

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SACKVILLE.—We had the pleasure of inspecting the new Rectory last week, and congratulate the Parish on the handsome and convenient building which they have erected, costing, with barn, \$4,000. The house is most complete inside, and very tastefully finished. The parishioners secured the services of a first-rate architect, and so have a well designed and well built house. They evidently do not believe that any kind of a house will do for their Rector. This Parish is another proof of the wisdom of dividing our large Missions, and concentrating work. Dorchester and Sackville have now substantial Rectories. Dorchester is self supporting, and Sackville nearly so, while a few years ago both parishes could not fully support one clergyman.

WESTFIELD.—The work of building a Rectory is being earnestly pressed, and the Rev. A. V. Wiggins will soon rejoice, like his namesake at Sackville, in the possession of a house. We have much pleasure in recording of late the successful efforts of Parishes to provide Parsonage Houses. It shows their interest in their clergyman, and adds to the permanence of pastoral relations and the success of the Parish. There are now 40 Rectories in the Diocese, while no Parish in St. John, Portland, or Carleton has built a house for their clergyman.

BATE DES VENTS.—In this Mission, the Rev. E. P. Flowling is making an earnest effort to build a Rectory this year. He hopes to receive a small amount from the sale of some land, and with the labour from his parishioners, and what money he can gather, to put up a house.

WOODSTOCK.—A course of lectures has been in progress in St. Luke's School House. The Rector, Rev. T. Neales, lectured February 1st, on "The Empire of the Mikado." Mr. Clarence P. Hanington, B. A., is studying Divinity with Mr. Neales, and assisting in the work of the Parish.

PERSONAL.—Rev. J. Partridge, of Digby Neck, N. S., who has been ill, is much better. He is now visiting his brother at Rothesay.

REMBERT.—Rev. F. H. Almon is much encouraged by a kind welcome from his parishioners and good congregations. He hopes to establish a reading room and library as a place of resort.

The Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Deanery of St. John, have just issued their programme for 1881. A devotional meeting took place in Trinity School Room, February 1st, taken part in by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. Canon DeVaber, Rev. T. E. Dowling, subject, "The Example of Our Lord Jesus Christ." Other meetings are arranged to the number of nine, including "Teachers' Helps, and how to use them," "United Services for Children and Teachers," "Secular Knowledge of Scripture," "Sunday School Libraries," Revision of the Authorised Version of the Holy Scriptures," and two Services of Song, ("Harvest Home" and "St. John the Baptist.") Twenty minutes are allowed for papers, and ten minutes for volunteer speakers. The officers are—W. M. Jarvis, Esq., *President*; the Clergy of the Deanery, *Vice-Presidents*. Committee—The President, Vice-President, and Superintendents of Schools; Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. Tippet.

ST. JOHN.—We learn from the Reports of the S. Schools of Trinity, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, St. James, St. Mary's and St. Jude's Churches that there were 1809 scholars on the registers in Advent, 1880, compared with 1850 in 1879—a decrease of 41. The largest school is St. Luke's, Portland, with 425, and an average attendance of 38 teachers; the smallest, St. Jude's, Carleton, with 101, and an average attendance of 57 scholars and 8 teachers. All the schools report a decrease, except St. Paul's, which increased from 15 to 210. This decrease is no doubt owing to the large number of families which moved to the United States last year.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's.—The clock and all, to which we alluded last week, have

been placed in the basement of the church until the tower is ready for them. The clock will have three dial plates—east, south and west—and will be illuminated at night. The dials measure 12 feet. The bell weighs about 1500 lbs., and is 3 feet 5 inches in diameter.

