

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Report of the Church Woman's Missionary Association for 1881 and 1882.*—At the close of another year of quiet work for the "furtherance of the Gospel and the honour of our Lord," we offer words of thanksgiving to the Master who has again given us an opportunity to do some good to the household of faith. It would give us pleasure to record a great increase in our band of workers and a much larger revenue than any of the twelve years of our existence, but taking everything into consideration we feel that we may congratulate ourselves upon a very cheering, successful year; the grant of \$600 made by you last year has been met, and still there is a balance in the bank, so that we may believe that weariness in well-doing has caused no desertion from the ranks of our sisterhood, and that in spite of some adverse circumstances, and one special disappointment in our plans, we have not been compelled to give to your Lordship a diminished fund towards the aims and objects of our Association. We had indulged in great expectations as to the financial result of the Lingle venture, but we could not contend against an unpropitious climate, and two days of constant rain threw many of our hopes into the shade. The enterprise would have proved a total failure but for the hard work of hand and brain of your trusted Treasurer, Mrs. Lawson, who turned aside a threatened defeat and changed it into a mere disappointment, converting even her lament for dripping skies into seventy dollars of shining gold. To her may be largely credited this year's success, and the whole Association is unanimous in their recognition of the cheering part she plays in all our efforts to hold our own in the engagements we have undertaken, and for which, as a Society, we exist. Our system of collecting, by means of mite boxes, has somewhat extended this year, and here we wish to make clear that the mite boxes are not to touch the yearly subscription, but are, as they were called when first started, an "extra effort," entirely apart from the subscription. We wish we could so far develop this scheme as to make our *unassuming little chest* an institution in every "Church-woman's" home. We note with pleasure one new feature, as yet in its infancy, but so full of promise, that we hope for its rapid growth. Four children—Mary Lawson, Bertie Slayter, Mary and Winifred Corbett, named by themselves "The Little Gatherers"—have undertaken the filling of one of these little boxes, and the result has proved how success can be achieved when simple earnestness and energy are brought to the work. We may not doubt that these offerings from the hands of the young disciples in the School of Christ are well pleasing to Him, who, when on earth, graced with acceptance the Hosannah of the children at Jerusalem, and who had a word of rebuke for those who would keep them back; and in addition to the personal blessing that may descend on these little gleaners as they offer their small sheaves, gathered and presented in the spirit of love, we venture to hope that if the children's sympathies were more generally enlisted the zeal they show in working for the spread of the Gospel may act as a leaven in their homes among their elders. The utility and importance of our Association are much increased by the diminution of the ordinary means of providing for the maintenance of the clergy. We have learned that the S. P. C. withdraws this year nearly \$3,500 from its annual grant to this Diocese, while the Board of Home Missions, far from supplying the deficiency, have been compelled actually to deduct 10 per cent from the small stipends of the Missionaries on its list. It is hoped that in due time the people in the several Missions will make up to their pastor the amounts now withdrawn, but we are informed that without such assistance as we may be able to supply the churches in some destitute places must be closed. The Bishop informs us that through aid supplied from our funds for a limited period the people in two Missions were induced to make an effort to provide for a clergyman, which has been entirely successful, although without such encouragement nothing would have been attempted. With our aid the Bishop has been able to place a clergyman in charge of the important Mission of Lockport, where Mr. Churchward is especially doing a good work, and from which we have had a gratifying instance of appreciation of our help in a contribution sent from there by Miss Locke. We have regarded with special interest from its inception the Mission of the Rev. Simon Gibbons, which owes its existence to a grant from this Association. From the nature of the extensive district committed to him, and the peculiar difficulties of travelling, this is the most truly missionary work within the Diocese, and his health has suffered by toil and exposure. The Bishop has granted him leave of absence for a year, which he is improving in England to the utmost for the benefit of his Mission, endeavouring to raise funds for church building and permanent endowment. He has awakened much interest there by preaching and speaking at public meetings, and several favourable notices of him have appeared in English Church papers. He was happily able to provide a substitute to take charge of his Mission during his absence. The Rev. J. Boot has been appointed and licensed by the Bishop; and we earnestly hope for Mr. Gibbons' return, at the expiration of his leave, recruited in mind and body, and bringing substantial fruits of his labour on the other side of the Atlantic for the benefit of his people. The Bishop states that he has three more Missions which must depend upon aid from us for the continued maintenance of three clergy, having being deprived since March 31st of S. P. C. Grants, and that he is waiting your grant at

this meeting before allotting the funds which we may place at his disposal for the ensuing year. Seeing that local help in support of our Missions is even more needed now than when twelve years ago we associated ourselves for the purpose of extending the Kingdom of our Lord, we cannot shake off the increased responsibility imposed upon us, and if ever a feeling of despondency follows the knowledge that our help is very small, while the want is very wide and deep, we must only take courage and honestly do all that lies in our power. We again ask our sisters in Christ to do this honestly and earnestly.

