

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE LORD BISHOP leaves Halifax on Thursday, for Charlottetown, P. E. I., where he holds Confirmations on Friday; and on Saturday His Lordship returns to Pictou, and on Sunday is to confirm a class in that Parish.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's*.—With reference to our notice last week of the present of a chair to Mr. Murray, we publish the following letter which speaks for itself:

Saturday in Easter Week, 1883.

*My Dear Friends*.—I know not how to thank you all, for your most kind and thoughtful present, but more especially is this the case when I see that a large majority of the names on the list of contributors are those of my flock, who, I know full well, are not blest with many of this world's goods, and have to work very hard for their daily bread. This fact makes the kind gift very precious indeed, and one which I very gladly receive as an Easter offering of an affectionate people for their Rector. That every blessing may attend you all, and every good, both temporal and spiritual, surround you, will always be the prayer of your faithful and loving Rector.

FREDERIC R. MURRAY.

ST. MARK'S.—The Sunday School entertainment at St. Mark's school room in aid of the library fund, was a very successful affair, and appreciated by a crowded house. A lengthy literary and musical programme, in which a number of the Sunday School scholars took part, was well rendered. The band of the P. W. O. Regiment contributed at intervals very acceptably. The whole reflected great credit on the able and enthusiastic Superintendent, Mr. J. G. Smith.

KENTVILLE.—The Rev. Mr. Ruggles having been invited to undertake a canvass on behalf of King's College, Windsor, his parishioners at the Parish meeting on Easter Monday adopted the following resolution:—Moved by Capt. Tuzo, seconded by Mr. Brown, "that although we regret the temporary loss of our Rector, we gladly concur in the expressed wish of the Bishop, that the Church may have the benefit of his services in assisting to make up the endowment for King's College." Mr. Ruggles will begin his canvass about June, and it is to be hoped that all who have not contributed to the object, will respond to Mr. Ruggles' appeal.

ORDINATION.—Rev. W. B. King, Deacon, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was admitted into the Priesthood by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in St. Luke's Cathedral, on the 1st Sunday after Easter.

STELLARTON.—The Parish Church was beautifully decorated for the Easter Festival. Quite a number of gifts had been presented by ladies of the congregation; an exquisite altar cross by Miss H. Carritt, book markers and bannerets, in white and gold, by the Misses Rutherford and Miss Carritt, and beautiful flowers by Mrs. Poole and Miss Johnson. A dossal, of needle-work, given by Miss Burrows, of Oxford, Eng., was used for the first time. The services of the day were bright and unusually well attended. A pleasing feature was the appearance of the New Glasgow choir at the evening service, who kindly went to lend their valuable aid. The Parish choir had been at the New Glasgow Chapel in the afternoon. Full and hearty singing at both churches was the pleasing result. The Parish Church Sewing Circle intend holding an open air fancy sale in Mount Rondell Park in June next, the proceeds to be devoted to church improvement. The members are now busily engaged preparing for it. The Easter meeting held in the Parish Church on Easter Monday was a most pleasant event. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for their zeal in connection with the church music and chancel improvement. The St. George's Chapel Easter meeting was held the following evening. The greatest interest was shown, a number of ladies remaining after service to listen to the proceedings.

The business transacted cannot fail to have a most healthy effect upon the Church in New Glasgow.

NEW ROSS.—Celebration on Maundy Thursday, Full Morning Service on Good Friday, with large congregation; a driving north-east snow storm precluded possibility of Evensong. On Easter evening, Choral Evensong and Baptism of 4 infants. Easter-day, though the weather was somewhat unfavorable, we had full Choral Mattins and Celebration at 10.30 a.m., with large attendance and 58 communicants. Fair attendance on Choral Evensong at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Parish Meeting took place next day at 11 a.m., when Messrs. Jos. Skerry and Chas. F. Meister were re-elected Wardens for the ensuing year. Offertory account, notwithstanding frequent unavoidable absence of the Missionary from service, and the difficulties in maintaining the services since Jan. 1st, from severe weather, amounted to receipts of over \$45 00, with balance on hand of \$7.85. This last meeting was very harmonious and quite satisfactory. Celebration on Easter Tuesday at 10 a.m. Plain Mattins and Low Celebration on Sunday following, together with Choral Evensong, brought the Easter tide observances here to a pleasant and successful termination.

THE next meeting of the "Annapolis Royal Rural Deanery" will be held at Granville, on Wednesday, the 18th of April. By order of the Dean.

