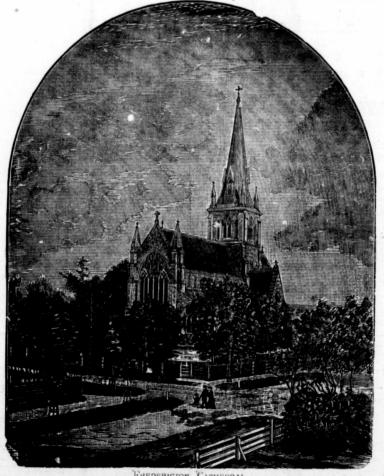


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T the last meeting of the General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society it was Resolved-" That the "Committee to inter-"est Sunday Schools " in the work of Home " Missions, now to be "appointed, be autho-"rized to take any "steps that may be "required for the es-"tablishing and issu-"ing of a Diocesan

"Magazine, and that "the following do compose the said Committee: "the Reverends J. Rey Campbell, H. Mont-

"gomery, O. S. Newnham and A. Lowndes,

"and Messrs. Hurd Peters, H. W. Frith, G. R.

"Parkin, and A. H. DeMill."

HIS Committee, after careful consideration of the work thus entrusted to it, and the responsibility and difficulty involved in the undertaking, has determined to commence the New Year with the publication of such a Magazine as apparently was contemplated by the General Committee.

HE Magazine is issued for circulation among the members of the Church, in order that all may know the amount and character of the work being done, and all "consider one another to provoke unto love and good works."

It is also intended to emphasize the fact that all the different congregations throughout the Diocese are but portions of the same Church, members of one body, pervaded by a common life, and having a common interest. It is

desirable that each member, old or young, should be attached to the Church, not only by personal bonds, but also by an intelligent appreciation of its History, Faith, Usages, and Spirit.

THE object of the Magazine, which will be called "Chronicle of the Diocese of FREDERICTON," will therefore be to give the fullest information possible on the following points:

The Work of the Church in the Diocese-

(a). As to its Parishes and Missions. (b). As to Special Services, such as Ordinations, Confirmations, Consecration of Churches, &c.

(c). As to Sunday Schools, their Statistics, Modes of Work, Charities, &c.

(d). Reports of Meetings of the D. C. S., Synod, Board of Home Missions, Missionary, Temperance, and other Associations and Meetings, &c.

The Needs of the Diocese, especially in its waste places.

A portion will be devoted to Correspondence in accordance with the usual rules.

It is intended that the Occasional Papers, which have been hitherto issued by the Diocesan Church Society separately, shall in future appear in the pages of the Chronicle.

The Chronicle will be issued monthly if it meet with sufficient support.

It may be hoped that, if duly sustained, it will be materially improved by experience, and by the pecuniary aid arising from increased circulation; and that this first number will not be above, but below the average.

The price of the Chronicle will be thirty cents a year, strictly in advance.

If any Parish or Mission should desire any other Church periodical bound up with the CHRONICLE the same will be furnished at cost.

Editorial Motices.

HE Clergy of the Diocese are respectfully requested to furnish names and addresses of persons to whom this paper may be sent, to solicit subscriptions for the CHRONICLE, and to kindly send in a list of copies subscribed for, at their earliest convenience, in order that there may be no delay in issuing and forwarding the next number. All orders and remittances are to be sent to GEO. W. DAY, printer, corner Princess and Prince Wm. Streets, St. John. Other communications are to be addressed: Chronicle, Box 122, P. O. St. John, N. B. All copies of the CHRONICLE ordered will be mailed direct to the subscribers from St. John, so that the Clergy, who obtain subscriptions, shall have no further trouble.

An excellent opportunity is afforded Rectors of Parishes, or Superintendents of Sunday Schools, for the interleaving of printed matter, monthly or quarterly, in the Chronicle, for local circulation. This will be done at cost

price. Correspondence on the subject is solicited.

The expense of the first number of the Chronicle will be entirely paid by the advertisements contained in it. This fact is mentioned because many persons are apprehensive that the magazine will be a tax on the funds of the D. C. S. Even if it were, however, the publication of such a periodical ought to pay well indirectly.

The Committee, whose task it has been to edit and publish the Chronicle, desires to return very hearty thanks to the many friends who have so kindly aided in the undertaking. The quantity of matter received has compelled the Committee to extend this number to sixteen pages. It is not intended ordinarily to exceed eight or twelve pages. Wishing the readers of the Chronicle a very happy New Year, the Committee craves their indulgence for all shortcomings.

Diocesan Statistics.

1885.

CONSECRATION.

May 1. Charles Hamilton, M. A., Bishop of Diocese of Niagara.

ORBINATIONS.

PRIESTS:

March 1. Henry Thomas Parlee, B. A. May 21. John Charles Titcombe.

DEACONS :

March 1. Charles Boteler Kenrick, M. A. April 12. Alfred John Reid, S. A. C. May 31. Edward I. P. B. Williams, S. A. C. Sept. 20. Charles Arthur Somerville Warneford,

B. A. Dec. 20. Benjamin Walter Roger Taylor.

Total number of Clergy on the Roll, 74.

CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

Sept. 4. By the Right Rev. H. Tully Kingdon, Bishop-Coadjutor—"Church of the Ascension," Grand Manan.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Albert, 10	Newcastle, 9
Andover, 3	Petitcodiac, 39
Baie Verte, 4	Portland, 48
Bay du Vin, 13	Prince William, 19
Bathurst, 23	Richmond, 22
Birch Ridge, 4	Sackville, 15
Bright, 16	St. George, 4
Bristol, 4	St. John, 40
Campbellton, 22	St. John Baptist, 17
Canterbury, 6	St. Marks, 35
Carleton, St. John, 14	St. Marks, (Sussex) 12
Chatham, 27	St. Mary, 13
Dalhousie, 4	St. Stephen, 8
Dorchester, 22	Springfield, 12
Edmundston, 8	Stanley, 25
English Settlement, 29	Studholm, 21
Fredericton 19	Sussex, 18
French Village, 12	Tay Creek, 17
Goshen, 16	Upham, 8
Grand Manan, 11	Waterford, 34
Hampton, 15	Westfield 11
Jacksonville, 4	Westmorland, 19
Kingston, 37	Woodstock, 19
Londonderry, 8	
Millville, 21	Total,839

Old and New Parishes.

NTELLIGENT travellers on the Gibson Branch of the New Brunswick Railway must have been struck with the rapid growth of the township of Millville, which has started up around the Station of that

name. It forms the railway centre of four settlements, and will probably increase, as it depends, not upon the ephemeral importance of one industry, but upon the firmer basis of agricultural development.

Millville is in the Parish of Southampton, in the County of York, distant

about 40 miles from Fredericton, and, as it forms an important centre of work in the prospective Mission of Southampton and Queensbury, some account of a visit of the Bishop Coadjutor may not be without interest.

While the Parish of Queensbury has had regular services for sixty years and more, the neighbouring Parish of Southampton was, for about forty years, without services, until fifteen years ago, when Mr. Tippet began to hold service there, as may be learned from an entry made by him in the Parish register of Queensbury. "Sept. 1870, commenced Divine Service at the "Te.nperance Vale Settlement, Southampton," and before the conclusion of the year also at "the Maple Ridge Settlement, in the same "Parish."

Soon after Mr. Tippet went to Queensbury in 1847, he obtained answers to some questions about the settlement of the neighbourhood from some of the oldest inhabitants, from which we learn the following particulars:

"The Loyalists and refugees who settled in "that district were known to belong chiefly to "the Episcopal Church before the rebellion broke out, and remained so, and attended, af "ter they were located on their lands, wherever there was a service held by a minister of that "Church. All in reach of the place of worship attended the service, when Mr. Dibblee min istered to our fathers every third Sunday, in an old building in the then Parish of Prince William, which stood on the same ground on which the Dumfries Church now stands; and "the next Sabbath he held service at the late "Mr. Cronkhite's house, in the then Parish of "Northampton, now Southampton. But in the

"summer of 1803 we were visited by two fanatical preachers by the name of Shaw and Pride.
They held meetings in the settlers' houses day
and night, through the whole summer and
autumn, on both sides the river, from Fredericton to the upper settlements; the consequence was the falling off of nine-tenths of the
settlers to follow them. They took the name
of the New Lights."

Some time after this some Mormons preached with acceptance in the neighbourhood; but now the acceptability of the Mormons has faded, and the New Lights have been quenched by the Bantists

It must be remembered that when Mr. Dibblee was at Woodstock that Parish was in the County of York, which at that time contained only "seven towns or parishes;" but in 1831 Carleton County was divided off, and in 1833 the Parishes of Dumfries and Southampton were cut off from Woodstock and Southampton.

It is said that there was no service of the Church of England held in Queensbury until Dr. Somerville, head-master of the Grammar School, Fredericton, was appointed Missionary of the S. P. G., with a salary of £100 sterling a year. He held Sunday services from about 1812 until he returned to Scotland. In or about the year 1817 a Church was erected a little distance from where the Lower Queensbury Church stands at present.

After Dr. Somerville left, there does not seem to have been much done for Southampton and Queensbury. The enormous tract of country placed under the charge of the Rector of Woodstock cut off the attention of the one clergyman above the Parishes, and the increasing districts of Fredericton and St. Mary's claimed the attention of the clergy below, and little was done. When, however, the Province was erected into a Diocese some attention was paid to Queensbury, and Bishop Medley sent a clergyman to reside there, a Mr. Russell, who was very kindly received, but only stayed there a year. He was succeeded in 1847 by Rev. H. W. Tippet, who worked nobly there for a quarter of a century, until his health quite breaking down under the hardships he underwent, he was compelled to resign his charge in 1872.

