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The Parish of Fredericton.

As early as the year 1602, a fort was built by the Frenchman, Villebon, at the mouth of the Nashwaak, opposite St. Anne's point, now the city of Fredericton. The capital of the new province of New Brunswick was removed from St. John to Fredericton, for strategic reasons, very soon after the separation of the province from Nova

was created in 1845, out of that of Nova Scotia, the letters patent appointing the first bishop gave him the title of Lord Bishop of Fredericton. The Rev. John Medley, M. A., of Wadham College, Oxford rector of St. Thomas, and prebendary of the cathedral, Exeter, was the clergyman selected for that important post. Previous to that time, the rector of Fredericton had usually been Archdeacon of New

Brunswick, and Commissary of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Archdeacon George Coster occupying that position when the new bishop arrived. Bishop Medley immediately set about the erection of a cathedral, and had collected a considerable sum of money in England for that purpose before leaving for his distant See.

Events have fully justified the action which the Bishop thus took, and the Cathedral, from the year 1853, when it was consecrated, has had a great and abiding influence as a centre of church work and teaching, as well as in presenting a model of church architecture which has been instrumental in raising the standard of taste far beyond the limits of the diocese itself. It is of the decorated style of architecture, and includes in its fine windows specimens both of early and late decorated. There is no finer window in the continent than its grand East window of seven lights, which is almost equalled by the six light west window, which is of late or flamboyant style. The building stands on the west bank of the St. John river, and is surrounded by beautiful trees, the whole forming a magnificent view on which the artistic eye loves to rest. While the cathedral was in course of erection, the Bishop built a small chapel of stone, which was called St. Anne's, and which his Lordship afterwards presented to the corporation of Fredericton as the parish church. It is designed in the style known as Early English, and though not large, is a perfect gem of architect-

ure. Bishop Medley's long, laborious and successful career is well known. His profound learning, accurate scholarship, firmness of character, skill in music and architecture, and wide experience made him one of the greatest prelates of the Church in modern days. Of him Mr. Gladstone once said, "I think his is the wisest head that wears an mitre." The cathedral will long constitute his enduring monument. His body lies at the east side of the chancel, and a very handsome effigy in Carrara marble has been placed in the south transept, which is at once a faithful likeness and a splendid work of art. It was provided by the offerings of the churchpeople of the province.

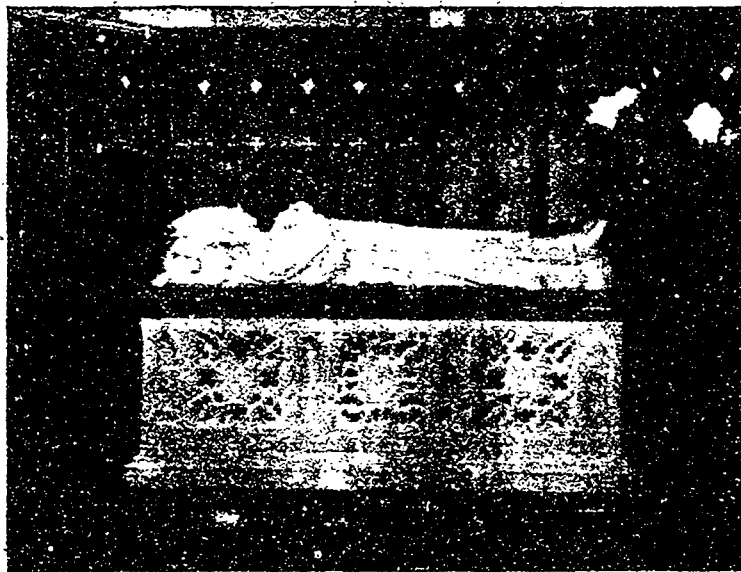
In 1881, the Bishop's health and strength beginning to fail, after 50 years of active service, the Rev. H. T. Kingston, M. A., vicar of Good Easter, Essex, was consecrated in the Cathedral as coadjutor, and on the death of Bishop Medley in 1892, he succeeded to the See. The present staff consists of the Dean, Very Rev. Francis Partridge, D. D., D. C. L., who was for several years Rector of St. George's, Halifax, and canon of the Cathedral of St. Luke, in that city; and the sub Dean, (not a member of the chapter), Rev. H. F. E. Whalley. The other members of the chapter are, Ven. F. H. J. Brigstocke, D. D., rector of Trinity parish, St. John, Canon and Archdeacon of St. John; Ven. Thomas Neales, M. A., Rector of Woodstock. Canon and Archdeacon

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THE VERY REV. DEAN PARTRIDGE, D. D.
Dean of Fredericton.

Scotia, and the erection of Parliament buildings and court house made it a centre of attraction. The city now numbers about 8000 inhabitants. It is situated on the bank of the St. John river, and is about the centre of the province, being the terminus of three railways, and in the summer, easily accessible by water. Vessels of good size can reach Fredericton, and flat bottomed, stern-wheel steamers can ply between it and Woodstock when the water in the river is fairly high. It is the central point of a large agricultural district, and does a large trade in lumber. The city is beautifully situated, and from it fine sporting regions may be reached, to which in the proper season many tourists come in search of fishing and shooting. But what gives it its great importance from a churchman's point of view, is the fact that it is the see city of the diocese of Fredericton. When the diocese



EFFIGY OF THE LATE BISHOP MEDLEY.



WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

W. E. Gladstone.

As a Student, a Statesman, an Orator, and a Man

Extracts from a Sermon preached in St James' Church, Kentville, on Sunday evening July 10 1898, by the Rev Canon Brock. D. D.