HALIFAX, May 25th, 1882.

The Churchwoman's Missionary Association.

In account with the Treasurer.

1882.			
May 24.	To amount paid the Bishop.....	\$600.00	
	" balance on hand.....	288.30	
			\$888.30
1881.	CR.		
May 24.	Balance from former statement.....	\$221.68	
June 30.	Interest Savings' Bank to date.....	20.29	
Aug. 6.	Proceeds Garden Party N. W. Arm.....	100.00	
1882.			
Feb. 9.	Offertory P. V. M. St. Luke's.....	5.04	
Apr. 15.	" Annunciation, ".....	20.29	
May 24.	Work and Subscriptions.....	162.30	
	Amount collected in mite boxes.....	362.64	
			\$888.64

WINDSOR.—The ladies of the Parish intend holding a Bazaar in aid of the Building Fund of the new church in the Drill Shed on Wednesday, June 21st. There will be excursion trains, at reduced rates, from Halifax and Kentville and intermediate stations east and west, and every effort will be put forth to make the trip a pleasant one. The ladies of Windsor do not often indulge in the pleasures (?) of a Bazaar, but when they do they know how to excel, and we promise those who attend a good time.

KENTVILLE.—St. James' Church has been successfully moved to a more central and important site. The building is 70x40, with a tower about 70 feet high, so that its removal was quite an undertaking, and the admirable management of the contractors, Messrs. Chute & Son, of Bear River, has been highly spoken of. The success of the undertaking is entirely due to our Parson, Mr. Ruggles, whose energy and pluck is admired by all, even by those who at first thought the matter altogether unfeasible. The change will materially add to the advance of the Church in this place.

HALIFAX.—*St. George's.*—At a meeting of the parishioners, held on Thursday, the 18th inst., a design and estimates were submitted by the Rector, Rev. Canon Partridge, as Chairman of a Committee appointed for that purpose, for a new chancel. The alterations include the taking down the organ from the loft in which it is at present, the putting in of new choir seats, the building of a vestry, and the re-arrangement of the sanctuary. The meeting was a great success. The utmost unanimity prevailed, and the designs were approved of by a practically unanimous vote. The Rector announced that he would be responsible for the amount of funds required, having already collected nearly \$500. The whole alterations will cost about \$1000, the whole of which is expected to be raised within a few weeks, and without resort to bazaar or any such ways of raising money. The Church in St. George's Parish is to be congratulated on the harmony which prevails within it.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—Rev. J. Lockwood, having now removed to St. Martin's, N. B., desires all communications to be addressed to him there.

D. C. S. OCCASIONAL PAPER, No. IV.—The committee appointed to prepare an O. P. for 1882 will present the same for the approval of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, June 7th. If approved, the Occasional Paper will be immediately printed. The Clergy of the Diocese will please to notify the Rev. T. E. Dowling, Carleton, St. John, how many copies they will require for distribution.

ST. JOHN.—*St. Mary's.*—The Rev. O. S. Newnham has been able to note a great improvement in the congregations of this Chapel since his advent here. In many ways he is just the man for the work, and the success attending his labours proves that he is being appreciated by the people. Our earnest and godly Rector, the Rev. Geo. Armstrong, has reason to be thankful in having so admirable an assistant.

ST. ANDREWS.—*Intercessions and offerings for Missions.*—At the daily services, during the past week, the form appointed for Intercessions for Missions was used. On the Festival of the Ascension, the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m. The number of communicants was much larger than usual, and there was a good congregation at the evening service. The service for Missions was used also on Sunday, the 21st. The offerings at All Saints amounted to \$25 at St. John's Chapel, Chamecook, to \$5, in all \$30 for the Missions of Algoma.

DORCHESTER.—We are glad to learn that this Parish, under its new Rector, is progressing. The congregations are very good, and the Sunday School well attended. Mr.

