

EVENING PRAYER.

O God! before I go to bed this night, I would ask Thee to pardon all my sins, and to give me Thy blessing: make me thankful for all Thy mercies. The night of death cometh, when no man can work: may I be more careful to serve Thee, and may all my hope of salvation rest only on Thy dear Son, who died for sinners; Oh that I may walk in the light, and His blood cleanse me from all sin. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, &c.

*Search the Scriptures Daily.*

*Be Diligent in thy calling.*

*Be much in Secret Prayer.*

*Neglect not Self-Examination.*

*Let thy Words be few.*

*Live each Day as if it were thy Last.*

*"Be thou Faithful unto Death,"*

*Keep thy Conscience as the apple of thine eye. Do all, "Looking unto Jesus," and Resting on His Grace.*

(Saith the Lord Christ,)

"AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**THE BISHOPRIC.**—A very courteous letter has been received from Bishop Perry, dated Sept. 27th, explaining that the Archdeacon's letters lay at his Banker's in London until his return to England. He expresses the high sense of the honor conferred by his election to this See.

One does not yet, however, quite understand why he "awaited further particulars" before declining to the *Synod*, when he signified his intention to decline to the "world" without awaiting particulars.

Immediate communication was had with the English Prelates when Bishop Perry's telegram was received. Much anxiety exists, of course,—only allayed by the firm faith that the great Head always governs aright.

**ANTIGONISHEE.**—A successful dinner and fancy sale was held here on the 12th and 13th inst., by the ladies of St. Paul's congregation in aid of the Mission House Building Fund. The days chosen were those of the county exhibition. The executive committee of which kindly placed their grounds, gratuitously, at the disposal of the Episcopal Church members. In the evening also a tea and oyster supper was served in the public hall. We are much indebted to friends abroad, as well as those in our own vicinity, for generous contributions. Mrs. R. Gray, while visiting this summer in Montreal, solicited some valuable articles. Among which was a handsome silver ice pitcher, and Mrs. Jarvis has also been the recipient of some very acceptable donations from friends in Halifax, Prince Edward Island and the United States; the Rev. Dr. Grey, of Cambridge, presents \$10; Rev. M. F. Brine sent the gift of two barrels of the far famed P.E.I. oysters from D. Rogers, Esq., of Summerside, and very sincere and grateful thanks have been expressed to the kind donors.

Great praise must be awarded to the ladies who worked so hard under the difficulties of very unfavorable weather, particularly Mrs. R. Gray, to whom the enterprise is attributed, and to which his services have been entirely devoted the past few weeks. Sum realized \$300.

**ALBION MINES.**—The Intercession for Sunday Schools was duly observed here. All the Teachers, except one who was ill, received at the early celebration. The Rector preached upon the subject, and addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon, when special interces-

sions were offered, and the children made their offerings for B.H.M.

**NEW GLASGOW.**—Mr. Moore preached on the subject of Sunday-schools, and special intercessions and an address to the children and teachers were made in St. George's, on Sunday 16th.

**HALIFAX.**—*St. Luke's.*—At the annual meeting of St. Luke's Senior Temperance Guild the following officers were elected; the rector and curate of the parish always hold office: President, Rev. F. R. Murray; Chaplain, Rev. W. B. King; Vice-Presidents, W. H. Wiswell (re-elected), Thomas Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur B. Wiswell, (re-elected). Managing Committee: G. E. Wainwright, J. A. Cameron, John A. Matson, Mrs. F. Robinson, Mrs. Moore, Miss Cabot, Miss M. Wier. Entertainment Committee: Mrs. Gregor, Miss A. L. Wier, Miss Kinnear, Miss Bowman.

The President in his address alluded to the good work done in the past by the guild and showed the necessity for greater activity in the future. Messrs. W. C. Silver, Thomas Brown, and E. C. Fairbanks, also gave addresses.

On St. Luke's day commemorative services were held in St. Luke's Cathedral. At Evensong there was full choral service. The anthem "Love Divine," a beautiful duett for treble and bass, with chorus to close, was well rendered, the solos being taken by one of the boys, and Mr. King-Pooley, the choirmaster. An eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Partridge, rector of St. George's, who took his text from Lev. ix. 33-34, and x. 1-2. He made a touching reference to the absence of the late Bishop from the anniversary service; explained the meaning of the service; and made an earnest exhortation to the congregation to rise to the dignity of their position as the foremost church in the Diocese.