Isaiah xvi, 4.
In the Lord Jehovah is THE ROCK OF AGES.
(marginal reading.)

We have just been singing one of Mr. Gladstone's favorite Hymns, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," one of the Hymns which was sung at the national funeral of this great statesman, at Westminster Abbey. The first line of that familiar Hymn of Toplady's is of course founded on the marginal reading of the text.

I have more than once referred in this place to Mr. Gladstone's death, and to the immense loss which England, Victoria's Empire, and indeed the whole world have sustained in his removal from among us.

This evening I wish to glance at Mr Gladstone's career in four notable directions; as a Student, a Statesman, an Orator, and a Man

I. THE STUDENT

First let us look at Mr. Gladstone as a student and a scholar. In 1830, when he was only 21 years of age he graduated at the University of Oxford with double first class honors. During his long and busy career he always found time to gather information, to stimulate his brain, and to

enable him to grow in wisdom and knowledge. His library at Harwarden Castle consisted of 24,000 volumes, every one of which had been put in its appointed place with his own hands, and so familiar was he with the contents of his vast Library, that often when in London, and in need of some particular books, he could write to his Secretary at the Castle, and tell him exactly where to find them. His favorite authors, after those of the Holy Bible, were Homer, Bishop Butler, Dante, St. Augustine, and Aristotle.

His literary versatility may be illustrated from the fact that during his last and fiercest electioneering campaign in Scotland, in Midlothian, he had in preparation simultaneously an article on Home Rule—a dissertation on the Psalms—a paper for the Oriental Congress—and his great Lecture on, "The Rise and Progress of Learning in the University of Oxford."

His work on Homer has been spoken of as a mighty monument of learning, scholarship, and industry

In many other directions Mr. Gladstone's studies were careful and broad: as shown by his essays on Vaticanism, Ritualism, Divorce, The Church of England, Socrates, Tennyson, Our Kin beyond the sea. The Hellenic factor is the Eastern problem, Egypt, Freedom in the East, and so on, and in his declining years by that masterly

work, "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture."

A striking illustration of Mr. Gladstone's powers as a linguist is told by one of his biographers. Several years ago he addressed an assembly on the island of Corfu in modern Greek, a few days later he spoke to an assembly in Florence in Italian, a few days still later he conversed with ease in German with Prince Bismark, soon afterwards he responded in fluent French to a toast at a banquet in Paris, and then he crossed the channel to deliver in beautiful English in his place in Parliament one of his great speeches as Chancellor of the Exchequer

He could write with equal facility in English, Latin, and Greek: it was therefore not an unfitting thing that at his funeral on the programme of the Hymns sung on that occasion, printed and distributed over the Abbey, Gladstone's Latin version of "Rock of Ages cleft for me," (made in 1848) was printed in parallel columns with Toplady's English Hymn.

II. THE STATESMAN.

As a statesman more than as a student, Mr. Gladstone arrests attention, and commands admiration even from his political opponents. An eloquent American Editor has lately written in this strain on this aspect of Mr. Gladstone's life:

"For threescore memorable years this tireless gladiator has led the vanguard in assaults on entrenched wrong: under his magnetic leadership traditional and deep rooted evils both in the Church and State have been swept away; suffrage has been broadened; burdens have been removed; public servants have been held to a higher plane of service; corporations have been made to feel their responsibility; in short England, under Gladstone has been given a cleaner official air to breathe, wider latitude of citizenship, stronger safeguards of law and more potent codes of equity in her foreign relations."

Of course occasions may be found here and there in Mr. Gladstone's long public career, in which he subjects himself to adverse criticism; for with all his greatness, the man was not perfect: but take his political life, as a whole it was wonderfully noble, pure, and true.

As a financier Gladstone's history has been most remarkable. Beyond any man that ever lived, he threw a halo around the science of finance, and brought it, and other questions of administration, within the realm of popular apprehension. From 1853 to 1880 he was five times Chancellor of the Exchequer. And how grandly our statesman-hero carried into effect his strong financial ideas may be inferred from a few facts presented by one of his most reliable biographers.

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1856 to 1890 England's National Debt was reduced by no less a sum than 114 million pounds. During the same period the burden of taxation was greatly reduced. To Mr. Gladstone, who was no less than four times Prime Minister of England, belongs the imperishable glory of taking off more taxes from the people of Great Britain than any other Prime Minister.

I may conclude this glance at Mr. Gladstone's career as a Statesman in the words of John Stewart Mill:

"If ever there was a Statesman in whom the spirit of improvement was incarnate, of whose career as a minister the characteristic feature has been to seek out things which required, or, admitted of improvement, instead of being compelled, or even solicited to do it, that honor belongs to William Ewart Gladstone."

III. THE ORATOR

Justin McCarthy in "History of our own Times" gives this estimate "We are not inclined to call Gladstone the greatest English orator of our times, when we recall some of the finest speeches of Bright. but, if we regard parliamentary speaking as a mere instrument of parliamentary business and debate, then Gladstone is the greatest, English orator of our times, for he had a richer combination of gifts than any man we can recall, and he used them oftenest with effect.

The Daily Telegraph, of London was one of those penny papers which owed their existence and prosperity to Mr. Gladstone's abolition of the paper duty. On the day following his death, the Daily Telegraph contained a full and extended review of Mr. Gladstone's early history, home life, literary labors, and parliamentary career.

