

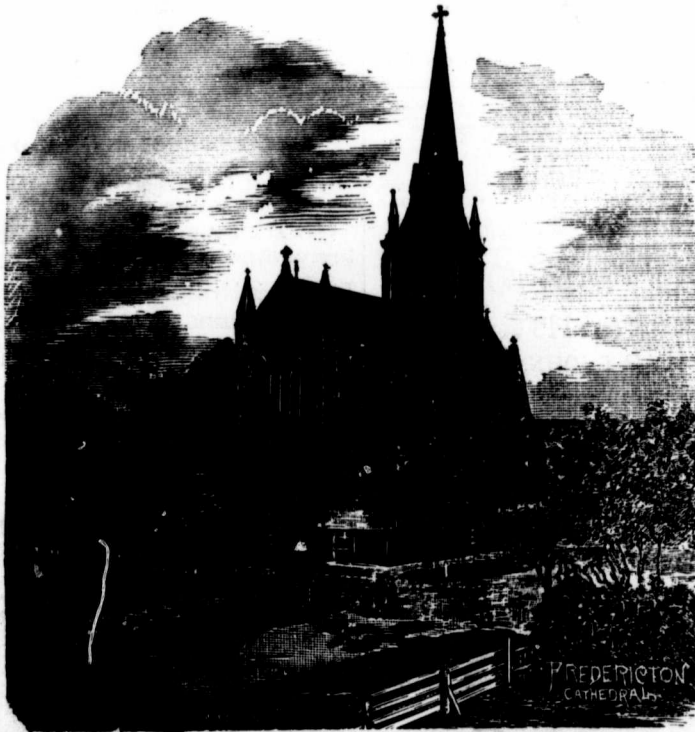
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The Parish Church of Fredericton.



NE hundred years ago Fredericton received and welcomed its first Rector, the Rev. Samuel Cooke. It was then but a little village, containing less than 400 inhabitants, exclusive of the 54th Regiment, which at that time was stationed there. The Rector held his first Service, in August 1786, in the King's Provision Store, which stood nearly opposite the present Bank of British North America. In the same year Church Wardens and Vestrymen were appointed; and, in 1787, the first steps were taken towards the erection of a Church, close by where the Cathedral now stands. This Church was completed in 1790 and called "Christ Church." Though thoroughly and substantially built, it must at first have been a very barn-like structure, having perhaps a low tower, but neither porch nor chancel. A *steeple* is mentioned in the old Vestry Book as having been added in 1819, and a *spire* in 1824, when £100 was given for that purpose by Mr. S. Grosvenor. The Communion Table and pulpit seem at first to have had their proper position at the East end of the Church; for in 1816 we find a resolution of the Vestry to remove them to the other end of the building, and they were certainly placed at the West end thenceforward. The length of the edifice was added to as the increase of the congregation made it

necessary, and large galleries along each side and across the East end furnished sittings for the soldiery, the college students, the choir, and others. From first to last the question of pews appears to have occupied a prominent place in the history of the old Church. In 1794 all the pews were let for seven years except one reserved for the Rector, one for Military Officers, and two for "public seats," whatever that may have meant. Benches on each side of the Desk were placed "for the use of such parishioners as cannot afford to pay rent for their seats." The *wall seat* in the North Gallery was allotted for "servants and people of colour."

Thenceforward the Minutes of the Vestry are a continual record of trouble and dissatisfaction about seats, and forfeiture and sale of pews for the non-payment of the annual rents. Doubtless many families were in this way alienated from the Church, and their descendants are not easily won back into her fold. What strong towers of pride and exclusiveness those old pews were! Square and roomy, and furnished with cushions and hassocks luxurious in proportion to the station of the owners, none might intrude with impunity upon their aristocratic privacy. Well does the present writer remember, though he has to look back upon the scene through the dim vista of five and forty years, the indignation which swelled his boyish heart at seeing a decent-looking woman, evidently a stranger, driven forth, literally at the umbrella-point, from one of these castles of devout retirement. Another scene also arises vividly before his mind. It was a sultry Sunday afternoon. The three great doors at the East end and the smaller door beside the three-decker pulpit at the West end were wide open. The venerable Rector was reading the prayers in a musical voice which contrasted greatly with the

harsh, mechanical responding of the Parish Clerk. A few scores of worshippers were scattered through the Church in various postures more or less devout. Suddenly a sharp, measured tramp, tramp, tramp, rang out with startling distinctness on the still summer air, as a full grown cow, entering by the Middle door, marched deliberately along the centre aisle, and made her exit through the West door in a manner rendered somewhat more hasty and less dignified at the last by the efforts of the tardily awakened Sexton. The word "dignified" seems to suggest a special characteristic of the old Church and its principal attendants. There was perhaps little about either its structure or adornments to symbolize the verities or the beauty of religion, but there was a good deal to suggest worldly dignity. It spoke out from the comfortable, retired and closely curtained pew of the Lieut. Governor, adorned with a large and gorgeous painting of the Royal Arms. It sang out from the singers' gallery, which was also shut off from the vulgar gaze and from the too restrictive supervision of the clergyman by curtains closed or opened at the pleasure of the Choir. It breathed even perhaps from the massive and lofty pulpit, towering over the plain and unadorned Communion Table. And the "oldest inhabitant" delights to tell of the dignity of the equipages which brought the leading worshippers to Church, even though they lived close by, and which circled slowly round and round the "Church Green," as it was called, during the service.

Such are a few imperfect reminiscences of the Old Church which remained as the Parish Church of Fredericton till 1854. But in the meantime another Church had been erected at the opposite end of the city, which eventually became the Parish Church, and which afforded a striking contrast to the old structure in its appearance both external and internal.

Our first Bishop, who, thank God, is our Bishop still, had come in 1845, and almost his first undertaking was the erection of St. Ann's Chapel. Declaring solemnly that "every hour deepened the conviction which he had formed, that the blessings of Christianity should be placed within the reach of all, poor as well as rich,"—and that he designed the Chapel to be a "trial of the benefit of open seats," he began the good work without delay. The foundation stone was laid on the 30th of May 1846, on land given by the late Hon. John Saunders, and

the Consecration of the building took place on the 18th of March 1847. In the sentence of Consecration the Bishop's purpose was again emphasized by the declaration, which in those days was viewed by many as a dangerous and pernicious innovation of high-churchism, that "as it is desirable that the poor should have free access to the House of God, which is the common house of all, the seats therein shall all be free and unappropriated."

