

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

We would be pleased to receive from as many parishes as possible short pithy accounts of the Christmas sermons. Our space is so limited that we have to insist on condensed reports.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

NEWPORT.—Great interest is taken in the special sermons for Advent delivered in St. James Church.

The services at the Temperance Hall are attended by overflowing congregations. Some fifty names are attached to the total abstinence pledge.

Mrs. How's autograph quilt has already collected \$40 towards the much needed Church Hall.

A new organ has just been placed in St. Anne's Church, Woodville.

Several most useful improvements have been made within and around the Rectory, adding greatly to the comfort of its occupants.

Special services are being held for the Board of Home Missions in different parts of this Parish.

MAITLAND.—There are at least three Maitlands in this Diocese—one near Halifax, one in Lunenburg County, and this, which is in Hants.

When we lost our good Rector, Mr. Jamieson, we thought we were bereaved dreadfully, and so we were. When the Hon. A. McNutt Cochran was taken from us we were depressed, some might think unduly even; but he was a great loss. However, God has been good to us, and under our present Rector, though he is but young, we believe the spiritual and temporal condition of the parish is as healthy as ever. The former is evidenced by the addition of new communicants, and both (we may surely say) by the large offerings of the people—large, that is, according to their means.

Since the Rev. G. R. Martell has been Rector the Rectory House has been repaired and painted.

Trinity Church has also been painted and provided with a new stove.

The church at Five Mile River has been cleared of debt.

The Kennetcook Church has now a handsome bell-turret, instead of the old tower to which we will not apply any adjective. The church has been painted, and lighted with a handsome chandelier, while the organ has been quite paid for.

At Northfield, too, the people have done well, seating the place in which they worship and furnishing it with a good stove.

And all we say is, the Lord be praised, and may he continue to bless His work.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—Rev. C. O'Meara, after having during the past three weeks administered to the spiritual wants of the stricken in the Small-pox Hospital with most self-sacrificing zeal, has resumed his accustomed duties as Rector of St. Paul's. The gratitude of the whole community is justly due to the rev. gentleman for the manner in which, at the great risk of his life, he has afforded the consolations of God's truths to the sick and dying, and has performed the solemn duty, frequently at the midnight hour, of consigning to the tomb the victims of the dread disease.

LOCKEPORT, N.S.—The Missionary in charge, Rev. S. Gibbons, has returned from his six weeks' trip to the West Indies, benefited by the rest. He was ordered to have complete rest for his throat, which was giving out. During his enforced absence, services were regularly held by the two Churchwardens—

Messrs. J. E. Richardson and George Redding. The services were well attended and relished by all.

HALIFAX.—Church Women's Missionary Association.—A sale and tea in behalf of the Association was held last week in Pleasant street. There was a lovely display of Christmas goods, and we hope that the receipts were satisfactory to all concerned. The Association is doing a noble work in assisting the poorest Missions in Nova Scotia, and its work ought to commend the Association to the whole Diocese.

St. Luke's.—The younger members of this church distinguished themselves last week by two amateur minstrel performances in the school-room. The proceeds of the entertainment were for charitable purposes.

Trinity Church.—The membership of the church is gradually growing. The well-known words, "For the poor and stranger for ever," which have been engraven on stone for so long over the church doors, were chipped off last week.

St. George's.—Quite a transformation has taken place in the appearance of the interior of the church during the past year. Some months ago the church was beautifully decorated, and the body of the church contrasted strangely with the improvement. There has just been completed the painting of the body of the church, giving quite a warm and inviting appearance to the whole interior. The dome has full-length figures of the four Evangelists painted on it, and the pillars are prettily blended with brown and bronze. The cost of both chancel and body of the church was defrayed by private subscriptions and efforts, and not from the ordinary funds of the church, and is one of the many instances of increased life and activity which have in the past few years come over the congregation.

NEW GLASGOW.—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, we had a visit from Lay Reader Selwyn Shreve, of Halifax, who kindly assisted the Rector by saying the Litany. The number of communicants was somewhat larger than has been common of late. *Laus Deo.*

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Rev. G. O. Troop became suddenly ill, at the early service in St. James' Church on Sunday, the 13th instant, and was obliged to go home. His physician advised that he should not take part in any of the other services during the day. In consequence Rev. G. M. Armstrong occupied the pulpit at 11 a.m., and Rev. W. O. Raymond in the evening.