DEANERY OF SHEDIAC.—An important meeting of this Deanery was held in the Parish of St. Andrew's, Shediac, Feb. 1st and 2nd. Divine service was said Feb. 1st, at 6.45 p. m., the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. Feb. 2nd, Morning Prayer was said at 11 a. m. by Rev. H. M. Jarvis, and a sermon preached by Rev. C. F. Wiggins on the "Divine Law of Marriage." The Rural Dean celebrated the Holy Communion. At 2.30 p. m. the Chapter assembled. Present—Rev. Rural Dean Simonds, Rev. Messrs. Pentreath, Newham, Wiggins and H. M. Jarvis. After prayers, St. Luke ix. v. 36 was read in the original. Rev. Mr. Pentreath reported \$5.10 on hand in favour of the Choir Union. It was unanimously agreed to unite the choirs in the Deanery by the name of "The Choir Union of the Deanery of Shediac." The Revs. E. S. W. Pentreath, O. S. Newham and E. B. Chandler, Esq., were re-elected an Executive Committee, with full powers to arrange for the next gathering, and to submit a set of rules to the next meeting. The next meeting was appointed at Moncton on St. Michael and All Angels Day (Sept. 29th). The Rev. O. S. Newham presented a very practical report on S. S. Union. After discussion it was resolved: 1st. That there be a Union of the S. Schools in the Deanery by the name of "The S. S. Union of the Deanery of Shediac," and that each school pay \$1.00 annually to a general fund. 2nd. That the Deanery appoint annually two inspectors to examine half-yearly the schools over which they may be appointed inspector on the subjects of the lessons during the said half year. 3. That the clergy hold teachers' meetings for the purpose of prayer and instruction in the lessons. 4. That an annual prize be given to each school, to be purchased out of the funds, said prize to be competed for to be given to the best written answers to a set of questions proposed by the Deanery on the lessons of the year. The matter of uniform graded lessons, and united services annually for teachers and children, was referred to Rev. O. S. Newham and Rev. C. F. Wiggins to report at the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned. It is felt that we have a most important machinery in the Deaneries which has been much neglected. In organizing a Union of the S. Schools and the choirs, a step has been taken which is practical and must bear good fruit. The Deaneries should be centres of work for missions, S. Schools, music, as well as for the edifying of the clergy.

JOHNSTON.—The Parishioners of the Rev. B. Shaw, Rector of Cambridge, Waterborough, and Johnston, presented him, during the Christmas holidays, with a donation of one hundred and three dollars, as a mark of their esteem. Mr. Shaw is an energetic, hard working clergyman, and since the large parish of Johnston was added to his already extensive Mission about a year ago, the amount of parochial work he has done during the past year, has, I believe, been excelled by no clergymen in this Diocese.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Church of England Institute.—On Wednesday evening next the Anniversary Service of this justly-deserving Institution is to be held in St. Paul's Church, and, no doubt, it will bring together a large congregation. The music, under the direction of Prof. Porter, will be of a high order, and the Preacher will be the popular Garrison Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Townend. The city Clergy, we presume, will all be present in Surplice and Stole, with the Lord Bishop at their head; and the members of the Institute are to walk in a body from their Rooms to the Church, and occupy the front pews in the centre aisle. The collection will be in aid of the funds of the Institute. That the Church of England Institute is well worthy the confidence and support of Churchmen none will deny who have had an opportunity of observing how it is conducted. The younger members of the several city Parishes have here the opportunity to meet and enjoy themselves in one another's society, free from the

usual contaminating surroundings of public resorts. With the principal current literature, such as Reviews, Magazines, Newspapers, &c., a Library and Debating Club, Lectures and Essays to build up the intellectual man; and Amusements, Games and Gymnasium to afford relaxation, the young Churchmen in Halifax and Dartmouth should be preserved from the injurious influences of bad society and unwholesome reading, and have every encouragement to develop the character of a well informed Christian gentleman.

Such an Institution ought to include among its members the heads and the young men and lads of every Church family in Halifax, for by the protection here thrown around them the rising generation are shielded in great measure, from the innumerable evils and temptations incident to life in a city. Of course, the Church of England Institute has needs, (it expends between \$1000 and \$1500 yearly), and the very best way to strengthen and develop it is by joining the ranks of its members, and with money and influence helping it forward. Let those who have lads growing up, and those who know what temptations youth is subject to in a city, help so praiseworthy an Institution in a tangible and liberal manner.

BAFFIELD.—Holy Trinity Parish.—Either your *type* or my copy led to the publication of an error as to one of the statistics of the Protestant Episcopal Church, furnished in a recent No. of the GUARDIAN. On reference I find that the whole amount contributed for Church purposes, for the year ending October, 1880, was \$7,750,000. These figures give us a high conception of the vast resources of this Church, and of the great liberality of its members.

