

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PORTLAND, ST. JOHN.—Parish of St. Paul's.—As the introduction of a surplined choir into a parish and into a Diocese is an event of some importance and significance, no apology need be made for claiming space in your columns for an account of the parish which, on New Year's Day, had the privilege of initiating in this Diocese this most appropriate way of conducting the musical portion of our religious services. The constant and steady growth of the Parish of St. Paul (Valley Church), especially during the last few years, cannot but force itself upon the attention of the most unobtrusive. The Rector, Canon DeVeber, has almost completed the 22nd year of his pastoral duties. Occasionally deemed by some too stationary, and by others too progressive, he seems, with rare tact, to have "struck the line," to borrow Froude's simile, "along which the forces of Nature are truly moving—the resultant not of the victory of either of the extreme parties, but of the joint action of their opposing forces." About three years ago he was so fortunate as to secure the services of a clergyman like-minded with himself, the Rev. F. Sill. He especially attracts the young. The Sunday-school during his supervision has increased from 100 to 250. The result of the united labours of Rector and Curate has been very great. Numbers have been added to the Church. In the Advent Season there were many adult baptisms, and on the 3rd Sunday in Advent 58 candidates were presented to the Metropolitan for Confirmation, many of them of mature years and belonging to all classes in society. The Metropolitan himself remarked upon their very devout and reverent behaviour, and upon the great solemnity which attended the service. St. Paul's Church was rebuilt 20 years ago upon the old site at a cost of \$30,000. The stained glass windows, from England, were gifts from private individuals, as was also the carved reredos behind the altar, and a memorial font under the great west window. This font, with its tessellated pavement and carved background, is said to be the most beautiful and unique specimen of its kind in the Dominion. There is daily service and a weekly Communion in this church, one-third of the seats being free and unappropriated. There are about 300 communicants belonging to St. Paul's, with a congregation of 400 at the Sunday services. They are principally professional men, and, with few exceptions, people of moderate means; yet their last Easter statement shows that they raised during the year, in the church and Sunday-school, \$3,300 for Church purposes; also, \$1,056 for Home and Foreign Missions and for the poor. Pew rents bring in about \$1000—amounting altogether to \$5,356 for the year. Since that, the parishioners, to mark their high appreciation of the Rector and his Curate, presented the latter with an Easter offering of \$200, and at Christmas Canon DeVeber received a purse of \$515. The surplined choristers, which, as we have mentioned, began their duties on New Year's Day, were solemnly initiated the Friday previous. After appropriate prayers and an address, they were presented to the Rector two and two. He gave each a Psalter, saying: "I admit thee as chorister in St. Paul's Church. What thou singest with thy lips, believe in thy heart; what thou believest in thy heart, perform in thy life. God admit thee as singer into His Sanctuary, both here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord." The 24 men and boys were thus admitted into the chancel, from which they retired at the close of the service singing an evening hymn. The services on Sunday (New Year's Day) were most hearty and interesting, the church, of course, being filled with large congregations, many in the afternoon not being able to get seats. It seems but right to give this detailed notice of the Parish of St. Paul, that others, even beyond our own Diocese may feel that patient perseverance in well-doing, despite all difficulties and obstacles, will bring an abundant blessing.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's.—We are grieved to learn that the injuries to the Rev. Lorenzo G. Stevens, M. A., Rector of St. Luke's, Portland, St. John, were of a very serious nature. In his fall he received a severe injury to the back of his head, breaking some of the small bones. He is confined to his bed, and the attendant doctors have forbidden all but the immediate attendants to see him. Mr. Stevens is universally beloved and respected in his Parish, where he has been doing a most important work, and his people are deeply affected by his critical condition. We hope soon to be able to report more favourable news.

