

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The annual services of the Church of England Institute were held at St. Luke's Cathedral, on Thursday evening, Feb. 16. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.30 a. m., and Choral Evensong at 7.30 p. m., when the special preacher was the Rev. Francis Partridge, B. D., Canon of Fredericton, Rector-elect of St. George's Parish. Over sixty men and boys composed the surpliced choir, and rendered very effectively the special Psalms and the following "Church Hymns":—Processional, 480; Nos. 509, 331, 284; Recessional, 532. His Lordship the Bishop and eleven of the city clergy were in the procession. The congregation crowded the church, many having to go away for want of room. The sermon was a very excellent one, and, with the consent of the preacher, we shall give it to our readers at an early day. The offertories at both services were in aid of the funds of the Institute, and amounted to \$47.00. The annual meeting of the Institute takes place this (Thursday) evening, when it is to be hoped a large attendance will gather to help forward this highly important Institution.

A lecture, by Rev. J. L. Bell—subject, "Christian Songs"—will be given at the Institute Rooms, on Monday, 27th inst., at 8 p. m. Admission free to all.

NEW GLASGOW.—The ladies of St. George's congregation held their fancy sale and tea party on the 2nd inst., with great success. A children's tea party was held the following day. Great credit is due to all concerned. Music lent its charms. Messrs. Trean, Gordon and Patterson, with violin, cornet, and piano, while Miss Stewart (daughter of the late Presbyterian minister of that name) not only lent her piano, but played it, and added some excellent singing besides. The results were \$200 gross, with less than \$20 expenses.

WREYMOUTH.—A few young ladies, the more advanced scholars of the Sunday School of St. Peter's Church, formed a Sewing Circle among themselves last October. At a sale in Rothesay Hall on the 3rd inst., their modest but most praiseworthy efforts yielded over \$27.00, of which \$3.00 are for obtaining books for the Sunday School Library, and the balance forms the nucleus of a fund for a pipe organ for the new parish church. Our young friends resume the work which they have so happily begun, and we have no doubt that there will not be wanting contributions from those who ever appreciate and encourage youthful earnestness and zeal in behalf of "Christ and the Church." And thus, but mainly through their own exertions, the young ladies will, in due time, witness the accomplishment of the object which they have in view.

BRIDGETOWN.—A very pleasant surprise party assembled at the Rectory on the evening of the 2d inst., when a number of the parishioners of St. James' and others came together to pay their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, and to convey to them some substantial tokens of their good will. The party commenced to arrive about 7 o'clock p. m., and after spending several pleasant hours in social conversation, games, and music, were called to order by P. Chesley, Esq., Churchwarden, who, in a few well-chosen remarks in behalf of the parishioners, presented the Rector with the offerings of those who attended, amounting in all to something over \$40.00, assuring him that it was given as a token of their respect for and hearty good will towards him, and with the hope that it would not only be found materially useful, but prove an encouragement in his labors among them. In accepting the gift and tendering his cordial thanks for the same, Mr. Wilkins assured his parishioners that it gave him the most sincere pleasure not only to receive their handsome present, but even more so when viewed in the light so dear to the heart of every clergyman, as the tokens of the kindly feeling existing towards him personally on the part of his people, and that, manifesting itself now, in the ninth year of his ministry among them, it afforded him much greater satisfaction than it would have done in the first years of his incumbency. Thos. Crockill, Esq., Churchwarden, then moved a vote of thanks to the ladies with whom the party originated, which, being put, was cordially and unanimously passed. After more social conversation and music the party broke up, all expressing themselves well pleased with their first surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins have since received several handsome donations from parties at Belle Isle, who were unable to be present on account of the roads, and also kind letters and contributions from several of the congregations who were unavoidably absent.

SHIP HARBOR.—Allow me to offer you a few notes with reference to this old and important parish. Ship Harbor for a long time has been under the judicious supervision of its present Rector, Rev. R. Jamison, who is also Rural Dean. In the far past and early days of the mission, it was visited by a clergyman from Newfoundland. Some time afterwards another clergyman paid it a flying visit. Later still, an effort was made to do the work of the Church by the late Rev. Prof. Stephenson, of King's College, who during the summer vacation used to walk along the shore, administering the Sacraments and holding services whenever

a number could be conveniently gathered together. Over forty-one years ago, Bishop Inglis ordained for the Parish the present Rector, who was a graduate of the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, Ireland. He began the work, rather, at first, of a missionary, than priest. There were no churches, no roads or organization of any kind, and for twenty years he travelled on foot, holding regular services at appointed stations. Often a large barn would be prepared for this purpose, and in one of which even Bishop Inglis held service when on a visit to the mission.