HENRY D. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S.—The Annual Easter Meeting was held at St. George's Church, on the 27th ult. The Churchwardens' report was read, discussed, and the usual business disposed of. The subject of most importance was the resignation of Mr. Drake as Churchwarden, and also that of Mr. Newton Drake as Organist. Mr. Drake has held office, and more than faithfully discharged his duties since the first organization of the members of the church. He has had to grapple almost single handed with all those adverse circumstances which usually beset the establishment of a new church. He and the much esteemed pastor (now in Italy,) were mainly instrumental in raising funds for the building and support of St. George's, and the onus of nearly all the business in connexion with it devolved upon him. His zeal for its welfare is too well-known to require any comment here. In his resignation some of the best hopes of the future of the church have been lost. Still his good deeds will always be borne in grateful remembrance by the wise and the good, and cannot "pass away like a summer cloud." When his services during the past four years are contemplated, it may justly be said, "well done thou good and faithful servant." The resignation of Mr. N. Drake is much to be regretted. He is a young man much respected, and his duties as Organist have been punctually and efficiently performed, and although for obvious reasons he has felt it his duty to resign, it is still to be hoped that he may again be prevailed upon to resume his duties when the absent Pastor return to his charge. At the close of the meeting Mr. A. O. Pritchard was elected Churchwarden, and Mr. George Carew was elected Churchwarden *pro tem*. A vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs. Drake for their long and valuable services; and also Mr. Pritchard for his services as Lay Reader during the past year.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

WESTFIELD.—At the annual parish meeting on Easter Monday the following were elected the Corporation for the ensuing year: Churchwardens—W. Z. Williams, James Walsh. Vestrymen—A. M. Woodman, Samuel Eccles, W. H. Waters, N. H. DeVeber, Samuel Campbell, James Baxter, Nelson Waters, James Whelpley, J. M. Nase, Charles Haylor, J. W. Carter, Frederick Whelpley. Wardens' Assistants—Samuel Baxter, A. M. Woodman, Isaac Waters. Treasurer—A. M. Woodman. Vestry Clerk—H. A. DeVeber. Delegates to Synod—N. H. DeVeber, A. M. Woodman. Substitutes—W. H. Waters, James Walsh. Delegates to D. C. S.—A. M. Woodman, D. G. Eccles. Substitutes—W. H. Waters, Sam'l Campbell.

Presentation.—On Thursday evening, March

22nd, some of the ladies of St. Peter's Church presented A. M. Woodman, Esq., with a handsome silver cup and saucer, as a small token of their appreciation of his kindness in acting as Lay Reader during the Rector's illness.

ST. JOHN.—On Thursday night a largely attended meeting was held in Trinity Church School-room in connection with the Diocesan Church Society. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan, who was to have been present, was prevented from leaving Fredericton by an attack of quinsy, from which he is still suffering. Chief Justice Allan and Judge Wetmore were also prevented from being present. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor occupied the chair, and after prayers and singing made some excellent opening remarks. He made special reference to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which had done so much for the Church in New Brunswick in the past, but he now thought that it was about time the Diocese sustained itself. His Lordship the Coadjutor Bishop moved the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That inasmuch as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts has been compelled, owing to the demands made on its funds from heathen lands and newly organized dioceses, to largely diminish year by year its grant to this Diocese, and as all available funds are very inadequate to provide for its present want or meet its growing needs, it is necessary that the Church receive more liberal support throughout the Diocese."

In support of the resolution the Bishop spoke strongly of the duty of Churchmen to do more than they have heretofore done if the Church was to keep pace with the growth of population. He spoke of the impossibility of advance while parishes were vacant and contributions so small, and said if only a quarter dollar apiece was given by the 46,000 Church people of the Province there would be no difficulty in filling all vacancies and extending the work. C. H. Fairweather, Esq., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. His Worship Mayor Jones moved the next resolution, as follows:—

"Whereas, The Diocesan Church Society affords the only means for collecting and distributing contributions, and is representative of the whole body of subscribers; therefore

"Resolved, That it is worthy of confidence and support, and that this meeting pledges itself to use every endeavor to meet the wants of the Diocese by soliciting small and large subscriptions in aid of its funds."

The Mayor in a few pointed remarks urged the claims of the Society and the duty of Churchmen to give to its support. T. W. Daniel, Esq., seconded the resolution, and in doing so made a practical and effective speech, and concluded by suggesting that the best way to deal with the question was by the members contributing at least half as much again as they have been accustomed to give. Rev. Canon Brigstocke having spoken in favor of the resolution, it was unanimously adopted, and a vote of thanks to His Honor Lieut.-Governor Wilmot having been passed, the meeting was closed with the benediction, pronounced by the Bishop Coadjutor.

SHEDIAC.—*Church of Saint Martin in the Wood*.

—At the annual Easter Monday meeting, the Rev. H. H. Barber, Rector, in the chair, the following officers were elected.—Churchwardens—Sherman J. Welling and Henry A. Scovil, Esqs. Vestrymen—W. J. Gilbert, E. George Harshman, Welling Mills, George Welling, George E. Mills, Daniel McQueen, W. J. M. Hanington, Archibald Murray, James McQueen, John H. Murray, H. Gilbert and F. C. Beals. Delegates to Synod—W. J. Gilbert, Q. C., and W. L. C. Hanington. Substitutes—Sherman J. Welling and John H. Murray. Delegates to D. C. S.—W. J. Gilbert, Q. C., and W. J. M. Hanington. Vestry Clerk—E. G. Harshman. The Vestry Clerk reported the financial condition of the church to be good.

ST. JOHN.—*St. Mark's*.—The following are the corporation for 1873-4. Church Wardens—J. R. Ruel, T. W. Daniel. Vestrymen—Geo. S. De