**St. Georges.**—The Anniversary service of the Sunday-school children connected with the Church of England S.S. Teachers' Association of this city was held in St. George's Church. The quaint old Church was completely filled with children of all ages, who with their teachers numbered between 1,500 and 1,600. The schools represented were St. Luke's, St. Paul's, Trinity, St. Stephen's, St. Matthias, St. Mark's and St. George's. The hymns were sung with great precision and effect by the mass of children. Rev. Dr. Partridge acted as organist, and Professor S. Porter, organist of St. Paul's, who we are glad to see has recovered from his recent accident, rendered a fine voluntary at the close of the service. A beautiful address was given by Rev. F. H. Almon, curate of St. Paul's, who was in former years curate of St. George's—which held the attention of the children for about seventeen minutes.

A local writer protesting against the frequent notices of resentment against referring the nomination to England, has the following sensible remarks:—If it be so fearfully humiliating to refer the nomination of our future Bishop to the heads of the Church in England with the view of obtaining a learned Englishman in preference to any local candidate, I fear it would be equally disappointing if the idea were literally carried out, and every Englishman who had found employment in the Diocese were also excluded. If the honor of the native clergy alone, is simply to be considered, the objection is intelligible. If on the other hand, the privilege of nomination is without limit, surely there is nothing inconsistent in looking to the larger field for eligible candidates.

**CHURCH ARMY.**—The members of the Church Army, with the band, halted in front of the residence of staff officer Winfield, on George street one evening last week, when a selection was played by the band, and some singing followed, the chorus being "For you I am praying." After prayer was offered, testimonies were given by men who stated that twelve months

ago they were induced to lead a better life through the efforts of the Church Army in the upper streets. Captain Winfield is confined to his bed through illness.

**B. H. MISSIONS.**—At the last meeting of the Board attention was called to the fact that a special and extraordinary effort be made in the autumn collections there will be no funds wherewith to pay the promised grants for the last quarter of the year. It is to be hoped that special committees will be appointed in each parish to make an active canvass of each member of the church, and that the many members of the church in the various towns will be individually canvassed on behalf of the Board. The whole matter of the Board needs new life and organization. For the past years the funds have been decreasing steadily. It is possible that perhaps the interest of the Board can be best advanced if a first class travelling secretary can be found to stir up in the various parishes an enthusiasm in this important work. Something must soon be done if work is not to be paralyzed in the various country parishes by withdrawal or decrease of grant, and the Diocese lose some of its best and active workers who are at present receiving scarcely sufficient to make both ends meet.

**BRIDGEWATER.**—For the second time during the incumbency of the Rev. W. E. Gelling, S. A. C., the Church of Holy Trinity is undergoing extensive repairs and improvements.

Some years ago a new chancel was built. Now the church is being re-seated in hardwood. There is now a fine central aisle, and the Font is placed between the two new doors at the supposed west end; the ceiling of the chancel has been renewed, and all the roof greatly improved.

Two new porches are being built, and a fine tower. The building is to be heated by a furnace in the basement, and the old pipes have been removed. Stained glass windows are being supplied, and the painting and wood polishing will be of a first class order.

It is expected that the sacred building will be reopened on the first Sunday in November.

A fine new church was opened a few days ago at Conquerell Bank. This building was planned by the Rev. W. H. Grosor, of New Ross, and has been very much admired. When opened many of the local clergy were present. The Holy Communion was celebrated and a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Lockward, of Port Medway. When opened the building was free from debt, save for the organ; and a Sunday-school has been commenced in it, which numbers over thirty, with a good staff of teachers.

The clergy all expressed their warm approbation on this new building, and the improvements in the town church.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**QUEBEC.**—*Harvest Thanksgiving*—Very happy Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Peter's Church, Quebec, on Sunday the 16th ult.

The congregations both at the Morning and Evening services were large and much care had evidently been taken with the decorations which consisted of fruit, grain and flowers in abundance; the Altar, Font and Pulpit designs being specially admired.

The Hymns and Canticles were well rendered and the responses (as usual in St. Peter's) were heartily made by the people. The Rector, Rev. M. M. Fothergill preached at the Morning service and the Rev. R. H. Cole (the newly appointed Curate of St. Matthew's Church), delivered an excellent and appropriate sermon in the Evening. Mr. Cole is a preacher of great power and is a valuable addition to the Clerical Staff of the Diocese.