During the past twenty years roads have been rapidly opened up, and the inconveniences of walking or going by boat, are things of the past. When Mr. Jamison first came here, the parish was of almost indefinite proportions, stretching over one hundred and twenty miles along the shore; it embraced the following stations:—West Musquodoboit, Jeddore, Ship Harbor, Clam Harbor, Shore Bay, Tangier, Pope's Harbor, Spry Harbor, Spry Bay, Sheet Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Noddyquoddy, Mosher River, Necum Tough, Mary Joseph, St. Mary's, Liscomb Harbor, Indian Harbor, and Country Harbor. In eight of the above places he was instrumental in erecting Churches, and laid the foundation of their present parish organizations. The Rector's advancing years and increasing work necessitates the division of this immense field into separate parishes, consequently, the original has been gradually reduced to its present proportions, which mainly comprise Ship Harbor with one Church, and Jeddore with two. These at present, everything considered, are fairly worked. Owing to feebleness, very much due to an accident a few years ago, the Rector is unable to go about the parish as much as he desires; but this is somewhat compensated for by the increasing energy of the parishioners themselves. This is seen, for instance, in the commendable zeal with which they contributed toward the building of the new Church, St. John's. This was, for many wise reasons, a very desirable step, and reflects great credit indeed on those who promoted its erection; it is, more over, ecclesiastically and conveniently designed. The old Church, four miles nearer Halifax, was built nearly fifty years ago, a fact attested by the building itself. St. Stephen's, in Ship Harbor, where the Rector resides, is a remarkably fine execution of its original plan. This parish, although it contributes towards, is not dependent on the B. H. M. in any respect. This is owing to the fact that the Rector very kindly and liberally shares his own salary with his assistant, to the extent of two hundred dollars. This generous act relieves the Board, and is a stimulus to the Parishioners, inducing them to contribute their portion in a liberal manner. There appears to be increased interest taken in the Sunday Schools. That at the new Church has largely increased of late, while a new school has been started at the old Church. And efforts are being made to improve its condition in Ship Harbor.

COLLECTIONS, DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c. received at Diocesan Rooms, to February 18, 1882.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Parrsboro, per Rev. Dr. Bowman, \$30.82; Eastern Passage, per Rev. W. L. Currie, \$4.11; Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, \$7.00; Dartmouth, per Rev. J. L. Bell, \$1.80; Antigonish, per Rev. A. C. McDonald, \$37.50; Liverpool, per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$6; Lunenburg, per Rev. H. L. Owen, \$13.49; Rev. P. J. Fillet, \$3.04; Liverpool, per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$1. Digby, per Rev. John Ambrose, \$2.15; Ship Harbor, per Rev. R. Jamison, \$45.05; Pugwash, per Rev. V. E. Harris, \$5.25; Miss Forsyth, Windsor, \$10; Spring Hill, per Rev. E. H. Hall, \$8.50; Dartmouth, per Rev. J. L. Bell, \$60; Glace Bay, per Rev. C. Croucher, \$6.22; Horton, per Rev. J. O. Kuggles, \$17.62; St. Paul's, Halifax, (Prof. Porter and family), \$5; Spring Hill, per Rev. E. H. Hall, \$5.50; Seaford, per Rev. J. A. Richey, \$3.50; Sydney, per Rev. D. Smith, \$50; Liverpool, per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$1.50; Londonderry Mines, per Rev. V. E. Harris, \$3.75; Yarmouth, per Rev. J. T. T. Moody, \$3.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Parrsboro, per Rev. Dr. Bowman, \$8.35; T. A. Brown, Halifax, \$10.00; Arichal, per Rev. E. Ansell, \$5.20.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.

B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.

St. Andrew's Mission Chapel, Trinity Parish, Liverpool, \$1; E. M. Cowie, \$1; J. E. Cowie, \$1; M. J. Cowie, \$50. E. GILPIN, Treasurer.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—On Sunday, as previously announced, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese inducted the Rev. F. R. Murray into the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the Rectory of this Parish. The Service was that ordered by the Provincial Synod, and was most impressive. The Bishop began the ceremony by saying:—

"Brethren, we are here assembled together to induct the Rev. Frederick R. Murray as Rector of this Parish, he having been instituted by the Bishop to the cure of souls."