In referring to his powers as an orator, that article said: "His oratory in the House of Commons was unflinchingly effective. Even when he had a bad case, and a losing side he always managed to charm that assembly." After referring to the power and quality of his voice and other matters connected with his influence as a public speaker, the article concluded by saying: "Almost invariably Mr. Gladstone spoke in that tone of well-bred tranquillity which is the highest oratorical art in an English assembly."

He was not always however so reserved and quiet. Who can forget that last great speech of "The Grand Old Man," then 84 years of age, when on Feb. 17, 1893, he stood on his feet in the House of Commons for four consecutive hours, and poured forth appeal after appeal, at times tearful and touching, in behalf of the autonomy and self-government of down-trodden Ireland?

IV. THE MAN.

I have reserved to the last, as

by far the most important, our glance at Mr. Gladstone as a man. It was his great qualities as a man that fitted him to stand out so prominently before England, the Empire, and the World, as a Student and a Scholar, as a Statesman and a Financier, as a born Leader of men and an Orator.

His heart was as sincere as his talents were great. Mr. Gladstone was eminently a man of character, and character always carries with it dignity and power. His was (it has been justly said) that devotion to right in a large way, and on a generous scale, which evermore abides in the world's memory and love.

And what was the secret of Mr. Gladstone's high moral character? What was the secret of his untiring devotion to duty? Of the strict integrity and high aims of his whole political career?

The secret may be soon told. He was a humble and consistent follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a thoroughly christian man. Dr. Creighton, the present Bishop of London, gave this testimony to the great departed Statesman shortly after his death. "Mr. Gladstone possessed the high aspirations of a christian man; he never did anything unbecoming a christian; he went through the struggles, the trials, and the difficulties that over beset political life, and never swerved from the highest standard of our christian life."

As a thoroughly christian man he loved his Bible and he loved his Saviour. One of his latest works, to which reference has been made, showed how this distinguished Statesman valued God's Holy Word. In 1877 Mr. Gladstone had occasion to write to a friend who was the teacher of a Men's Bible Class in Manchester, after giving him some good and wise advice as to the best way of studying the Bible, he concludes his letter with these weighty words;

"One thing I especially commend to your thoughts. Christianity is Christ, and nearness to Him and to His image should be the end of all your efforts. We are variously called to various works. But we all require to feed in green pastures, and to drink of the wells of salvation. For this purpose the Scriptures are incomparably simple to all those who are willing to be fed there from."

Several years later in 1893, a friend on this side of the Atlantic wrote to Mr. Gladstone making an enquiry respecting his Christian belief. The venerable statesman briefly responded in memorable words, which I pray may ever abide with you:

All that I write, all that I think, all that I hope for, all that I live for, is founded on faith in the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one central joy of my poor wayward life.

Could Christian faith be declared with more positiveness and precision, with more comprehension yet brevity? These few words from the pen of England's greatest Premier reveal the Christian man, in the simplicity of a faith that looks up to God as revealed in Jesus Christ, in the ardor of a hope centred in God, and in the constancy of a love that delights to do with fidelity the will of God.

Such men are a nation's brightest ornament, and a nation's strongest safeguard. For lack of such (says one) fell Ancient Assyria, and queenly Persia, and scholarly Greece, and majestic Rome. May such Christian Statesmen never be wanting to our England and our Canada.

There needs only one more touch to complete this portrait of our great departed statesman.

He was not only a man of the highest moral character.

He was not only an intelligent and reverent student of his bible.

He was not only a devout, sincere, and humble minded Christian man.

He was also through his long life a thoroughly loyal churchman. He prized the ordinances of the Church of England. Above all he valued the Holy Communion of his Saviour's Body and Blood, as ministered according to the venerable ritual of England's ancient church.

It is stated on most reliable authority that since the year 1842, (that is, very shortly after he came into possession of Hawarden Castle) Mr. Gladstone, when in good health, and at home was never known to omit the Sunday morning service at half past eight at his parish church, three quarters of a mile distant from the castle.

What an example to some lazy, and irregular church-goers in this Canada of ours!

I commend Mr. Gladstone's example to you as a lover of his bible; as a lover and humble follower of the Lord Jesus, "The Rock of Ages, cleft for me"; and as a lover of the Church and her ordinances.

Like him, let us love our bibles, reading them with reverence and prayer.

Let us love and follow our Lord Jesus Christ, remembering that this is our baptismal profession, "to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be like unto Him".

Let us love our ancient church, and prize her ordinances more and more, ready to re-echo the words of the late Bishop of Western New York,

"I love the Church, the holy Church,

That o'er our life presides, The birth, the bridal, and the grave,

And many an hour besides! Be mine, through life, to live in

her,
And when the Lord shall call,
To die in her - the spouse of
Christ,
The Mother of us all."

THE PARISH OF
FREDERICTON.

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con of Fredericton; Rev. Canon Ketchum, D. D., rector of St. Andrews; Rev. Canon Deever, M. A., ex-Rector of St. Paul's, St. John; Rev. Canon Roberts, M. A., Rector of Fredericton; Rev. Canon Forsyth, M. A., Rector of Chatham. There are also four lay members of the chapter, viz. George A. Schofield, Esq., T. Carleton Allen, Esq., A. F. Street, Esq., and the Hon. J. P. Burchill, speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Rev. George Goodridge Roberts is the present Rector of Fredericton, and has been so for the last twenty-three years. He was formerly Rector of Sackville and Dorchester in this diocese. The work of the Church in the city and neighbourhood is conducted with much energy and success, and the greatest harmony subsists between the Cathedral and the other Churches.

