

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—We regret to have to record another serious loss to the Church by fire. St. Mary's School House, Waterloo St., was totally destroyed early on the morning of Nov. 28th. The building was erected several years ago, and was an important aid in Mission work in that part of the city. It was two stories high, the upper part being occupied as a Department of the Public Schools. The first floor was used as a Sunday School, and contained the usual furniture, library, and organ. Besides the Industrial School, conducted by two ladies from St. Mark's, which held their Sessions Saturday afternoons, had a number of fancy articles ready for a bazaar, which was to be held this month. The school was a large one, and the loss of the building will prove a serious drawback. The school house was insured for \$1000. The loss, besides the insurance, is estimated at about \$2500. An appeal for help to rebuild, was at once issued by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, O. S. Newnam, and Messrs. T. W. Daniel, and S. D. Berton, and we are glad to know at the time of writing, that several responses have been made.

JACKSONVILLE, MISSION OF WOODSTOCK.—ST. PETER'S.—At a business meeting of the members of the Church in connection with this Church, the accounts for the building and furnishing of the same were brought in, showing an amount of indebtedness of \$213.00 on the whole cost. This the members of the Church divide among themselves in fair proportions, and each is to pay his own share, so that in the course of a few weeks all accounts for the building of the church will be settled, and it entirely free of debt. It was agreed, moreover, to tear down the old building that it may not be put to unworthy purposes, a committee having been appointed to attend to this duty. The following resolutions were unanimously passed:—"That the Rector be requested to give the cordial thanks of the members of the Church to those kind friends who have so liberally assisted us in the erection and furnishing of our new church." "That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. John English for his untiring zeal and energy in helping forward the work of the building of this church." In accordance with the first of these resolutions, the Rev. Thomas Neales desires to express his own thanks and those of his parishioners to those kind friends above referred to. The beauty of the above church is heightened by its being furnished throughout with windows of stained glass, neat in design and not costly in price, manufactured by J. C. Spence, of Montreal, who kindly added an offering of his own towards the east window. We hope and pray that the consecration of this church is to mark a new era in the spiritual advancement also of those whose joy and privilege it is to worship God within its sacred walls.

DEANERY OF SHEDIAC.—The Deanery of Shediac met in Dorchester on the 29th and 30th November. Owing to the enforced absence of some of the clergy, there was no meeting of the Chapter. A service was held on the evening of the 29th, and an admirable address delivered by the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rector elect of Dorchester, on the relations between pastor and congregation. On St. Andrew's Day the Holy Communion was administered, the sermon being preached by Rev. C. F. Wiggins. In the evening an address was delivered by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath. We learn that it is most probable that the Rev. Mr. Campbell will accept the charge of the parish. We were also pleased to find that a subscription list is now in course of circulation, with the object of securing \$500.00 a year as the stipend of the clergyman. Dorchester has for the past two years been practically self-supporting, returning to the D. C. S. more than it has received; but the salary was only \$760. The parish now proposes to become entirely independent of the Society, and raise a more suitable stipend. We feel satisfied that the amount will be raised, and are glad to chronicle another parish as entirely self-supporting. In 1876 the parishes of Sackville and Dorchester united received \$160.00 from the D. C. S. and contributed \$196.00. Both were then served by one clergyman. This year Sackville alone received only \$140.00, and returned \$52.10, making the parish almost self-supporting. Dorchester this year receives \$60.00 from the D. C. S., and has given \$700.00 towards the stipend, besides \$200.00 to the D. C. S. It now proposes to give up the \$60.00 and raise \$900.00 for its Rector, while no doubt its contributions to the D. C. S. will be as generous next summer as they were last July.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS received at the DIOCESAN ROOM, for the week ending December 2d, 1881.

GENERAL PURPOSES, B. H. M. Tangle, per Rev. D. A. McLeod, \$16. Sackville, per Rev. Wm. Ellis, \$4. JOHN D. H. BROWNS, Clerical Secretary.

B. H. M. DEFICIENCY. "C." Annapolis, \$4. E. GILPIN, Treasurer.

HALIFAX.—The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland

preached at Truro on Sunday last. His Lordship will return to Halifax, and preach at St. Paul's and St. Luke's on Sunday next.