MONCTON.—Presentation.—At the Children's Christmas Tree, in Moncton, Rev. Mr. Pentreath was presented with a napkin ring by the members of the Bible Class, a handsome seal skin cap from the gentlemen of the congregation, while some of the ladies kindly remembered Mrs. Pentreath by giving her a silver locket and chain. For these tokens of good will they feel especially grateful to the kind donors.

ST. JOHN.—Trinity Church.—The Midnight Service on New Year's Eve, was attended by a crowded congregation. The Rector preached, and was assisted in the Service by Rev. R. Mathers. In St. John's Church, Rev. O. S. Newnham preach-

ed to a large congregation from Exodus xiv., 15. Midnight Services were also held in St. George's, Carleton.

DORCHESTER.—Rev. J. R. Campbell was to have been inducted on the 1st. He expects to take full charge in April. The amount of salary, \$900, has been subscribed.

STANLEY.—Christmas Services at St. Thomas' Church were of the usual hearty description. The Church being tastefully decorated with evergreens, appropriate sentences, &c. On Monday evening the members of the church gave a most successful Literary and Musical Entertainment, in the Temperance Hall. In the musical portion of the programme, Miss Cora Miles, of Manguerville, rendered most valuable assistance, her singing being much appreciated by the music-loving folks of Stanley. The receipts amounted to over \$100, from which a comparatively trifling sum must be deducted for contingent expenses.

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. S. Neales, late of this Diocese, but for the past few years in California for the benefit of his health, has accepted the charge of St. Paul's, San Francisco.

ST. GEORGE AND PENNFIELD.—Christmas and New Year have come and gone. We have had hearty services, good music, appropriate decorations, and willing workers. In St. M's Church, St. George, the decorations were chiefly in the chancel. The altar and reredos present a fine appearance, having the words "Holy, Holy, Holy" in letters of gold on a white background, bordered with green, on the reredos, and the symbolic letters "Alpha" and "Omega" on the front panels of altar, with a cross on the middle panel. All the hangings are of white. Two banners, with the words "Christ" and "Lord," are suspended over the altar. Christ's Church, Pennfield, is also tastefully decorated. At the Christmas Eve service, St. George, the Sunday School children sang the chants, carols and hymns, and also took their part well in the other parts of the service. After the service each scholar was presented with a Christmas card. There were about 40 communicants on Christmas Day in St. George, and 30 in Pennfield on New Year's Day. The midnight service on New Year's Eve, in St. George, was better attended than ever before, the church, though large, being well filled. The service consisted of the Litany, appropriate hymns, the 2nd lesson from Revelations, an address on the word "Come," Rev. xxii. 17, and silent prayers. The text on New Year's evening was from Luke xiii. 8, "Lord, let it alone (this year) also." At Pennfield the Church Circle presented the Rector and his wife with appropriate and handsome presents. As a good omen of the gate of the Churches in this Mission, we may add that the contributions towards the Rector's salary were in excess of what was required this quarter, though a great many families and individuals have left the place. To-morrow (Jan. 14th) there is to be a grand opening of the Grand Southern Railway, in honor of the Government who stood by it in its time of need. The completion of the railway, in connection with our unsurpassed water power, gives us hope for our future.

ST. MARY'S.—Bishop Kingdon held a Confirmation in St. Mary's Church, Parish of St. Mary's, on Friday evening, January 6th.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS, received at the DIOCESAN ROOM, for the week ending January 7th, 1882.