During his incumbency three Churches and a Parsonage were built, or completed, in Queensbury; and in 1870, as has been said, he commenced work in the Parish of Southampton. In the short time he was working there he commenced to build a Church in Temperance Vale. The foundation was of granite; the frame was sawn out, and other materials were prepared; but, after Mr. Tippet's resignation, the lumber was all consumed when Mr. Pinder's mill was burned, and nothing has been done since. Mr. Tippet procured an East Window from friends in England, which is still in possession of Mrs. Tippet, in Fredericton, ready for use when wanted for a Church in Southampton.

When Mr. Tippet resigned he was succeeded by Mr. Weeks, who was indefatigable in good works for more than seven years, and resigned in 1880; since which time the two great Parishes of Southampton and Queensbury, comprising 290 square miles, have been added to the cure of the Rector of Douglas and Bright, in which there are 700 square miles, though not so thickly settled as the other Parishes. The Rector of Douglas and Bright, therefore, has now nearly a thousand square miles to work over.

In view of this it was a great satisfaction when the Bishop Coadjutor found he could give a Sunday to Millville, where he arrived from up the river on Saturday night, Oct. 3rd, and was joined by Mr. McKiel, the missionary in charge. The Church people at Millville had joined their neighbours in building a Union Meeting House, which is a very nice building, though less adapted for the services of the Church than for other purposes. However, with a little arrangement it was found that by removing the horse hair settee, and placing the preaching desk against the wall, with Bishop Kingdon's travelling oak reredos and communion service upon it a Church look was given to the room, and three hearty services were held there.

In the morning a congregation of about 250 assembled, when the Bishop preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and sixteen persons communicated. It was the first time that the Holy Communion had been celebrated in Millville. In the afternoon not only was the house crowded to excess, but each window was populated with heads of men outside, which gave rise to the wish that the windows opened at the top, for the weather was sultry, and ventilation was much needed. Mr. McKiel had prepared some candidates for confirmation in Temperance Vale, and the neighbourhood, and he presented them for that Holy Rite at the afternoon service. The Bishop preached, and confirmed eleven

males and ten females, twenty-one in all. There must have been more than 450 present in and about the building. Tracts on confirmation were distributed, and after the service several asked for some more copies. Many persons had never seen an "Episcopal Bishop" before. Heavy rain came on as the congregation was breaking up, but it stopped before the teams drove off.

It had been arranged that no more than two services should be held, but as the people asked for a third, Mr. McKiel and the Bishop, nothing loth, stayed and held evening service, when the Bishop again preached. Though a damp fog had come on, with occasional rain, and the night was moonless and dark, about 125 assembled for evening service. After which, in the grim darkness and wet fog, a fourteen mile drive conveyed the Missionary and the Bishop Coadjutor to the Parish of Bright, for a confirmation the next day.

Since a monthly service was held by Mr. Dibblee, seventy years ago, the Parish of Southampton has never received any help from the S. P. G. or D. C. S. There is no Church, and no Church property of any kind. But there are twenty-six Church families (besides scattered members) who attend service when and where they have opportunity, and Millville and its neighbourhood are rapidly growing. In 1852 Mr. Tippet wrote in the Register that in Queensbury there were thirty Church families. For the benefit of these three Churches were built, and a grant of £150 per annum was made by the S. P. G. and the D. C. S. together, while the people contributed £15 to meet the grant. From this it is seen that Southampton Parish alone is now as worthy of attention as Queensbury alone was thirty years ago. In Queensbury the Church folk have, if anything, decreased, but there are three Churches and two farms, the property of the Church, on one of which the Rectory is situate, fronting the river St. John. The people in Southampton and Queens surv have pledged themselves to furnish the assessment required by the General Committee of the D. C. S

The Church population is now mainly gathered about Millville, and if the clergyman reside there he will be in the centre of his work, and on the line of sailway. If it be thought well that he live at the Rectory he will be farther from his main work, but in the more refreshing environment of beautiful scenery. Postal facilities are the same in both places.

It is much to be hoped that money will soon be found for a Missionary to serve the prospective Mission of

SOUTHAMPTON AND QUEENSBURY,

The Deaneries.

NDER this heading it is proposed to give items of news, and notes of Church work in the various Deaneries. The Committee has to thank several correspondents for much matter which, however, has had to be considerably compressed and curtailed, owing to the limited space at command. Communications from Deanery correspondents should reach St. John not later than the 16th of the month, should be brief and to the point, should, in a word, be a Chronicle of the events in the Deanery during the previous month.

CHATHAM.

Chatham.—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, the Rector of Chatham was assisted at the services in St. Paul's and St. Mary's Churches by the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, Halifax, N. S. The Holy Communion was celebrated at the morning service in St. Mary's Chapel, and the number of communicants was above the average. Mr. Murray's stirring and eloquent sermons were listened to with great attention, and it is hoped will be productive of much good.

Monday, 16th Nov., being the first anniversary of the organization of the Juvenile Temperance Branch of St. Mary's Guild, Divine Service was held in St. Mary's Chapel, at 7.30 p. m. The clergy present were the Revs. F. R. Murray, J. H. S. Sweet, W. J. Wilkinson, and the Rector.

