

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Clerical Secretary notifies the clergy who have not yet sent in their subscription lists that unless they reach him this week they will be too late for insertion in the report.

B. H. M.

The Secretary acknowledges the following amounts to date:—

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Lunenburg, \$36.10; St. Luke's, Halifax, 60.70; Liverpool 3.00; St. Clements, 9.00; Mrs. Morris, Torbay, 3.70; Manchester, 4.17; Bridgetown, 59.70; Newport, 31.05; Liverpool Road, 25.00; Chester, 45.00; St. Paul's, Hx., 1.00; do., 5.00; Windsor Forks, 22.10; Amherst, 6.00; R. T., Guysboro, 5.00; Cornwallis, 40.00; Pictou, 15.25; Yarmouth, 109.25; Lunenburg, 169.00; Granville, 54.65; Windsor, 219.40; Bridgewater, 57.24; Sydney, 74.50; Clements, 56.57; Chester, 7.39; Truro, 127.50; Falmouth, 15.00; Cornwallis, 15.50; Liverpool, 302.09; Chester, 0.25; Mahone Bay, 67.13; Sydney, 3.46; Hubbard's Cove, 103.65; Weymouth, 148.00; Petite Riviere, 24.00; Newport, 6.31; New Ross, 44.15; Lunenburg, 31.60; Yarmouth, 175.00; Maitland, 68.00; Beaver Harbor, 70.10; Chester, 51; Amherst, 116.00; Rawdon, 38.15; Annapolis, 111.70; Mahone Bay, 7.73; Lunenburg, 3.00; Bridgewater, 2.50; St. Paul's, Hx., 2.00; Sydney, .50; T. S. Atkinson, 1.00; Tangier, 23.00; St. Luke's, Hx., 5.00; Dartmouth, 76.43; Weymouth, 7.00; Cornwallis, 1.00; River John, 15.00; Bishop's Chapel, Hx., 235.00; do., 1.00; Antigonish, 33.75; Digby, 76.52; St. Luke's, Hx., 118.00; Seaford, 38.00; Truro, 9.25; Shellburne, 126.09; Weymouth, 45.00; Sackville, 40.00; St. Luke's, Hx., 966.53; Bridgewater, 6.00; Arichat, 16.00; Maitland, 17.80; Londonderry, 29.65; River John, 15.77; Chester, .10; Port Medway, 36.67; Digby, 1.52; St. Mark's, Halifax, (N. W. Arm) 10.23.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Falmouth, \$2.00; St. Luke's, Hx., 81.06; Newport, 3.54; Annapolis, 12.00; Bishop's Chapel, Hx., 32.18; Digby, 12.03; Albion Mines, 13.50; Windsor Forks, 4.00; Chester, 1.45; St. Luke's, Hx., 84.34; Londonderry Mines, 3.50; Granville, 5.15; Windsor, 40.33; Sydney, 7.94; Truro, 4.98; Mahone Bay, 9.00; Hubbard's Cove, 2.00; New Ross, 5.20; Rawdon, 3.61; Annapolis, 10.00; Dartmouth, 55.27; Horton, 5.00; Antigonish, 8.00.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

St. Paul's, Hx., \$73.36; Cornwallis, 3.50; Londonderry Mines, 3.50; Windsor, 23.43; Liverpool, 6.15; Hubbard's Cove, 2.00; New Ross, 2.31; Rawdon, 4.58; Horton, 3.50.

ENDOWMENT PARISHES.

Granville, \$6.00.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Secretary.

B. F. M.

The Secretary acknowledges the following amounts to date:—

Londonderry Mines, 2.00; Lunenburg R. Deanery, 21.07; Falmouth, 3.00; Annapolis Rural Deanery, 7.87; Chester, .25; Windsor, 10.00; New Ross, 1.30; Annapolis, 1.50.

ALGOMA BISHOPRIC FUND.