The Rev. Ambrose Heygate, M. A., Oxon, Vice Principal of St. John's Theological College, Newfoundland, has been in Halifax for the past three weeks, and has been doing duty at the various city Churches. Mr. Heygate has made many friends in Halifax, who will give him a hearty welcome, should he visit this city at any future time.

St. Luke's.—The meeting of Parishioners for the election of a Rector for the Cathedral, takes place on Tuesday week. There is a general feeling that the good work of the past must not be allowed to grow less; and strong hopes are entertained that it will largely increase.

St. George's.—On Monday week, an election will take place to fill this vacant Rectory. A number of excellent names are, we understand, under consideration, and we earnestly pray that a good selection may be made.

DIGN.—A handsome and most serviceable "Reflector," the gift of T. C. Shreve, Esq., Q. C., illuminated the chancel of Trinity Church for the first time on the evening of the first Sunday in Advent. This beautiful gift is the manufacture of Messrs. Frink & Co., New York. At its base is a circular receptacle for paraffine oil, surmounted by twelve lights. This is supported from its centre by an iron rod cased with brass, upon which is placed a large truncated cone, the interior of which is covered by thin plates of white, burnished metal, the outside being bronzed. Within this is an inverted cone, with a similar burnished surface. The whole is surmounted with a circular cap, between which and the bottom of the reflecting cone are six brass chains, hanging at equal distances, in graceful festoons. The light of the twelve burners is thrown down by the reflecting surfaces just where it is needed, and is exceedingly soft and pleasant in its effect.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THERE is a movement among some of the clergy to procure a reed organ for the Theological College by subscriptions from among themselves, and that they may show thereby their appreciation of the munificent donations made to that Institution by A. F. Gault, Esq. From the manner in which Mr. Gault is investing his wealth in good and enduring works in his lifetime, there is a lesson that many of our monied men might learn, and that is to give and dedicate their wealth to pious and charitable uses while in this life. Montreal has seen itself a loser of over half a million of dollars by monies bequeathed to it for its University and other Literary Institutions being diverted into the pockets of lawyers by "suits at law." Had Hugh Fraser and Dame Ross given their contributions even on a smaller scale during their lifetime, the city, the churches and colleges would have really profited; whereas now the great expectations raised when the bequests were announced are in great danger of becoming great disappointments. Look at Peter Cooper, of the city of New York. I know not whether the old gentleman is alive yet or not, but one thing I know that he had the satisfaction of seeing his magnificent Institute (fitly called after him) in thorough working order for years. He could receive the loving and sincere wishes of hundreds whom he had by that institution helped to benefit. And whenever he entered the lecture rooms and received, as he did again and again, the heartfelt plaudits of the audience, can we not well understand that he felt a gratification that was simply inexpressible. His work for the good of his fellows was not allowed to follow him, but went before him. So will it be with A. F. Gault and others who do, or may do, likewise.

We have had to mourn the somewhat sudden and unexpected death of one of our rising young clergymen, the Rev. Alfred Lee, B. A., graduate of Lennoxville, and if we mistake not, one of his honor men. His demise has already been noticed under your Quebec correspondence, but late though it may seem, it is fitting it should be mentioned here. He had been Incumbent of Eardley for a short time, and did fair to do a good and permanent work, but it has pleased God in His mysterious providence to take him unto Himself. He was a man of promise, genial, courteous, and in his principles sound, and in his clerical acts thorough. We have, and we say it with submission, few of his stamp, and not any to spare. Nevertheless, God's will, not ours, be done.

MONTREAL.—The Advent Season, as is now so customary, sees increased acts of public worship in our churches, with special lectures and sermons. In the Cathedral Canon Baldwin, who makes, in this season of the Church Year, a special effort, began on Sunday evening the first of his expositions on the 18th chapter St. Matthew and the historical fulfillment of the prophetic events stated therein. At St. George's Dr. Sullivan has begun a series of lectures on a subject, which, from its novelty here, will be sure to draw large audiences, namely, "The Intermediate State." When we speak of its novelty, of course we know that it has been now and again touched upon in some of our churches, as say, for

instance, in the course of an exposition of the Creed, or a sermon or sermonette on Easter Eve; but we doubt if Easter Eve receives much notice beyond the pale of one or two of our congregations. The doctrine of the Intermediate State has never before been made the subject of a series of sermons—at least, not to our knowledge—in this city.

