

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**D. C. S. DEFICIENCY FUND.**—Parochial meetings within the Deanery of Saint John on behalf of the deficiency in the Diocesan Church Society funds, have already been held in Trinity Church and St. John's Church Parishes, and last Thursday evening, April 29th, a similar gathering assembled in St. James Church. The Rector, the Reverend Mr. Armstrong, briefly stated that the object of the meeting was to make the members of the congregation familiar with the Society's operations, the manner in which the rural churches were assisted through its aid, and the necessity for renewed exertions at the present time. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Dowling who gave an interesting sketch of the Church's progress from Woodstock to Madawaska, since the establishment of a Church in that mission, from which he was enabled to draw for the Society's benefit much encouragement. He pressed the Society's claims upon all with good effect. Messrs. Hurd Peters and E. Willis also addressed the meeting, dwelling upon the Society's purposes, and upon the duty of all churchmen to do for themselves a little for its benefit. They were followed by Rev. R. Mathers, who spoke of his early labors in mission work, of the cares and toils of clergymen in country districts, and of the want of more laborers and better accommodation for church purposes. This, the closing speech, was followed by the benediction from the rector, after which the meeting dispersed.

The aims of the Society, briefly stated, are to provide that the ministrations of the Word and Sacraments shall be within the reach of every resident of the Diocese; and secondly, to give every member of the Church an opportunity of taking his share in the work in a systematic manner. These objects are sought to be carried out in the following manner:

1. By providing missionary visits to places where there is no settled clergyman, and aid to new and poor missions.
2. By the establishment of civility scholarships; and by assistance, when necessary, to those who may be under preparation for the ministry, especially sons of clergymen.
3. By aiding Sunday and other schools.
4. By supplying the books and tracts of the society for promoting christian knowledge.
5. By aiding the building and enlarging of churches.
6. By aiding the building of parsonage houses.
7. By the creation of a fund towards the education of the children of clergymen.
8. By the creation of a fund towards the making a provision for clergymen who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity.
9. By the creation of a fund for the widows and orphans of the clergy.
10. By aid to the endowment fund in particular parishes.
11. By the formation of a fund for receiving money or securities as special trusts.

The following is the list of future Parochial meetings:—Tuesday, May 11, Potersville, Parish Church, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 11, St. Martins, Monday, May 31, St. Paul's, Portland, School Room, 8 p.m.; Tuesday, June 1, St. Anne's Church, Musquash, 7 p.m.; Monday, June 7, St. Thomas Church, Mace's Bay, School Room, 7 p.m.; Thursday, June 10, Fairville, School Room, 7.30 p.m.; Monday, June 14, Carleton St. George's S. R., 7.30 p.m.

**WAKEFIELD.**—St. John's Church.—A very interesting meeting on behalf of the D. C. S. deficiency was held in this Church on the 27th ult. The speakers from St. John having failed to come, Rev. E. S. W. Pentroath, who happened to be in Sussex, remained over, and accompanied Rev. J. Lockwood, the Missionary, to the Church, seven miles from Sussex. After Evening Prayer, the meeting was addressed by Roswell Arnold, Esq., of The Knole, in one of the best speeches for the purpose it has been our lot to listen to for a long time. He was followed by the Associate Editor of THE GUARDIAN, who laid before the meeting the proposed Deficiency Fund, and invited contributors in money, produce, and women's work. Rev. Canon Medley spoke of the past and present condition of the Mission. We are glad to learn that the Missionary has moved out

to the Parish, occupying part of a house near the Church.

**ST. ANDREWS.**—The Rev. Francis Partridge, of Rothesay, lectured on Friday night last, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of St. Andrews. His subject—"Rights and Wrongs"—was dealt with in a masterly manner. There was a very large and appreciative audience present. On Sunday, the Rev. gentleman preached at 11 in All Saints Church, at 3 at Chamcook, and in the evening again in All Saints Church. His sermons and lectures are highly spoken of. His many friends in St. Andrews were glad to see him.—*Globe.*

**HOME MISSIONS DEFICIENCY FUND.**—A. P. Tippet & Co., 3 North Market Wharf, St. John, are our agents for the sale of produce for the benefit of this Fund. Consignments should have plainly marked on them the name of the sender, and "for D. C. S." Send a postal card to the Associate Editor, Moncton, stating what you have sent, and it will be acknowledged in the paper. Will Rectors of parishes kindly bring this plan before their people? We should be glad to receive needlework, etc., from the Churchwomen of the Diocese. Will not each parish make up a parcel and send us? We will then arrange for a sale in St. John during the summer, and each parish sending can have its articles arranged by themselves. If those who think favorably of this will write us that they are willing to help, it will encourage others.