- GENERAL PURPOSES, B. H. M.
Truro, per W. B. King, Esq., \$60.00; St. Peter's, S. E. Passage and Cole Harbor, per Rev. W. L. Currie, \$9.89; St. Clements, per J. V. Fudy, Esq., \$39.00; Liverpool Road, per Rev. H. D. DeBolis, \$16.50; St. George's, Halifax, per C. Pickford, Esq., \$64.70; Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$86.48; Windsor Forks, per Rev. Canon Dart, \$23.50; Yarmouth, per Rev. J. T. T. Moody, \$114.00; Bridgewater, per Rev. W. E. Gelling, \$62.02; Sackville, per Rev. W. Ellis, 25; Sydney Mines, per Rev. G. Metzler, \$43.71; Windsor, per Geo. H. Wilcox, Esq., \$151.04; Pictou, per Rev. J. Edgecomb, \$21.00; Glace Bay, per Rev. C. Croucher, \$14.00; Spring Hill, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$34.03; Lunenburg, per Rev. H. L. Owen, \$67.00; St. Clements, per Mrs. Goffrey, \$2.00; Sydney, C. B., per Rev. D. Smith, \$60.61; Granville, per Rev. F. P. Grestore, \$56.71; Bridgetown, per Rev. L. M. McKim, \$60.00; Mahone Bay, per Rev. D. Sutherland, \$60.00; Beaver Harbor, per Rev. R. Smith, \$53.30; Yarmouth, per Rev. J. T. T. Moody, \$180.00; Chester, per Rev. Geo. H. Butler, \$37.34; Rosette, per Rev. J. Partidge, \$67.43; Lockeport, per Rev. C. E. Churchward, \$50.06; Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$64.61; Hubbard's Cove, per Rev. H. Stamer, \$64.75; Londonderry, per Rev. V. E. Harris, \$40.78; Seafort, per Rev. J. A. Richey, \$23.40; Pugwash, per Rev. V. E. Harris, \$9.20; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$93.67; Lunenburg, per Rev. H. L. Owen, \$24.20; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$39.53; Liverpool, per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$275; Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$27.27; Newport, per Rev. H. How, \$31.55; Aylesford, per Rev. R. Avery, \$45.85; Amherst, per Rev. Canon Townshend, \$147.13; Manchester, per Rev. H. Hamilton, \$6.00; Albion Mines, per Rev. D. C. Moore, \$60.00; St. Mark's and St. John's, Halifax, per Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$53.50; Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, per the Lord Bishop, \$221.50; St. George's, Halifax, per D. H. Whiston, Esq., \$5.00; Beaver Harbor, per Rev. R. Smith, \$26.25.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.
Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$8.52; Windsor, per G. H. Wilcox, Esq., \$32.03; Sydney Mines, per Rev. G. Metzler, \$9.10; Sydney, per Rev. D. Smith, \$6.14; Granville, per Rev. F. P. Grestore, \$5.45; Mahone Bay, per

- Rev. D. Sutherland, \$8.00; Chester, per Rev. G. H. Butler, \$6.90; Lockeport, per Rev. C. E. Churchward, \$4.02; Hubbard's Cove, per Rev. H. Stamer, \$1.50; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$8.00; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$2.27; Newport, per Rev. H. How, \$5.00; Albion Mines, per Rev. D. C. Moore, \$4.75; St. Mark's and St. John's, Halifax, per Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$12.25; Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, per the Lord Bishop, \$61.53; Rosette, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$7.00.

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.
Windsor, per G. H. Wilcox, Esq., \$7.00; Sydney Mines, per Rev. G. Metzler, \$4.04; Hubbard's Cove, per Rev. H. Stamer, \$1.50; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$2.06; Albion Mines, per Rev. D. C. Moore, \$4.75.

ENDOWMENT FOR PARISHES.
Hon. W. B. Troop, Granville, \$5.00.
JOHN D. H. BROWN, Clerical Secretary.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$2.00; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$5.25; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$1.05.
WM. GOSHIP, Treas. B. F. M., Dio. N. S.

