

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Fredericton.

FREDERICTON.

The ladies of W. A. to Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions held a high tea on the 14th Dec. inst. in the Church hall, which passed very successful.

ST. JOHN.

At St. Luke's church on Sunday morning, 17th Dec., Mr. T. B. Smith, a graduate of Toronto University, and now attached to the staff of Rothesay Collegiate School, was ordained priest by Bishop Kingdon. Archdeacon Brigstocke preached an appropriate sermon. At the evening service thirty-nine persons were confirmed by his Lordship in the same church.

St. Paul's.—The Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, the now rector of St. Paul's, preached his first sermon in his new charge last Sunday. The Acton and Chiswick, Eng., *Gazette of Saturday, Dec. 9*, contains a long account of a presentation made to Rev. Mr. Dicker before he left England. It was a public affair and took place in all Saints school, South Acton. The chairman, Rev. Mr. Harvey, spoke in most enthusiastic terms of the good work done at Acton Vale by Rev. Mr. Dicker in a newly formed parish. He had worked energetically and had achieved much success. While they all regretted his loss to Acton, they might congratulate the churchmen of St. John, New Brunswick, upon the man who was to become their rector, for Mr. Dicker would go there with a full determination to work as bravely, as energetically, and as self-denyingly as he had done in Acton. After other words of praise and further assurance of good will the chairman handed Rev. Mr. Dicker a purse of over £60 and a largely signed address. Rev. Mr. Dicker most heartily thanked the large assemblage for their gift, and in the course of his brief speech spoke most feelingly of the kindness shown him by the people of Acton. Several other clergymen who were present spoke in hearty praise of the good work done at Acton by Rev. Mr. Dicker. One speaker said Mr. Dicker's Canadian congregation would soon find out his good qualities—his social spirit, his genial and sympathetic nature, his wonderful gift of song—and he looked forward to him becoming a leading and influential man in the Canadian Church. He trusted earnestly that such might be his future. Many other presents were made the departing clergymen. The choir of St. Barnabas gave him a handsome signet ring, and he received a picture from the children of the Sabbath school. In an editorial reference to Mr. Dicker's departure the *Acton Gazette* said: "Mr. Dicker is one of a multitude of clergy in the English church who consecrate all their powers of body and mind and all the gifts of education to their pastoral work, receiving no higher pecuniary stipend than will purchase life's necessaries in return. The presentation made to him on Monday was a concrete expression of a very real sentiment."

Diocese of Quebec.

LENNOXVILLE.

On Wednesday Dec., 13th. the ladies of the guild connected with St. George's Church, held a bazaar at the town Hall. A collection of fancy work was sold for the benefit of the above church. Some ladies of the village, and gentle-

men of Bishop's College, performed Tableaux scenes in a statuesque and effective manner, and pantomime, which much amused the audience. The musical part was contributed by Mr. Perry and his band; the piano was played by Miss Avery; Mrs. & Miss Abbott; Misses Westlake, and Badgeley and E. Johnson. Songs were given by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Lloyd. The Rev. Mr. Scarth was absent on account of illness. The part of spokesman was creditably taken by Mr. Nichols.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

Diocesan S. S. Association.—The regular public monthly meeting, under the auspices of the Association, was held in the Synod Hall on Monday evening, the 18th inst., at which there was a smaller attendance than usual, and a notable absence of many of the City Clergy, the only ones present being the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Principal Henderson, Revs. J. H. Dixon, Rexford, H. J. Evans, Rural Dean Sanders, T. Everett, and W. Mervyn. Two excellent and very suggestive papers were read, one by Rev. H. J. Evans on the means of familiarising the young with the Liturgy of the Church, and the second by Rev. J. Baylis, B. D., Rector of Longueuil, on the Responsibility of Parents in regard to the Sunday-school. Mr. Evans exhibited an invention of his own for directing the congregation to the places in the Prayer Book in connection with the paged Prayer Book, and explained its use. Reference was also made to the use of Leaflet service forms. A desire was expressed by the Dean, Mr. Rexford and others to improve the diocesan character of the Association, and it was determined to hold a special meeting during Synod week, as a means to this end.

Grace Church.—At the last meeting of this Society the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Dr. Ker; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Hincheliffe and Bishop; Secretary, Mr. Alfred Corner; Organist, Miss Annie Corner. It was decided to hold the meetings of the Society on Monday evenings.

