

News from the Home Field.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

LAST DAY.

The Synod assembled at 10 a.m.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to R. R. and Steamboat Co's., the Officers of the Synod, &c. The House of Bishops then entered in their robes. The Metropolitan stood in the centre, on his right the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and on his left the other Bishops in order of their consecration. The Metropolitan then congratulated the Synod on their harmonious and useful meeting. He alluded to the three most important matters, the Canon on Marriage, the establishment of a Central Board of Missions, and the Revival of the Permanent Diaconate. He said the Bishops would give their most earnest attention to the latter, which had been concurred in as amended.

He gave one word of caution. There was danger that we should legislate too much, and not too little. He then announced the measures that had been passed. The most important are—Revival of the Permanent Diaconate; A Canon on "Prohibited Degrees in Marriage;" The formation of a Central Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions; A Resolution in favor of Church of England Temperance Societies; A Protest against the Change of Name in the late Census; the Provision for assistance to Church work in the North West; and the Confirmation of amendment to Canon XII. providing that the liberty of short and services shall be extended to Sundays, with the approval of the Bishop, where need seems to require it.

The Doxology was then sung, and the Metropolitan prorogued the Synod. With regret the members separated. Probably no Provincial Synod has ever been more harmonious, or brought together a body of men intellectually stronger in debate, or more earnest in their work. Laymen vied with clergymen in their appreciation of the future of the Church, and that grasp of the practical measures needed to put the Church of England where she ought to be, in the van of Christian enterprise. With regret the delegates left the kind friends in Montreal who have so generously entertained them. They will never cease to remember their kindness, and should any of their kind enter, doors be within reach of the homes of those they may be sure of a warm welcome. The principal thing we regret in Montreal is the debt resting on nearly every Church we have there. Three of them have debts of \$30,000 apiece on them. We hope before another Synod to record that these drawbacks are removed or are in a fair way of being removed. The wealth that we saw everywhere displayed, shown in the great commercial enterprises, the beauty and solidity of all public buildings, and the handsome private residences, show what Montreal could do religiously. A portion of the wealth is in the hands of Churchmen, and we trust they will not long submit to the humiliation of worshipping in debt-loaded Churches.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MAITLAND.—Sunday School Picnic.—The teachers of the Five Mile River Sunday School, and the members of the congregation in that part of the Parish of Maitland, gave a picnic on the 7th of October, for the children, in the pleasant and beautiful interval, owned by Mr. Thomas Lattie of that place. This spot is in every way suited for such a gathering, being situated in the midst of surrounding hills, and running through it a gracefully winding river. Wednesday, the 6th, was the day appointed for the picnic; but as it proved unfavorable, the first fine day, which happened to be the next, was seized upon for the occasion. The children met at the Church of St. John the Baptist at 11.30 a. m., and proceeded to the grounds, where, notwithstanding the coolness of the day, some pleasant and enjoyable hours were spent. Only one word need be used to express what the little ones enjoyed—it was happiness apparently unalloyed. Swinging, running and amusing games made their eyes sparkle and brought roses to their cheeks. After suitable seats and tables had been arranged by Mr. Joseph Miller, a devoted and zealous member of the congregation, and well laden with good things, the children, in number about 40, sat down and partook, with admirable ease and enjoy-