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Calendar.



AUGUST.

- 7. 9th Sunday after Trinity.
- 14. 10 " " " "
- 21. 11 " " " "
- 24. Day of St. Bartholomew.
- 28. 12th Sunday after Trinity.

The ready and generous response made by some of the Nova Scotian parishes to the special appeal from the B. H. M. is highly creditable to the loyal churchpeople, who gave instant heed to the voice of the synod of their church, and did their part to replenish an exhausted missionary fund. Every mission and church in the diocese should sacredly share the responsibility of the present condition of the B. H. M. fund and at once send in an offertory. Faith in mission work is as strong as ever, but faith in the ability of small and struggling congregations to give is weak and needs fuller fruition. The Church's missionary work needs the hearty devotion, effort, and offerings of every member of the Church. Let the laymen enthusiastically bestow upon the Church's interests the outcome of their own increasing care.

B. H. M. Deficiency.

THE CAUSE AND REMEDY

The following article from the pen of an enthusiastic layman of our Church deserves a prominent place in these columns and the careful attention of every member of the Church of England in Nova Scotia—

Clergy and laity alike were both more or less startled by the announcement made at the last session of the synod by the auditing committee, that the B. H. M. Fund had an overdrawn balance at the bank of \$563.63 and no funds with which to meet the grants due to the clergy for services rendered for the quarter ending June 30th, resulting in the Appeal and Pastoral letter ordered to be read in all the churches on Sunday July 3rd or 10th with which all must now be familiar. The appeal being for \$20.00 to enable the Board not only to meet the grants due July 1st but also those maturing Oct 1st

and the overdraft as well

What has caused the deficiency?

Briefly a non-realization by individuals and parishes of their responsibilities and duties to the diocese as a whole. The diocese being the unit; the parishes only fractions or parts of that unit. The intense parochialism existent in many parishes, where men of influence known to be the wealthiest in the neighbourhood, give amounts disgracefully out of proportion to their ability and disclaim against sending so much money out of the parish. Those of smaller means following the precept and example set by those whose influence and example should be a spur and incentive to greater liberality, give in like proportion, and the total from the parish is discreditable. This occurring in more quarters than one in the past, has resulted in using up the reserve of \$7965.27 (see year book of 1896, page 158) gathered by careful saving when the parishes were largely supported by grants from English sources. And since 1895 when the reserve fund was finally absorbed, there has arisen a deficiency in income of \$1100, instead of the increase reasonably anticipated, resulting in the present difficulties.

Another cause! Annual collections! Small sums given annually which could as easily be given in many cases monthly and in very few cases without inconvenience, quarterly.

That in the past so little was required from the parishioners and that little given without any sacrifice on their part, that giving in that way has become the usual and stereotyped habit.

What are the remedies?

The most important is an increase of spirituality in giving. Let the prayers and the alms of the faithful go up together "like a sweet savour" unto the giver of all good.

Facilities for giving more frequently than once a year. The adoption of the Tangier or Truro scheme of weekly or monthly contributions including all diocesan and outside objects.

The adopting of a standard of giving by individuals of a definite proportion of their means (looking to the tenth as a standard) not at hap-hazard, but on principle, not grudgingly or of necessity remembering that "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." Finally, a standard of what is required from each parish, as the least they should give. The grants made by the B. H. M. for 1898 were \$4176 expenses of the Board say \$700. Total required \$4876.

To meet this each parish in the diocese not including P. E. I. would be required to give twice and a half times the amount it is assessed for the episcopal income.

Example: Assessment for see income.

2200.00 X 2 1/2 is 5500.00

Less for P. E. I.

242.00 X 2 1/2 is 605.00

4895.00

This with interest on

Invested capital 400.00

Makes a total of \$5295.00

Leaving a surplus of \$419.00 to meet unforeseen contingencies.

Twice and one half the amount assessed on each deanery shows the amount each deanery requires to raise for the diocese.

Twice and one half the parish assessment shows the amount required from each parish to make up the deanery proposition.

The amount to be assessed on each deanery was made up by a committee of Synod after careful consideration of their proportion ability; and after a trial of two years no protest was made against it.

The proportion to be paid by the parishes in each deanery was settled by conference among themselves. And until these proportions are changed by lawful authority, they must be considered the fairest test available of the ability of parishes and deaneries to contribute to diocesan objects.

If any parish through misfortune or actual poverty is unable in any one year to make up its proportion, the better circumstances of the others will enable them to make up the deficiency and thus save the credit of the deanery; and giving a much needed elasticity to the fund.

Finally the standards as thus indicated, are a minimum, enabling the board simply to maintain present missions without ability to open new ground.

Surely it is time for the diocese to awake throughout its length and breadth and let their be no slackness in parishioners, parish or deanery in giving as the "Lord hath prospered them" for the extension of his kingdom.

As this is a question of the most urgent importance to the diocese, a discussion of the points raised if conducted in a prayerful spirit cannot fail in arousing a much needed attention to the subject; and it is to be hoped the adoption by numerous parishes of some systematic plan for weekly or monthly collections for the fund.

In a future number I will furnish a table showing what should be given by each parish by the scale mentioned to make the annual amount required by the B. H. M.

The Rev. Mr. Parkinson has entered upon his duties as rector of St. Jude's, Carleton, and preached his first sermon there on Sunday July 11th.

Notes.

Rev. W. J. Armitage is spending his vacation with his family at Chester.

Mrs. Margaret Milledge left \$1000 to Trinity Church, St. John.

