

## THE CHURCH OBSERVER

grief of his wife, to whom we trust the loving sympathy of all who know her will readily be given.

The Rev. Charles Gordon Abbott had but made a beginning in the career to which he was called. Following in his father's footsteps, after a successful course at Kings college, where he has left the savor of an example which will be known for many years to come, he was ordained to the assistant curacy of St. Mark's church, in this city, where he served with combined zeal and modesty to the satisfaction of his rector and the edification of his people. Elected rector of North Sydney with Sydney Mines, in succession to the Rev. R. D. Bambrick, he labored most conscientiously, being fervent and pains-taking, warm-hearted and affectionate; and succeeded in gaining the good-will and co-operation of the people committed to his trust. The future seemed most promising for a long and successful pastorate, but alas, he was attacked by an insidious and fatal disease, and expired in Halifax on Ash Wednesday, the 23rd of February last, cheered and sustained to the last by the love and care of his friends and relatives, and especially of his young wife, who put aside all thought of self, and resolutely held down the swelling tide of her own sorrow to comfort with the brightness of her face and the cheeriness of her words the dear husband, over whose features the coming death was casting its ever-deepening shadow. May the Lord console her for the loss of the husband of youth, and give us all grace to follow him as he followed Christ.

The Rev. Thomas Howland White was the oldest clergyman among us, and I am told, the oldest in the Dominion of Canada.

So sensible was he of age and infirmity that on my first visit to Shelburne in 1889, as he bade me good-bye, he expressed the fear that he would not live to see me again. "But God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but on me also," and suffered us to meet on several subsequent occasions, the last of which was in March of this year, on the 22nd of which month he entered on his 92nd year. I considered it a privilege to receive his parochial blessing, and was glad in his person to "rise up before the face of the old man and to honor his grey head." For more than 65 years he had been rector of Shelburne, being a veritable pastor to the flock of Christ, one who knew all the sheep and fed the lambs, going before them as he trod the way which leadeth to the Shepherd of our souls. Very beautiful was it to witness the combined affection and reverence with which he was regarded, and blessed is the bond which united him to his people—one which death has no power to sever, but which will endure until they meet to part no more, in the presence of our King. Full of years and full of honors, Dr. White has gone to his reward, "Exchanging", as one has beautifully said, "the silver crown of the hoary head, for the golden crown of immortality."

### BISHOP THORPE.

May I ask you once more to do something, such as the appointment of a committee to look after Bishop Thorpe? The property has had assigned to it by the executive committee the sum of \$3,000, received from the sale of the bishop's farm at Windsor, for which a declaration of trust by the bishop and synod has been drawn up by the solicitors of the S. P. G. in whom

the farm was vested. There is therefore not much indebtedness left upon the building, but from time to time work upon the outside needs to be done, and there is no one appointed by the synod to attend to it. It would be most unfortunate if it should be allowed to fall into a condition of much disrepair, which only a small outlay now and then would easily avert.

I trust we may find we have the help of the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and ghostly strength in our mutual consultation for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and that what we shall devise may show forth God's glory and set forward the salvation of all men.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Board reported a falling off in the year's subscriptions of \$649.27. The grants made to parishes aggregated \$4,176. The following is the financial statement for the year ending March 31st.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, April 1st	\$277.52
Refunded from Quebec, scheme, paid in error in Feb., 1897.....	139.50
Parochial contributions	3,493.17
Donations.....	59.50
Interest.....	468.05
	\$4,737.74

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Grants to parishes.....	\$3,976.67
Proportion to sec. treas. salary.....	385.76
Deputation expenses.....	46.34
Proportion of office rent	53.56
Proportion of cost of Year Book.....	117.84
Proportion of guarantee bond.....	17.12
Interest on overdrawn bank account.....	21.85