The Rev. Mr. Murray then read aloud the declaration of assent required by Canon II of this Province, signed by himself. The mandate of induction was then read by Rev. J. D. Browne. At its conclusion the Wardens, Messrs. E. H. Keating and Jas. Gossip, attended by the Vestry Clerk, came forward to the Chancel steps, and the Senior Warden, addressing the Rector, said:—

"In the name, and on behalf of this parish, and in obedience to the mandate of the Lord Bishop of this diocese, we do now induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possessions of the incumbency of the said parish, and of all the rights, privileges, and emoluments thereto pertaining; and in token thereof we give into your hands the keys of this church."

The Rector, receiving the keys from the hands of the Warden, said:—

"I receive these keys of this House of God at your hands as the pledges of my induction, and of your reception of me as your appointed minister, and I on my part do promise by God's help to be a faithful shepherd over you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The Rector then advanced to the Bishop's throne, who, presenting him with the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, said:—

"Receive these books and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's Holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church, and be thou in all respects a pattern of the flock committed to thy care."

The clergy and wardens then retired to their seats, and the rector, proceeding to the reading desk, began the Morning Service. The proper Psalms were the 122d, 132d, 133d. The Lessons were read by the Bishop, the first being Ezekiel, Chap. xxxiii. 1st—9th, and the second, St. Luke, Chap. x. 1-16; also the collects appointed for the occasion, being a prayer for the newly inducted minister for God's grace to replenish him with truth of doctrine, innocency of life, and faithfulness of service; for a blessing upon his ministry and the prayers and holy offices to be administered by him in God's house; and a prayer for the congregation for their enlightenment through the everlasting Gospel, the love of God's name, and the growth of true religion and goodness among them. The epistle for the day, 1st Thess. chap. ii. 1-13, and the Gospel from St. John, chapter x. 1-10 were read.

The sermon was preached by the newly inducted rector from 1 Cor. iv. 1, "Let a man take account of us as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God"; and was an admirable statement of the relative duties of Pastor and people. We hope to be in a position to publish extracts from it shortly.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DEFICIENCY FUND.—Total amount required, \$2,108.57. Receipts:—Amount previously acknowledged, \$1,334.95; E. Peiler, St. John, \$5.00; Rev. Wm. Jaffrey, St. Mary's, \$5.00; Geo. E. Connarroe, Philadelphia, per Rev. Canon Ketchum, \$50.00; Hon. Chief Justice Allan, Fredericton, \$40.00; S. J. Pickett, Kingston, \$1.50; R. T. Clinch, Rothesay, \$10.00; Envelope in the offertory at the Cathedral on 6th January, \$4.00; Thomas Wandless, Fredericton, \$2.00; Parish of Simonds, special collection, \$5.00. Total, \$1,457.45. Balance required, \$651.12.

S. SCHOFIELD,

Chairman.

GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER,

Secretary.

NEWCASTLE.—Presentation.—Early last week the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Newcastle, was made the recipient of a very handsome overcoat and Persian lamb cap. The subscriptions thereto were made so privately that it was a great surprise to the rev. gentleman. This shows with what esteem and kindness Mr. S. is held by his parishioners, although he has been so short a time among them.—*The World*.

OROMOCTO.—A high tea and apron sale was held in the Temperance Hall, Oromocto, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 1st, by the ladies of St. John's Church Sewing Society. Though the travelling was bad, owing to the late snow storms, and the attendance comparatively small in consequence, yet the proceeds amounted to one hundred dollars. Much credit is due the members of this society, who have helped so largely in paying for church and rectory, and now contemplate raising an endowment fund for the Parishes of Burton and Lincoln. This must necessarily be a work of time, but unless vigorous efforts are made by all Church men and women, many country missions in the Diocese will probably have to be closed. Let us all endeavour, even if requiring much self-denial to avert this evil, and to do all in our power to extend Christ's Kingdom.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

MONTREAL.—The Bishop held a confirmation in St. John's, Q., last Sunday.

At a meeting of the congregation of St. Jude's Church, on Monday evening, His Lordship the Bishop presiding, permission was given to Rev. J. H. Dixon, Pastor of the Church, who is at present in England, to raise subscriptions towards liquidating the debt of the church, to prolong his visit until November next. Mr. Dixon promises to obtain subscriptions to the amount of \$7000, by that time.

