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HALIFAX.

An appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions was forcibly set forth to Church people by V. R. Dean Carmichael of Montreal, on Sunday Jan 9th. The obligations of sending out the Gospel to the heathens and the great responsibility of all Christian people in the matter were pressed upon the hearers, and the cause of Foreign missions ought to be freshly revived among us, and receive its rightful attention and increase of offerings.

Dean Carmichael is an eloquent and logical speaker, and will always be welcomed if he revisit Halifax.

TRURO.

On Jan. 6th.—The feast of the Epiphany—the annual Sunday School Tea, Entertainment, and Prize distribution took place. The proceedings were of a most successful nature, and the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The superintendent, Mr. R. A. Tremaine, reported the school to be doing well. During the past year the number on the books was 160 and the average attendance 105. The income, including a balance from last year and the Picnic Fund, was \$309.12, and the expenditure \$254.11. Mr. Tremaine also spoke of the necessity of parents ensuring the regular attendance of their children, and also a study of their

lessons, if the greatest success was to be obtained.

The inevitable "bag of candy" was given to each child at the conclusion of the entertainment.

Early last month the Rev. E. Underwood, curate of the Parish, was made the happy recipient of a very handsome fur coat, black astrakan dog skin, with gloves to match, by certain members of the congregation, as a New Years gift. Mr. Underwood, who was completely taken by surprise, expressed himself, through the local press, as very grateful for the thought of the donors.

The children of the Sunday School purpose holding an entertainment on Monday Feb. 7th., in the crypt of the church, toward the support of an Indian Boy in the Shingwauk Home.

Toward the end of last year, Christ Church, Old Barnes, was closed for repairs and general renovation. The work had proceeded far enough to allow the church to be re-opened on the second Sunday in January, and it is hoped soon to have it quite completed, but more funds are needed.

WESTVILLE

It is now a year since E. H. Ball commenced his ministration at St. Bees. At that time there was a debt of \$230 on the church, which has been wiped out, chiefly owing to the energetic and persistent efforts of Mr. Ball, supported liberally by the members of the congregation.

The Sewing Circle organized a few months ago by the Ladies of the congregation, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a Rectory Site have quite a goodly sum in the Bank. It is hoped that others will assist in this good work.

A Bible Class is held by the Rector every Sunday Afternoon at 2. and is greatly appreciated by those who attend.

The first subject is the book of the prophet Daniel and was made quite interesting by the Rector's earnest method of teaching.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. J. M. Withycombe B. A. the new Rector of St. Eleanors and Summerside entered upon the duties of his new charge on Sunday Jan. 2nd. He will, for the present at least live in Summerside. Mr. Withycombe begins his work under very favourable conditions, and your correspondent believes that he will be found to have used those conditions to good advantage.

A social gathering of the congregation was held recently in St. Mary's Guild Room Summerside to give the people a chance of meeting their new Rector. It was, I understand, a very successful affair. The St. Eleanors congregation however, owing to some misunderstanding, was not largely represented, to the surprise and regret of those who made the arrangements.

A gratifying proof of the esteem in which Rev. J. M. Forbes of Alberton is held by his people, is furnished by their presenting him with a substantial gift during the past Christmas season.

The Church of St. Alban the Martyr has lately been presented with a pulpit, understood to be the gift of Frederick Peters Esq., Q. C. our late premier.

On the 10th. of January a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Prince Edward Island Church Conference was held in St. Paul's schoolroom, Charlottetown. It was