

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

Miss Vincent, England, \$1.25.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

St. Paul's, Halifax, per Rev. Dr. Hill, \$93.15; T. A. Brown, do., \$20.00; J. C. Mahon, do., \$1.00; Avon Deanery Meeting, per Rev. F. J. H. Axford, \$5.60.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Clerical Secretary.

THE B. H. M. Reports have been sent to all the Parishes. Will the clergy please inform the Secretary in any case where they have not been received.

HALIFAX.—Last Sunday the time of Evensong was changed at the Bishop's Chapel. Evensong was sung at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. J. O. Crisp preached at St. Mark's Church last Sunday evening.

The Rev. Ernest Welsh is visiting the city. We are glad to hear that the Rev. gentleman is well enough to do substantial work in Cherry Valley, P. E. I.

SACKVILLE.—A musical and literary entertainment was held here recently on behalf of our Parochial Fund, for which we were indebted to Miss Graham, of Danglely Dell, and the kind friends who assisted her. Miss Bond, of Halifax, presided most ably at the piano. The songs and recitations of Miss Wainwright, of Halifax, were rapturously encored; while the recitations of Miss Lordly. Mr. Thos. Cutler, and Master Westford Howe met with well-deserved applause. Miss Kerrigan and Miss Jessie Lawson presided at the Refreshment table, and were well patronized; and although the audience was comparatively a small one, a nice little sum was realized for the fund. Our special thanks are due to Miss Graham who got up the affair, and spared no pains to ensure its success.

LORRAINE, C. B.—A tea meeting was held in this part of the Louisburg Mission on the 10th of this month in order to raise funds towards altering the Church and making it in appearance both inside and out like what it should be, the House of God. The day was bright and clear, but with a very strong, cold wind prevailing, which prevented those present from enjoying themselves as fully as otherwise they might have done. Swings and other amusements were furnished and were well attended. Aunt Sally was also present and contributed much to the fun of the day, and also a great deal toward the receipts. On the whole, the affair may be considered quite a success for this out of the way district, which consists of only 27 Church families. The handsome sum of \$220.00 was realized, leaving after all expenses were paid \$156.00 to the credit of the Church. The committee of management deserve great praise for the untiring energy they displayed throughout the day in catering to the wants of the people and also for the deep interest taken throughout. It is intended (D. V) to commence work early next spring.

BRIDGEWATER.—The town of Bridgewater was lately cast into deep sorrow by the death of Sarah, the beloved wife of A. E. Croucher, M. D., of that place. Mrs. Croucher was the daughter of the late John Wills of Halifax, where the deceased lady formerly resided, and had many friends, and where her early death has been heard of with great sorrow. The Church in Bridgewater by her death, has sustained a very serious loss, for she was always ready for every good work, and once a beginning was made nothing could turn her from her purpose until it was brought to a successful termination. Her last labour of love for Holy

Trinity Church was the re-seating of the sacred building. By her kind, persevering endeavours almost a sufficient sum is now in hand for this purpose, and when the work is completed it will be a lasting monument to her memory. For many years she was the accomplished organist in the Church, and a regular attendant at the Table of the Lord. Called away suddenly in the midst of life her death cast a gloom over the whole community, many with sad hearts followed her remains to her hallowed grave, it is close to the Sanctuary where she had so often joined with us in prayer, and led in the praises of the Lord. A useful member has been called away from the Church Militant to join the Church Triumphant, those who are left must close up the ranks and carry on the war, for we following a conquering Saviour.

ACADIA MINES, LONDONDERRY.—The Rev. Isaac Brock, M. A., on Sunday, Sept. 30th, entered on his duties as Rector of this Parish. He gave a short address at the Morning Service on the words of St. Paul, "Brethren, pray for us." In the evening he preached from 1 Cor. xv, 3, 4, on "The Apostolic Gospel."

JEDDORE.—A Church picnic was held at West Jeddore, on Wednesday, Sept. 9th. A very large number of people was present and it realized a net sum of \$105. Mr. Lowry is working hard to build a Parsonage at Jeddore and will be thankful for any help which may be sent to him.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE.—The Most Revd. the Metropolitan, preached in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening the 30th ult.

