

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BISHOP'S CONSECRATION.—The 36th anniversary of the Bishop's consecration, March 25th, was observed in Halifax by a special celebration in the Bishop's Chapel, and in many of the city and country churches the Holy Communion was celebrated, asking God's blessing and protection on our beloved Bishop. His Lordship feelingly alluded to the increasing weight of years and responsibilities, and there were not few in the congregation who could refrain from tears when the Bishop had ended his solemn words. His Lordship received the hearty congratulations of his many friends during the day. There is but one prayer and wish among us, and that is that our beloved Bishop may long be spared to direct the destinies of the Church in this diocese and to end his days in peace among us.

SPRINGHILL.—The Rev. V. E. Harris, Vicar of Amherst, lectured before the Temperance Society here last Monday. The lecturer gave an eloquent and instructive lecture on the poisonous adulteration of spirituous liquors and of beer; the fatal hereditary results proceeding from the drinking habit and the loss of will power through the glass. The reverend gentleman was unanimously asked to deliver another lecture at some future time on the same subject. Several pledges were taken at the close of the lecture. Temperance is a live subject here, and the sight of the pledge being taken in church after a sermon is no longer unusual.

ALBION MINES.—On the Feast of Annunciation the Rector asked for the special prayers of the communicants for the Bishop, in view of the fact that it was the 36th anniversary of his Lordship's consecration.

AMHERST.—The removal by death of Emma, eldest daughter of W. M. Fullerton, Esq., Q.C., has caused a great blank in the choir of Christ Church, and in the community at large. She was always in her place to assist with voice, and by example in the praises of Almighty God. Her call was sudden, and at the early age of 18 years. To her bereaved parents, brothers and sisters, the sympathy of all is expressed.

Mr. Shreve, Lay reader, assisted the Vicar on Sunday the 27 ult., and during Holy Week the Rev. R. Hudgell assisted.

LOCKEPORT.—During Lent a special course of sermons have been preached by Rev. S. Gibbons upon practical religion. "Religion, what is it?" "Religion and Temperance." "Religion and Business." "Religion and Amusements," "Religion and Politics," "Religion, its Influence." On Wednesday and Friday evenings lectures have been given upon the history of the Church of England, which have been well attended and evidently much appreciated. Besides the services at Lockeport, there have been weekly services at Holy Trinity, Jordan Falls and at St. Peter's, Green Harbour West.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Foster Almon terminated his engagement as curate in charge of Trinity church last Saturday. He left the same day for Yarmouth, Halifax, to take charge of his son's parish, the latter having been given a three month's leave of absence and intends visiting England.

Captain Munn, of the Church Army, arrived by the "Parisian" on his way to Toronto, to take charge of the work in that city under the Rev. D. Cayley. He had been induced to remain a couple of days in Halifax.

Selwyn H. Shreve, Esq., lay reader, officiated at Eversong last Wednesday at Springhill Mines.

St. George's Church, Halifax, is to have

another Church Army officer for work in its parish.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—On the 29th ult. the Ladies' Guild met, and after a little discussion they agreed that instead of looking around for something extra to work for they would follow the wiser plan of taking up the work that lay close at hand and truly needed—that of assisting to pay the current expenses of the church, and also a small debt accumulating for the last year or two. Two or three were perhaps rather disappointed with this conclusion. There is so little show in merely helping the churchwardens.

The Rector spent a few moments with them explaining how much their help was needed in that particular, and the good they would be doing.

Before separating they decided on giving an entertainment in May, and instead of only meeting once a quarter as last year, they will meet on the last Wednesday of every month. There are about twenty-nine members.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—*Woman's Auxiliary.*—On the 29th ult. a meeting of the above was held, followed by a Diocesan Board meeting. The Jubilee appeal was received most enthusiastically, and a committee selected for the city. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the various branches and to ask their co-operation in the work.