**FREDERICTON.**—The Synod Delegates from St. Ann's Church are Chief Justice Allen and W. Carman, Esq.

**ST. JOHN.**—Trinity Church.—The new church is approaching completion. It will not, however, be consecrated in July as was anticipated, as the organ, bells, and other fittings would not be ready. Workmen are busily engaged in carving the capitals of the pillars. The interior of the church will, we think, present a very handsome appearance. The ladies are busily engaged in working a Chancel carpet.

**Personal.**—Rev. Wm. Walker, Missionary at Thomaston and Rockland, Maine, formerly of this Diocese, has been visiting friends in the Province. Revs. W. Greor, of Oromocto, and W. H. Street, of Bathurst, were in town last week.

**St. John's Church.**—An appeal has been made to the congregation for monthly contributions to a Sustentation Fund, instead of half-yearly. \$1,500 additional are required.

**CHILDREN'S MITE BOXES.**—Five hundred of these have been issued to the S. S. children in the Diocese.

**HAMPTON.**—We understand that Rev. W. E. Vroom, of King's College, Windsor, will, after his ordination, be appointed Curate to Canon Walker. He will probably begin work about Sept. 1st.

**ST. JOHN.**—Messrs. J. & H. McMillan have for sale, "What is Confirmation," by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Canada, a useful little Tract, in the form of question and answer. Price \$1.00 per 100.

**St. Mary's Church of England Temperance Society.**—A fair audience assembled in the school of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo street last Thursday evening, to witness the exhibition of views under a magic lantern. Mr. L. L. Sharpe, the owner of the apparatus, conducted the affair. Some of the views were productive of a good deal of laughter, while others were both instructive and interesting. Mr. Sharpe's list embraces large numbers of views of ancient cities, some of a local nature and a few on sculpture. The entertainment was a highly satisfactory one in all respects.

**C. of E. Institute Literary Club.**—The last meeting of this Club, held last Thursday evening, was fairly attended, when Vice-President C. F. Kinnear occupied the chair. I. Allen Jack, Esq., gave a continuation of his highly entertaining original paper, "Art in Common Life," which was well received, and drew forth some approbatory remarks from the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, President of the Institute. Choice readings were given by Dr. Walker, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Frith. In bringing the enjoyable series of meetings held by this club to a close the chairman made a few appropriate remarks.

**SUSSEX.**—A meeting on behalf of the D. C. S. was held in Victoria Hall,

Sussex, and addresses made by G. A. Schofield, Esq., Rev. Canon Partridge, Roswell Arnold, Esq., and the Rector. Canon Medley laid before the people the plan advocated in the GUARDIAN, and stated that contributions in money or women's work would be received by the Editor at Moncton, while produce could be sent to St. John.

**PORTLAND.**—St. Paul's Church.—Rev. F. S. Sill will continue as the Curate of this Church.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**NORTH WEST ARM, HALIFAX.**—A largely attended business meeting of the members of the North West Arm Mission was held at Cogswell School House on Monday evening last. Mr. Selwyn H. Shreve was requested to occupy the Chair, and Mr. E. Lawson Fenerty was chosen Secretary. After prayers had been said, the Secretary presented a report, briefly summarizing the state of the Mission from early in 1878 to the time the services were again revived, viz., August 17, 1879; he also, as Treasurer, presented a financial statement from that time to the present, embracing a period of nearly 9 months; the following abstract we glean from his accounts:—

Receipts.	
Offerings at evening service to May - 2, 1880.....	\$40.56
Gross receipts, L. and M. Entertainment, (February).....	30.75
Special contributions from members of the congregation and friends towards the general improvement fund.....	85.30
<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$156.61</b>

Disbursements.	
Sundry expenses, including platform, choir, seats, carpet, painting, prayer desk and lectern, &c.....	125.10
Cash balance.....	\$31.60

which, with \$8.40, donations still to be received, leaves a balance, equivalent to cash, of \$40.65 in the Treasurer's hands. It was decided that a new organ was the next piece of Chapel furniture required, and the feeling of the meeting was strongly in favor of making an early purchase.