The Chapel was consecrated by the name of St. Anne, "in thankful remembrance of God's grace given to that aged Saint, whose praise is in the Gospel, and who departed not from the Temple, but served God with fastings and prayers, night and day, and that the ancient name of the City of Fredericton may not be wholly lost to succeeding generations."

A very brief description of the building, as it is now, may not be uninteresting to those readers of the CHRONICLE who have never seen it. It is small, containing little more than 200 sittings, but lofty and beautiful in its proportions. As was quaintly said in the newspaper account of its Consecration, "A specimen of the best style of Church building equally chaste and elegant will hardly be found out of England, and not many even in England itself much superior to it."

It is in the style of architecture called Early English, common in the reign of Henry III. Its whole external appearance as it stands amidst the trees on its pleasant plat of grass, surrounded by its low wall of solid masonry, capped by broad bevelled stones, and with its picturesque Lychgate, seems to carry back the mind to the old land and the old times. The Bell gable rises 64 feet from the ground, and when its three sweet-toned bells first rang out their musical call to worship they were the only chime in the whole Province. Through massive doors, adorned with graceful iron scroll-work, we enter the beautiful Porch, and find its walls quite covered with memorial tablets. Two of these have special interest in connection with the history of the Parish, the one telling of the death of the loved and respected Rev. Dr. Samuel Cooke, the first Rector, who was drowned in crossing the river to his home near the mouth of the Nashwaak, from attending the duties of his office at Fredericton—the other a tribute to the filial affection and fortitude of his son, Mr. Michael Cooke, "who, in his manly efforts and persevering struggles to preserve the life of his

Venerable Parent in the moment of drowning, added to the public calamity by the loss of his own."

Entering the Church, the elaborately carved Font is found "at the usual ancient place" near the door. The grand proportions of the West Window next strike the eye; but the plain glass of its five lofty lancets suggests, by comparison with the other windows, a fitting way of commemorating such men as Dr. Cooke, Archdeacon Coster, Dr. Lee, and others who have died while holding the Rectorship of Fredericton. The walls of the Nave are beautified by many texts and emblems, the windows by exquisite medallions and the seats by admirable carvings. The open roof of butternut is a striking feature, as is the beautifully carved Rood Screen, and also the pulpit, seeming to spring out of the corner of the wall, *through* which it is entered from the Sacristy. The Chancel, which rises three steps above the Nave is lighted by a triple East Window of excellent stained glass, containing representations of our Lord's Baptism, Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. The Altar, which is rather short for its height, greatly needs a more suitable and substantial Reredos, and the Organ is much the worse for old age and hard service; but these are almost the only material defects in this gem of ecclesiastical art.

Such then is the sacred edifice which, in December 1853, was offered by the Bishop to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Fredericton, as a Parish Church, instead of the old Church beside which the beautiful Cathedral had just been erected. After much warm discussion the offer was accepted, and a Bill was prepared and passed in March 1854 making St. Ann's the Parish Church and changing its name to Christ Church. A few of the parishioners remained in bitter opposition to the change, and even attempted to induce the Vestry to erect, out of the materials of the old building, a third Church in which they might perpetuate the exclusiveness of their beloved square pews. But wiser counsels, by the blessing of God, prevailed, and Christ Church remained a true Parish Church, the mother Church of the Parish, a spiritual home in which all parishioners have equal rights—and Christ Church Cathedral remained a true Cathedral, (in which the Bishop's *Cathedra* is a reality,) the Mother Church of the whole Diocese.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.

A bill to incorporate the Church of England Institute in the City and County of St. John was passed at the recent session of the Provincial Legislature. The Institute was established as a voluntary Society in the year 1876, but met with a severe loss in the fire of 1877. Its large and valuable library and all the furniture and other property in its rooms were destroyed, without insurance. Its friends rallied to its support, however; and owing in great measure to the generous assistance of the Ladies Association in connection with the Society, it has attained to a position of much usefulness and prosperity. Its rooms afford an attractive place of resort, and are open from 9 a. m. till 10 p. m. The Ladies' Association has committees who undertake charitable work in connection with the General Public Hospital, the visitation and relief of the poor and suffering, the distribution of flowers at the bedside of the sick, etc. There is a library of over eight hundred volumes which is continually being added to. The reading room has upwards of twenty newspapers and thirteen magazines on its tables. The Institute numbers about ninety members who pay a subscription of \$3 per annum. The Ladies' Association has over two hundred members who pay \$1. At the census of 1880 the Church population of the cities of St. John and Portland was computed at 9,736. It is therefore to be expected that, when the work of the Institute and Association is better known and the advantages of membership are more understood, there will be great growth in numbers and influence.

THE RIGHT REV. DR. COTTERILL, Bishop of Edinburgh, died at his residence on the 16th ultimo. His Lordship had been very ill for some time previously. He was born in 1812, at Ampton, Suffolk, England, was a Senior Wrangler at Cambridge, was consecrated a Bishop in 1850 to the See of Grahamstown, South Africa, and in 1872 translated to Edinburgh as assistant to Bishop Terrot, whom he succeeded in 1873. During his tenure of the See of Edinburgh he had the satisfaction of seeing the beautiful Cathedral of the Diocese, the first erected in Scotland since the Reformation, brought to completion. Bishop Cotterill was married in 1836 to a daughter of John Parnter, Esq., of Belleville, Jamaica, and sister of Rev. D. B. Parnter, Rector of St. Jude's, Carleton. Three sons and two daughters survive him. Two of his sons are clergymen and the third is a physician in Edinburgh.

Rural Deaneries.

Chatham.