PORTLAND.—The Young Ladies' Association of St. Luke's Church has been organized, with the following ladies as officers:—Mrs. David H. Nase, president; Miss Alice Farmer, vice-president; Miss Marion Holly, secretary; Miss Nellie Tapley, treasurer. The society is formed for the social and intellectual improvement of its members. Meetings will be held monthly (conversations occasionally), at which special programmes will be carried out. The association hopes to do a good work in the way of developing latent talent for vocal and instrumental music, select readings, essays, and systematic reading with various authors.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

OLD LENNOXVILLE BOYS.—The reunion of old Lennoxville boys, which is to take place at the Windsor, Montreal, on Jan. 7th, promises to be well attended. A list of the "Boys" as complete as possible has been compiled by Mr. A. D. Nicolls. Owing, however, to the destruction by fire of some of the University and School calendars, the list is imperfect. "Boys"

who receive no circulars about the reunion are invited to communicate with Mr. Nicolls. Dr. R. W. Heneker, Chancellor, and Rev. Canon Norman, Vice-Chancellor, will attend the dinner, as also several guests of eminence in science and education.

SHEEBROOKE.—On Christmas Eve a short choral service will be held in St. Peter's Church at 8 p.m., and on Christmas Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., followed by a full choral service at 11, at which the *Te Deum* will be sung to a fine setting by J. R. Thomas, and the "Hallelujah" chorus from the "Messiah" will be rendered, together with an anthem. The musical portion of the service will be repeated in part at the services on the Sunday after Christmas.

Children's Carol Concert.—An entertainment consisting of old Christmas Carols, interspersed with recitations and instrumental music, is to be given in St. Peter's Church hall on Wednesday evening, 23rd instant, at 7:30, by the children of the "Red Riding Hood" troupe, a chorus of fifty in all.

LEARNED PLAIN.—The Rev. A. H. Judge will hold his next service here, in the school-house, on Wednesday, the 23rd, at 7 p.m., instead of the following day.

The ladies of the village have organized a Guild in connection with St. Paul's Church, which promises some very good results in the parish.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE MEDICOS.—The Medical Faculty in connection with Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has its own building and rooms in the city of Montreal; the lectures being attended by an ever increasing number of students drawn from all sections of the country. The annual reunion of professors, graduates and undergraduates was held at the Windsor last Wednesday evening. Among those present were Dr. F. W. Campbell (in the chair), Chancellor Heneker, Principal Adams, and Drs. Laphorn Smith, C. A. Wood, J. B. Saunders, F. R. England, J. C. Cameron, D. D. Gaherty, Gravelly, Proudfoot, Reddy, Rowell, Trenholme, G. A. Armstrong, Perrigo, Kennedy, and Wilkins, and Messrs. Shewan, Donald and Nelson. After dinner the following toasts were proposed and fittingly responded to: "The Queen," "Governor-General," "United States," "Our Alma Mater," "Our Dean and Professors," "Sister Faculties," "Sister Universities," "Our Benefactors," "The Western Hospital," "Our Graduates," "Our Freshmen," "The Press."

DUNHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—An appeal has been taken from the judgment of Mr. Justice Mathieu, holding the Corporation of the College liable for the balance of salary due by Mrs. Holden to Miss Tucker; one of the teachers engaged by her.

MONTREAL.—St. Martin's.—On the 6th inst., Rev. J. S. Stone, B.D., Rector, delivered an eloquent sermon on the "Disestablishment of the Church of England." He took for his text Psalm 122: 6, "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." He said that nothing we could say or do would affect the Imperial Parliament one way or the other, but it was only right that in a crisis such as the present, the Church in Canada should endeavor to apprehend and sympathize with the condition of the mother church across the sea. The disestablishment of the Church of England would involve the financial ruin of many mission fields and parishes throughout the world. Over a million dollars are annually sent out of England by the great Anglican missionary societies, and Canada has had and is having her share, the Northwest mission being still largely supported by English churchmen. If in Eng-