Campbell is spoken of as an earnest preacher, and a frequent visitor among his people. Dorchester is rapidly becoming quite an important place, and such a man as Mr. Campbell has elsewhere shown himself to be, will, no doubt, keep the Church more than alive there. The Rev. Mr. Simonds attends faithfully to his duties as Chaplain of the Penitentiary, and has a great and arduous work to engage his time and attention. It is a work not only very difficult but also very discouraging, and the interest taken in it by Mr. Simonds (although the paid Chaplain) may well be called "a labor of love." Let us hope that he may see blessed results follow upon his work.

ST. MARTIN'S.—Our new Rector, Mr. Lockwood, has settled down among us to take Mr. Campbell's place, and we are glad to feel that we have a minister with us again. Our new Rector seems well pleased with the place, and we think that he will be all that we can desire, although we felt very sorry to lose Mr. Campbell, who did so much while he was here. The CHURCH GUARDIAN is taken by a good many in this Parish, and we are glad to learn that it is meeting with success.

MONCTON.—At the regular meeting of the parishioners called for the purpose on Thursday evening, Mr. Hoadley was canonically elected the Rector of the Parish to succeed Mr. Pentreath. Mr. Hoadley has our congratulations and best wishes. We have just heard from Mr. Pentreath, who has been regularly inducted into his new work by the Bishop of Rupert's Land, and has entered upon it with a determination to use all his ability to make the Church a power in that new and rapidly growing city. He writes us in warm praise of the Bishop and of his own new parishioners, who he believes are disposed to second heartily all his efforts for the good of the Church. He promises to write us something for publication very soon.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—The anniversary meeting of the Diocesan Church Society will be held (D.V.) at St. John, in the Trinity Church school room on Thursday, the 6th day of July next, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The Clergy and Lay Delegates are requested to meet in general committee at the same place on Tuesday, the 4th day of July next, at 10.30 o'clock, a. m.

By order of his Lordship the President.

W. Q. KETCHUM,
Secretary.

St. Andrews, May 24, 1882.

The Clergy are especially requested to forward their reports to the Secretary, at the latest, a fortnight before the annual meeting, in order that the report of the Society may be properly prepared. By a resolution of the General Committee, it is required that the certificates of the Lay Delegates be forwarded to the Secretary at least ten days before the annual meeting.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL.—The annual meeting of the "Church Home" took place lately in the Institution. The Bishop presided. The managers are to be congratulated on the flourishing state of the finances. The building is now entirely free from debt, and there is not only a balance to the credit of the Building Fund of \$295.68, but also a surplus of \$473.45 on the year's income after all expenses are cleared off. The institution is also quite full, and many deserving cases have had to be refused admittance on account of the lack of accommodation. Such a state of things is both pleasant and the reverse. It is satisfactory inasmuch as it is a proof that the Home, its seclusion, its quiet and its religious privileges, are duly valued, and it is painful because the ladies would be truly glad to receive all desirable inmates. Increased space can only be provided in one of two ways—either by enlarging the present building, or by purchasing or erecting another.

FRELIGHTSBURG.—On the 12th inst., the Rev. Canon Ellegood, Montreal, delivered his most interesting lecture on "Incidents of travel in connection with a recent visit to Spain." The proceedings were rendered additionally attractive by the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese, whose genial bearing and energetic remarks both pleased and profited his hearers. A statement was made of the prospects of the completion of the church, and one of those present whose personal liberality and active influence has already been directed towards this laudable enterprise, volunteered a fifth of the amount still unprovided for. The remarks of all the speakers and the action of several others indicate the speedy accomplishment of an object which will do credit alike to the intelligence, the hearts and the liberality of the people of the Township. On Sunday morning a confirmation took place. In the evening, after a hearty service, the Bishop delivered an admirable discourse.

DUNHAM.—Bishop Bond preached to an immense congregation here on Sunday afternoon, May 14, and held a confirmation.

MONTREAL.—*Trinity Church.*—The Bishop of the Diocese has issued the following appeal:—The strenuous and final effort which has been made, during the past few days, for the reason of the Trinity Church, has resulted in securing all the required sum, excepting two thousand five hundred dollars. This small sum must be secured by Saturday, 27th inst., in order finally to close the matter. Any who have not been called upon and who are willing to aid, will