

Christian society is sadly wanting. With one section of those who are guilty of this sin, and that the least guilty—with the weak, with the suffering, though alas! too, the sinful victims—society is hard and stern enough, God knows. And it must be so. Society dare not, cannot, be otherwise than repellant to those whose presence is dangerous to it; in self-preservation, in the instinct of self-preservation, society must make of these outcasts. God help and pity them!—but it must be so. But, then, as regards the partners in their guilt; as regards those who have brought them into that state—how does society deal with them? How does society, that is so hard, and so necessarily hard upon the impure woman, deal with the impure man? How does it deal with the impenitent, the hardened, the ostentatious sinner, who flaunts his iniquity with cynical audacity in the face of the society that he is polluting by his presence and degrading by his example? How does society deal with such? It has words of polite welcome, it has words of delicate circumlocution for their sin. Why, such persons—well, they are “fast,” they are “men of pleasure.” “Men will be men, you know, and young men will be young men: we had better not talk of that kind of thing.” And moral and respectable men, who go to church and say their prayers, are not ashamed to ask these men to their house; and women, Christian women, English ladies, who gather their garments together and shrink with horror from the touch of a fallen sister, will clasp the hand of such an one in one of their assemblies, and will place in his hand for life the hand of their pure and innocent daughter. What would Christ have said to such as these? Would you have heard from Him no such word as this:—“Woe unto you professors of unequal measure and of unjust trials; you hypocrites, woe unto you; woe unto those who reverse the conduct of their Master, and, when the woman is brought before them taken in her sin, stone her and say unto her accusers ‘Neither do we condemn thee: go ye in peace?’” Yes, always provided that the offender is a man of wealth, or a man of rank. Gold, it seems, may make a crown of glory in these days, even though it be defiled, and the peer’s robe, like charity, is to cover the multitude of sins. Let the Church be honest, let the Church be faithful to her mission, let the Church speak her Master’s words of stern and bold rebuke against the impenitent and hardened offender. Whether in high places or low places, let them deal out justice to sinful men, and to suffering and sorrowful women. Then you may believe that you have laid the axe to the root of this tree which is poisoning all our national life and society, our national manhood, and purity, and honor. The Church is not, Christian society is not as faithful as her Master would have been in a like case. We make peace too often where He would have made war, and we make war, sometimes and harshly hardly, where He would have made peace.

“I MINISTERED once,” said Bishop Huntington, “in a Church where many a pew stood for a million dollars. There were generous men and saintly women among them, not a few. But it only happened once in the nine years that after I had announced an offering for the following Sunday, a person stopped after the service to say: ‘I must be absent next Sunday and wish you to take my gift Now.’ She was not a Samaritan, but she was a cook, and she was to be absent to cook a rich man’s dinner, and I had some reason to suspect that her gift was larger than his.”

We are obliged to hold over some interesting items of Home Field news and a number of letters. As to the latter, we must ask Correspondents to make their letters short and to the point as our space is limited.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. John Elles, long and favorably known to many in the Maritime Provinces as having been Master of St. Peter’s Boys’ School, P.E.I., for so many years, has just been appointed to a chaplaincy in Calcutta.

THE Rev. V. E. Harris, Vicar of Amherst, is expected to address the Church of England Temperance Society in Spring Hill next week.

THE Rev. Dr. Partridge read an interesting historical paper on St. George’s Parish, before the Nova Scotia Historical Society last week.

OUR CENTENARY.—The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is making arrangements for the observance of August 12, 1887—the hundredth anniversary of the consecration, in Lambeth Palace, of Dr. Inglis, who was not only the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, but the first Bishop of the Church of England in foreign parts. The Archbishop of Canterbury has given his sanction and sympathy, and it is expected that thanksgiving services will be held on August 12, not only in all the cathedrals and leading churches in the United Kingdom, but also throughout all the colonies. Nova Scotia should be fittingly represented and the claims of the Cathedral urged. Such an opportunity for showing our need must not be missed.

ST. PAUL’S.—Revs. Messrs. Lemoine and Poole will be inducted as curates of St. Paul’s church, during the present year. The former will be stationed at St. Paul’s, the latter will take charge of Trinity Church, at present under charge of Rev. Foster Almon. Mr. Poole is at present in London. He is about thirty-five years of age. His ordination will not take place until after his arrival here in the fall. He has been engaged as a teacher in one of the London institutions of learning. Mr. Lemoine is at present stationed at Harbor Grace, Nfld., having been in charge of that parish for the past five years, or shortly after he had received holy orders. He is said to be a man of scholarly attainments and good address and much liked by the people of Harbor Grace. He is about 30 years of age. The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Hole, will then have quite a staff of valuable assistants working under him in St. Paul’s.

