

## News from the Home-Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### Londonderry.

The following additional contributions towards building the new church are thankfully acknowledged. Rufus A. Tremaine, Truro, \$2; A Friend, Truro, \$5; C. E. Bentley, Truro, \$5; J. A., Halifax, \$5; A widow, Halifax, \$1; M. S., Liverpool \$2; A. T., Parrsboro, \$5. Will a few more kind friends remember us, and send us *one dollar*? Contributions sent to Rev. W. J. Ancient, Acadia Mines, Londonderry, N. S., will be thankfully acknowledged.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The Chapter of the Amherst Rural Deanery met in Stellarton, on Wednesday, Nov. 25th; present, Ven. Archdeacon Kaulback, Rural Dean Harris, Revds. I. L. Downing, H. A. Harley, G. R. Martell, W. C. Wilson, Crawford Frost and the rector of the parish, Rev. Maurice Taylor; the Rev. Dyson Hague of St. Paul's, Halifax, was also with us and helped not a little to make the meeting full of interest.

Evensong was said in the parish church on Tuesday evening, the Rev. H. A. Harley of Pictou preaching a very earnest sermon from the text, "The love of Christ constraineth us." The offertory, for the B. H. M. was a generous one amounting to \$15.

On Wednesday morning service was held in the parish church and the Holy Communion celebrated; Rural Dean Harris in the absence of the appointed preacher, delivered a most interesting sermon from the text, "I am the light of the world."

At 2.30 o'clock the business meeting was held at the rectory, when various matters of interest were freely discussed; Rev. Dyson Hague, who was visiting the parish in the interest of the B. H. M. gave us a great deal of solid information, as to his methods in securing contributions for missionary purposes, which cannot fail to help us greatly.

In the evening the whole clerical force augmented by a few zealous Stellarton churchwomen, boarded the train for Westville, arriving there at 8.30, only to find the church in darkness, and the door securely locked.

The energetic rector, however, was equal to the occasion; by the glimmering light of a little lantern he made his rapid way to the sextons house, and the resounding double knock that he gave the door could be heard a hundred yards away.

A startled woman flung open the wide the portal; the church key was quickly handed out, and soon the pretty little church of St. Bees was all ablaze with light.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, service was held, and a very excellent missionary address was given by Rev. Mr. Hague which was listened to with great attention by all who were privileged to be present.

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The lights are out; the sextons wife takes the key; we slide down a bank, and reach the station in time to take the train for Stellarton.

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Supper at the rectory, afterwards a little cheery conversation, then some hearty handshakings and we separated to find our billets; the morning trains carried us at clergyman's rates, to our homes again, all of us being well satisfied with the pleasant meeting: and not a little benefitted by what we had heard there.

The good people of Stellarton showed us much kindness for which we desire to return thanks. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held (D. V.) in New Glasgow, sometime in January.

#### Liverpool.

WESTERN HEAD.—A week or two since being in Liverpool on a Sunday I was invited to go out in the afternoon to Western Head to attend service at the Church in that district. The day was one of the lovely warm autumnal days with which November has favored us and the drive out by way of Moose Harbor and Black Point most enjoyable. The view along the eastern shore was very pretty, and on the distant horizon far out seaward was observed the steamer "Halifax" bound for the old city round Chebucto Head from which she is named. The road leads across the inner dip of a ridge of large beach stones for about half a mile: these large stones have evidently been cast up by the sea during the storms of past and present ages. A good road, however, has been made across. Grace Church—for so it was named at its consecration—is situated at the western extremity of the beach referred to where it connects with the mainland at the foot of a rather steep ascent. It is a neat wooden structure consisting of nave and chancel, and will seat some 150 (?) persons. The interior presents a very churchly appearance with spotlessly clean floor, neat varnished pine seats, well arranged sanctuary, and a good sounding organ, which was ably handled by the organist, a young lady of the neighbourhood. The service and singing were very hearty, and when the prayer for our seamen and fishermen was solemnly offered up to the throne of Divine grace by the priest, a thrill must have penetrated the hearts of all present, as it most certainly did that of your correspondent: the "Amen" being uttered with a deeper emphasis, and no wonder, when the surroundings are considered.