The petitions against the proposed change in our Marriage Law were signed by about one hundred and eighteen Church members in this Mission. Only a small proportion of our people refused their signatures, while a number of those who did sign manifested an enthusiastic opposition to the proposed change. I think that a fair allowance must be made for those who cannot now see their way clear for opposing the change, as it must be admitted that the teaching of the Church, on this important subject, has hitherto been very deficient. Now that the Canon containing the Table of Degrees has become the law of the Ecclesiastical Province it places around the Church the necessary safeguard. II. Thess. III: 6, will afford an excellent rule of conduct towards those who have violated God's law in this particular. The Rector of this Parish acknowledges with deepest thanks a donation of \$5.00, recently received from Mrs. Lucy Morris, the widow of a former Rector of the Parish, towards Church purposes. Also a donation from Mrs. Thomas Higgs, River Philip, Cumberland Co., for his own use.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark.—We rejoice to know that the Rev. Mr. Winterbourne has recovered his health so far as to be able to resume his labours. Mr. Winterbourne has proved himself a faithful worker and a prudent pastor, and the large increase in the number of his congregation testifies to the success which has attended his earnest efforts. We understand that it is in contemplation to make St. Mark's an independent Parish.

SPRING HILL.—The Rev. Canon Townshend preached at morning and evening Services at the new All Saints' Church on Sunday, January 16th. Taking for his morning text I Tim. iii. 15, "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the Truth," he set forth the claims which the Church of England has to be considered as a branch of the Church Catholic, and that consequently she has a right to teach and speak with authority, and a Divine commission to administer the Sacraments. He then briefly reviewed the history of the Church of England, referring to the ancient British Church which existed long before the year 596, when St. Augustine and the Missionaries from Rome arrived; and then corrected the very erroneous notion that a new Church was formed at the time of Henry VIII. for it was the same Church gradually reforming itself, and remaining the same, and closed with some remarks on how thoroughly satisfied and thankful every Churchman should be with the blessings he has in membership with Christ's "Church, the pillar and ground of the truth."

The Church was well filled in the evening, and the Canon preached a forcible sermon on St. Paul's words, "The time is short."

A public meeting was held in the Vestry of Christ Church, Amherst, on the 19th ult., when a resolution was passed requesting the Bishop to divide the Amherst parish. His Lordship has since (in accordance with the resolution) assigned one portion to the parish Church of Amherst, and another to the newly erected Church at Spring Hill. This latter district is to be constituted a legal Parish when a parsonage or residence for a Rector shall have been erected.—*Parish Church Work.*

TRURO.—All the stained glass windows for the new Church, which were ordered from England, are now here and in their places. The Burneath window, given by their grandchildren to the memory of the first Rector of this Parish and his wife, is very handsome, and represents St. John the Evangelist leaving his fishing boat in obedience to the call of our Blessed Lord.

Mr. Shaw has been canvassing the Parishes of this Diocese with gratifying success. As was to have been expected, some have withdrawn their names, but the smallness of the number of those that have done so, and the large addition of new subscribers, encourage us to believe that our work is not unappreciated by the laity of the Church. Mr. Shaw will leave at once for the Diocese of Fredericton.

NORTH SYDNEY.—The Congregation of this part of the Parish regret exceedingly that the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy are likely to lose one-fourth of their allowance from the W. and O. Fund in accordance with statement made by "Clericus" in the last issue of your valuable paper. They desire me to promise that through the "Ogertons," on Good Friday, the portion, (ten dollars) asked for from each parish will be cheerfully given.

This prompt action on the part of North Sydney, let us hope, will influence other and more able Parishes and Missions to be more liberal in their future contributions to this very important fund.

TANGIER.—We learn that this Mission which has been vacant for some months, is soon to have an Incumbent.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. ANNE'S.—On Sunday, the 23rd ult., the Lord Bishop of Toronto held a Confirmation in this parish, when 22 persons received the Laying-on of Hands. There was a large number present.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The School in connection with Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was re-opened on Monday the 31st ult., at Magog.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

MORPETH.—The Right Rev. C. A. Alford, late Bishop of Hong Kong, now Commissary for the Bishop of Huron, administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation to forty-six candidates, and preached the anniversary sermons in St. John's Church at morning and evening.