TRURO.—On the day your correspondent sends off these few items there happens in Truro an event of great interest and much joy to the Church people there. It is the sixth anniversary of the opening of St. John’s Church for divine service and now is the day of consecration the full particulars of which those most interested will probably send to you.

It is truly wonderful how the congregation of St. John’s have, in so short a time, been able to overcome their heavy liabilities. Beside fully meeting their current expenses, a heavy interest, and giving liberally to purposes, extra parochial, they have wiped out a debt of about \$5,000; and within the same time have finished and furnished the crypt, and expended a large sum on the improvement of the parsonage. But then few parishes are favored with such an esteemed Rector as the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach; and such a staff of efficient financial managers as Messrs. Muir, Tremaine and many others.

SHELburne.—Rev. H. How most cordially thanks “C. W.,” of Guysborough, for \$2, to aid in turning the meeting house into a church. Who will do likewise? The Lord Bishop is forwarding a set of books for the new church at Sandy Point. Mr. Colin King has made and presented a handsome lectern for the same.

Pictou.—Special services are held in St. James Church here during the Lenten season.

At the services on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons the Rector, the Rev. John Edgecumbe, delivers appropriate lectures to which he religiously enjoins his flock to observe this holy season. It is pleasing to note the interest manifested by the parishioners in their regular attendance and hearty participation in the services. More lengthy items from this parish might appear in the GUARDIAN, but fear of trespassing forbids your correspondent writing further.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. ANDREWS.—*In Memoriam.*—Within a few months past the parish of St. Andrews, in the Diocese of Fredericton, has sustained heavy loss. In this the whole Diocese shares. On Christmas eve, Mrs. Parker, widow of the late Honorable Neville Parker, Master of the Rolls, was followed to the grave by many a sorrowing heart. Far advanced in years, up to a few days before her death, she was engaged in active work, and her mind was chiefly taken up with matters involving the interests of the Church. Despite much physical disability she was seldom absent from Holy Services. Taking great delight in her happy sacred surroundings, she yet found her chief joy in attendance at the House of God. Long will be remembered there her venerable form stooping in lowly adoration, and her earnest heartfelt responses. Her deep love for the Church; her interest in the Missionary work; her generous offerings for all good objects; her kind sympathy in cases of sorrow and suffering have left a marked want—a want which can only partially be filled by the grateful remembrance of her valued life and good example.

Now this parish and the Church throughout the Diocese is called again to mourning. At the comparatively early age of sixty years, our Heavenly Father has called away from us Geo. Sheffington Grimmer. On Friday last his body was borne to his earthly resting place, followed by his five sons and by many other mourners and by a large number of sorrowing friends. The district Church at Chamcook (of stone) not long since restored and beautified by his generous gift, could not contain one half the assembly. The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, of St. Stephen, and the Rev. J. W. Milledge, of St. David, assisted the Rector, the Rev. Canon Ketchum, in the service. There was a full choir. Hymn A. & M., 184 and 264 were sung at the service and the Nunc Dimittis, as the body was carried from the Church. Hymn No. 231 was sung with deep feeling, after the prayers at the grave. The coffin was covered with crosses and wreaths of flowers. His body rests near the Church, which will be his lasting monument in the lonely grounds he lately beautified and laid out with gravelled walks.

Mr. Grimmer had attained a high position in the legal profession, in which he received an extensive and remunerative practice. For some years past failing health hindered close application to business. He was always bright and cheerful; his humor and ready wit gave a charm in social intercourse. His last illness was of brief duration. The brain was partially affected. Shortly before his death restored gleams of consciousness enabled him to receive the Holy Communion with his wife and children, and to give utterance to words of advice and consolation which they will never forget. As a layman in the Church, Mr. Grimmer’s death has left a blank which cannot easily be supplied. He made the doctrines of the Church of England a study, and was heartily convinced as to the truth of her Scriptural teaching and position. Most steadfast in this view, he was ever kind and considerate towards those who differed from him. With all his high attainments he was singularly humble-minded—ready “to esteem others better than himself.” His love for the Church and all her Holy service was most constant. When health permitted he