

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. STEPHEN.—Trinity Church.—Easter Music.—The singing was very fine and reflects great credit upon the choir and their efficient leader, Mr. J. T. Algar. Miss Hutton presided at the organ with her usual skill. A children's service was held in this Church in the evening.

St. DAVID.—Easter Election.—J. A. Simpson, Wm. Wilson, Wardens. Wm. Towers, W. F. Thompson, L. Thompson, W. Regan, R. Smith, Arthur Polley, S. Mitchell, F. Clindinin, J. Webber, R. Towers, H. Doors, G. Towers, Vestrymen. W. Gilley, Vestry Clerk. Delegates to D. C. S. and Synod, Wm. Towers, Wm. Wilson, Substitutes, S. Thompson, George Towers.

St. JOHN.—The Ladies Association of the Church of England Institute held a Fancy Sale and High Tea in the new Trinity School Room, on April 8th. It was well attended, and, after all expenses were paid, the handsome sum of \$261 was realized for the benefit of the Institute.

Parish of St. Mark.—A meeting has been held in the School Room, to consider the question of the deficiency in the D. C. S. Resolutions were offered by Rev. Canon Brigstocke and W. M. Jarvis, Esq. We have not learned what action is contemplated by this important Parish. We trust it will set an example in good works.

Diocesan Church Society.—A meeting of the parishioners of Trinity Church was held last Thursday evening in the school-room. The object of the meeting was to consider the best means of raising money to meet the deficiency of the funds of the D. C. Society. Rev. Messrs. Brigstocke (rector of Trinity) and Theodore E. Dowling (rector of St. George's, Carleton) were present at the meeting. The former gentleman was chairman. Rev. Mr. Dowling gave an interesting account of the progress of Church work in six new Missions on the Saint John River, and H. W. Frith, Esq., presented a financial exhibit of the society, which went to show that there remains about \$5,000 of a deficiency of the amount necessary to carry on the work. After a free interchange of views by the different gentlemen present, it was finally resolved that the rector be authorized to select a committee, consisting of ladies and gentlemen connected with the church, to solicit subscriptions from the congregation.

C. of E. Institute.—The members recently debated the relative claims of Lord Beaconsfield and W. E. Gladstone to position as statesmen.

St. Mary's Church.—We have heard that the Rev. Foster H. Almon is likely to leave St. Mary's, owing to the inability of the people to provide the necessary support. This Mission has been largely helped by St. Mark's Parish, of which it is a part. We hope some one will correct us, if we are wrong in this report. Mr. Almon is very earnest and energetic in all matters, and we should be sorry to learn that St. John is to lose his services.

Gagetown.—At an adjourned meeting of the Parishioners of Gagetown, held in the hall of the Sons of Temperance, on Saturday, 10th April, A. D., 1880,

Resolved, That whereas it is desirable that a new Church be erected in this Parish as soon as possible, and whereas, it seems to be the wish of most of the Parishioners that the said Church should be built in modern style, and the seats to be free, and whereas, the Rector has kindly furnished plans that seem pleasing to most of the people, and whereas, at a former meeting a committee was appointed to get out a church frame, and reports that the frame will be on the ground as soon as needed,

Therefore Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, to be called "The Building Committee," to have all powers necessary to build the said Church according to the plans provided, and that Sheriff Howe, Jas. W. DeVerber, Gilbert Williams, Rev. James Neales, and John Shaw, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Rev. James Neales be appointed Secretary-Treasurer to receive and pay out all the monies for the building of the new Church, according to the order of the Building Committee.

All which was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

JAMES W. NEALES,
Rector and Chairman.

Woodsbrook.—On Easter Monday, the following Parishioners were elected Members of the Church Corporation:—

J. D. Ketchum, W. F. Dibblee, Church Warden; H. E. Dibblee, Abner Bull, W. M. Connell, C. A. Raymond, James McCoy, Richard Cluff, C. T. Perkins, J. C. Winston, O. M. Carman, G. R. Ketchum, Wentworth Winslow, James E. Rankine, Vestry; C. W. Raymond, Vestry Clerk.

W. F. Dibblee and J. D. Ketchum, delegates to the Diocesan Church Society and Synod, and W. M. Connell and Richard Cluff, substitutes.