FRELIGSBURGH.—In the "Bishop Stewart" Memorial Church lectures on Advent themes are to be delivered by clergy specially invited by the rector.

DUNHAM.—The rector has organized a Literary Society in connection with the Church, and its proceedings are to be diversified by lectures delivered by some of our leading city and country clergymen.

WEST SHEFFORD PARISH has again a clergyman, the Rev. E. Saunders, a graduate of the Theological College.

MYSTIC PARISH OF BEDFORD.—A pretty little church was opened for service here a week ago. It is said to be one of the handsomest churches in our country parts—correct in its details and every way fitted to teach people that it is a "House of Prayer," rather than an audience room. The rector is known as one who loves to see not only the House of God architecturally and ecclesiologically correct as far as circumstances will allow, but that the services be rendered with due regard to decency and order, and that the furniture of the sanctuary and the vestures of those who minister be in accordance therewith.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

LENNOXVILLE.—A carved oak eagle-lectern has been placed in the College Chapel. It is a gift from St. Matthew's Church, Quebec.

BOURG LOUIS.—The stables belonging to the Rev. H. C. Stewart have been burned down. A carriage and sleigh were also destroyed. The stables were not quite finished and were uninsured. Two young gentlemen, Sewell and Welch, were mainly instrumental in saving the animals.

QUEBEC.—The eleventh annual re-union of the "Mothers' and Daughters' Meetings" in connection with St. Matthew's Church, was held in the vestry, on the 7th Nov. After the reading and adoption of the subjoined reports, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. F. Montzambert; Vice-Pres., Miss Phillips; Second Vice-Pres., Miss L. Stewart; Treasurer, Miss J. Jones; Secretary, Miss Walker; Visitors of Absentees, the Misses C. Price and L. Stewart; Reader, Mrs. Chetwood Hamilton; Auditor, Mr. F. Holloway; Committee, Mrs. Scougall, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. C. Sharples, Mrs. Walton Smith, the Misses J. Price, C. Price, M. Sewell, C. Sewell, B. Hamilton, F. Hamilton, Anderson, Porteous, McQuilkin, S. Montzambert, L. Montzambert.

Report of the Mothers' and Daughters' Meetings during the year 1880-81.

There were twenty meetings for the mothers and fifteen for the daughters during the winter of 1880-81. The number of women, whose names were on the books, was sixty-two, being an increase of twelve from last year; the children numbered sixty, two less than last year. The meetings were conducted as usual. The feasts at Christmas and Easter were liberally provided for by generous donations from many friends. Clothing for the two Algoma children was made and despatched as on previous occasions. Much material was made by the women and children for themselves, under the usual regulations.

C. F. WALKER, Secretary. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT. To balance on hand, Oct. 1880 \$68 50 Subscriptions 91 08 Offerories from St. Matthew's Church 1-0 65 New material sold to Mothers 177 38 New material sold to Daughters 36 85 Cast-off Clothing sold to Mothers 5 20 Interest in Union Savings' Bank 1 61 Cash (a subscription) 5 00 \$486 25 Cr. By New material for mothers \$388 00 New material for Willie Riley 7 69 Ditto for Susan Esquimaux 13 00 Miss Boyd, for attendance 5 00 \$413 69 Balance 72 56 \$486 25 JANE E. JONES, Treasurer. FRANK HOLLOWAY, Acting Auditor. Examined and found correct. Quebec, 12th November, 1881.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov 27th, the Rev. Andrew J. Balfour, M. A., who is about to be removed to the Rectory of Richmond and Melbourne, preached his valedictory sermon to a large and sorrowing congregation in St. John's Church, Waterville. The reverend gentleman, who was deeply affected, passed modestly in review, in a very able and lucid discourse, his work among the parishioners during the past ten years of his incumbency, exhorted his hearers to persevere in the paths of righteousness, and concluded by bespeaking for his successor in the incumbency of St. John's Church a continuance of that courtesy and kindly feeling of which he himself had ever been the recipient. A

pleasing feature of the afternoon's services was the reception into Christ's fold, by the Holy Rite of Baptism, of four adults and two interesting children of, respectively, nine and thirteen years. On the following Monday evening, at a social reunion at the house of James Osgood, Esq., a numerous signed address was presented to Mr. Balfour, and the reverend gentleman's horse, which had brought him so often safely from Hatley to minister to his Waterville flock, was rigged out by a grateful people in a new harness and accompaniments, got up for the occasion. Nor were the Sunday School children behindhand with their offering, in the shape of a comfortable quilt to keep their beloved pastor warm during the coming cold winter nights.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