Christ Church.—A beautiful memorial window has just been placed in Christ Church, Ottawa. On one side is a full length figure of St. Margaret of Scotland, and on the other St. John the Evangelist; the upper part contains a dove with scroll, on which is the word "Peace" surrounded with lilies; the following inscription is engraved on a memorial brass underneath: "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our Mother Annie Lewis, beloved wife of the Bishop of Ontario, who entered into rest July 28th, 1886":

"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed,
Her husband also he praiseth her."

The window was designed and executed by Messrs. Spence & Son, Montreal.

IROQUOIS.—Considerable improvements have been made in this Church during the past few weeks. Illuminated texts have been put in the nave; handsome coronas from Messrs. R. Mitchell & Co., of Montreal, and a beautiful reredos executed by Spence & Sons, Montreal, to the memory of the late Cephus Mills, Esq., who was killed at White River, in that terrible railroad accident. The central panel of the reredos contains an altar-cross in gold, surrounded with the vine and wheat; the four side panels have the symbols of the Evangelists in groups of Passion flowers.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON SOUTH.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association was held at Bishopstowe the last Monday in March.

This Association, which has only been in existence two years, is making steady progress. Since last Easter, in response to an address by His Lordship the Bishop circulated throughout the diocese, nineteen Branch Associations were formed which are all working with more or less success. There is a committee of literature for the dissemination of missionary papers and magazines.

The *Mission News*, *Jewish Intelligencer* and *Missionary Gleaner* seem to have the largest circulation.

The Zenana Branch of the work is prosper-

ing. Two branches (Sarnia and St. James, London South) have each made up \$50 for the Zenana mission. Many boxes of clothing have been made up for the Northwest and some for the Zenana mission. The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the last year \$626.14; disbursements, \$580.69; balance in hand, \$45.45. The Memorial Church Branch has started a "Girls' Havergal Mission Band" for the sake of training young girls in mission work.

Mrs. Baldwin has begun a "Boys Missionary Society," which meets every month at Bishopstowe.

The Hospital Flower Mission has been working hard through the winter to provide comforts for the patients and the Home for Aged Women and Orphans' Home have been remembered.

His Lordship the Bishop of the diocese has been present at every monthly meeting except one, which has done much to encourage the Association. In future he will be styled the Patron, and Mrs. Baldwin the President of the Association. It is to be expected that many more branches will be formed during the next year.

The subject of the proposed "Church Woman's Jubilee offering to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Algoma" was heartily entered upon at the annual meeting of the W. A. M. Society.

Theoretically the Association had taken it up a month ago, but circumstances had necessitated some delay in its actual working. Now, it can be carried without let or hindrance. Words of encouragement were read from the Bishops of Fredericton and Niagara. Mrs. Williams, of Quebec, Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, and many others, either presidents or officially connected with the various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in other dioceses. The proposal that all the collections, when made should be sent to London, so that the presentation to the Bishop of Algoma, "should come from thence where its cradle was first rocked," was the suggestion of the President of the Toronto Diocesan Association. It was agreed that Huron must deserve that graceful and kindly intentioned tribute before it dare venture to accept it.

So long as success crowns the efforts made in the good cause throughout the Dominion it matters but little which diocese adds up the "total" and has the honor of handing it over to the Bishop of Algoma. After telling the tale of a mothers' meeting, where the number had asked to have a box put on the table for their weekly offerings, into which "chink, chink," clatter, clatter went the coppers chasing the rarer silver bits, which slipped into it too; the Speaker said: "After this who will despair of our fund? Not I! Not you! We have asked God to help. We will ask Him to continue to bless our effort, and with Him on our side, who need be afraid?"

To quote again I would say, "We have laid our needs before the Lord and now mention them hopefully to Stewards of His Bounty."

Let our motto be, "Love the Sisterhood, honor the Queen," and the question for our own hearts, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His gifts to me?" It was decided to send the notice to every parish in the diocese, and for London itself willing workers volunteered to take each a collecting book, so that all be invited to contribute.

LONDON.—Daily service was held in each of the churches during Passion week. The attendance was fairly good.

The collections throughout the Diocese on Good Friday were in aid of the "London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews."

HURON COLLEGE.—The professors and students of this College spent a social evening at the close of the Lent term. A capital tea was pro-