ment, of the feast which had been prepared for them by kind friends. Tea over, the swing was again sought, and other amusements engaged in for a short time, when they were finally called together to have dealt out to them the contents of a good-sized box of sweets, which had been provided for them by a kind lady of Halifax, a sister of the young ladies who conduct this Sunday School. Before they were permitted, however, to taste anything so delicious as candy, the Rector of the Parish, Rev. A. D. Jamison, who was present all the afternoon, finding them assembled together, took the opportunity to speak to them some kind and encouraging words. He expressed himself pleased with seeing so many bright, smiling, happy faces before him. He was happy in their happiness. He was glad to hear from their teachers so good an account of them—their regular attendance at the School—the excellent lessons they brought to them. This must be a great satisfaction and source of happiness to them (their teachers); it proved their labours were appreciated, that the drive of six miles every Sunday was not labour in vain. But the greatest happiness and satisfaction would be felt by the children themselves. Sacred truths learned by them would grow up and abide with them until their dying day. The very name of a Sunday School picnic suggested to them the truth that religion and happiness went hand in hand. The man who did his work, as if he were doing God's work, was the happiest man. The woman who did her work in the same way was the happiest woman; and so with children. The child who had been the most regular attendant at Sunday School, and learned his or her lessons the best, was the happiest child on the grounds that day. He hoped, indeed felt sure, there were many such children before him. He then contrasted the world of nature with the world of grace. God created man to be happy, and made the world to minister to his happiness. The autumn leaves all glorious in green, and crimson, and gold, the singing birds, the babbling brooks, the opening flowers, the brightness of the rising, the glories of the setting sun, were all made to minister to our happiness, and they were the creation of God's hand. The world of grace was also His creation, but it was made by the death of His Dear Son. The religion of Jesus Christ was intended to make us happy in this world, it would sweeten the cares and trials of life, its happiness was greater than that of the world; it was unchanging, abiding, satisfying, perfect, pure, a foretaste of heaven. At the conclusion of this address, the children were made, if possible, still happier with a liberal supply of sweets, and shortly after left the grounds for their respective homes. Those present regretted that the children from the Maitland School were unable, from the prevalence of diphtheria in that neighbourhood, to join their young companions at Five Mile River, as on a former occasion. I may mention that this Sunday School was originated about five years ago, and is kept up by the Misses Cochran of Maitland, who drive six miles every Sunday in summer to meet these poor children and instruct them. They are aided in this work by Mr. W. Burton and Miss M. Miller. What good has been done, and will be done by the labours of these self-denying servants of their Heavenly Master, cannot be fully known, until that day when it shall be told before men and angels: "Forasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It is in this part of the Parish of Maitland where a new Church, which has been in course of erection for four or five years, is now being completed. Of course, it is natural to say that each new Church in the country parts of the Diocese, when it is finished, is the neatest and prettiest in the country. We claim the same privilege, and beg leave to say that when this new Church is finished, if in as poor a district in the Diocese of Nova Scotia, another Church can be found like it, we would like to see it.

ALBION MINES.—Charles Downan, (the only member of the Church of England who perished in the late accident at the Ford Pit) was buried on Thursday, at 10 o'clock, in Christ's Church Yard. The procession was very large, more than filling the Church, many having to remain outside, about 200 miners with the broad blue scarf of the Miners' Association formed the most prominent part of the congregation. The office for the

burial of the dead was said by the Rev. D. O. Moore, the congregation sang the hymn "When our heads are bowed in weep," led by Miss Yorke on the organ, who also played "The Dead March in Saul," as the procession filed out into the grave yard. Downan was a respectable young man—he was in his place in Church on the previous Sunday. He leaves a widow and infant child. Dr. Johnstone, Canon, Mr. J. G. S. Hudson, and other officials attended the funeral.

APPEAL.

By the late sad accident, at the Albion Mines, six men perished:— J. W. Fraser, overman, leaves a widow and 9 young children. J. Conway, overman, leaves a widow and 14 children, 9 of whom are young. Morle Bonoit leaves a widow and 2 young children, the widow cannot speak English. Chas. Downan leaves a widow and infant child. Chas. LaCompt leaves a widow—his children are working for themselves. Hugh McElvie leaves aged parents.

All these were good members of society in their different spheres. Subscriptions for the help of the widows and orphans are earnestly besought, and can be forwarded to the Rev. D. C. Moore, Rector of Christ Church, Albion Mines, or to any of the officials of Halifax Co.

FALMOUTH.—The Rev. C. J. Brenton severed his connection with this Parish on the 27th of August last. Three years ago Mr. Brenton was appointed to the Curacy here by the late venerable President of King's College. During his residence here he laboured faithfully in many ways for the building up of the Church, and, assisted by his devoted wife, his labours were crowned with much success. The Sunday School and congregation grew well, and a renewed zeal was manifested.