Our correspondent writes on April 15th : "Among the Easter offerings in this Parish will be an altar in black walnut and ash, for St. Mary's Chapel. It will be manufactured by Messrs. Ross & McPherson, of Sussex, K. C., and will be provided by the Women's Guild." The Rector has received a handsome pulpit banner for St. Paul's, which is a very acceptable contribution to the better furnishing of the old church.

DERBY.—On the 24th March a meeting of the parishioners was held, at which it was resolved to undertake the repairs of the Parish Church during the ensuing summer, the beginning to be made at the foundation. It is proposed to set the church up level once more, rebuild the foundation so as to make it frost-proof, put a stained glass window in the chancel in memory of the late Rev. Jas. Hudson, and wainscot, repair and paint the interior.

NELSON.—On the 29th March a meeting was held, in the Mission Room here, at which it was resolved to erect a church sufficient to accommodate one hundred persons. A considerable amount was subscribed by those present, and the following building committee appointed : Rev. A. F. Hiltz, Geo. A. Flett, Thos. Ambrou, Richard McKenzie, and Wm. Yye.

BATHURST.—It is said that this Parish is soon to have a Rector.

DALHOUSIE.—The Rev. M. Brown, of the Diocese of Quebec, has been elected to the Rectory of this Parish, vacant since the resignation of the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, now of Brandon.

BAIE DES VENTS.—The Church of St. John the Evangelist, is soon to have a new foundation of stone, and the Rectory will probably be repainted during the coming summer.

At Easter the parishioners manifested their affection for the Rector, Rev. W. I. Wilkinson, by presenting him with a cassock which had been made by the members of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, of Montreal.

WELDFORD.—The Rev. Wm. Holloway has, been suffering severely from lameness. It will be the prayer of all who value his work, that he may soon be restored to health.

Fredericton.

FREDERICTON.—At the Easter election the following gentlemen were appointed for the ensuing year :

Wardens—His Honor the Chief Justice and W. H. Quinn, Esq.

Vestry—Messrs. Geo. J. Bliss, John Richards, Edward Brown, William A. Quinn, A. L. Belyea, Harry Beckwith, John Cadwallader and Dr. Brown.

Vestry Clerk—E. L. Wetmore, Esq. **Organist**—Miss Carman. **Verger**—William Lipsett.

The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, has consented to preach the anniversary sermon at the Encœnia of King's College, Windsor, N. S., on Thursday, 24th June. All friends of the college will be pleased to hear of this mark of His Lordship's great interest in our Church University.

A highly interesting course of lectures has been delivered in the Church Hall, under the auspices of the Women's Aid Association. They have been very attractive. The first was by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, on "The Manuscripts of the Old and New Testaments," illustrated by diagrams. The second was by Professor Bailey of the New Brunswick University. His subject was "Prehistoric Man." The lecture was illustrated by specimens of the rocks of the different geological ages, and by models and engravings of prehistoric man. The next lecture was given by the Right Rev. the Bishop Coadjutor on "St. Ignatius—a Chapter in Early Church History." On 27th April, Professor Stockley, of the University lectured on Sydney Smith.

The course was completed by an entertainment, held in the hall on Tuesday evening, May 5th. The programme consisted of tableaux, and vocal and instrumental music. The affair was a great success in every way. The audience was immense, even standing room was difficult to find.

KINGSCLEAR.—The following gentlemen were appointed at the Easter elections :

Wardens—Capt. C. Powys and F. W. Clements, Esq.

Vestry—Messrs. John H. Lee, John C. Murray, Chas. E. Murray, A. W. Rainsford, Sydney Murray, Rannie Murray, Lt. Col. Maunsell, Wm. Segee, C. H. Giles, Thos. C. Lee, Wm. Jennings and Geo. Leek.

Vestry Clerk—Thos C. Lee, Esq.

Saint Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS.—At the Easter elections the following gentlemen were appointed for the ensuing year :

Wardens : Hon. B. R. Stevenson and Henry Osburn. Vestrymen : W. Whitlock, C. E. O. Hatheway, G. S. Grimmer, Thomas Black, G. F. Stickney, J. Herbert Street, J. Davidson Grimmer, W. D. Foster, J. T. Odell, John Burton, John Wren, H. H. Hatch, G. S. Grimmer, and Hon. B. R. Stevenson, were elected representatives in Synod and Lay Delegates to the Diocesan Church Society ; Henry Osburn and Capt. John Wren, substitutes.

Saint John.

WESTFIELD.—The untimely death of the Rev. A. V. Wiggins, late Rector of this parish took place in April, at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Reading, in St. John. The Rev. Mr. Wiggins was the son of Mr. James Wiggins of Alberton, P. E. I. He graduated at the University of New Brunswick in 1878. He had been in charge of Westfield Parish for several years, and was much beloved by his people and the public generally. He was married but eighteen months ago to Miss Reading, and was only 31 years of age. On the day of the funeral services were held at Mrs. Reading's house by the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong and Schofield. The remains were then taken by the train to Westfield. The pall-bearers were the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. R. Mather, Rev. G. O. Troop, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Rev. L. G. Stevens, and Rev. Mr. Dobbs. On arrival of the train at Westfield the body was taken to St. James Church, where a service was held by Rev. Canon DeVeber and Rev. Mr. Weeks. An address was delivered by Canon DeVeber, who spoke with much feeling of the life and worth of the deceased clergyman. The funeral was very largely attended and the remains were interred in the Parish burial ground. Much sympathy is felt for the young widow and her child in their severe loss.

ST. LUKE'S, PORTLAND. The following were elected at the Easter meeting :

Church Wardens—R. A. Gregory and John Tapley.

Vestrymen—Hon. Jas. Holly, S. Holly, M. Hamm, Capt. D. F. Tapley, Wm. Court, Jos. Ruddock, H. Hilyard, R. E. Coupe, J. G. Tobin, David Tapley, J. T. Kennedy, M. Hamm.

Lay Delegates to Synod—John Tapley, M. Hamm.

Vestry Clerk and Treasurer—A. C. F. Sorrell.

The attendance on the Easter services was large and the church looked beautifully with its floral decorations. In the afternoon a large congregation attended to witness the baptism of children. In the evening a children's service was held.