Several schemes were presented and proposals made which, in turn, were well discussed, the debate being greatly enlivened by many valuable suggestions from the ladies of the congregation, who were not few in number. The matter was finally left to a Committee, who were authorized to purchase a suitable instrument upon the best possible terms. The new fittings in the building were thought, by all, a very decided improvement, and the building, as at present arranged, much more worthy of being called a Place of Worship. Allusion was made to the fact that all the wood work, painting and coloring had been done by Mr. John Mont, a member of the congregation.

The Chairman presented a report of the number of services that had been held during the past 9 months.

The total number of evening services amounted to 39, and the congregations summing up 2,263; or, 34 Sunday evening services, average congregation, 62; 4 week-day evening services, average congregation, 35; and a celebration of the Holy Communion on Easter Tuesday morning; communicants, 10; congregation present, 15. This last service was principally for the benefit of those who were unable to reach the city on Easter Sunday. The services being in charge of a lay-reader, no provision has been made for the Celebration of the Holy Communion, excepting on special occasions, such as that alluded to, when the older members of the congregation, through weakness, are prevented from going to a Church.

Resolutions, expressive of grateful feelings towards Dr. Cogswell, (England), for kindly placing his building at the disposal of the congregation, and also to Miss Gelling, who has so faithfully and efficiently filled the position as organist, were unanimously and cheerfully passed. Arrangements were made for another Literary and Musical Entertainment, to take place on Monday evening, 17th inst., proceeds to be appropriated to the organ fund. As some of our leading city amateurs have consented to take part, a successful termination is anticipated.

Reference was made to the debt of gratitude due by the congregation to the city clergy, who, on different occasions dur-

ing the past 9 months, gave the people the benefit of their ministrations. The following are those who have assisted:—Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, Revs. Dr. Hill, Jno. Padfield, R. Wainwright, Robt. Wyllie, C. M. Sills, G. O. Troop, H. J. Winterbourne, H. Y. Hind, (P. E. Island).

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

Mr. E. Lawson Fenerty and Mr. Osborne Warner, Chapel Wardens; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. Lawson Fenerty.

Notices of Service Ascension Day evening at 7.30, and sermon by Rev. Dr. Hill were given, and the singing of the Doxology brought a most interesting and satisfactory meeting to a close.

**HALIFAX.**—St. Luke.—The following address, together with over \$300 in money, was presented to Rev. C. M. Sills by St. Luke's Parish on his leaving Halifax.

## ADDRESS.

To Rev. C. M. Sills.—The Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of St. Luke in expressing their great regret at your departure from amongst them, desire to convey to you a permanent record of their appreciation of your earnest and valued ministrations as Curate for the past four years, and also of the high estimation they entertain for you personally.

During all that period of pastoral and social intercourse they feel that you have been a faithful and diligent servant of our Lord and Master, and have endeared yourself to many with an affection and attachment which will remain unabated and unchanged in the future.

In the faithful discharge of your duties they would especially notice the interest you have taken in the prosperity of the Sunday School; your diligent attention to the success of the Choir, and your remarkable skill and good taste in the decorations wherewith you have from time to time beautified the Sanctuary.

In parting with you they most heartily unite in the hope and wish that your labors may be blessed and your happiness secured in the new field of labor which is opening to you, and they at the same time ask your acceptance of the more substantial proof of their affection which accompanies this address.

With the best wishes for Mrs. Sills and yourself,

We are, Rev. and Dear Sir,

In behalf of the Parish,

Signed by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, Ven. the Archdeacon and a number of Parishioners of the Cathedral.

To which Mr. Sills made the following

## REPLY.

To the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners of St. Luke's Cathedral:

My dear Rector and kind friends,—Allow me to thank you very warmly for the kindly worded address you have just presented to me, and for its accompanying gift. While listening to the flattering terms in which your address is couched, I cannot but feel deeply how unmerited is its praise.

My life among you for the four years of my curacy in the Cathedral has been made very happy by many proofs of your affection and good will, and if my Master's work has at all prospered under my hands much is due, under God's blessing, to the sympathy and encouragement which I have uniformly met with in my ministrations among you, both on the part of my dear Rector, and of you the parishioners.