HUBBARD'S COVE.—On entering Hubbard's Cove Church, on Christmas morning, that most churchlike and compact of country edifices, I was most agreeably surprised and pleased, on witnessing its neat and chaste decorations, so much in keeping with the festive season, principally owing (as I could learn) to the Rector's daughter, who has lately returned from England, and with her experience, combined with the efforts of other willing hands, the whole was so arranged, that there was a place for everything, and everything in its proper place. The texts were most appropriate, and very tastefully set up, and, although the trimming may not be as elaborate as some of the city churches. Yet, such an air of comfort, such deep religious demeanor seemed to pervade all, that one would be led to exclaim, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

BRIDGEWATER.—The decorations of Holy Trinity Church, Bridgewater, are this year equal to any former labour of love in this direction, and do much credit to the many willing hands which have been employed thereon. Festoons of spruce hang from a high, central point in the open beams of the roof to the walls of the building, directing the eye upward and leading the mind to one place. The graceful sweep of the numerous wreaths of evergreens contrast in a very pleasing manner with the strong rafters, and both thus combined have unity with variety, which always tend to satisfy. The very appropriate text of Scripture from Isaiah lx. 13 is placed round the church in crimson and green letters, showing that we have a Divine Command for thus endeavouring to beautify the place of God's Sanctuary. The windows and fine arch of the chancel are wreathed with the glory of the forest, while a triple archway has been placed before the altar, covered with crimson and green, surmounted with the cross, for the Nativity of our Lord and His triumphant Resurrection from the Dead became the contemplation of one day, as Christmas this year fell on the Lord's Day. But the beautiful white and green letters in front of the gallery reminded all of the purity of His nature Who lived upon earth not simply without sin, but with all the holiness of God—in white, the emblem of His abiding purity, and in green, ever living, ever present, ever working for us—"I am alive for ever more. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be ever liveth to make intercession for us." The pulpit, lectern, altar and font are also neatly decorated—the altar with beautiful flowers and the font with a new permanent cover of fret-work in wood, with various appropriate devices in the panels. And when the happy day came a glad congregation assembled in our House of Prayer. The Sunday-school occupied the chancel, and those whom He called "My lambs" that day sang His praises. Many of the older ones remained to partake of the Body broken for us and the Blood shed for us, of which the Lord has said, "Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." In the evening the church was again well filled, and again the children sang their sweet Christmas carols, and an earnest and large congregation were glad to be in the House of the Lord. The collections were for our Home Missions, and realized an amount larger than on any former occasion. We trust that this happy festive season may be to many a foretaste of the joys which are eternal.

LIVERPOOL.—A Card.—The Rector of Liverpool wishes to return thanks, on behalf of the 165 children attending his Sunday Schools, to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed towards making the Christmas Tree a success. He also embraces the opportunity of offering his grateful acknowledgment to the anonymous donor of a handsome pecuniary gift to himself, "as a slight token of appreciation of his work since there has been no Curate in the Parish."
The Rectory, Liverpool, Dec. 28, 1881.

ALBION MINES.—The Sunday School of Christ Church had its annual Christmas tree on the 3rd inst. They assembled at Church, where the Rector told them what Christmas trees and Christmas gifts meant, and then they went to the room, and soon bore away a present 2-piece, or more, with cake, apples, oranges, bon-bons, as is customary; 50 partook of the fruit of the tree, and rejoiced as only children can.

WINDSOR.—The fire which partially destroyed the Chapel-of-Ease on Christmas Eve, will it is hoped, prove a blessing in disguise, for while the Insurance will not be more than \$1,000, and the building is worth quite \$3,000, still that amount will materially help in building a new and more modern building. We understand that over \$5,000 is now in hands, and we have heard that immediate action is to be taken. So important a Parish as Windsor ought to possess an attractive Church, and the manufacturing interests now in progress with others proposed, will, doubtless, greatly enlarge the population, and make a larger building a necessity.