St. Luke's Dorcas Society, Annapolis Royal, forwarded a bale of winter clothing &c. to Rev. John Sanders, of Biscotasing, Moosonee. The value of the bale was \$90.00.

The result of the special appeal on behalf of the mission fund to the deficiency was an offering of \$303.05 from the congregation of St. Luke's cathedral, Halifax. The rector asked for at least \$196.50 which would have been their quota by assessment. The response was a most agreeable surprise.

Work has commenced on the site for the proposed new church at Newport. The parishioners will do the work of levelling the hill on which the church is to be built, grading the roads leading thereto and building the terraces. Several members of the guild of Christ's church, Windsor, gave a concert to Brooklyn in aid of the building fund, which realized \$24.15. Another concert was held in Dartmouth by kind friends for the same object.

Professor W. J. Hutchins, organist of St. Paul's church, Halifax, is likely to get a position on the staff of organ professors at the Guildhall School of Music, London, England, an institution of immense size, and having some thousands of musical students. This will be through the combined influence of the celebrated Dr. T. J. Hopkins, organist of the Temple church, London, and known the world over as the father of organists; and also through his wife's uncle, Sir William Richmond Cotton, some years ago lord mayor of London, and one of the founders of this now famous institution. The present principal of the Guildhall School of Music, Mr. William Cummings, and Mr. Hutchins were choristers, and also studied both organ and theory for years under Dr. E. J. Hopkins.—Ez.

It was a great pleasure to be present at one of the sessions of the Sunday School at Walton. Too much praise cannot be given the few earnest churchpeople in this settlement. The church is kept scrupulously clean, and the service is hearty and very devotional. The Sunday School is under the charge of several ladies of the congregation and the very excellent bible class speaks well for the religious sentiments of the very earnest members; and very gratifying was it to see several young men present, who were evidently sincere and the deep interest they took in the exercises and in their study of the Holy Scriptures.

At a meeting of the parish of St. George and St. Patrick, held in Memorial Hall, Shelburne, on Monday evening, July 11th, the Rev. W. S. H. Morris, M. A., was elected rector by a unanimous vote, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. White. Mr. Morris has been curate of the parish for something like eight years, and his many friends are pleased to know that he is now to remain as rector.

The parishioners of Tangier recently presented the Rector, Rev. A. Currie, with a purse containing \$52.75, as a small token of esteem. This is a timely appreciative act of sympathy with the reverend gentleman in his sad bereavement, his wife having died a short time ago.

THE BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR AUGUST.

1. Newport.
2. Walton.
7. S. Luke's, Halifax.
9. Meeting C. W. M. A.
12. Dutch Settlement. Shubenacadie. Stewiacke.
13. Indian Road. Kennetcook.
14. Five Mile River. Maitland.
15. Londonderry.
16. } Parrsboro and Missions.
17. }
18. }
19. Springhill.
20. Oxford Junction.
21. Amherst.
22. Maccan. Joggins.
23. Tidnish.
24. Kolbeck.
25. Wallace. Pugwash.
26. Denmark. River John.
27. Westville.
28. New Glasgow.
29. Bridgeville. Stellarton.
30. Pictou.

Dr. Allison against Prohibition.

At the morning service held in the Methodist church last Sunday Dr. Allison, president of Mt. Allison College, read the annual pastoral letter drawn up by a special committee, and commented on it as follows:

"I do not care to say whose enterprise this plebiscite vote is, but I do say it is not an enterprise of the Methodist church, and when I read that I am expected to day to commend this congregation to vote for prohibition, in justice to my own convictions and to what history has taught me I am bound to hesitate. Where on this earth has prohibition succeeded? It has been tried in different places, but

with uniform failure so far as checking the sale of liquor is concerned and I may well ask why it should be expected to succeed in Canada. I well remember the passage of the old New Brunswick law and the great celebration we had here in Sackville. There was a long procession and the crowd gathered in a field to listen to speeches full of jubilation because of the new law. Everybody said the long hoped for day had come but toward the close of the speeches I remember the venerable Dr. Pickard saying he cared not for the law, he would rejoice when it was enforced. I feel the same toward prohibition in Canada at the present time. Nobody loathes the liquor traffic more than do I, and nobody views with greater alarm the terrible work of the traffic, but without the moral determination on the part of the people to enforce the law, it would become but a useless statute on our law books, and that prohibition would not have the moral support of the people I have only to refer you to the moral support given by the people to the Scott Act. What this country needs is not more prohibitive laws. It needs an awakening of manhood but will cause men to rise above debauchery, and when that manhood is awakened, the sale of liquor will be easily curtailed. I do not fail to recognize the importance of removing temptation, but I fail to see that prohibition will remove it. It has not done so in Maine, and why should it do so in New Brunswick? Looking at the matter as I must look at it, I cannot recommend the great body of the Methodist church to vote for prohibition. I can endorse however the resolution passed at the Anglican synod at Halifax, at their last meeting when they refused to endorse prohibition but recommended their members to do all in their power to lessen the evils of intemperance. Personally I cannot vote for the saloon, and I could not vote for a measure which is only calculated to deceive a portion of our people, and which would not further the cause of temperance one particle."

NEW GERMANY.

Once more the Bishop of the diocese has visited this mission. He held Confirmation service as follows: July 9th. at New Cornwall, July 10th. at New Germany and at West Northfield. The candidates were drawn from the following sections: New Cornwall 5, New Burn 9, New Germany 11, North River 5, Norwich 4, West Northfield 6, Total 40.