A new lectern and prayer desk were to be provided for St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, by the Women's Guild, at a cost of \$40, and a Bishop's chair for the 'sanctuary was also looked for from another source.

Derby.—The sum of \$145 was realized at a Supper given in the Temperance Hall, by the ladies connected with St. Peter's Church, which amount is to be devoted to the repair and painting of the Parish Church. It is also proposed to wainscot and paint the interior of the Church, and erect a new fence around it. The Rector is making an effort and hopes to raise funds for the purpose of putting a stained glass window in the chancel of St. Peter's, in memory of the late Reverend James Hudson, semetime incumbent of this Parish.

Newcastle. — The Young Women's Guild is carrying on its work with gratifying success. The Rector, the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, has recent-

ly been holding fortnightly services in Douglastown.

The Church buildings, Baie des Vents, have been much improved.

FREDERICTON.

The Parish Church at Kingsclear has the bell formerly in the old Parish Church at Fredericton, consequently the oldest bell in the Diocese.

At Little River, Canning, efforts are being made to build a Church.

All Saints Church, Magaguadavic, has been almost rebuilt. The walls and roof have been shingled and painted in handsome colors. A gilt vane replaces the old one battered and bent by the Saxby gale. A new vestry has been built, a new stove erected, and new lamps have been fitted. The chancel has been re-carpeted a handsome reredos erected, frontals and super-frontals have been procured for the communion table, credence and lectern, and a purple hanging, with the arms of the Diocese, for the Bishop's chair furnished. The Bishop Coadjutor lately presented this Church with a pair of small glass cruets, for use in the Holy Communion.

KINGSTON.

Greenwich.—The Rev. D. W. Pickett, Rector, has obtained leave of absence, and has gone on a trip to the South. His place is supplied by the Rev. A. H. Weeks.

The following items are taken from the Kingston Deanery Magazine for December:

Cambridge.—\$500 are on hand in this Mission for a new Church at Lower Jemseg. The Metropolitan, with his usual generosity, has contributed \$50 to the fund.

Improvements and repairs are about to be put upon S. Luke's Church, Young's Cove.

Sussex.—\$80 have lately been cleared at a Fancy Sale and Apron Fair, with which a new linoleum floor cloth has been procured for Trinity Church. It was hoped during Advent to form a Working Guild for men, and one for women.

It has been determined to keep the *Deanery Magazine*, a very vigorous and well got up periodical, going another year; although, from its last leading article, it seems to want the valuable requisite of being self-supporting.

SAINT ANDREWS.

The following items are taken from Christ Church, St. Stephen, Parish Work:

The Rural Deanery of St. Andrews ask all

who have been confirmed in the County of Charlotte by Bishop Medley, and are now living in or out of the County, to contribute the sum of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS or more towards the Bishop Medley Scholarship Fund. Thirty members of Christ Church congregation have already responded to this appeal, so that including a collection in Church, on September 29th, amounting to \$7.42, the Treasurer reports the sum of \$25.00 in hand.

The second of a beautiful series of Sanctuary Windows for Christ Church, designed and execated by Mr. Alexander Gibbs, of London, arrived safely from England on October 26th. The first group of Apostles, to the memory of ALICE, wife of the Rev. E. S. Medley, consists of St. Andrew, St. Peter and St. John. The second group contains St. Philip, St. Andrew and St. Thomas. The inscription is as follows: "To the glory of God, and in memory of the Reverend Skeffington Thomson, LL. D., for 43 years Rector of this Parish, who departed this life March 18th, 1865, aged 73 years.

SAINT JOHN.

Westfield, K. C.—The Rev. A. V. Wiggins has been compelled by the irksome character of his work, the Parish being divided by the River Saint John, to place his resignation in the hands of the Metropolitan, to take effect on the 1st of April next. Since Mr. Wiggins took charge of the Parish, five years ago, an excellent Parsonage has been built, at a cost of \$1600, and over \$400 have been spent on the repairs and improvement of the Churches. There have been 130 baptisms, and the number of communicants has increased from 43 to 93.

Musquash.—Quite a number of improvements have been made in St. Ann's Church recently. A spire has been erected, with a handsome vane. which adds much to the appearance of the Church.

St. George's, Carleton.—A very comfortable and convenient Rectory has recently been completed in this Parish, at a cost of about \$2,300, of which about \$750 remains unpaid. The Rector, the Rev. LeB. W. Fowler, with his family, went into possession in September last. On the 11th of last November a Society for Church work was organized, with a membership of 45, men and women.

St. Jude's, Carleton.—The Rector, Rev. D. B. Parnther, has been and is quite unwell. A sale of fancy work recently held by the ladies of the congregation, was quite successful, realizing over \$120.

St. Luke's, Portland - A Young Ladies' Association has been formed in this Parish, for the intellectual improvement of its members, and it is hoped to have monthly meetings, with an occasional conversazione.