The Audit Committee was able to report a very encouraging state of finances, which was considered the more satisfactory, owing to the fact that the Parish has, within the last year, become self-supporting. A vote of thanks was passed to C. Lee T. Raymond for his untiring zeal in obtaining subscriptions towards the support of the Church in the Parish. Before the close of the Parish meeting, the two following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That the Rector be requested to convey to the Rev. Canon Partridge the sincere and hearty thanks of the Parishioners of Woodsbrook for his zeal and earnestness in conducting the Mission held in this town in September last. While humbly acknowledging that the praise and glory belongeth alone to Him who giveth the increase, they wish to assure their Reverend friend of their conviction that to his eloquent appeals, wise counsel, and happy manner of imparting religious truths, the success of the Mission is chiefly due. And it must give him joy to know that so many have been led to think more seriously of things which belong to their everlasting peace, while others have had their faith strengthened and confirmed by the instruction so fearlessly and kindly given. They also wish to express their earnest desire and prayer that he may be spared to labour in the Master's vineyard, and to see his work of love bearing good fruit.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to THE CHURCH GUARDIAN.
THOMAS NEALES.

GREENWICH.—On Easter Monday the annual meeting was held for the election of Church Wardens and Vestry. W. B. McKool and G. H. Whiting, Esqs., were elected Wardens for the ensuing year, and also Representatives in Synod and Delegates to the D. C. S. It was decided to adopt the "Envelope System," so-called, which is, no doubt, the best and readiest means by which ends people can make a due return to Him for the blessings they are receiving, and devote a just proportion of their worldly substance to the maintenance of His Church. An attempt was made to revive the old custom of selling the pews, but it was voted down, as being in violation of sound Church principles and opposed to true progress. A vote of thanks was passed to the Choir for their donation of a Chancel Carpet, of suitable color and design. The Choir deserve honorable mention also for the praiseworthy efforts they are now making to raise a fund for further repairs upon the Church; and the thanks of the congregation are due to Messrs. Seely and Ross for a neat and substantial Chancel Rail, and to Messrs. Richards and Marley for work and materials.

FREDERICTON.—The remains of the late Lieut.-Col. Saunders were taken to the Cathedral and thence to Forest Hill Cemetery on the 16th. Rev. F. Alexander officiated. The pall-bearers were: A. H. Gen. Fraser, Count De Bury, Col. J. Robinson, Capt. Leigh, W. W. Street, and D. Webster Esqs.

DENBY.—In answer to a late suggestion in your paper, permit me to say that on Easter day last (March 28) the number of communicants at the Parish Church was greater than at any single celebration within ten years, and that the whole number of bona fide communicants in the Missions has more than doubled in the last three years.

DORCHESTER.—The ladies of Trinity Church intend to hold an Apron Fair about the latter part of May in Robb's Hall, for the purpose of raising money to liquidate the debt yet remaining on the Parsonage.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—A joint petition from the Church of England Institute and the Young Men's Christian Association was presented to the City Council at its last meeting, calling attention to the opening of two bar-rooms between and close beside these Institutions, and protesting against licenses being granted them to sell intoxicating liquors. We have no reason to doubt that the simple statement of facts, in this way placed before the Aldermen, will dispose them, without any

hesitation, to refuse the licenses asked for. In support of the prayer of the petitioners we wish to point out that no other cause has operated to bring these rum-shops into existence than that the young men attending the two Institutions have made the neighborhood a frequented locality, particularly in the evenings. To draw the youth of our city away from the haunts and temptations of the saloons and other resorts of the kind, has led to the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, and to a very great deal of anxiety and active work on the part of the promoters of, and those who have since sustained these Institutions; and it would be preposterous to suppose that our City Fathers individually, or the Council as a body, could lend themselves to make futile and worse than futile their efforts and operations. We can assure the Council that the whole body of Churchmen of the city and province are warmly interested in the welfare of the Church of England Institute; and we feel sure the same feeling exists among all Christian bodies with regard to the Young Men's Christian Association. And if the Council should deem it a matter which calls for an expression of opinion on the part of the rate-payers, we pledge ourselves to procure the names of nine-tenths of the Churchmen and Protestants of Halifax to a petition, couched in the strongest language, against placing directly in the way of the young members of these Institutions as they go to and from their meetings and Reading Rooms, such temptations to indulge in the use of strong drinks. We hope the Committee will not only report against the granting of licenses to these places, but that the Council will take immediate and active measures to close them up, and so rid the neighborhood entirely of them.