The National High Tea came off on Wednesday evening, the 29th April, in the school room, and was in every respect a great success. Three tables extended the entire length of the room, where visitors were enabled to enjoy the eatables characteristic of England, Ireland and Scotland respectively. The tables were decorated with national emblems, and the young lady attendants were in appropriate costumes. A sale of fancy work took place after tea. A considerable sum was realized.

MISSION CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST, PORTLAND.—On Easter day the services in this church were very impressive and were largely attended. The music was of a very high order, much of it being new and practised by the choir especially for the day. The floral decorations were very ornate.

ST. PAUL'S, PORTLAND.—At the Easter elections the following were appointed :

Church Wardens—W. C. Drury, T. B. Robinson.

Vestrymen—Hon. T. R. Jones, G. Sidney Smith, W. L. Hamm, Jeremiah Harrison, G. H. Lee, F. E. Barker, M. P., R. P. Starr, Alex. Shives, W. H. Thorne, M. Chamberlain, A. H. Beddome and J. C. Allison.

The services on Easter Day were conducted by the Rev. Canon DeVeber. The decorations were strikingly beautiful. The Communion table, font, lectern, pulpit and reading desk were ornamented with cut flowers and potted plants. The music was very fine. Large congregations attended.

FAIRVILLE.—Rev. Mr. Titecombe has, during the few months he has had charge of this mission, worked with great zeal towards the completion of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Upwards of \$2,000 are needed for this object. It is hoped that the interior will be finished this year. Capt. William Hanly has given a front cover of black walnut to the church, and it is expected that shortly a bishop's chair, two chancel chairs and a reading desk will be presented by others of the congregation.

It is expected that the rite of confirmation will be administered in the Church of the Good Shepherd in the latter part of May.

On Easter four services were held in this church. The music was well rendered. The church was beautifully decorated.

ST. JUDE'S.—The following were elected at the Easter meeting:

Church Wardens—S. L. Brittain, E. J. Wetmore.

Vestrymen—John Durant, Stephen Purdy, Samuel Nichols, S. Merritt Wetmore, Geo. Mosher, Henry Moran, Chas. Pidgion, Jas. Wetmore, Fred Dodge, C. F. Tilton, H. Fineh, James Correll.

Lay Delegates to Synod—E. J. Wetmore, S. L. Brittain.

The Rev. I. O. Crisp, recently curate of St. Mark's and North West Arm Mission, Halifax, N. S., has accepted the curacy of St. Jude's, Victoria parish, Carleton. He entered upon his new duties as assistant to Rev. D. B. Parnter, on May 1st. His friends in Halifax speak very highly of his zeal and ability.

The "Kettledrum" in the school room of St. Jude's Church, on the evening of the 27th April, was a highly entertaining and successful affair. During the evening refreshments were served from a number of small tables. At the fancy work table quite a large sum of money was realized for the benefit of the church. During the latter part of the evening the following persons took part in an excellent musical and literary programme: Misses Wood, Miss Wetmore, Miss Fitch, Mrs. Bedell and J. B. Baxter, Capt. Hamlyn and A. Coster. The attendance was large.

St. George's.—The following were elected at the Easter parish meeting:

Church Wardens—W. J. Cornfield, F. C. Whipple.

Vestrymen—B. H. Appleby, Samuel T. Mosher, Thos. J. Fairweather, D. B. Lord, Samuel M. Sewell, John Stears, Robert J. Earle, J. E. N. Holder, J. R. Napier, Thos. H. Johnston, Theo. Stackhouse and Samuel Waters.

St. Mark's.—At the Easter services in St. John's Church large congregations attended. The singing was unusually good. Signor Ronconi sang at the evening service. Mr. Swanton presided at the organ for the last time before leaving for England.

The Easter elections resulted in the appointment of the following: Church Wardens—T. W. Daniel, James R. Ruel. Vestrymen—W. K. Crawford, G. S. deForest W. M. Jarvis, Chas. Masters, F. O. Allison, L. R. Harrison, Charles Henry, W. Thomas, W. H. Merritt, A. P. Tippet, J. C. Hatheway, E. G. Kaye.

St. James'.—The following were elected at the Parishioners meeting on Easter Monday: Church Wardens—R. W. Crookshank, E. Willis. Vestrymen—John Holden, G. L. Robinson, Henry Duffell, Fred Sandall, Wm. Kee, F. S. Sharpe, W. Cunard, W. H. Horn, Jas. G. Jordan, E. N. S. Stewart, N. Littler, R. K. Jones. Delegates to Diocesan Synod—E. Willis R. W. Crookshank. Substitutes, G. L. Robinson, Henry Duffell. Delegates to Diocesan Church Society—James Price, S. L. Gorbell. Substitutes, Wm. Kee, E. N. S. Stewart. At the close of the meeting the congregation voted the Rector, Rev. G. O. Troop, the sum of \$300.

TRINITY CHURCH.—The decorations in this church on Easter day were much admired. A temporary reredos was erected, in the centre of which was a large cross of calla lilies, roses and Easter lilies, above which was the text "Lord of Life," made of moss and pink geraniums. On either side were panels containing appropriate texts. A large floral cross was placed on the credence table. The lectern and font were beautifully decorated with calla lilies, roses, etc. Very large congregations were present at the different services. Rev. Mr. Gollmer preached in the morning and Rev. Canon Brigstocke in the evening. The music at the three services was extremely good. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m. and at 11 a. m. At the early celebration the service by Dr. Dykes was sung, consisting of Kyrie Eleison, Gloria, Credo, Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Gloria in Excelsis. Hymn 323 A. and M., "I Am Not Worthy," was sung kneeling after the prayer of consecration, and the service closed by the Nunc Dimittis being chanted. At the 11 o'clock service the psalms were chanted. The Te Deum was by Field, and the anthem "They Have Taken Away My Lord" was sung.

The Easter elections of Trinity Church were held at 3 p. m. on Easter Monday and resulted as follows: Church Wardens—John Sears and C. W. Weldon. Vestrymen—Simeon Jones, James H. McAvity, Morris Robinson, C. P. Clarke, W. L. Prince, G. W. Whitney, G. F.