WESTFIELD.—The east window in Trinity Chapel has been removed and a new one put in its place. The ten small panes have been replaced by two large ones, and the whole mounted with "Smith patent" artificial stained glass. A great improvement has also been made in the east window of the Parish Church. The sill has been raised about three feet, and the window shortened by that length. The window as it now is adds much to the appearance of the Church, and when completed will be very handsome.

ST. JOHN.—Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rector, of Trinity Church, one of the delegates, has left for Philadelphia to attend the General Convention of the Church in the United States. The Metropolitan will also leave at once to represent the Church in Canada at this important gathering. Chief Justice Allan another delegate will accompany his Lordship.

The congregation of St. James' Church are indebted to some old S. S. scholars of their Rector in Halifax for a contribution of \$36, the proceeds of a bazaar got up by a few little girls towards the fund for erecting a S. S. House to replace the one burnt in the great fire. Mr. Troop was a most devoted worker in Halifax, and this remembrance by the children must be most gratifying to him.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Trinity.—A special Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in Trinity Church on Thursday evening. A good congregation was present, and the offertory was given to the North West Missions.

St. Martin's.—On Sunday, the Rev. J. S. Stone, the Rector, delivered an able and critical sermon upon the subject of the Divine Law of Marriage as it relates to the Prohibited Degrees. He held that the Scriptures forbid marriage with a deceased wife's sister, that the Church from the earliest ages has at all times been against such marriages, and that not only so, but socially as well, they are undesirable.

St. James'.—The church parade of the Victoria Rifles on Sunday at St. James' was largely attended. The chaplain, Rev. Canon Ellegood,

preached a strong sermon from the text, "Abhor that which is evil."

St. George's.—The officers and crew of H. M. S. "Canada" paraded in full dress and attended St. George's Church on Sunday morning, when the Dean of Montreal delivered an eloquent and impressive discourse.

AYLMER.—The renewed church at Aylmer is nearly completed. It is a stone building, and can seat about two hundred people. The chancel, which is a very spacious one, is carpeted, and the pews are placed in the body of the church, so that altogether it presents a very pleasing appearance. The ladies of the congregation deserve great credit for the work they have done in this connection. In fact it is not too much to say that all that has been done is largely due to their efforts. During the month of October a "Missionary Deputation" will visit most of the parishes of this Deanery, presumably with the object of stirring up the people by impressing upon them the need of missionary activity and of greater liberality in giving. In this part of the Diocese, at least, there is one great obstacle to be met with, in the fact that so few people attend such meetings. Perhaps a notice in print of their negligence in this matter may awaken them to a sense of their duty and induce them to attend in larger numbers in the future.

CLARENCEVILLE.—A very pleasant and well attended "Sociable" came off at the Rectory on Wednesday night. Those who were present speak of it as in every way enjoyable, and much credit is due the lady members of the Rector's family for their efforts to make it pass off well. A tableaux entitled General Tom Thumb's wedding was cleverly gone through with, and was much applauded. It is to be hoped that these very enjoyable gatherings may be of more frequent occurrence than they have been recently.

KNOWLTON.—A large gathering assembled at St. Paul's Church, Knowlton, on the 26th of September, to witness the wedding of Mr. William M. Hillhouse, of Knowlton and Miss Annie A. Inglis, of Frost Village. The Rev. S. C. Thicke, the Rector, officiated. After the impressive ceremony, the guests met at the residence of the bride's mother, and partook of a repast of a recherche character. The presents were numerous, costly and handsome, including a splendid family Bible, the gift of the Church congregation of Brome Lake, where Mr. Hillhouse has filled the position of organist for more than a year. The Rector of Knowlton is to preach in South Stukeley, on Sunday, Oct. 7th., on behalf of the Mission Fund.

ST. JOHN.—A few weeks ago, we had to announce the sad death of Mrs. Mills, wife of the Rev. W. L. Mills, late Rector of the Parish, at present Rector of Trinity Church, Montreal, and now the death of his own child casts a further gloom over the large circle of his friends here. The funeral took place on Thursday.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Chas. Hamilton, M. A., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, and Prolocutor of the Provincial Synod of Canada, has left for Philadelphia to attend the Convention of the American Church, now in session, as a delegate from the Church of Canada.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The following circular has been sent to the clergy and others:—

DEAR SIR,—It is thought the proceedings of the first Congress of the Church of England in Canada, held in Hamilton in June last, ought to be published in book-form, as is done in England and the United States.

The papers, addresses and speeches, were