ST. THOMAS.—My Dear Friends,—I introduce to you this month what is to be our Parish Magazine, at a mere nominal cost of a half dollar per year. You will find it to contain admirable Sunday reading for adults and juveniles, including all current information relative to the Church work of the Parish. It will gratify me to know that every Church family has welcomed my little effort for your benefit, and has subscribed for Parish Church Work. Subscribers can have it monthly by paying for the year in advance, and calling at Messrs. Rawlinson & Co., to whom all payments shall be made. Yours faithfully, GEO. GRAY BALLARD.

Bishop's License.—The Lord Bishop of Huron has been pleased to license Thomas W. Rawlinson, and Joseph Lee as Lay Readers in the Parish. The Rector has appointed these gentlemen to take united charge of Sunday Evening Service in St. John's Church, in the east end of the city. They began their duties on Sunday, October 30th, and are much encouraged by the attendance. Church people of the east end, rally round those who thus are willing to do you service!—Parish Church Work.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Diocesan Synod of this Diocese met on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, in the public room of St. John's College, Winnipeg. Divine Service was held in the Cathedral at 10.30 o'clock a. m. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. S. P. Matheson, B. D., Head-master of St. John's College School, and the Rev. Canon Grisdale, B. A., of St. John's College. The first Lesson was read by the Rev. M. Jukes, Missionary at High Bluff and Poplar Point, and the second Lesson by the Rev. O. Fortin, B. A., Rector of Holy Trinity, Winnipeg. The Bishop read the Ante-Communion Service and the Gospel, the Venerable Archdeacon Cowley taking the Epistle.

Instead of a sermon, the Bishop delivered the comprehensive and deeply interesting address which we publish in part below, to be completed in our next issue.

On the conclusion of the Services in the Cathedral, the delegates repaired to Bishop's Court for luncheon, in response to the invitation of His Lordship.

At 2 p. m., the Synod assembled; in the public room of St. John's College.

The following clergymen were present:—The Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, B. D., Archdeacon of Cumberland; Rev. S. Pritchard, missionary in charge of the east side of Red River; Rev. S. P. Matheson, B. D., master in St. John's College School; Rev. A. G. Pinkham, missionary at Morris; Rev. O. Fortin, B. A., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg; Rev. R. Young, B. A., Incumbent of St. Andrew's; Rev. A. E. Cowley, Incumbent of St. James; Rev. A. H. Stunden, B. A., assistant of Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg; Rev. H. T. Leslie, B. A., assistant, Christ Church, Winnipeg; Rev. M. Jukes, Missionary at High Bluff and Poplar Point; Rev. Canon Grisdale, B. A., Canon, St. John's; and a good attendance of lay delegates.

On motion of Rev. Canon O'Meara, seconded by Rev. Mr. Pinkham, Rev. Mr. Fortin and Messrs. Inkster and Whitcher were appointed a committee to examine the certificates of the lay delegates.

On motion of Rev. Canon O'Meara, seconded by Capt. Kennedy, Rev. Canon Grisdale was appointed secretary of the meeting.

The minutes, as published in the reports and circulated, were accepted.

The election of three clergymen and five laymen as members of the executive committee was then proceeded with. The ballot having been taken and the report of the scrutineers received, the Bishop declared the following elected:—Revs. O. Fortin, Canon O'Meara and R. Young; and Messrs. Spencer, Whitcher, Hon. J. Norquay, Inkster and Fonseca.

The election of seven clergymen and seven laymen as delegates to the Provincial Synod was then taken up. The Scrutineers report showed that the following were elected: Rev. Messrs. Fortin, Young, Archdeacon Cowley, Canon O'Meara, Matheson, Pritchard, and W. C. Pinkham; and Messrs. Spencer, Inkster, Whitcher, Hon. J. Norquay, Fonseca, Carruthers, and Kennedy. The substitutes in order were as follows: Revs. Canon Grisdale, A. Cowley, Jukes, Leslie, Stunden, and Sargent; and Messrs. James, O'Reilly, Hardie, Bruce, Carran, Sinclair, White and Cameron.

After the transaction of a large amount of other