Matthew, Jas. McNichol, jr., W. E. Vroom, A. H. DeMill, Ed. Sears, jr., and Chas. D. Corey,

On Easter Tuesday the members of St. George's Society in this city celebrated St. George's Day, that day having fallen on Good Friday. The members met at the Court House to the number of about eighty and marched in procession to Trinity Church. Each member was furnished with a bouquet of red and white roses and a badge. As the procession entered the church Mr. Gubb performed a voluntary on the organ. Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Chaplain of the Society, preached an appropriate sermon from the text "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." The church was crowded.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The annual high tea and fancy sale took place in the afternoon and evening of the 29th of April, and was as usual a very enjoyable affair. The fancy goods table was filled with a great variety of articles which met with a ready sale. The flower table afforded beautiful bouquets to many persons, and the refreshment room was well patronized. In the evening the rooms were crowded. At 8 p. m., the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, President of the Institute, made a few remarks introducing the Right Rev. Bishop Kingdon who made a short speech. A delightful musical programme was then carried out as follows:—Solo, Last Watch, J. Hopkins; piano solo, Miss Fielders; duet, Maying, Miss Berryman and John Wilson; solo, Miss Barker; piano solo, Miss Grower; solo, Distant Shire, J. Arthur Coster; solo, Miss Coy; solo, G. L. Robinson; solo Miss Berryman. A large sum of money was raised for the Institute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the S. S. Teacher's Association for the Deanery of St. John, took place on the 13th April, at the School House of St. Paul's Church. The clergy present were Rev. Canon DeVeber, and Canon Brigstocke, and Rev. Messrs. G. Osborne Troop, W. O. Raymond, O. G. Dobbs, and A. J. A. Gollmer. About sixty lay members of the Association were present. Mr. A. P. Tippet read an interesting paper on "The Sunday School in its relation to the Church." The Rev. W. O. Raymond and Rev. G. O. Troop, also addressed the Association on the subject. The latter stated that several teachers of St. James Sunday School, would present themselves for the examination in connection with the Church of England S. S. Institute in May.

Shediac.

MONCTON.—Services of peculiar and touching interest were held in St. George's Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27th and 28th, when several of the clergy of the diocese assembled to take their leave of the late Rector, Rev. A. Hoadley. A large congregation was present on Tuesday evening, and as soon as the chimes had ceased the clergy entered in procession singing hymn 140, (A. and M.) There were present Rev. Canon Medley, Rural Dean of Kingston, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rural Dean of Shediac, Rev. C. Willis, of Petite-diac, Rev. W. L. Currie, of Richibucto, Rev. C. F. Wiggins, of Sackville, Rev. T. W. Vroom, of Shediac, Rev. A. J. Cresswell, of Albert, the late pastor and his curate, Rev. A. J. Reid.

The service was choral and was intoned by the Rev. F. W. Vroom. The new choir of boys rendered their part well and reflected credit upon Mr. Rankine's training. Rev. C. Willis read the First Lesson and Canon Medley the Second. The Rural Dean preached from St. Luke, xii. 35-38. At the close of the sermon he alluded to Mr. Hoadley's faithful work in the diocese, which failing health had forced him to lay aside, and in the name of the clergy he bade him an affectionate farewell.

After service a large number of friends assembled in the School-room, where refreshments were provided, and Mr. George Taylor, Church Warden, read the address expressing the regret of the Parishioners at Mr. Hoadley's resignation, and assuring him of their sympathy and of their continued prayers for his welfare, especially at the Holy Eucharist. The address was accompanied with a purse of \$130, from the ladies of the congregation. After receiving the presentation, Mr. Hoadley made a feeling and appropriate reply.

On Wednesday morning there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which the late Rector was celebrant, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Gospeller, and the Rev. Canon Medley, Epistoller. The service was choral throughout and was deeply impressive, particularly when the clergy knelt at the altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament from the hands of the brother whose face they were to see again no more. Many of Mr. Hoadley's friends outside Moncton, chiefly in St. John and Albert Co., joined in presenting him with a purse of \$108, which was handed him on Wednesday by the Rural Dean. Mr. C. F. Kinneer, and Mr. C. J. Osman, were foremost in this good work.

Mr. Hoadley sailed for England from Halifax on May 1st, and Mr. Reid will have charge of the Parish for two months, until a rector is appointed.

In addition to the morning and evening services on Good Friday, a solemn devotional service was held from 12 to 3 p. m., with meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross.

The church on Easter Day was beautifully decorated with flowers and Easter texts. There was choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., and 57 communicants; Matins, sermon and Holy Communion at 11 a. m., with 21 communicants; and evensong and sermon at 6.30 p. m.

The business of Easter Monday was transacted with despatch. David Chapman and H. W. Palmer Esq's, being elected Church Wardens. G. W. Chandler, Esq., was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable services as Warden for several years past. The Sunday School Room has been internally improved.

Collections are being made in connection with the Memorial Scholarship Fund. A meeting of the Choral Union of this Deanery, has been arranged for the 9th of June. The several choirs are now practising. The service will be held in the Parish of Sackville.

RICHMOND.—The Rev. W. L. Currie before leaving his former Parish of East Passage and Cow Bay, N. S., was presented by the parishioners with a purse of \$100 and an appropriate address indicative of the esteem in which he was held.

SALISBURY.—The Rector, Rev. C. Willis, is about to open a Mission Hall in Salisbury Village.

WESTMORLAND.—At the Easter Parish meeting Messrs. Stephen Seddall and Jas. Lowerison were elected Church Wardens, and Mr. Martin Lowerison, Vestry Clerk. The Wardens elect were also chosen as Delegates to Synod and D. C. S. The accounts were found in a very satisfactory state. A handsome donation was voted to the organist.

SACKVILLE.—The Easter Parish meeting not being well attended was adjourned till Monday, 3d May, then to be held at the Westcock Parish Church.

Woodstock.

RICHMOND.—The Rev. E. T. P. B. Williams, late of the Parish of Canning, having taken charge of this Parish was warmly welcomed by a large assemblage of the parishioners at the parsonage on 26th March. The Church Wardens, accompanied by many friends, kindly

met the Rector at Woodstock on his arrival there and furnished teams for the conveyance of his furniture to his future home.

