are assuming powers that do not belong to them? In the announcements made from time to time of the services on Sunday at different points we sometimes find the statement "service 7 p.m., Preacher from the Lay Helpers' Association." It is sincerely to be hoped that the Lay Helpers' will, for the credit of the Church, be content to READ some of the many admirable sermons now published in book form after having had them approved by the Rector of the Parish, rather than attempt to "expound," in their own individual fashion; and that we believe, contrary to the practice of the Church. When our Lay Readers undergo rigid examination, after a due course of study, and are certified, qualified, it will be time enough for them to "preach," and expound.

**CORN ST. PAUL.**—The Rev. T. Everett attended at the Church of the Redeemer here on Sunday the 24th November, and administered the Sacrament of Baptism to six children.

## DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**Buck's Falls.**—All Saints' Day was observed in the Church of All Saints by a celebration of the Holy Communion, and a special address to the Ladies' Guild in the morning, and at 7:30 Evensong and sermon. Thanksgiving Day—Evensong at 7:30 p.m. the service was semi-choral; the Rev. L. Sinclair, of Ilfracombe, preached.

There were large congregations at the above services.

The Rev. E. A. Vesey begs to thank Mrs. Ellis, Toronto, for three very beautiful frontals, and also Rev. Rural Dean Lloyd, Huntsville, for a beautiful chalice.

## DIOCESE OF BRITISH HONDURAS

BELIZE.—ST. MARY'S.

The Quarterly Missionary meeting in connection with the Sunday School and young people of the parish was held on Sunday afternoon Nov. 3rd, when, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good congregation. The usual Missionary service was said after which the Rector spoke on Missions in general, and of the need of men and money in all parts of the world to help on the cause, and especially was there need of fervent prayer; for the promise of increase of laborers is to the prayer of the faithful. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest and he will send forth the labourers into His harvest. The difficulties of the many languages and the many religions amongst the heathen were then dwelt upon. After the singing of "From Greenland's icy mountains," the Rector then delivered his special address for the quarter, which is always based upon some one Missionary's labors. This time it was the late Bishop Patterson, of Melanesia, whose most interesting life was very vividly portrayed. Beginning with his boyhood days, when he longed to be able to say

the absolution, because it would make people happy, on through his school and college days, until the period of his ordination. His time as a curate amongst his own people in Devonshire was then alluded to, until the arrival of the good Bishop of New Zealand, Augustus Selwyn, whose fiery zeal, thorough belief in his mission, and earnest language influenced young Patterson to give himself up. "Here am I send me." The voyage and its work showing that the right man has been selected for the work amongst the many Islands of the Pacific, and his wonderful faculty for the acquirement of different languages were brought forth. His 10 years of labors at the feet of the saintly Selwyn, then his consecration as Bishop of the scene of his former labours, were one by one brought forward, culminating in the sad account of his death at the end of an Episcopate of ten years, through the treacherous dealings of the slave traders at Santa Cruz. He and his companions sufferings, in the lonely boat, with the Bishop's body still in death, wrapped in sleep, with the five arrow wounds in his body, and the lingering deaths of the Priest Atkins and the Deacon George Saravia were vividly brought forward to the attentive listeners.

The offertory was devoted to the Shingwauk Home, an institution conducted much on the same principle as that which both Bishop Selwyn and Bishop Patterson followed in their work. The amount was \$6.78, our currency, —not much it is true, but every little helps and it is gladly offered—for we have gladly received and we gladly give.

**ST. JOHN'S.**—The Rector left for his holiday on Wednesday, together with His Excellency the Governor, in the S. S. Godwin, bound for England. The Rector of St. Mary's entered upon the duties of the incumbency during his absence at the Evensong of the same day, who also as Junior Commissary will administer the affairs of the Diocese.

**Parish Meeting.**—A meeting of the parishioners of St. John Parish was held in the lower schoolroom on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. for the election of two lay representatives of the Synod. Four candidates were proposed; the ballot deciding the election of Mr. Farrell, and Mr. A. Carter.

## FOR GIRLS.

TALITHA CUMI.

"My Little Pet Lamb, Awake."

There are many beautiful stories in the Bible, but none more so than that which records our Saviour's kindness to a little girl. There lived at Capernaum, or some other town on the western shore of the sea of Galilee, a man called Jairus, one of the chief officers of the synagogue. He had an only daughter of twelve years old—just at the age when a girl has had time to endear herself to her parents. She became very ill, and was thought to be dying. Her father hastened to One whom he had heard of as being able to effect great cures, falls at His feet, and prays Him to come and save his daughter.

There is no delay on the part of the Gracious Teacher. He goes with the father, followed by a great crowd. The life of that little Galilean maiden was as precious in His sight as the souls of those whom He was convincing by His Divine wisdom. Amidst the surging of the crowd, and above the hum of many voices, the Master's wakeful ear heard the whisper of a messenger, who had just come to say that it was too late—"Thy daughter is dead."

He bade the father still keep up his heart—"Fear not, only believe." They arrived at the house. The hired mourners of eastern countries are already there wailing and playing mournful tunes. Jesus touched the hand of the child, and addressed her in words that have been handed down without change—"Talitha Cumi;" "Damsel, arise."