Mission Church of St. John Baptist .- The recent High Tea and Sale of Work, in the School Room, was well attended. The ladies succeeded in disposing of a very large portion of work, while the tea tables were liberally patronized. Over \$280 were realized.

Trinity Church, St. John .- The Parochial Magazine has completed its fourth year. It has an extensive circulation. The November number contains the following interesting letter, received a short time since, from the Indian boy at the Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, whose support is paid for by the scholars of Trinity Church Sunday School:

" To the Scholars of Trinity Church Sunday School, St. John, New Brunswick.

My dear friends,-I am writing to you this afternoon, telling you that I am in good health, and I hope all of you to be well too. There are forty-three scholars and two apprentices-45 boys in the Shingwauk Home. I am very much thankful and satisfied to all of you for support-All of you are doing great help for me. I am learning to be a School Teacher. I am reading the fourth book, and doing decimals in arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, spelling, dictation, Euclid, writing, and draw pictures and sketches, and also trying to lead a good life and be kind to my school-fellows and be polite. I bid good bye to all of you.

> I remain yours truly, JACKSON KAHGAUG,"

St. John's Church. - Sunday, the 20th December, being the thirty-third anniversary of the appointment to the Rectorate of St. Mark's Parish of the Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, the reverend gentleman delivered an earnest and eloquent address in this Church, to a large and deeply interested congregation.

St. James' Church .- The Rector, Rev. G. Osborne Troop, in his last annual Abstract of Work, states that the new Sunday School Building, which cost \$2951.72, has been entirely paid for, with a balance on hand of 41c. The furniture and organ for the building have also been paid for. In this Church there are no pew rents, all expenses being met by voluntary contributions.

WOODSTOCK.

The Parish Church at Woodstock has been panelled, the walls have beentinted, and a very effective reredos has been erected.

Some alterations have been made at Canterbury Parish Church, and a new fencehas been erected.

In the Parish of St. Francis no service has been held regularly since the resignation of the Rev. W. Shannon. About \$600 were subscribed, during Mr. Shannon's incumbency, towards the building of a Church.

A new Church crowns the hill of the village of Edmundston, and is served by the Rev. W. B. Armstrong, who comes forty miles for the purpose.

On October 13th, the settlers of Birch Ridge laid the foundation of the future Church of St. Bartholomew. The men hope to get the lumber out during the winter, so as to commence the frame work in the spring. A Guild, under the name of St. Bartholomew's Guild, has been formed, and promises to do good work.

The Parish Church of Simonds is in course of erection. A substantial stone wall has been built, and the frame is upon the ground.

At Aberdeen the people are only waiting for a resident clergyman, to commence work on a Church. Plans have been bought and a site secured.

St. John's Church, Richmond, has been considerably improved internally.

In the Parish of North Lake, the census reports forty-three Church people. It is doubtful if these have ever been sought after except by the consus enumerator.

During the past year Trinity Church, Andover, has had a new roof put on, the west end painted, and a neat iron fence has been placed in front of the Church-yard.

The exterior of St. George's Church, Bairdsville, has been improved by a steep roof and a spire, while the congregation have purcha and a Bell chapel organ.

SHEDIAC.

Dorchester. — A meeting of this Deanery was held at Dorchester on the 16th and 17th of December. The clergy present were the Revs. J. Roy Campbell, R. D., C. F. Wiggins, F. W. Vroom and A. J. Reid. It was arranged that the Deanery Choral Union should hold its annual service at Sackville, on Wednesday, March 3rd, 1886. At an evening service at Trinity Church, on the 16th, a good congregation was present, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Wiggins, on the "Missionary Spirit of the Church," by the Rev Mr. Reid, on the "Disestablishment of the Church in England," and by the Rev. Mr. Vroom, on "The Bishop Medley Memorial Scholarship Fund."

On the morning of the 17th there was a celebration, at which the Rector of Shediac, Mr. Vroom, preached on "The Holy Communion as an act of Thanksgiving." There were about forty communicants.

Albert. — A very successful Bazaar was held at Hillsboro', on the 16th and 17th ults., in the Town Hall, which was tastefully decorated. The sale of fancy goods and refreshments, at which Mrs. A. Steeves, Miss Tomkins, Miss Thompson, and others officiated, was well patronized by all denominations, and at the conclusion the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Creswell, thanked all present for their kindly help and friendship. The proceeds, which amounted to \$225, go to the Church Building Fund, Hillsboro', for which \$320 have already been raised. It is proposed to begin a new Church in this Parish next spring. \$600 have also been contributed towards the erection of a parsonage at Riverside, eighteen miles from Hillsboro'; all of which is encouraging in a Mission long left so destitute of the services of the Church as the County of Albert has been.

Moncton.—A highly interesting account of work in this Parish was received too late for insertion in full, and, rather than that it should be curtailed, it is held over for the next issue of the Chronicle. It is deeply to be regretted that the health of the Rector, the Rev. A. Hoadley, has been seriously impaired by his arduous labours since he came into the Diocese.

Calendar for January.