Of the missionary meetings held in the city, St. Jude's and St. John the Evangelist's were the best as to numbers. There was a time when the latter of these was inclined to withdraw all interest in the Diocesan Mission work, because of the spirit manifested towards it; but happily times have changed, and it can afford to be interested in the work outside of itself.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod it was decided that the question of an increase in the annuities to widows of the clergy to \$300 per annum should be referred to the Synod at its next session. The widows' and orphans' fund at the present time shows a balance in hand of \$190.40.

The pastor of the leading Congregationalist meeting-house in Montreal (Dr. Stephenson) gave a lecture lately in the city in behalf of St. John the Evangelist's Church. He is a great favorite with that congregation, strange to say, and has shown his interest in that particular congregation and its special works of mercy in a substantial manner more than once, and yet when he delivers his celebrated lecture on the "Pilgrim Fathers" he gives in it a shot at the ritualists with their chasubles and other Roman millinery. Perhaps he can reconcile what he says on one occasion with what he does on another. But it seems inconsistent.

LACOLLE.—Tenders for building the new church that was proposed to be built last spring are now advertised for.

DUNHAM.—The series of lectures now being given under the auspices of the Literary Society of this Parish are all of a high class order, and will tend to cultivate a taste for the refined. A lecture that attracted attention, and drew a large audience, was one by the pastor of the American Presbyterian Church, on "Westminster Abbey." Besides the Rector of the Church, two other Rectors were present and a Congregationalist pastor.

BERTHIER.—The parish of Kildare being now without the services of a resident clergyman since the departure of Rev. J. Merrick for Adamsville, it has been proposed to supply the parish by Rev. Mr. Allen, of Rawdon, taking charge of Kildare, and the Rev. E. W. McManus, of Berthier, supplying the services at Ramsay and Brandon. Mr. McManus proposes to secure, as soon as possible, the aid of an ordained clergyman for the Grammar School, who could also take charge of the mission posts of Ramsay and Brandon on Sundays. He has secured the sanction of the Bishop to the above course, and all that is now wanting is the proper man to carry it out. He is at present in communication with a gentleman in every way qualified for the above duties and highly recommended, and hopes to have the arrangement completed in a short time.

MANSONVILLE.—An interesting missionary meeting was held here on the 9th. The congregation had the pleasure of listening to the Rev. Mr. Atwell, Rector of Newport, Vt., and Professor of Elocution, who gave a short but interesting address concerning the growth of the American Church, and also of the spirit of generous giving which was growing up among them. A remark or two he made concerning the Canadian church and its support are deserving of a wider diffusion. He understood from what he hath heard in more places than one that many of the Canadian clergy held services in certain places in their several charges, and hence they looked for no contributions in money, but rather on the other hand were instructed, or recommended by their Bishops so to act, lest it might be thought they were preaching from mercenary motives. Now he held this was a wrong to the church at large, to the clergyman and to the people themselves. In the Diocese of Vermont where he labored, it was inculcated by the Bishop and was the sentiment of the Church, that wherever they held service, however poor the people, a collection should be made if only to teach the people the luxury of giving and also to teach them that giving was an act of love, and until the Church in Canada did something of that kind, knowing that here people value most what they pay for, it will always be in poverty. There is some force in what he says, doubtless.

MONTREAL.—All circles, religious and secular, in our city are greatly exercised over the judgment in the Presbyterian Kirk case given by the Privy Council. Even the Roman Catholic journals are making something out of it, taking it as a text to show the futility of all attempts towards union outside of the pale of their Church. Naturally, the "Kirk" people feel jubilant over the case. From what Rev. Gavin Lang says, and his people recite his views, they fancy that all the funds, or "Temporalities" will fall to those that remained where they were before the union; those who left and took with them their stipends or pensions, will lose them as the consequence of their act, the penalty of their unadvisable action. Such is the view maintained by "Old Kirk" people here; but, judging from Mr. McMaster's statement, the finding of the Privy Council relates only to the fact or legal point of "jurisdiction." The decision is that the Local Legislatures had no power to legislate in the matter, and that the matter of the "Temporalities" remains just where it was before the "locals" were moved to do anything. This point, of course, has a range of effect far beyond the mere question concerning the Kirk, and has stirred up politicians and lawyers deeply. As to those remaining out of the Union, such as Rev. Gavin Lang and Rev. Mr. Dobie, (whose pluck in the matter was admirable) being the Church of Scotland in Canada, the Privy Council judgment says nothing.