The concert held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, in the lecture hall of the church, Monday evening week, was a success. Mr. C. Manning presided. The programme was a good one, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The "May Pole," performed by a number of fair young maidens, was considered a rare treat. The Boys' Brigade, from St. Jude's Church, went through manual drill and bayonet exercises in a creditable manner. Prof. Coombes kept the audience in roars of laughter with his Punch and Judy show and ventriloquism. Miss M. Starke sang very sweetly, as also did Miss Budd, Mrs. Chennell and Miss L. Daniels. A reading by Mr. H. Holt was well received.

Students' Missionary Convention.—The students of the Diocesan College are busily preparing for the approaching convention of the Church Students' Missionary Association, to be held in this city on the 11th and 12th of January next. This society is composed of the theological students of the Church of England in Canada and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. These young men hold an annual convention with this object in view: To gain and disseminate information concerning missions and missionary work, to arouse and stimulate interest in such work, and to further that work by intercessory prayer. The coming convention will be the seventh, and the first held in Canada, the Montreal Diocesan College securing the honor. Two public missionary

meetings are to be held on the evenings of the above dates in St. George's School-house. Addresses at the first will be given by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Dean Carmichael and others. The second meeting will be addressed by the Bishop of Athabasca, the Rev. Dr. Carey, of Saratoga, N. Y., and the Bishop of Montreal, who will preside.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Trinity.—The Christmas eve service at Trinity church was well attended, considering the inclemency of the weather, which, doubtless, prevented many from being present. The service was opened with the hymn "Whence Those Sounds Symphonious." The psalms for the day were chanted, and following the lesson, Dudley Buck's "Cantate Domino" and "Deus Misereatur" were sung. The anthem was "Nazareth," arranged by Buck, with bass and contralto solos, and was rendered with great spirit and precision. The offertory—a male quartette—"Hark, the Glad Sound," was well sung, portions of it unaccompanied, forming a beautiful contrast with the joyous *fatissimo* "Hallelujah Glory to God," with the organ accompaniment. This is the first time Trinity male quartette has been heard. The impression given was very favorable, and it is understood that it is the intention to have portions of the services hereafter sung by the quartette, giving additional attractiveness to the choir's work.

On Christmas day the service at 11 o'clock was marked by the production of very elaborate Christmas music and festival settings of the canticles. The organist, Mr. J. H. Laner, A.C.O., Eng., played the "Hallelujah" from Handel's "Messiah" as a prelude. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" opened the service. The special psalms for the day were chanted. Tallis' festival responses, "Venite," Sir F. Ouseley, were given, and after the first lesson, Batchelder's festival "Te Deum" was rendered. Schubert's "Jubilate Deo," arranged by Dudley Buck, followed. The anthem was "Adeste Fideles," and "O, Come all ye Faithful," Agutter's "Kyrie" and "Gloria" were all well rendered. The offertory was a trio by male voices, "Say, where is He born," from Mendelssohn's oratorio (unfinished), "Christus." Rev. Canon Mills, rector, preached at both services. His text at the Christmas morning service was "Emmanuel, God with us." The assistant, Rev. Rural Dean Sanders, read the lessons and assisted at the celebrations of the Holy Communion, which were held at nine o'clock and after the morning prayer at eleven o'clock.

St. Martin's Church was handsomely decorated for the festival season, and was crowded with worshippers. The services were conducted by Rev. G. O. Troop, Rector, assisted by Rev. W. H. Garth. The latter also preached the sermon, taking his text from Galatians iv. 4: "When the fullness of the time was come God sent forth His Son." The service opened with "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." The anthem was "Sing, O Heavens, and be Joyful, O, earth." Another of the hymns was, "Come all ye Faithful." During the offertory the anthem was "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." The offerings, which were for the relief fund of the parish, were very good, as they also were at the earlier morning Communion service, when over \$30 was realized.

The children of St. Martin's parish made a new departure on Saturday afternoon. In former years they have had a Sunday school festival and distribution of prizes amongst themselves; but this year, on account of the number of poor people to supply, the children decided to make it an offertory to the poor; and when the youngsters came to the basement of the church, all carrying gifts of either money, clothing or food for the needy ones, it was a pretty sight. Soon \$45 in cash was piled up,