In that portion of my work to which you have specially referred, I have to acknowledge very gratefully the ready, willing aid always given me by the ladies of the Congregation both in the Sunday School, and in the decoration of the Church at the glorious Festivals.

I shall always value very highly the assurances of your love and attachment. Believe me it is with no ordinary regret that I now take my leave of you all.

Thanking you from my heart for your good wishes for Mrs. Sills and myself, and commending you to the gracious care of Him in whose Holy Church all of us are united as brethren wherever we may be,

I remain always,

Your affectionate friend and brother,

C. MORTON SILLS.

Halifax, May 2nd, 1880.

**LOCKPORT.**—The Church of the Holy Cross.—A font has been erected in this

Church by Mr. Geo. Sanford, Halifax. It is well made, correct in design, and in perfect harmony with the rest of the Church. It is elevated on a cruciform pediment at the east side of the entrance, which much improves its appearance, and enables the manual acts of the office to be performed in the sight of the whole congregation. This font is an offering of the faithful in a distant portion of the Diocese. There are two or three other things yet needed to complete the inside furniture, notably, vestments for the altar. Any offerings towards this object will be gratefully received. The ladies in connection with the Church intend holding a bazaar and fancy sale on the 27th inst., proceeds to be devoted to the paying off the small debt still remaining unpaid. We have just received another grant of books from the ever-generous S. P. G. for the Sunday School, which is vigorous and well managed by its faithful and pains-taking Superintendent, Mr. Geo. Redding. The Church fabric has, a short time since, received two coats of paint, generously supplied us by Mr. Stairs, of Halifax. This has enhanced its appearance very much.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**DIOCESAN CHURCH FUNDS.**—No greater praise can be bestowed upon the management of the various Funds of the Diocese of Quebec than that which is involved in the brief statement that not one dollar of interest or of principal has been lost during the last few years of general financial depression and loss. This statement will be appreciated when it is remembered that the various Funds entrusted to the management of the Church Society exceed \$350,000. The local Endowments of various congregations and Missions held in trust for each community by the Church Society now amount to a total of \$53,733. A distinct Trust Deed exists for each Fund, and the securities in which the capital is invested are assigned to each. In no case is the revenue available for the clergyman's stipend until it yields \$200 per annum, at 6 per cent. interest. The Clergy Trust Fund now amounts to \$112,231, and the Bishopric Endowment Fund to \$86,597. The Widows' and Orphan's Fund has a capital of \$44,427. The Pension Fund is slowly but surely creeping up. It has a capital of \$13,967. The revenue may not be used under the terms of the By-Law until the capital amounts to \$25,000.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

**LABRADOR.**—After the long isolation which winter entails upon the Missionary and his numerous little congregations scattered up and down the coast of Labrador, the first tidings which reach us in Spring are looked for with anxiety. Two letters have just been received from the Rev. Fred Webster, both hearing striking evidence of the isolation of the coast. The first is dated 6th Nov., 1879, and the second was written on the 5th February. He, and Mr. Willis, who followed after him to act as School master, have been usefully and happily employed. At Christmas their School Chapel was rendered bright and attractive by tasteful decorations. Mr. Webster refers to the harmonium as affording valuable aid and enjoyment in their Sunday and week day services. Carols were sung at Christmas-tide. Clergyman and teachers seem to have divided each day's work so systematically and so profitably, that the time, up to February, had passed away rapidly and pleasantly. The coldest day of the season so far, had been the last of the old year, when the thermometer indicated 28 deg below zero. Mr. Webster hopes to sail for Quebec in the first steamer about the middle of June.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

**BROMPTON.**—A handsome painted window, of three lights, by Spence of Montreal, was placed in the chancel of Christ Church, Brompton, on Easter Eve. It is the gift of Mrs. Mack, of Seawood, Brompton, and is in memory of her husband the late William Gordon Mack.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at their last meeting granted Books to the value of \$31.00 to the Bishop of Moosonee for York Factory, Hudson Bay. Also to Peterboro, Ontario, Hymn Books to the value of two pounds, and to Eganville, Ontario, Prayer-Books to the value of five pounds. They have also granted £1,000 to supplement £11,000 given for the Endowment of a new Bishopric in North China.