ANDOVER.—The Bishop Coadjutor visited this Parish on the 30th March and remained two days. On Wednesday, the 31st, in the evening, His Lordship met a number of the parishioners and discussed parish matters. On Thursday evening at a service at Peel, the Bishop addressed the congregation on the subject of "The Laying on of Hands," being one of the series of Lenten lectures then in course of delivery at that place.

The plans for St. Alban's Church, Undine, have been furnished by Mr. A. Gustav Pasohke, a young local architect, and reflect great credit on the artist.

The Church Wardens presented their report at the Easter meeting and expressed themselves encouraged with the prospects of the Parish. During the year, by the efforts of a few members of Trinity congregation, a new roof has been put upon the church. The Wardens hope that a subscription of a few dollars, yet unpaid, towards further repairs may be much increased so as to enable them to go on with contemplated improvements.

The Easter elections resulted in the appointment of Messrs. L. Pickett and E. H. Hoyt as Church Wardens, L. Pickett and W. B. Hoyt as Lay Delegates to the Synod, and I. Miller, and E. H. Hoyt as Substitutes.

Calendar for May.

1. Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles.
2. The first Sunday after Easter.
9. The second Sunday after Easter.
16. The third Sunday after Easter.
23. The fourth Sunday after Easter.
30. The fifth Sunday after Easter.

The publication of the May number of the CHRONICLE has been delayed a few days, in order to include in it as much as possible of the accounts of the Easter services and meetings in the several Parishes and Missions of the Diocese.

Subscribers who have not yet paid will please forward their subscriptions at once to Mr. Geo. W. Day, St. John.

VACANT PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Aberdeen.
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 Queensbury and Southampton.
 Westfield.

BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.—
 The Board will convene in the Synod Hall, Quebec, on Wednesday, 6th May, for general business. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, and the Rt. Rev. the Bishop Coadjutor, will probably attend. Rev. George M. Armstrong, has already gone.

DR. BRAY'S ASSOCIATES.—The Rev. Canon Churton has been chosen chairman of this useful organization, and his many friends will hear of the election with pleasure. Canadian clergymen who wish to obtain grants of books for their libraries will know to whom to apply. Canon Churton resides at Cambridge, England.

QUESTIONS FOR PRIZES.

I.—THE BISHOP COADJUTOR'S PRIZE.
A TEACHER'S BIBLE.

Open to Sunday School Scholars only. Each competitor must be certified, as a regular attendant at some Sunday School, by the clergyman whose school it is, or by the superintendent.

MAY.

21. Who was the successor to Moses? Give an account of the Passage of the Jordan, and of the fall of Jericho.

22. How was the land divided after the battle of Merom?

23. Who were Sisera, Shalmaneser, Balak and Agag?

24. Mention any five verses of the Psalms containing prophecies which were fulfilled on Good Friday.

25. Mention three passages in the New Testament which shew the companionship of St. Luke with St. Paul in his imprisonments.

ANSWERS RECEIVED.

April, C. DeV. S.

II.—THE EDITING COMMITTEE'S PRIZES.

Open to all subscribers to the CHRONICLE and their families.

MAY

CLASS I.—A handsome Church Service.

12. Name the five chief primitive Liturgies,

and from which of them you would trace the Anglican Liturgy?

13. Into what two main divisions are all Liturgies divisible?

14. Can you give any reason why the Decalogue was inserted in our Liturgy? What version of the Decalogue is it that is used?

15. What are the chief differences between the English and American Liturgies, and from whence was the American Liturgy derived?

CLASS 2.—A handsome Prayer Book.

13. Give the meaning of the words—prevent, incomprehensible, naughty, lively, "whose property is always," "lively sacrifice," and divers.

14. In what special ways has the Church provided for Holy Week?

15. What are the proper psalms for Good Friday, and why were they selected?

16. Write out the Lesser Litany.

CLASS 3.—A Prayer Book.

13. For what days are special psalms appointed?

14. During what period of time is the ordinary Collect for the Sunday to be said? What week days have special collects provided for them?

15. What creed would be said on Ascension Day?

15. Give the meaning of—co-equal, co-eternal, Gentiles, lowliness, magnified, devices, chiefly, gracious, rebel, and provocation.

17. Where do the following phrases occur, and what is their meaning:—"He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts," "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." "Pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing." "Endue thy ministers with righteousness."

ANSWERS RECEIVED.

CLASS I.—

February, H. B. S.

March, H. B. S.

April, H. B. S., A. A.

CLASS 2.—

February, Louisa, M. B. C., E. M. B.

March, Louisa, M. B. C., E. M. B.

April, Louisa, M. B. C., E. M. B.

Any person qualified, as above stated, may compete for *all* the prizes. Answers for previous months will be received at any time. The prizes will be awarded in January, 1887.

All answers to be enclosed to Box 122, Post office, St. John, N. B., and marked on the envelope "CHRONICLE Prizes."

At Clarendon, in the Island of Jamaica, 2,000 persons who have been Baptists, have recently conformed to the Church, and the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge in England, has given them a grant to help them in the erection of a stone church.

Children's Page.

WANDERERS FROM HOME.

(Concluded.)



WHEN they reached the travellers they were kindly received, and water and food were given them freely. With these they journeyed quite a while. Everything was very pleasant and comfortable, and there were all manner of amusements and entertainments. The boy and girl, however, soon found that the more they drank the thirstier they became, and that the food was bitter, and that everything they touched left either a sting behind or else a dull numbing pain : they therefore determined to part company, but before doing so they asked of one of the leaders if he knew the way to the King's palace, but he told them that it was vulgar and in bad taste to speak of the King's palace, that though of course there was or might be a King's palace, still they should never be reminded of it ; why could they not be content to remain where they were ? No King could give them more pleasure than they had, and he hoped, now he had warned his young friends, that they would never allude to the subject again.