Mr. Brenton was appointed by the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, out of 42 applicants, to a very important position in the growing Diocese of Manitoba. It will require much talent and faithful labor to continue the increase of the Church there; but we feel that a good man has been entrusted with the important work. Mr. Brenton is an M. A. of King's College, and always shows a warm feeling for his alma mater. On the eve of his departure he was invited to the Church, when the following address was read to him by Lewis W. Hill, Esq.:

To the Rev. C. J. Brenton, M.A., Rector of St. George's Church, Falmouth:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In view of your immediate departure for Manitoba, we the members of your congregation, deem the present a fitting time for the expression of kind wishes to you, and of sorrow at our separation. During the past three years your ministrations among us, as an ambassador of Christ have been marked by such christian feeling, you have been so zealous to advance the interests of the Church, so indefatigably have you laboured on behalf of the Sunday School, you have striven so earnestly by love, and by a faithful exposition of our shortcomings, to raise us to a higher scale of christian life,—in fact, you so identified the interests of the congregation with your own, that we can only look upon the severance of the tie which has hitherto bound us, as pastor and people, as an irreparable loss to our community. We beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a slight token of our appreciation of your worth. We pray that He who has called you to a wider sphere of usefulness may give you grace and strength to discharge your onerous duties to His own glory. We beg to tender our kindest regards to Mrs. Brenton, who has so endeared herself to all by the special interest she has taken in the advancement of the choir. May she be long spared to assist you in your parochial labours. With heartfelt regret we bid you farewell. We pray your journey may be prosperous, and that having lived a happy and well-spent life, you may reap the reward of the faithful servant of God.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, JOHN LAWRENCE, } Church James Smith, } Wardens, WM. SANGSTER, Vestry Clerk.

REPLY.

To John Lawrence, James Smith, William Sangster, on behalf of the Congregation of St. George's Church Falmouth.

GENTLEMEN,—I thank you very sincerely for this expression of your regard

for me and well-wishes for my future. I assure you, the sorrow at leaving you, with whom I have been so intimately connected, is much softened by the assurance of your good feeling towards me, and from knowing that you feel that my labours, on your behalf, have been faithfully performed. And I can assure you that there is on my part a deep feeling of thankfulness to you for the kindness you have in numerous instances shown me. Many in this Parish I have found true and faithful friends, you have proved yourselves such by word and deed. Every appeal to you for assistance has been cheerfully responded to, and the many discouragements I have met with have been lightened by your ready kindness to me. I shall long remember your warm greetings and thoughtfulness displayed in many simple acts, and my hope is, that in the distant sphere to which I am about to depart, I shall meet with as kindhearted and as peaceable a people as I have met with here. In looking back over the 3 years of my labour among you, I can see many things that I have been compelled to neglect, from having, on account of the smallness of my salary, to devote much of my time and powers to other work; but yet, as far as I had opportunity, I feel I have laboured to the best of my ability, and I depart with a clear conscience in this respect. I have always felt a very great interest in the Sunday School, and many a time when there was little else to cheer, I have received fresh power and encouragement from the good number of bright hopeful faces of the children of this Sunday School. The remembrance of them will not soon fade from my memory.

I thank you for the purse so kindly given, and especially for your prayer that the Great Head of the Church, who has called me to another field may ever give me Divine assistance to discreetly and faithfully fulfil my duties. And I hope I may long be thus remembered by you when you meet in this temple, where we have so often on bonded knee offered our petitions to Our Heavenly Father. Though far separated, we must remember that we are members of the same Mystical Body, united to and worshipping the same Great Head.

Accept my thanks for your kind remembrance of Mrs. Brenton. She has always felt the greatest interest in the people of this Parish, and her highest pleasure was when the quiet Sabbath, or week day for choir practice would roll round and she could be with you.

I hope the truths I have plainly placed before you, will not be forgotten, but that they will become more deeply impressed upon you, and that the fruit will be shown in brotherly love, zeal in the cause of God's Holy Church, and a careful attention to all the duties that belong to the Baptismal Covenant.

Sorrow fills my heart at departing from you. I have learned to look upon you as friends and brethren, and I assure you I am sorry to part from you, but I believe it is my duty to do so. God has called me to a more extended work, and He, who is mindful for all His children will not leave you alone, but will provide for you if you are faithful in the performance of your duty, and rely confidently upon Him. I shall ever hear of your prosperity in things spiritual and temporal, and if we never meet again in this earthly tabernacle, let us earnestly pray that it may be our portion to have our perfect consummation and bliss in our Father's house, eternal in the Heavens. (Signed) CHARLES J. BRENTON.