1st. The Circumcision of Christ.

3rd. The second Sunday after Christmas Day.

6th. The Epiphany.

10th. The first Sunday after the Epiphany.

17th. The second Sunday after the Epiphany.

24th. The third Sunday after the Epiphany.

25th. The Conversion of Saint Paul.

31st. The fourth Sunday after the Epiphany.

VACANT PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

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Aberdeen.
Bathurst.

The Most Reverend the Metropolitan travelled during the last year, in the Diocese, upwards of 3,000 miles. The Right Reverend the Bishop Coadjutor, during the same period, travelled 5,501 miles by railroad, 1,163 by wagon, and 153 by boat, making 6,817 in all.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

The Rev. F. W. Vroom has resigned the Rectorship of Richmond, and accepted that of Shediac.

The Rev. Alfred J. A. Gollmer, recently from England, has been appointed Curate of Trinity, St. John, in the place of the Rev. John Walters, who has left the Diocese.

The Rev. Almon DesBrisay, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been elected Rector of St. Martins, in place of the Rev. J. Lockward, resigned.

The Rev. W. L. Currie, from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been elected Rector of Richibucto, in place of the Rev. F. H. Almon, resigned.

The Rev. J. C. Titcombe, late Missionary at Canterbury, has been appointed to Fairville, in the Parish of Lancaster; and the Rev. C. A. Warneford has been appointed Deacon in charge of Canterbury.

The Rev. W. H. Street has resigned the Parish of Bathurst, and been appointed to Petersville.

CHURCH BUILDING NOTES.

New Churches are in progress at Ludlow, (St. James), Birch Ridge, (St. Bartholomew), Little River, Greenwich, Benton, and Simonds, (St. James).

The Church of St. James, Cambridge, is being rebuilt, and that of All Saints, Magaguadavic, is being restored.

The Churches of St. Matthew, Harcourt Parish, Mission of Weldford, and of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, are so far completed as to have been licensed for public worship by the Bishop.

Churches have been consecrated at Clifton, at North-head, Grand Manan, and at St. Paul's, South Richmond.

Subscriptions have been promised for Churches at Undine, Victoria County, and Esdraelon, Carleton County, and \$1200 have been subscribed for a Church at Hillsborough, Albert County.

S. P. C. K. BOOK DEPOSITORIES.

T is gratifying to record a larger sale of Church Books than heretofcre, arising from an increase in the number of Depositories and branches.

The St. John Committee has seen its way to offer good terms for the establishment of Branch Depositories throughout the Diocese. The old Depository at Fredericton has been revived, and has imported about \$1200 worth of books in the past year.

A new Foreign Committee has been formed at Sussex, where a thriving Depository has been established.

The sales at the new Depositories have amounted to about \$850, while those at St. John have not diminished. This fact alone shows the demand for Church Books, and the encouragement that exists for the establishment of Branch Depositories.

Rev. Theodore E. Dowling, Secretary of the S. P. C. K. Depository at St. John, has issued a circular relating to the publications of the Society, such as "The Dawn of Day," "The Child's Pictorial," "The Churchman's Family Bible," Almanacks for 1886, new Christmas Books, &c. All these may be procured very cheaply at Messrs. J. & A. McMillan's, 98 Prince Wm. st.. St. John.

A neatly printed catalogue of the Library of the Church of England Institute, St. John, has been issued. There are between seven and eight hundred volumes on the shelves. The Institute appears to be in a flourishing condition. It is intended to secure an Act of Incorporation at the next session of the Legislature.

A correspondent of The Living Church gives the following list of conversions of sectarian ministers, in the United States, to the P. E. Church, from Advent 1884 to Advent 1885. Some of the men were ministers of note in their respective denominations:—Methodist, 5; Roman Catholic, 3; Presbyterian, 3; Congregationalist, 4; Reformed Episcopal, 2; Dutch Reformed, 2; Adventist, 2; Salvation Army, 2; German Reformed, 1; Universalist, 1; Jewish Rabbi, 1; Evangelist, 1; Secularist, 1; Unknown, 1. Total 28. The year ending Advent 1884, the number published was 26, I believe. I should add, four of these only returned to their first love—were not converted.

Correspondence.

T will add much to the interest of the pages of the Chronicle to receive brief and pithy letters from correspondents, on matters of general interest to the Diocese and the Church at large. The Chronicle may in this way take, in some degree, the place of a Church Congress, and afford opportunity, not now to be had, for discussion, and the communication of useful information.

Correspondence is invited, and controversy may be allowed, but letters must avoid personalities, must be short, written on one side only, and duly authenticated. The Editing Committee is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

To the Editors of the Chronicle:

SIRS :- Some of the members of the Deaneries of Fredericton and Woodstock have been discussing the advisability of having a Conference at some central or convenient place. It is suggested that, following the example of some of the Ruri-Decanal Conferences in England, there should be present, not only the Clergy of the Deaneries, but also representative laymen, that there should be public meetings, at which papers should be read, and discussion invited. It is hoped that by this means the active sympathy of laymen could be aroused and misunderstandings removed. Such, undoubtedly, has been the result of similar conferences in England and the Matters affecting the Deaneries could be considered with more intelligence and patience at such gatherings than at the hurried July meetings. At present each Deanery meets and discusses matters without any reference to its neighbouring Deaneries, but the great waste of time and energy resulting from this independence would be avoided by concerted action.