BAYFIELD.—Holy Trinity Parish.—Special services were held in this parish during Lent. The services of Holy Week were also duly observed, except that of Good Friday, when a storm of unparalleled severity raged all day, preventing any service being held. The Easter Services partook of the cheerfulness and joy incident to the Festival of the Resurrection. With blocked-up roads by snow drifts, and inclement weather, the difficulty, if not the real self-denial, by worshippers in attending a service in a Mission fifty miles in length, and embracing an area co-extensive with the bounds of a whole County, will be fully realized by our country brethren. Still with these drawbacks on Easter Sunday, and that of the Sunday following, the number of worshippers was a good average one. Two celebrations, in two of the churches, were held within the Octave, the number of communicants being 36 out of a total of 80. The Easter Meeting passed off harmoniously, a characteristic disposition being manifested by all to prosecute Church work energetically during the ensuing year. The representatives to Synod chosen were Charles S. Strople and Edward G. Randall. Church work at Antigonish is being vigorously carried on. The Lay Reader there has had the old Desk Bible neatly and attractively bound at his own expense. The Clerical Secretary, with characteristic generosity, has fulfilled his promise of supplying altar and desk books; they are of a beautiful description. Sister Jarvis, in connection with forwarding and assisting in other Church works, has lately received the promise of a suitable stove from Mr. Wm. Symonds, of Dartmouth, for the church here, which, next season, will be greatly needed.

YARMOUTH.—The Parish Meeting of Trinity Church, Yarmouth, was held on the evening of Easter Monday. It was well attended, and everything passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily. The Rector has presided at 53 Easter Parish Meetings since his ordination in 1827. The Rev. R. Shreve was re-elected Curate for another year. L. E. Baker and John R. Corning, Esqs., were elected Wardens, and also the full number of Vestrymen. Auditors—J. W. Meody, T. W. Johns; Vestry Clerk—Dr. G. J. Farish; Delegates to Synod—J. W. H. Rowley, T. C. Meody.

MAHONE BAY.—On Easter Day the usual Services were held in the Parish Church and at Martin's River by the Rector unassisted, the Curate having, at the solicitation of the Churchwardens and Vestry of Chester, proceeded there to hold Service and celebrate the Holy Communion; there being at present no regular clergyman stationed in Chester, the congregation stand in the position of

sheep without a shepherd, and felt rightly that if possible they should have the proper ministrations of the Church on Easter Day; there were thirty communicants. In our own parish, the number of communicants at this season has been as follows:—March 7th, Northfield, ten; 14th, Parish Church, fifty; March 21st, Maitland, forty-eight; March 28th, (Easter Day), Parish Church, seventy-five. Owing to pressure of work some outstations have not yet had their Easter Celebrations. After Morning Prayer on Easter Monday the usual Parish Meeting was held, the business of which was of a formal nature. The Offerteries for the year showed an increase. The outgoing Churchwardens, Mr. J. West and Dr. Gray, were re-elected. Two lay delegates Mr. J. West and Mr. C. J. Inglis, were chosen to represent the Parish together with the clergy at the forthcoming Synod to be held in July next in Halifax.—Parish Church Work.

S. GIBBONS, Travelling Missionary in C. B., thanks unknown sender of Hartford Churchman and Church Work. In his large and hard mission, he could find use for many more of the same kind of good Church papers. The same lady has before sent bundles of same papers to the mission, for distribution. Reading matter of all kinds will be gratefully received for distribution.

RIVER JOHN.—Easter Services well attended. There was a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Trinity Church, Tatamagouche Road, at 8 o'clock, a. m.—13 Communicants. Full Morning Service was held, with a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Parish Church, River John, at 11 o'clock—13 Communicants. Evening Service and sermon from St. Matthew xxviii, 5th and 6th verses, at Holy Trinity Church at 7 o'clock—congregation very large. Church Wardens—David Mingo, Patrick Murphy. Delegates to the Synod—William Morrill, J. W. Marling. Substitute Delegates—Patrick Murphy, C. B. Bullock.

PORT MEDWAY.—Rev. H. W. Atwater was unanimously elected Rector of this Parish, at the Easter meeting. The additional Lenten Services at the Parish Church were all well attended, as also the Daily Services in Holy Week. It is in contemplation to surplice a choir of boys and young men very shortly.

BRIDGEWATER.—We had sixty Communicants here, and twenty-five at St. James' on Easter Day. The Church here was very nicely decorated with white letters, &c., and many beautiful flowers.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—The Incumbent of Glace Bay Mission visited the Mission of Louisburg during Easter week, for the purpose of administering the Holy Eucharist at Louisburg, Lorraine, and Maindieu. On Wednesday, the day appointed for the administration at Louisburg, a terrific snow-storm raged all day, making it almost impossible to get to the Church. Consequently, there was a doubt whether any could assemble themselves together. However, nine or ten managed to get to the Church. There were, however, only two Communicants. On Thursday, the storm still raged, and the Incumbent of Glace Bay, with the Deacon in charge of the Mission of Louisburg, started for Lorraine, but when half a mile on their road, were stopped by heavy snow-drifts. In endeavoring to force through, their sleigh was broken, and their horse narrowly escaped serious injury, consequently they were obliged to turn back and relinquish the endeavor to reach Lorraine.