Mrs. (Col.) Stewart, 6.00; Liverpool, 15.00; D. E. F., 20.00; Another D. E. F., 20.00; Amherst, 10.00; Granville, 9.05; Maitland, 9.50; T. A. Brown, Esq., 5.00; Truro, 14.97; St. Luke's, Hx., 11.03; Bridgewater, 13.00; Yarmouth, 35.10; Pictou, 12.25; Windsor, 8.00; Sydney, 4.50; Hubbard's Cove, 8.68; Amherst, 18.00; Arichat, 4.87.

S. P. C.

Weymouth, \$7.50.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA (GENERAL.)

St. Luke's, Hx., 7.57; Walton, 3.41; Chester, 4.00.

SAULT STE. MARIE MISSION.

Yarmouth, \$21.53; do, 27.71.

BISHOP FAUQUIER MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

J. S., \$5.00; In Memoriam, 5.00.

SHINGWAUK HOME.

Digby, \$5.00; Windsor, 19.00.

STEAM YACHT FUND.

T. A. Brown, Esq., \$25.00; J. G. E., 5.00; Newport, 9.19; R., Guysboro, 5.00.

DIOCESE MOOSENEE.

St. Luke's, Halifax, \$6.00.

DIOCESE RUPERT'S LAND.

St. Luke's, Halifax, \$6.20.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

From our own Correspondent.

MELBOURNE—A few years ago the clergy, eight in number, of this part of the Diocese, some thirty-five miles in extent, organized themselves into a

Sub Deanery, and since then, with marked regularity, have met together once a month at each other's homes for devotions, study and mutual help; spending together (if possible under the one roof) two nights and a day. The order of proceedings on such occasions is as follows:—On the first evening a public service in the Parish Church, followed, at the Rectory, by some profitable discussion. On the following day an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed, after breakfast, by an hour's devotional meditation on some previously chosen passage, led by each in turn; this by a critical study of a portion of the Greek Testament, and this again in due time by a selection from the Old. Whenever possible this is supplemented by a paper from each in turn, afterwards open to criticism; and also by a synopsis of some new book. It were needless to say that such meetings, carried on as ours are in the spirit of mutual forbearance and brotherly love, are at once delightful and profitable, serving to help and cheer us in our work, and at the same time to stimulate in us the very important duty of devotional and critical study. This month fell to our lot. As usual, every man was in his place—for we allow nothing that can possibly be avoided to interfere with this duty—and a very happy meeting we had. In this respect, may we not humbly say that our example might be followed by our brother clergy in other districts with pleasure and profit to themselves.

THE annual Sunday School Festival in connection with St. Ann's Church has recently been held. Some two hundred children, after partaking of a feast of good things, were entertained with music and a magic lantern, and subsequently received from a well filled tree gifts according to their merit. Not the least interesting part of the programme was the presentation, by the Churchwardens in the name of the congregation, of a handsome purse containing \$80.50 as a Christmas offering and token of good-will to Mr. Balfour, their Rector. Acceptable, for their own intrinsic worth, as such offerings must necessarily be to a Canadian Missionary, they are ever much more highly to be appreciated and prized for the kind thought and good-will that prompted the giving.

INVERNESS.—The Rev. Isaac Thompson, our Diocesan Missioner, completed a ten days' mission in the Church of the Ascension, South Inverness. From the first the attendance was large, the Church being indeed crowded every night, the numbers running from 250 to 300. The people were evidently deeply interested and impressed with the heart-stirring addresses of the Missioner, and there can be no doubt that the result must be for good. The only danger, and it is a serious one, is if the strong feelings aroused are suffered to die out without producing the definite result in each case of a new and religious life. The responsibility lying upon the clergy to follow up the Missioner's work by earnest and ceaseless personal effort is very great. Of course, where the ceaseless religious appeals of ten continuous days drop down at once to the old round of one service in seven days—or it may be in fourteen days—the result can only be disastrous. In the case of this mission, more frequent services and other religious efforts are easy, inasmuch as Lent follows so immediately upon the close of the mission. A confirmation class, too, follows each mission as a matter of course, and no doubt in most cases a class of preparation for the Holy Communion. The prayers of the Church are earnestly asked for a blessing upon these special efforts to bring more home to men's hearts their own responsibility and Christ's salvation. Mr. Thompson's next mission, now in progress, is in Upper Ireland in this district, and the prayers of your readers are requested in its behalf.