On B. H. M. appeal Sunday, two collections were taken, in answer to the appeal, New Germany \$5.78, West Northfield \$4.04, with an ex-

pectation of more to come.

The clergyman in charge on Sunday July 3rd. gave an account of the work done by him (and under him i. e. by his curate for two months and a lay reader for two weeks) during the year July 1st. 1897 to June 30, 1898.

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OBITUARY

A large number went out on the I C R yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Horatio Pickett, who passed away on Monday at the early age of 27. For the past year he had been ill, but previous to that had been cashier for Merritt Bros. for some years, and had hosts of friends among the business men. Court Hampton, I O F. marched in a body, and after the closing services, which were conducted by Rev Mr Warneford at the house, church and grave, consigned their brother to the grave with the impressive Forensic service. The attendance was very large, many going from Sussex Kingston and this city. The deceased had been an active member of the Episcopal church in the Sunday school, and among the Sons of Temperance and Foresters, and had many friends who wished to take a last look at his kindly face. The Sunday school sent a large wreath of roses and pinks, the Foresters, a handsome crescent mounted high on a base of stocks moss and ferns, the chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew, a beautiful St Andrews cross—Mrs Frank Humphrey, a cross of pink and white stocks. Mr and Mrs H H Pickett, a bouquet of white roses; G O D Otty a crescent of white and cream roses, Fred A Pickett a cross of peas and lilies while many sent quantities of loose flowers. The pallbearers were Percy Stewart, Weston Stewart, A B Pickett, James Berry, William Smith and Charles M Pickett.—*St John's Sun*

The Hollest Thing Alive.

However much men and nations may differ from one another on other subjects, in their estimates of the value of a mother they are singularly harmonious. The Kindergarten Magazine has collected a number of sayings of wise men as well as a number of national proverbs, showing the almost universal adoration of motherhood. Some of them are

A mother is a mother still the hollest thing alive—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A mother's love is the best of all—West Africa and Hindoo.

A mother's love is the best love God's love is the highest love—German

A mother is the divinity of infancy—English

A child must ask its mother whether it may be a wise man or a fool—W L Weems

A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep sweetly in them—Victor Hugo

A mother's love will draw up from the depths of the sea—Russ

A mother's prayer silent and

gentle, can never miss the road to the throne of all bounty.—Henry Ward Beecher.

A mother's tenderness and caresses are the milk of the heart.—Eugeno de Guerin.

A simple kiss from my mother made me a painter.—Ben West.

A witty mother—witless else her son—Shakespeare.

All I am my mother made me—John Quivey Adams

All I am or can be I owe to my angel mother.—Lincoln

In all this cold and hollow there is no fount of deep, strong, deathless love save in a mother's heart

It is the mother that makes the domestic hearth the nursery of heroes.—Daniel Webster

The Wicket-Gate.

At Elstow may be seen an interesting spot associated with John Bunyan

The "wicket-gate" of the "Pilgrim's Progress" is commonly represented as a garden-gate or a turnpike-gate, but really the term denotes a small doorway cut out of a large door

Concealed behind a tree at the west end of Elstow Church is just such a small doorway in the small wooden surface of the great door. Through this lowly opening Bunyan must often have passed when a boy

If it were simply drawn and engraved we should probably have a correct picture of that which was before his imagination when he described the early steps of Christian's pilgrimage.

How to get Books.

"How can you afford all these books?" asked a young man, calling on a friend. "I can't seem to find spare change for even the leading magazines"

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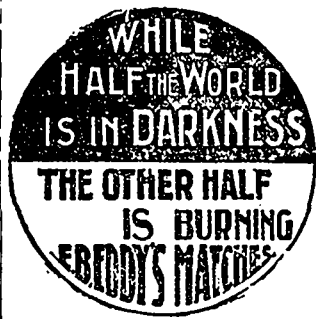
"Yes I recall the conversation, but don't quite see the connection."

"Well, I never smoked, but I put by the price of a 5 cent cigar a day, and as the money accumulated I bought books—the very books you see"

You don't mean to say that your books cost no more than that? Why, there are dollar's worth of them"

"Yes, I know there are. I had six years more of my apprenticeship to serve when you advised me "to be a man" I put by the money, which, at 5 cents a day, amounted to \$18.25 a year, or \$109.50 in six years. I keep these books by themselves as a result of my apprenticeship cigar money, and if you'd done as I did you would by this time have saved many, many more dollars than I have and would have been better off in health and self respect besides."

When the beverage that "cheers but not inebriates" was introduced into England, teacups and teapots could not be manufactured fast enough to supply the demand. The tea-drinkers became so much exhilarated that their fancy developed the sharp contrast of black tea-cups on a white cloth. Tea was tremendously expensive then, and it was a special honor, a rare occasion, enough to make one lie awake all night "a-thinking" to partake of a cup of tea.



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The Synod of Fredericton.

The meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton, held at St. Stephen, has been marked by great unanimity and concord. While there have been no burning questions, such as occasionally bring the divergent opinions of men of the freest Church in the world to the front, and which are healthy if sometimes vigorous: attention has been closely given to a number of matters which concern the smooth and progressive working of the diocese, and of which the benefit will be increasingly apparent. This Synod is the first which has been held since the unification of the Synod and the old Diocesan Church Society, and a good deal of the work which used to be done in the D. C. S. meetings is now done in committees. The results alone of which come before the Synod. Thus while opportunity is still afforded for discussion, there is much concentration of labor.