GUYSBOROUGH.—The new Church is now finished, and service for the first time was held in it on Sunday, Christmas evening, Rev. Mr. Hamilton and Rev. Mr. Arnold officiating. The Church, which comfortably seats 150, was completely filled by a well pleased congregation of Churchmen and dissenters—not a seat was vacant. The Service was hearty and cheerful, the sermon delivered by Mr. Arnold admirable, the music and singing of the Christmas hymns and anthems by the choir exceedingly well rendered and pleasing. Until we can secure the services of a resident clergyman, those named will probably favor us with occasional Services. The Church looked well, and the arrangements of the interior, though simple, are well appointed. A simple broad aisle divides the pews, which are comfortable, nicely painted, and free. It is a pleasure to record also, that the Church is free from debt, the S. P. C. K. granting us \$35 sterling. The ladies of the congregation held an apron fair and supper in the town hall, on the Tuesday evening before Christmas, and realized nearly fifty dollars. They are indefatigable, and without their aid, this desirable result—freeing the Church from debt—could not have been attained.

RIVER JOHN.—The new Church dedicated to St. John the Baptist, was consecrated by the Lord Bishop on December 29. Two Rev. J. L. Downing (Rector) having presented the petition for consecration, and its prayer being granted, the Bishop and clergy, (the pastoral staff being borne before his Lordship) proceeded from the tower entrance to the chancel repeating the 24th Psalm responsively. In his address the Bishop congratulated the congregation on possessing a building so calculated by its style of architecture to lead their thoughts upward, and commended highly the arrangements from the font at the door to the Lord's Table in the east, everything teaching its lesson. Baptism without which none can enter. Instruction which all should receive in the body of the Church. Confirmation to be received at the chancel steps, which lead to the place of receiving the Christian's highest earthly privilege, the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood. The consecration service being ended, the Bishop commanded his acting chaplain (Mr. Moore) to read the deed, which his Lordship then signed and ordered to be recorded in the registry of the Diocese. Rev. D. C. Moore then said the shortened form of morning prayer, Rev. Messrs. Cox and McDonald reading the lessons. Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, the first missionary here did excellent service at the organ throughout the day, a duty kindly undertaken, but one which, it is to be regretted, prevented his former flock from learning his well beloved voice in the saying of the services. The Communion office was said by the Bishop, the Rector reading the Epistle and Rev. A. C. McDonald the Gospel. The Bishop then preached a sermon pointing out lessons of Christmas and of the end of the year from Isaiah xxxviii. 20. Everyone knows how the Bishop preaches, it suffices therefore, to say, that his powers were unabated and his earnestness as great as ever. The Holy Eucharist was then celebrated by the Bishop, in distributing the elements he was followed by Mr. Moore with the chalice, the Rector of the parish similarly following Mr. Kaulbach. At 4.30 p.m. a special confirmation service was held, when three men and a woman were confirmed. The Bishop laying down the Scriptural and Divine character of the sacred rite in a way which left small room for gainsaying. At 7 p.m. evening prayer was said by Rev. A. C. McDonald, the Bishop reading the first and Rev. J. C. Cox the 2nd lesson. The sermon from St. Luke xxi. 5 and 6, was by the Rev. D. C. Moore, a former Rector of the parish of Pictou, before River John was separated from it. The building now consecrated is a thorough credit to the Rector and parishioners. It is in the first pointed or early English style and consists of nave (50 x 26), and chancel (24 x 18), with vestry (12 x 9) and a square tower at the S. W. corner, rising three stages and surmounted by a spire, finished with a most graceful cross. The tower itself rises slightly above the ridge of the Church roof, but from the ground to the top of the spire cross it is 80 feet in height. All the windows in the nave are fitted with Cathedral glass, from Spence of Montreal. The triplet in the chancel, however, is from Wailes and Strang, of Newcastle upon Tyne. This window drew forth special admiration from the Bishop; it is the gracious offering of Mrs. Elliott, in memory of her late husband, Rev. C. Elliot, B. A., Oxon, who from 1850 to 1871, was Rector of the Parish of St. James, Pictou, and was the means of erecting the original Church at River John, removed to make way for the present building. In the centre triplet is a full length figure of Christ, as the good shepherd with the crook in his right hand and holding a lamb on his left arm, while