The finishing touch to the chancel is the recent addition of a three light stained glass east window from the firm of Castle & Son, Montreal, which sets forth a beautiful representation of the Crucifixion, with the sacred monogram underneath the cross, in the centre light; the two side lights being tracery and medallions set in lead framing. The coloring of the glass is bright, and yet the skilful combination of colors subdues any excess of brightness, and reflects great credit on the taste of the designer. The east wall from north to south is very prettily panelled in hard wood, and the panelling forms both reredos and dorsal. The self denial of the willing workers of Western Head to whose exertions I was informed the successful obtaining of the window is due, cannot be too highly commended; but it evinces more than self-denial: it shows how deeply the love of God and His Church is implanted in the hearts of these dwellers by the sea, and proves their gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts for the temporal blessings He has so richly showered on them, shewn by the comfortable houses and well tilled farms observable all round, not to speak of the prosperity indicated by the fish houses and fishing boats in the snug cove by the breakwater on the eastern side.

In conclusion the warm congratulations of a visitor are sincerely offered to the congregation of Grace Church. May they ever continue active in good works.—*Laus Deo.*

In addition to the window and panelled dorsal and reredos, mentioned by your correspondent above, the workers at Western Head have pro-

vided the chancel with a new altar, (for which a tasteful altar cloth has been made by the skilled fingers of a lady of Liverpool) and with a brass Cross and pair of Vases, which add greatly to the churchly appearance of the sanctuary.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

#### St. John.

The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Deanery was held Tuesday evening, 8th Dec. The annual report was read by the acting secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond. Interesting reports of the affairs of the different city schools were made by the various superintendents. The total number of scholars enrolled is 1,920, and the average attendance showed an increase of 70. About \$1,400 was raised for Sunday school Missionary and other purposes. The officers chosen were: Canon Brigstocke, president; Messrs. T. W. Daniel, A. H. Hannington, W. M. Jarvis, C. F. Kinnear, Thos. Patton, A. P. Tippet, E. J. Wetmore, William J. Irvine, H. W. Frith, Ira Cornwall, Misses J. R. Barlow, F. Murray, M. A. Peters, vice-presidents; Gerard G. Ruel, secretary-treasurer.

### Diocese of Quebec.

#### Sherbrooke.

The annual meeting of the Deanery Board of the District of St. Francis, took place according to announcement on the 8th and 9th Dec., when there was a large attendance of both clergy and laity. The afternoon meeting on the 9th, was specially interesting, the papers read being of a high order and most practical, and the discussion upon the same being taken part in spiritedly by the various members present. Two papers on Catechising and Sunday School instruction, one by Rev. Canon Foster, Rural Dean, and the other by Rev. Canon Thornloe, Rector of Sherbrooke, were specially valuable, and it is hoped that they may obtain a much wider influence by being published than can possibly result from merely being read at the meeting. An interesting paper was also read by Rev. N. P. Yates, in regard to work amongst young men. A practical paper was that on the progress of Church extent in the District, by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, in connection with which an earnest discussion arose in regard to exchanges between clergy and as to the Church of England Temperance Society, and some practical remarks in support of the latter were made by Mr. Elkins, an old worker in the temperance cause, but not satisfied with the ordinary basis, heartily indorsing the Church of England platform.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—On the evening of the second day a general Missionary meeting was held in the Church hall, which was crammed to the doors, an exceptional thing in the case of meetings of this kind. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided and on the platform with him were the Ven. Archd. Roe, Rev. Dr. Adams, Prin, of Bishops College, Rev. Lennox Williams, M.A. Rector St. Matthew's Church Quebec, Rev. A. C. Scarth Rector Lennoxville, Rev. D. Blaylock, Rector of Danville, Revs. N. P. Yates, Colston, and others of the clergy. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn "Thy Kingdom come, O Lord," followed by the appointed prayers said by the Rev. Canon Thorn-