BRANTFORD.—Grace Church.—On the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the Bishop of Toronto, at one time the Rector of the above Church administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation to thirty-two candidates, who were duly prepared and presented by the Rector, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie. The Bishop delivered an excellent address to the candidates, which was listened to by a large congregation with marked attention.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH.—On the morning of the third Sunday after the Epiphany, the Right Rev. Bishop Alford, commissary to the Bishop of Huron, confirmed twenty-five candidates in St. Jude's Church. The candidates were prepared and presented by the Rector, Rev. T. R. Davis. The Bishop addressed the candidates and also a large congregation, in an earnest manner. In the afternoon the Bishop confirmed thirty one candidates in St. Paul's Church, Kanyeeagh, on the Indian reservation, ten miles from here; and in the evening he occupied the pulpit in Grace Church.—*Evangelical Churchman.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

FRELIGHSBURGH.—The Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, in Frelighsburg, in the Eastern Townships, has been so far advanced towards completion as enabled the Rector to open its Lecture Room by public worship therein on the last Sunday of January. The services were of a "memorial" character, as it was the anniversary of the opening of the old church in 1808 by Bishop Stewart himself. The Rector is indebted to be congratulated on the work he has achieved. From the time that the thought of putting up a church to the memory of the sainted prelate entered his mind, it was not long before it took shape and became a reality to the senses. It is a work and an object for which he could freely and confidentially appeal to Churchmen over the whole Province of Quebec at least. Yet we have not heard that he has occupied many an evening on pulpits, or canvassed our parishes in behalf of the good work. If he had needed to do so, then all praise to the people of Frelighsburg who have responded to such a praise-worthy object.

A Clerical Association has been organized for the County of Shelburne. The first meeting took place in the Parish of Waterloo under the auspices and direction of the Ven. Archbishop Lindsay, who is ever ready to promote anything that will tend to the help, comfort and harmony of the clergy.

A MISSIONARY MEETING was held in St. Mary's Hochelaga, on Wednesday, the 23rd of February. The Bishop in the chair. Among the speakers were Revs. Canon Baldwin and Henderson, Revs. J. Empson and J. D. Borthwick.

THE OPENING SERVICES of the new St. Stephen's Church, were held in the basement on Sunday the 30th ult., Morning service at 11 a. m., when the Bishop preached from the text, Haggai 2: 7. At the Litany service at 4 p. m. the preacher was the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Canon Carmichael of Hamilton. On Monday evening, the annual Parochial Missionary Meeting was held in the basement of the new Church, the Bishop in the chair. The speakers were Revs. Canon Carmichael and W. L. Mills.

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, U. S. A.

The diocese has met with a heavy loss in the death of the Rev. W. S. Gray, missionary at Ellingham, after only a few week's service at his work. Mr. Gray was born in 1831, in Sackville, near Halifax, Nova Scotia, where his father was Rector. He took his degree at King's College, Windsor, and was ordained both deacon and priest by Bishop Binney. After having temporary charges at Sackville and Granville, Annapolis County, he was located at New Ross, Queen's County, where he remained for over two years. He then entered upon his life work as missionary of the S. P. G. at Rosette, and Dalhousie, in Annapolis Royal, Annapolis County, N. S. Here he labored successfully for twenty years, and it is here that he is known and loved. About two years ago his health was broken down by the long missionary rides in his rural parish, and after trying in vain to recuperate, he felt that the only way to prolong his usefulness would be an entire change of climate. With this purpose he was in November last, transferred to Springfield, and assigned to work at Ellingham and parts adjacent, and held the first service in his new field on Advent Sunday. He went actively to work, and the Church prospects were of the most encouraging kind, but within two weeks he was taken with the sickness that ended his earthly life. During his illness he had his wife and son with him, and received every possible kindness and attention from his parishioners, and from the Sisters at the Roman Catholic Hospital. After five weeks of suffering his spirit passed peacefully into Paradise, on Sunday night, January 8th. His body was committed to the ground with the services of the Church, by the Rev. Jesse Higgins, of Centralia, on Tuesday morning, January 11th. Mr. Gray was a man of fine ability and matured experience, and was characterized by a simple earnestness and self sacrifice. During his brief work here, he gained the affection of all his people, and both he and his bereaved family will be remembered in our prayers. May the Master soon send some one to take the work left us without a pastor. May he rest in peace! *Living Church.*