Is such a Conference possible?
Yours, &c.,
CLERICUS.
Fredericton, 16th Dec., 1885.

ANGLICAN EPISCOPATE.—There are in communion with the Church of England 207 Bishops, viz.: 61 in Europe; 16 in Asia; 15 in Africa; 94 in America; and 21 in Australasia. There is also a large number of retired Bishops.

THE METROPOLITAN.—The eighty-first anniversary of the birth-day of the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada, was celebrated at Bishopscote, Wednesday evening, when his Lordship appeared as vigorous as at any time during the past quarter of a century. Age does not at all seem to have impaired his intellect, nor has

it lessened his ardor in the good work to which he has so long devoted himself.—Fredericton Capital.

Christmas Day was celebrated in most of the Churches in the cities of St. John and Portland with hearty musical services. Large congregations attended. The decorations were very much admired.

FAIRVILLE.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Christmas Day, upwards of sixty persons communicated, the greatest number since the Mission was established.

UPHAM.—On Christmas Eve the Rector, Rev. S. J. Hanford, was presented by some of his parishioners with a handsomely upholstered easy chair and an appropriate address.

SELECTIONS.

HEROES.

Our world has battle-fields where truth and right Find heroes cooler, greater in Gots's sight, Than they who fall foremost in gory fight,

Great hours bring forth great souls, but bugle-call Summons a host, poor, impotent and small, To that Gop sends forth in His cause to fall,

Beyond the smoke of battle lies the prize, The meed of strife and toil and sacrifice; Few gain it here, but many in the skies.

What Tully says of war may be applied to disputing—it should be always so managed as to remember that the only true end of it is peace; but generally, true disputants are like true sportsmen—their whole delight is in the pursuit; and the disputant no more cares for the truth than the sportsman for the hare.

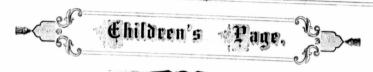
One wet, miserable. foggy London day in autumn, Charles Lamb was accosted by a beggar woman with, "Pray, sir, bestow a little charity upon a poor destitute widow woman, who is perishing for lack of food. Believe me, sir, I have seen better days." "So have I," said Lamb, handing the poor creature a shilling; "so have I; it's a miserable day! Good bye! good bye!"

DIET.—Village Doctor.—" Well, are you better? Have you taken your medicine regularly, and eaten plenty of animal food?"

Patient.—" Yes, sir, I tried it, and so long as it were be-ans and o-ats, I could manage pooty well, sir; but when you come to that there chopped hay, that right down choked me, sir!"—Punch.

En Passant.—" What are you always thinking about, Ida?"

"I'm always thinking about nothing, auntic. I never think about anything unless I happen to think about something to think about."



A CHRISTMAS STORY.

WRITTEN FOR THE CHRONICLE.

THE VISION OF A CHILD.

LITTLE girl of St. John was going up King street on the Wednesday evening in Christmas week, with her father by her side. She was full of eagerness how to spend a ten dollar bill which he had given her. She made him stop at almost all the stores to look at the pretty things in the windows, and would dance around him with delight. It was a bitterly cold day, but May did not feel the cold, for she had nice warm clothing beneath her pretty silk dress, and over all she had a beautiful blue velvet sacque, trimmed with fur. Her father liked to see his little girl finely dressed. Her dress and her pretty watch had cost him more than one hundred dollars.

"Oh, papa, do see that beautiful doll. I think I'll have that. Shall we go and ask the price? Come, do."

Just then a girl of May's own age, cold, shivering and hungry, for her scanty clothes were very thin, and she had had no food that day, said to May's father:

- " Please give me something, sir."
- "Oh, no!"
- "Please do, sir, we are all cold and hungry, and my little sister is sick."
 - "Nonsense, get along!"
- "My little sister is real sick." And the poor girl looked at May's rosy and eager face, and at her warm and fine clothes. "You ask him," she whispered to May. But May drew away from her and nearer to her father, and shut her hand closely on her little purse.

"Oh, nonsense," irritably exclaimed May's father, "go and work;" and pushing open the shop door, he entered with May to see about the doll.

May saw so many dolls that she got confused, and bought nothing in that store. All she spent that afternoon was a dollar on candy for herself.