BAYFIELD.—Holy Trinity Parish.—Recently a successful picnic, but on a limited scale, for paying off the debt on the church, was held in this parish. Those interested had determined that whatever the receipts, little or no expenses should be incurred, the result being that only one dollar was so incurred. The total realized was ninety three dollars. Our Fatherly and revered Bishop, always in sympathy with those parishes that are most willing to help themselves, contributed another ten dollars, to be used for such Church purposes as the Rector should deem proper, at his visitation here in August, the receipt of which is hereby gratefully acknowledged. The receipt of a pair of handsome altar vases, contributed by Mrs. J. T. Wyde of Halifax is also thankfully acknowledged. That lady will be gratified to know that her gift has largely increased the desire of our worshippers to beautify God's house with His own handy work. May He who said, "Behold the Lilies," greatly multiply her spiritual gifts and blessings.

Our Rector is very much cheered, refreshed and encouraged since his return from the meeting of the Provincial Synod. He never wearies of telling the things about our Zion, which he saw and heard. We cannot but realize how beneficial the effect of his mingling with his fellow Churchmen, from Sarnia to Cape Breton, to hear from them the same story of toil and labour, of victory and triumph. How thankful we are to feel that Clergymen and laymen, everywhere, are using their influence, intellectual, religious, and moreover their world of gifts, to the strengthening of the stakes and the lengthening of the cords of our beloved Church. That our missionaries at home and abroad never weary, but toil on waging war against sin and and vice in all their forms and disguises. What eminent, far-reaching and blessed results may not, too, be expected from the deliberations of such Church councils as in our day assemble at so many points and at so often recurring periods of time.

Ag in few of the Churchmen of this Diocese could feel sanguine as to the passage of a Canon on the permanent Diaconate, how thankful then must they be that the Provincial Synod, by an unanimous vote, passed this measure which must in the future influence mightily for good the Church in this Dominion. Many among ourselves, to say nothing of those without, looked not for the unanimity of sentiment that prevailed with regard to the question of Temperance. How many of those who heard or read the earnest addresses of Bishops of clergy, and of the laity on the question of Missions, must have had their faith strengthened, their zeal quickened. How many will bless God for the sound teaching as to the doctrines of the Catholic Faith uttered by the Metropolitan and the Bishop of Nova Scotia? and may it not be added how many more will have their sympathies enlarged toward the Dissenter resolving to bring him back to the one fold, after hearing the burning words of Canon Carmichael on unity? Our parishioners, I need hardly tell you, felt a pardonable pride, in seeing their Rector among the delegates to so distinguished a Council of the Church, being yet young in the Church, perhaps the junior but one among them. We were thankful, too, to learn that besides his duties as a delegate were added that of a paid reporter for one of the Halifax secular papers. It is not long since when, if the secular papers in our Province referred at all to Church subjects it was to hunt up some scandal, or perchance, to perpetuate some unfounded calumny against members of the Church, or else to proclaim in great capitals that millions of Churchmen had gone over to Rome! Shall we not be thankful that a change has at last come when our own men, as was the case in the Diocesan and Provincial Synods recently held, faithfully represented the interests of the Church of God.

WINNERS.—Mr. W. R. Butler, the newly appointed Professor of Mathematics, at King's College, has arrived from England, and is now residing at the College. The Autumn term commenced on the 5th with an attendance of forty-two, being the largest number of students present for fifteen years.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The next meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery will be held, (D. V.,) at Pictou, on Thursday, October 28th. By order. J. A. KAULBACH, Secretary.

Truro, Oct. 1st., 1880.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St JOHN.—Yesterday being the day appointed by his Lordship the Metropolitan to be observed as a special thanksgiving on behalf of the harvest, was observed as such in the Episcopal Churches in the city by special services and sermons and decorations suitable to the occasion.

The congregation of Trinity, who are always most particular in observing the festivals of the church, had the school room where the services are held tastefully trimmed for the occasion, the decorations being much admired. The roscos was panelled and lined with white, the centre panel having a large wheat cross and those on either side, bearing the sentences, The Living Bread, The True Vine, each boarded with moss, ferns, grapes and rowan berries, while between was the word Alleluia thrice repeated. On the front of the Holy Table appeared