The Synod met this year in the parish of Christ Church, St. Stephen whither the members journeyed on the evening of July 4th. On their arrival they were met by the sight of bonfires, rockets and other fireworks and illuminations, which at first appeared to be in honour of the Synod, but which proved to be the celebration of the glorious 4th and of the American success at Santiago by the people of Cuba.

The Synod began by a choral celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning, July 5th, in Christ Church, at which the Bishop was celebrant, assisted by Dean Partridge as Gospeller and Archdeacon Brigstocke as Epistoler, with the rector, Rev. O. S. Newnham, as server. Most of the clerical and lay delegates who had arrived were present. At ten o'clock, Morning Prayer was intoned by Rev. B. Barton, of Canterbury, the sermon being preached by Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, from Heb. XIII. 8. The preacher delivered an excellent practical discourse, which was much appreciated by the large congregation. The service was very hearty and the singing good.

At 2 p. m. the synod met for business, the Lord Bishop in the chair. By this time other delegates had arrived, so that when the roll was called, so far from there being too small a number to transact business, as had been by some predicted, there was found to be a full attendance of the clergy, and a larger number of laity than there had been the last time the synod was held in St. John.

The address of the Lord Bishop was of his usual lucid kind, and was delivered with much animation. It dealt with many matters relating to the welfare of the Church in the diocese, and was illustrated by

the events occurring on all sides of us. After paying a warm and discriminating tribute to the late Rev. Richard Simonds, who was ordained in 1846, and who passed his whole clerical life in the service of this diocese, the bishop touched on Acts of Legislature which had been obtained regarding sale of lands, the Incorporation of the Cathedral Chapter, and other objects; the question of Registration; the S. P. C. K.; the Diocesan Mission Fund; the General and Provincial Synods; the election of Metropolitan. He also urged the offering of special prayers for the preservation of peace, which appeared to be seriously menaced throughout the world. The Bishop's address was referred to a committee, as usual.

The reports of the various clergy having the care of souls, which were read by those presenting them were of great interest and historical value. They indicate the performance of duty in that quiet way which is characteristic of the Church of England. These reports were written in a modest and unostentatious spirit, and were almost entirely confined to matters of fact, no padding of any kind being needed. The Church is clearly holding her own, in the midst of many hostile influences, and is on the whole, probably, steadily gaining.

The following gentlemen were elected as delegates to the Provincial Synod, which meets in Montreal in September:—

Clergy—Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales, Canon Roberts, Rev. J. M. Davenport, O. S. Newnham; Canon Forsyth, H. Montgomery, T. B. Hooper, Spovil Neales, J. Roy Campbell, A. G. H. Dicker.

Substitutes—A. D. Dewdney, C. P. Hannington, C. Wiggins, H. E. Dibble, A. W. Smithers, R. P. McKim.

Lay Delegates,—G. A. Schofield, C. N. Vroom, Judge Hannington, J. Roy Campbell, T. Barclay Robinson, A. C. Fairweather, H. L. Sturdee, E. A. Simmonds, George Burchill, Hurd Peters, Henry Wilmot.

Substitutes—Dr. Deacon, W. B. Wallace, H. S. Wright, C. E. L. Jarvis, A. H. Hannington and W. E. Smith.

Another matter of great importance to which the Synod applied itself is that of the Sunday School. Associations of Teachers have long been in existence in the deaneries, and will now be affiliated to a Diocesan S. S. Teachers' Association, whose meetings will be annual. The church is beginning to see that a movement which originated within her bosom is her own child, and must be cherished and maintained. The future of our Sunday Schools looks at present very bright.

This matter of Sunday School

development has been under the care for some years of a committee of Synod, of which Rev. H. Montgomery, of Kingsclear, has been chairman, and Rev. E. B. Hooper, of Moncton, has been secretary. Great credit is due to these gentlemen as well as to the whole committee for the time and pains they have given to this great question, which is now beginning to bear fruit. The debate on S. Schools was earnest and able. Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke and Neales, Judge Hannington, A. H. Hannington, Hurd Peters, and others took part. The committee's report was adopted, and power was given to form the Diocesan Association.

Much attention has been paid during the year to the very important question of systematic and proportionate giving, by a committee of which Very Rev. Dean Partridge is chairman. A good deal of literature has been circulated throughout the diocese, and a Diocesan Society of the Treasury of God is to be formed, to which parochial societies can be affiliated. Many churchmen feel that upon the success of this movement depends the increase of funds which must be obtained if the Church is to do her duty to herself and to others.

The committee on religious instruction in the public schools has also been doing good work. Under the chairmanship of Archdeacon Brigstocke, conferences have been held with representatives of other religious bodies, and although nothing very definite has as yet been accomplished, yet the public mind is being familiarized with the question. Progress must necessarily be slow.

A good deal of trouble has been taken by the Bishop since his connection with the diocese in the matter of Registration. He has now succeeded in bringing it into order, and the unanimous confirmation of a Canon on the Diocesan Registrar, shows how the synod appreciates his Lordship's efforts.

A better system of appointment to parishes and transfer therefrom has also been under the consideration of the church, but is not yet ready for action. Great caution is necessary here, lest changes, hastily made, bring more harm than good.

Much dissatisfaction prevails as regards the present system of election, and it is safe to say that before very long improvements will be made.

A very large and enthusiastic missionary meeting was held on Thursday evening in the school room of Trinity Church, under the auspices of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the province of Canada, at which the Bishop presided. Stirring addresses were made by the chairman, Arch-

deacon Brigstocke, Rev. R. P. McKim, Mr. C. Ketchum and Mr. A. H. Hannington, in which the claims of Domestic and Foreign missions were ably supported. A vote of thanks was rendered to Mr. Robertson, rector of Trinity church and his churchwardens, for the use of their hall.