On Friday morning, notwithstanding the drifts, the Incumbent of Glace Bay started for Main-a-Dieu, distant from Louisburg 10 miles, and with difficulty arrived there. He was rewarded by finding the church filled with an attentive congregation, and after Litany, anti-communion and sermon, the Holy Eucharist was celebrated, 27 communicants partaking of the Body and Blood of their Lord. On Saturday morning, Lorraine was visited, and again there were 27 communicants. This number (54) represents a large percentage of the membership of the Church in these two places.

The congregation at Lorraine contemplate the enlargement and alteration of their Church, by an addition of ten feet in length, and also enlarging and renovating the Chancel. The material for the work is on the ground, and the necessary amount of labour promised.

The working of the Missions in the

Island during the past winter has been very arduous, storm after storm of snow rendering the roads almost impassible. Drifts from ten to fifteen feet in depth being numerous, and at the time of writing this, just as the roads were becoming partly passible, a snow storm is raging, equal in severity to any during the past winter.

HALIFAX.—On Tuesday the teachers and pupils connected with St. Margarete's Hall presented the Principal, the Rev. J. Padfield, with a handsome gold snake ring, with diamond eyes, as a mark of their good will and regard towards him.

Rev. John Ambrose, M. A., Rector of Trinity Church, Digby, has had four churches built and two pulled down, in his different scenes of pastoral labor.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—We are pleased to note a good offertory on Sunday, the 11th inst., of \$201.68, being \$26.51, ordinary offertory, and \$175.17 for a special object.

Church Association.—On Friday evening the 2nd inst., Rowan Fitzgerald, Esq., gave an excellent lecture on Luther. There was a good debate. Many thought it the best lecture of the series.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

On Sunday, 29th ult., news reached St. John's of the partial destruction by fire of the handsome Episcopal Church of Carbonear.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—Acknowledgment.—The Rev. E. A. W. Hinington, the Rector, New Edinburgh, Ottawa, returns his cordial thanks to the undermentioned Clergy for their hearty response to his circular-letter, and desires to express a hope that those who have not so far, made any response, will be disposed to do so at an early date:—

The Reverends J. Carry, Port Perry; P. Clementi Smith, Peterboro; J. Burke, Belleville; H. J. Petry, Danville; C. H. Inglis, Parkhill; E. A. W. King, Lewis; G. Robinson, Aylmer; Dr. Scadding, Toronto; Mr. King, —; Dean Boomor, London; Archdeacon Gilpin, Halifax; J. Stannage, Kemptville; J. Spencer, Kingsville; R. Simonds, Dorchester; C. P. Emery, Smith's Falls; G. W. White, Iroquois; J. Hepburn, Magog; G. O. Troop, Halifax; R. Loucks, Picton; J. A. Kaulback, Truro; — Stannard, H. E. Ploes, Renfrew; J. R. Serson, Crayser; A. Stuart, Orillia; Sacros, Ivy; W. S. Darling, Toronto; H. S. Wainwright, Kingston, N. B.; G. H. Parker, Compton; F. Codd, Carp; W. Armstrong, St. John; L. B. Fowler, Prince William, N. B.; R. Lewis, Maitland; G. Low, Merrickville; W. Ross Brown, Iron Hill; S. McMorino, Bell's Corners; Dr. Jarvis, Shediac; Canon Walker, Hampton, V. E. Harris, Londonderry; J. Godfrey, Wolfe Island; Cuthbert Willis, Petitediac; J. Forsythe, Liverpool; R. Harding, Adolphustown; one correspondent, no name enclosed.

KEMPTVILLE.—Never has Easter passed off in a more harmonious manner than the one for 1880. The various churches in the parish were well attended. At St. James' (the parish Church) a goodly number assembled for Mattins and Evensong, daily in Holy week. On Easter day a large congregation gathered, and sixty partook of the Blessed Sacrament. The choir was present in full force, and by appropriate music marked the Festival. The Altar and Lectern, as is customary in this section, were vested in white, and adorned with lovely flowers. St. John's rather lacked in decoration, two bouquets on the Altar being the only mark, but crowded congregations testified to the interest of the people. There were 30 communicants, not so many as there ought to be, but still an improvement on the past. A Chancel is rapidly becoming a necessity. Work will shortly be begun on the new Memorial Church. It is hoped that the opening may take place on St. James' Day, 25th July. The ladies are working hard to obtain a pipe organ, and the Sunday School children are striving to fill the great west window with stained glass. There are rumours of a couple of memorial windows. The five Vestry meetings were of a bright, agreeable description, all showing a decided increase of income and expenditure.