The lad was half inclined to continue with them, and try to forget about his father's home, but his sister would not let him ; and so they again stood out in the road, and let the gay throng pass by. Turning round to see if there were any more travellers, they saw at no great distance a crowd that seemed to be moving about in every direction.

" We shall know our way at last. These people are travelling every way, so some of them must know the way home."

So said the boy, and with fresh hope they crossed the plain to reach this crowd. Alas, however, the disappointment was as great here as before.

The first person they asked said he knew the King, and the way to his palace ; he had written instructions, so he said, and these of course could not err.

At first the wanderers thought that indeed they had found a guide, and so set out with him. They had not gone far when another person came up and said that their guide did not understand the meaning of the writings, but that his view was correct ; so off they started with him, but not to go far, for a third person came up and told them that the first two guides were wrong, but that he was right. Changing again they followed this interpreter, and after him several others ; till, at last, weary and worn out, they refused to follow any more of these guides, and almost doubted if their Father had ever given the instructions these guides said he had.

While they were sitting down, weary and disheartened, the girl noticed a kind and benevolent looking man, and pointing him out to her brother, said :

" He is too kind to mislead us. Ask him."

Plucking up courage they advanced, but when they drew near they found that his face was not so kind and benevolent as it looked at a distance. However they had gone too far to draw back so they asked him.

Putting on a very benevolent smile, this person answered :

" Dearest brother and sister, your Father is my Father. I know him well."

At that they were pleased, and the girl said eagerly,

" Which is the way home then ?"

" Any way, my dear, I can assure you. Every way leads to him ; it does not matter which road you take—a broad one or a narrow one—or even if you strike a road out for yourself, and go across country ; it doesn't matter in the least, my dear."

And the apparently kind man patted her on the head and went on.

The girl's courage, after this, gave way. She sat down and cried and sobbed, while the boy repented bitterly of his disobedience to his father and his heart sank within him when he thought that perhaps he might never, never see him again.

While they were in this frame of mind, they saw a man going in and out of the various

crowds, and gathering together children, men and women of all ages, and from all the different crowds of people as they passed on the plains. Gathering them together he led them out of the plains, and put them on a narrow road, where they were escorted by men who seemed to have authority.

Advancing near this man, to ask him the way, he met them half way, and said with true kindness and anxiety:

"Children what are you doing here? I see you have the King's dress on, though it is much soiled, and stained, and dusty. Do you not wish to go home?"

"Why, it is the very thing we wish," they both exclaimed. "We have been asking every one the road home;" and they told him all about the different answers and directions they had received. "But can you lead us home really?"

Their new friend was sad though not angry at being doubted. He showed the wanderers his commission from their father, signed by their elder Brother, by which he was appointed an officer to lead the wanderers on the plains to the King's Palace, to guide them and to feed them while on the way. This guide further told them how their elder brother had once journeyed on these plains, and showed them the road he had trod, which was called the Narrow Way, and told them of the instructions he had left for their comfort and guidance.

Rejoiced to find so safe a guide, the wanderers were eager to get on their way.

"You have strayed far from home in your wanderings, children, and it will take you all the rest of the day to get home. But first you must have your robes washed before you can enter on the right road."

Consenting, they were led by this officer to a place set apart for the purpose, and there in their Father's name their robes were washed clean, and they were marked with their Elder Brother's mark on the forehead, so that all might know and recognize them as the King's favoured children. Thus they were sent on their way rejoicing. After they had gone a distance which was usually reckoned to be about a sixth of the way home, another officer of their Father's came to them, and asked them if they did not find the road very hard and difficult.

To which they answered, "Yes," and that they were very faint and hungry.

Whereupon this chief officer gave them fresh strength, and caused them to be fed with special food, of which their Elder Brother had strictly ordered wayfarers on the narrow way to partake.

Strengthened, they steadily pursued their way, partaking of that food which, unlike the other food that had been given them, quenched their thirst and satisfied their hunger. So they journeyed happily on this road, which, from a distance, had seemed so rough and hard. Towards nightfall their longing, loving hearts recognized many signs which told them that they were nearing their Father's palace, though they could not see it on account of a mist.

Before reaching the palace, they had to go down and pass through what seemed to them, at first, a very dismal valley, but it was not so bad as they expected, for their Father had sent his messengers down into the valley to help them; and passing through it, they were received with joy by all their brothers and sisters, who had given them up for lost.

Their Elder Brother, who had travelled and suffered on the plains below for them, drew them to his heart, and then for the first time they fully realized the devotedness of his love to them, and how, if it had not been for him, they never could have got home again to their Father's Palace.

EAGLET.

WHAT A LITTLE GIRL DID.—A good many years ago, a little girl of twelve years was passing the old brick prison in the city of Chicago, on her way to school, when she saw a hand beckoning to her from behind a cell window, and heard a weary voice asking her to please bring him something to read.

For many weeks after that she went to the prison every Sunday, carrying the poor prisoner each time a book to read, from her father's library. At last, one day, she was called to his death-bed.

"Little girl," said he, "you have saved my soul; promise me that you will do all your life for the poor people in prison what you have done for me."

The little girl promised, and she has kept her promise. Linda Gilbert has been all her life the steadfast friend of the prisoner. She has established good libraries in many prisons, visited and helped hundreds of prisoners; and from the great number of whom she has helped, six hundred are now, to her certain knowledge, leading honest lives. Prisoners from all parts of the country know and love her name, and surely the God of prisoners must look upon her merciful work with interest.

And all this because a little girl heard and heeded the call to help a suffering soul.

(SUPPLEMENT.)

Parish of Carleton.

A Congregational singing practice every Wednesday evening after service, having been decided upon at a meeting of the St. George's Church Workers, the first was held on the 17th of March. This practice has since been discontinued, members of the congregation outside the choir not seeming to care for it.

On the second Sunday in Lent, the Sunday after confirmation, most of the newly confirmed made their first communion at the 8 o'clock celebration.

A Bible Class was begun on Tuesday the 23rd, with an attendance of twenty-five.

On Sunday morning, April 11th, Tilley Lodge, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, attended service at St. George's in a body, wearing their regalia. They were gladly welcomed by the Rector, who in his sermon gave an account of the life and work of the late John B. Gough, as set forth by Mr. Gough himself in his autobiography.