The comfort of the clerical and lay representatives was most efficiently attended to by the Rev. O. S. Newnham, rector of Christ Church, and his officials, whose efforts were most cordially recognized by the synod. Mr. Newnham is the very efficient and popular secretary of the synod, and to his zealous labours much of the success of the gathering is due.

Altogether the session now concluded has been very profitable. There has been manifested a splendid disposition to work together, to sink minor differences in the general good, to comfort and strengthen each other in the arduous but blessed work to draw the clergy and their flocks into closer bonds of union in Christ, and to determine to set forth the teaching of the Church, unmoved by either neglect, insinuation or abuse. The Church will pray for herself and for all others, the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind, and confident of her own assured position in the comity of Christendom, will go forward in the cause of her Lord and Master with renewed vigor, "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

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TRURO.

On June 21st, Archdeacon Kaulback left for Windsor and from thence he went to Halifax to attend the Synod.

The Rev. S. Morgan, who is taking Mr. Underwood's place during the latter's visit in England, arrived in Truro on June 25th. He was accompanied by the Rev. J. Simmons, of Halifax, who preached at both services the following Sunday.

On Sunday, July 3rd, the Rev. Mr. LeMoine, of Halifax, assisted Mr. Morgan and at matins preached an excellent sermon from Eph. v. 1.

The Sunday School picnic which was to have taken place on July 15th was postponed until the 19th, on account of the weather. The day was spent at DeBert, and, in spite of occasional showers, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A short service was held in the church before leaving Truro in the morning.

AMHERST.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence most generously threw open their pretty home at Fort Lawrence on Tuesday evening the 5th, and held a strawberry festival assisted by a number of friends, in aid of the organ fund and other minor matters in connection with St. Alban's church. A goodly number went over from this parish and enjoyed a pleasant time. Music, songs, charades, etc. comprised the programme for the evenings amusement. About \$45 were realized.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has signified his intention of administering the rite of confirmation in this parish about the 21st August. The rector is now preparing candidates for the solemn rite.

NEIL'S HARBOR.

The Rev. R. W. Norwood is in charge of this part of the mission. The Rev. R. A. Smith, his predecessor, started a library for the Sunday school with about 80 or 90 books, we have now about 130. A number of the Church people pay a small monthly subscription to a fund for the purpose of buying books.

Mr. Norwood has organized a sewing circle, the proceeds of which will go towards repairing St. Andrew's Church, which it needs both inside and outside.

There are about 80 Sunday school scholars besides the Bible Class the scholars are taught from St. Paul's Manuals, nearly every child being supplied with one.

The manuals were presented by the Rev. C. W. Vernon.

The Sunday school children had their annual picnic July 8th, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

LIVERPOOL.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived at Liverpool on his present Western tour for the purpose of consecrating the new cemetery acquired by the congregation of Trinity Church, the old "God's acre" surrounding the parish church having to be disused as its available space has been fully taken up by the interments of the past 70 years.

On Sunday evening the Bishop preached in Trinity Church to an overflowing congregation, and delivered a very impressive sermon on the "Love of God", taking as his text: "The Love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." The time did not admit of his lordship fully carrying out his subject to its finality, so, as he was not proceeding to the westward until the arrival of the S. S. Express, he was enabled on Monday evening at a special service to take up and complete the line of reasoning. The whole discourse was a very clear and forcible presentation of the subject, and in most earnest, persuasive language he urged on his hearers the necessity of constant, fervent prayer to God the Holy Ghost that He would indeed shed abroad the love of God in each individual soul.

The consecration of the cemetery took place at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. A large number of people, parishioners and others, had assembled, to witness the ceremony. The Bishop was attended by the rector of Trinity, and Rev. Mr. Berry, rector of Port Medway, who acted as his lordship's chaplain and carried his pastoral staff.

At the gate of the cemetery he was met by the Wardens and Vestrymen, when the petition for consecration was read by Mr. John G. Pyke, warden, and assented to by the Bishop. A procession was formed, headed by the chaplain with staff, followed by his lordship in full canonicals, the rector, the choir and assembled congregation, who proceeded round the enclosed grounds reciting alternately Psalm 23, 39, 90, and 103.

When the entrance was again reached, after a short service consisting of a lesson and several prayers, the hymn "How bright those glorious spirits shine" was sung by the choir and joined in by all present. The deed of consecration was then read by the rector and attested by the bishop, who delivered an address admirably adapted to the ceremony just performed, closing with the "Pax" and threefold blessing.

This visit of Bishop Courtney to Liverpool will be long remembered.

It is about seventy years since the old churchyard was opened as a burying ground for the parishioners, and as the new necropolis covers the space of four acres, it will no doubt last for interments many times as long as the old one, although it is surprising to see how rapidly lots are being occupied.

The special appeal which had been made on behalf of the Board of Home Missions resulted in a total collection of \$117, which has been remitted to the treasurer at Halifax.

SPRINGHILL.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will administer the rite of Confirmation on Friday evening Aug. 19.

In past years some good friends have generously remembered the Cottage Hospital by sending barrels of vegetables and fruit. The work has been helped and the comfort of the patients added to by such kindness. A new group of outbuildings called "The Katherine Block" is nearing completion.

In response to the special appeal for the B. H. M. the sum of about \$14. was obtained; considering the great slackness of work, at the mines at the present season the collection was good.

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