THE annual meeting of the Church Society was held on the 7th inst., the Lord Bishop of Quebec in the chair.

The reports of the Central Board, Diocesan Board, and Clergy Trust Fund were presented, adopted and ordered to be printed. A report from the district of St. Francis was submitted and ordered to be printed, as also the accounts of the

Clergy Trust Fund, Local Endowment Funds, the Bishopric Endowment Fund, the Church Society, and the Diocesan Board.

The report of the Central Board shows the total receipts of the Society for 1882 to have been \$7,255.57, an increase of \$866.85 over the preceding year. Reference is made to the pensioning during the year of Rev. Messrs. Ker and W. King, and to the death of the late Mr. Weston Hunt, one of the Society's Vice-Presidents, a life member, and at one time Treasurer of the Society.

The report of the Diocesan Board refers to the valuable services of Mr. W. G. Petry, ex-Treasurer of the various funds of the board, and also to the decease of the late Rev. A. J. Woolryche.

The report of the St. Francis District Association testifies to the satisfactory progress made by the church in that portion of the Diocese.

A number of amendments to by-laws were adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the corporation:—Messrs. Geo. Lampson, C. G. Davies, R. S. Tozer, E. B. Spaulding, M. F. Brown and Sydney Forrest.

Mr. S. J. Shaw was elected a life member.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Central Board:—Mr. Judge, Dr. Montizumbert, Dr. Marsden, Messrs. Carter, J. H. Richardson, R. Campbell, H. M. Price, E. Pope, W. H. Tapp, W. G. Petry, Sydney Forrest, Geo. Lampson, J. J. Foote, with the Auditors, viz: Messrs. R. Turner, E. J. Hale, G. B. S. Young and Stuart H. Dunn.

The Clergy Trust Committee was re-elected.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondents.)

OTTAWA, like other capitals, is full of life and briskness, on the assembling of Parliament. Apropos of the present session, from all I gather, there will be very little business of importance to transact, but as Lent is concurrent with the early days of the new Parliament, there will be less scope for amusements, and consequently more time for business, and it is expected the session will be of somewhat shorter duration than is usually the case, although towards the close of the session, and when Easter has arrived, there will be more opportunity for "social amenities," and public business may subsequently be the loser. The Princess Louise will, it is expected, return to Ottawa in April.

At Christ Church, Ottawa, on Sunday the 4th instant, after Evening Prayer instead of a sermon, the Rev. S. Daw, Missionary at Beachburg, by permission of the Bishop, gave a graphic and interesting description of his mission, to which he was appointed in August last. Though he has been there such a short time, he has already opened six stations, and has travelled several hundred miles in the performance of his duties. On reaching his first station, Beachburg; he spent several days visiting. He met with very little success and felt greatly discouraged, wondering much, how the Bishop could send him there, saying to himself, he could well understand how Elijah felt under a juniper tree, and wished to die. He however, put up written posters announcing a service for the following Sunday in the Town Hall, when, much to his delight, he found a congregation of about two hundred present. They all seemed glad to see him, but he found it hard to convince them that the Bishop intended him to remain, as they said the Clergy of the Church of England were there to-day and gone to-morrow. He afterwards held a meeting to arrange for a concert, which was a decided success and realized the large sum of \$106. A church was started at once, towards the erection of which \$600 have been subscribed. At Cobden, the next station,—an important centre of grain—he was not so successful, only ten persons being present at the first service, now there is from one hundred to one hundred and fifty of a congregation. It is intended to build a church here also, for which much help is needed. He had baptized thirty persons, only two of whom were under one year old. Other denominations had already erected ten places of worship, while he (Mr. Daw)