That night May had a dream. This is what she saw: Fair beautiful fields and meadows, surrounded by high hills in the distance. In the meadows were all kinds of beautiful flowers. Clear living waters flowed through the valley; gentle breezes rustled through the lovely trees, and in the very air was a radiance she could feel, but not express. So beautiful was the sight that May held her breath in delight and wonder. A merry group of children was playing on one of the meadows, all eager bright faces, full of happiness and joy. May shyly drew a little out of the shade of the tree, under which she was standing, to watch the scene. One thing she noticed. There was no temper, no cross or peevish looks, and she was astonished, for in her games, when she invited her friends, it never was very long before some one got cross, and looked and said angry and unkind things. But here, how different! All were kind, loving and happy. In that joyous crowd she thought that she noticed the face of the girl who had that afternoon asked alms from her and her father. Surely she must be mistaken, for though the face was the same thin pale face she had seen on King street, yet her eyes danced with eager and happy joy; her very face reflected light, and then again she was so beautifully dressed, all in white and gold. Poor May's little heart felt jealous and envious of her and her companions. Several looked towards May, but none seemed to see her. In the centre of the crowd of happy ones there seemed to be some one whom she could not see, but from whom came all the brightness and joy and pleasure.

"I wish I could be there!" cried May, but the waters were between her and the beautiful

flelds, and on her side of the waters the ground was stony, full of brambles and dark trees. A dismal twilight reigned over all, and the very air was chilly.

"When did you come?" said a voice by her side. Turning round she saw a little wizenfaced girl dressed all in rags. May started back. "Why, it's May, proud May," said the girl,

"but you can't be proud here!

May, looking at her, recognized one of her frequent playmates, a little girl whom she used to ask because she dressed so nicely, and have such beautiful toys. Around her gathered quite a crowd of children, all in rags and scanty clothes, all with pinched, starved faces; some with sores and ulcers; some even lame and crippled. Not one happy face. Not one shedding love around it. May put her hands to her eyes.

"Come, come," said one of her companions, "it's no good being proud with us.

quite as bad as any of us."

"How much did that dress cost?" sneered

another.

May, too intent on gazing at the happy crowd. had not yet noticed her own dress. But now, looking down, she saw that she was clothed in such poor miserable thin rags, as she would have scorned to touch a few hours ago.

"Make her see herself!" cried several.

May was led to a part of the river which formed a dark pool, and in which she could see herself distinctly. Thin and hollow eyed, her face looked as starved as any of the rest, and in her clothes she recognized the very same the poor girl of King street had on. She fell on her knees, hid her face in her hands, and sobbed bitterly. After a while, as her sobs ceased, she suddenly felt as if some one was looking at her. Raising her eyes, she saw the crowds of happy ones open out to let that one whom she before had felt to be the centre of their joy pass through. And as that Child came down the opened line, the children danced with joy, and sang such sweet songs of praise, that it seemed to May as if the sounds were caught up and reechoed far away from beyond the hills. Child passed his playmates, each bright face absorbed fresh light and lustre from his face, and every floweret and blade of grass bent towards the Fair Child. As he moved, he yet appeared to be the centre of all things, for from him all the wondrous radiance May had noticed seemed to spread. Gently the Child came on, and it appeared to May as if he were coming straight to her. Her heart beat quickly; she wished she could get out of his way, or that he would not notice her as he passed by; but on he came through the ranks of the happy children. A radiant crown shone in sparkling flashes from his head, and a star of light from each of his hands and feet. She could not take her eyes off him, much less move from his path. Over the river walked the Fair Child, but as he crossed the waters took their source from him onwards, right and left they flowed on both sides

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of him. Alone he came, and the light remained behind. His presence added no light on this side. Now he was by her, before her. Her heart was drawn to him, and therefore she felt compelled to look up.

"Fair Child, who are they?"

"Those are they who fed their souls by feeding me, and who clothed themselves by clothing me."

"And who are we?"

"They who starved their souls by starving me, and who, leaving me in rags, are now in rags."

" And who art thou?"

"To them, their Elder Brother; to thee and

these, a stranger."

And the Fair Child moved on, but on this side all the light went to him, he shed none back, and as he passed away the twilight became densest gloom.

On Thursday morning May said to her papa very shyly:

"Oh, I know how to spend my money."

"Do you, pet?"

"Yes, and you must help me, pa dear."

Seeing little May in earnest, he took her in his arms and said, "How, dear?"

"The nine dollars are mine, my very own, are they not?"

"Yes, your very own."

"Well, then, you and I will go and find out some poor and hungry children, just like that little girl that asked us yesterday, and so spend it all on them."

The father laughed, but May insisted, and on that Christmas Eve many a poor child was

better fed and clothed.

Walking home from service on Christmas Day, May and her father passed again the shop where the beggar girl had been refused. May looked upwards, and far, far away, the clouds seemed to open, and in the wondrous radiance stood the Fair Child, with His arm outstretched, as if to welcome her. His eyes told May that she was known of Him, and his gentle voice came down through space, and whispered to her heart, "Sister."

Since that vision May has been looking for another, but rarely is the Beatific Vision vouchsafed more than once in a life.

She is learning now to see in all the poor and suffering children the playmates of the Fair One.

Children, all! Do you wish to see the Fair Child? See Him first in the poor and sick children around you, and then assuredly you, too, will see the Beatific Vision.

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