An address was given to communicants in the afternoon of the Fifth Sunday in Lent, and repeated on Palm Sunday.

Services have been held during Lent on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and have been fairly attended, though the attendance might easily have been doubled. Why are there so many who attend public worship on Sunday, but never enter the House of God on a week day?

A course of sermons on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, was preached on Sunday evenings during Lent.

Two services were held each day in Holy Week; three on Good Friday, three on Easter Day, and one each on Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.

At the annual meeting of the parishioners on Easter Monday evening, Messrs Cornfield and Whipple were re-elected Wardens, and the following were chosen as Vestrymen:—B. H. Appleby, S. T. Mosher, T. J. Fairweather, D. B. Lord, S. M. Sewell, J. Stears, R. J. Earle, J. E. N. Holder, J. R. Napier, T. H. Johnston, T. Stackhouse and S. Waters.

The next social of the Saint George's Church Workers, will be held on Tuesday, May 11th.

Baptisms.

IN SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH.

March, 26.—Sarah Edith Stackhouse.

BY PRIVATE BAPTISM.

March, 16.—Martha Connor.

Burials.

April, 14.—Samuel G. Fair, 29 years.

Walter Craft, 3 years, 7 months.

17.—Martha Connor, 5 weeks.

Services.

Services in month, 26; Celebrations of the Holy Communion, 4; Communions made, 72; Offerings in Church, \$61.37.

LEBARON W. FOWLER, *Rector.***JOTTINGS FROM THE "BANNER OF FAITH."**

CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION.—ENGLAND.
—A soldier in the Soudan writes:—"Sitting in my tent to-day reading a copy of the *Banner of Faith*, sent me from dear old England, my eye caught the words 'Work for God at Home and Abroad,' and my heart went up to ask for a blessing on the few shillings I am able to spare for the Orphanage. I miss my own three little pets left in England, and I wonder what would become of them if they lost their father and mother. You know how full of dangers a soldier's life is. As here, for instance, under the piercing rays of a tropical sun, contending against fierce fanatics; sleeping night after night by our horses' heads, nothing to shelter us from the bitter cold—a contrast of night and day known only in the East—our lives are very uncertain. For the sake of bringing a blessing on our own, whom we might leave destitute, we ought to try to do something for the orphans others have left. Fifteen shillings is all I can spare, but if you will send me a card for collecting 30s., I am sure I can get it amongst the men of our troop."

A clergyman's widow has sent a very nice silver pocket communion service for one of our missionary friends in Nova Scotia. It gives us the greatest pleasure to receive and forward these valuable and longed-for gifts.

We have a most grateful letter from Moncton, New Brunswick, for presents sent to that Mission. There is here a fine field for work amongst a new and rapidly increasing population, consisting chiefly of railway men and their families, for Moncton is the centre of the Intercolonial and Dominion Government Railway. 'There is much poverty, misery, and wickedness,' writes the Rev. A. Hoadley, 'and it would be one of the most blessed works I know of if some lady of means could be found who would come out and enter with us on this field of labor.'

One more letter from over the seas; Douglas and Lottie, of Cluny, Tasmania, are very fond of chocolate, it seems, but they have taken to another Sunday treat for a change. They have set up two money-boxes, into which they drop a small coin every Sunday for poor children's dinners. The day for counting up the coins was a delightful one. Baby Dorothy, of two years, suddenly grasped the idea and announced that she must send something for little 'chilluns,' so 1s. 2d. was given to her to make the money an even sum of 30s. This she solemnly placed with the rest, remarking as she did so, that 'chilluns can't eat shilluns.'

EPITAPH OF THOMAS A' BECKET, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Pro Christi sponsa, Christi sub tempore, Christi
In templo, Christi verus amator obit.
Quinta dies Natalis erat, flos orbis ab orbe
Carpitur, et fructus incipit esse poli.
Quis moritur? Præsul. Cur? Pro grege, Qua-
liter? Ense.
Quando? Natali. Quis locus? Ara Dei.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE ANCIENT CREEDS.—Blessed and delightful it is when we find that even in these new ages the Creeds, which so many fancy to be at their last gasp, are still the finest and highest succour, not merely of the peasant and the out-cast, but of the subtle artist and the daring speculator. Blessed is it to find the most cunning poet of our day able to combine the rhythm and melody of modern times, with the old truths which gave heart to the martyrs at the stake, to see in the science and the history of the nineteenth century, new and living fulfillments of the words which we learnt at our mother's knee.—*Kingsley.*

A LIVE CHURCH.—Rev. F. Burnside, editor of the *Official Year-Book*, compiled a statement showing the *voluntary* contributions of the Church of England, (in England,) from 1860 to 1885, *excluding* everything not *expressly* for Church institutions. It showed as contributed for *Clerical Education*, £528,653; *Church Building and Restoration*, £35,175,009; *Home Missions*, including Church Extension Societies, Seamen's Missions and Increase of Episcopate, £7,426,478; *Foreign Missions*, £10,100,009; *National Schools* (voluntary) and *Colleges*, £21,362,041; *Education Societies and Church Institutes*, £1,059,501; *Clergy Charities*, £2,103,364. Grand total, £81,573,237, or more than *four hundred millions of dollars.*

BAD READING.—We copied from the *Church Times* specimens of the grave mistakes that the little folks make in what they think they hear. One of the worst was "He gave some brass before he burst," which was supposed to be a mis-understanding of the line

The gates of brass before Him burst.

Here is one that cometh from nearer home: Not long since a little seven-year old in one of the parishes of Vermont went to her mother in great perplexity, saying, "Mamma, why do we say every Sunday in church, 'Deliver us from horse doctors?'" The mother in amazement replied that no such thing was said. But the child, still persistent, said, "Why, yes we do. Mr. — (meaning the Rector) says, 'From all horse doctors, hearsays, and skisms,' and I can't find it anywhere in my book." After an uncontrollable smile, the mother gave the correct rendering of the passage in the Litany, and prayed that the child might be delivered from false doctrines.—*Church Standard.*

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