

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BRIDGEWATER.—Death has again visited our community and we are called upon to chronicle the demise of Mrs. Elizabeth Brading, relict of the late Rev. James Brading, who passed peacefully away on Sunday morning last at the rectory at the age of 82 years. Mrs. Brading was an estimable lady—a consistent member of the Church, the faith of her husband—and was beloved by all who knew her. She was truly a lovely example of Christian character. Her gentle ways and kind words won the hearts of everyone, around her. Surviving her husband many years, she spent the evening of her days with her daughter, the wife of Rev. W. E. Gelling, the Rector of this parish and their family who tenderly cared for her until the great Comforter called her to her home above. The bereaved have our sincere sympathy in their heavy affliction.

AMHERST.—We regret exceedingly to learn from the *St. John's Globe* that the Rev. V. E. Harris, of Amherst, was taken suddenly ill on Saturday of inflammation of the brain, and his case is regarded as serious.

CAPE BRETON.

DEANERY OF SYDNEY.—Rev. Mr. Ansell, B.A., of Arichat, has been transferred from the Deanery of St. George to this Deanery. We anticipate mutual advantages from this change.

Rev. H. H. Pittman, B. A., has just taken charge of the mission of Badcock. We extend to him a very cordial welcome, and trust he will become thoroughly interested in the work of the Deanery. Mr. Pittman is a native of Trinity, Newfoundland, and has come to his present charge with the experience of several years as Lay reader in the Diocese of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, and as Deacon in charge under the instructions of that devoted and loyal Priest, Rev. V. Harris of Amherst.

Ven. Dr. Smith of St. George's, Sydney, is at present at King's College, Windsor, performing the duties of his office, as Lecturer in Bible Exegesis.

The 49th meeting of the Sydney Rural Deanery was held at Louisbourg on the 14th inst. Present, Rev. Rural Dean Bambrick, Ven. Dr. Smith, Revs. T. F. Draper and W. J. Lockyer.

A Vigil Service was held in the Parish Church at which prayers were read by the Rural Dean and a sermon preached by the Rev. W. J. Lockyer on the subject of Gentile privileges consequent upon the Epiphany.

The business was preceded by a Choral celebration of Holy Communion. The Rural Dean was the celebrant and preacher; subject of sermon: "The great gift of God the Father, and the different ways in which it was received by men."

The Chapter was convened at 2 o'clock in the Rector's study. Chapter III. of the Epistle to the Hebrews was read in Greek and discussed at length.

Our dear Bishop's illness was very feelingly referred to by Rev. Mr. Draper, and a resolution of sympathy, &c., was passed and arrangements made for its conveyance to His Lordship.

Several matters of importance to the Deanery were discussed, after which the meeting was adjourned to meet again at Sydney on Wednesday in Easter week.

A Missionary meeting was held in the evening, and the usual snow storm awaited the return of the visiting clergy next morning.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Church of England Institute

was held Tuesday afternoon, the 27th January. The membership is now 260. Interesting reports of the work of the year were made by the members of the various committees. The receipts of the year were \$450.32 and the balance is \$18.95. The officers elected were: President, Canon Brigstocke; vice-president, Mrs. G. F. Smith; secretary, Mrs. F. Symonds; treasurer, Mrs. H. Peters. The executive committee are Mrs. Thomas Walker, Miss Murray, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. Charles Holden, Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Charles Scammell, and Mrs. J. C. Allison.

The following additional particulars were sent us by the Secretary:

Mrs. Brigstocke's report showed that frequent visits had been made to the hospital and that a keg of grapes had been sent at Christmas.

Mrs. J. C. Allison reported for the flower mission that \$100.37 had been received for the mission, partly donations and partly the proceeds of an entertainment at the Institute. More flowers than usual had been supplied to the hospital weekly.

Mrs. J. R. Armstrong reported, for the marine hospital committee, that visits had been paid to the hospital, and the usual bountiful Christmas tea was provided on Saturday, Dec. 27th.

Mrs. Thomas Walker reported, for the charitable and Missionary Aid Committee, that four barrels and a box had been sent to the Shingwauk Home, and two boxes filled with Christmas presents had been sent to two country Sunday schools.

The Book Committee reported that 112 volumes had been added to the library, including a donation of Smith's Biblical Dictionary; that the library had been re-arranged and classified, and that a catalogue had been compiled and printed.

Miss Murray reported, for the Fancy work Committee, that the Easter sale was bright and successful, that \$30 had been realized.

Mrs. Starr reported, for the Reception Committee that two pleasant lunches had been given by the committee, assisted by their friends, to the clerical and lay delegates to the Synod in June last.

The Juliet Kerr Branch of the Zonana Mission reported through its President, M. S. F. W. Daniel, that regular meetings had been held and the usual money collected and remitted to the Parent Society for the support of a Bible woman in India.

The President of the Girls' Friendly Society reported regular meetings every Tuesday, and an increase in numbers and attendance.

The Treasurer reported an income of \$450.32 and a balance of \$13.95.

Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. G. F. Smith, Vice-president; Miss F. Symonds, Treasurer; Miss H. Peters, Secretary; Mrs. Walker, Miss Murray, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. Charles Holden, Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Charles Scammell, Mrs. J. C. Allison, Committee of Management.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BOURG LOUIS.—A very successful social to obtain funds for Church purposes was held in the parsonage in this place on the 27th ult. Nearly one hundred and fifty people were present, and enjoyed themselves greatly. The success of the entertainment was largely due to the assistance of kind friends from St. Raymond. Refreshments were provided by ladies of the parish. The Rev. J. B. Debbage is the Rector.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Rev. J. C. Cox, of Windsor Mills, in the Diocese of Quebec, has been in the city for several days collecting funds towards the erection of a parsonage in his Mission. He bore a letter of recommendation from the Bishop of Quebec, and we learn received a

number of subscriptions from friends of Church work here.

COTE ST. PAUL.—Thursday last being that appropriated to the Church of England, at the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, Verdun, the choir of the Church of the Redeemer (under Dr. Davidson's leadership) attended at the hospital at 3 p.m. and took the musical part of the service. The shortened form of Evening Prayer was used; the Rev. R. Acton, Immigration Chaplain, Montreal, officiated; preaching an appropriate and useful sermon.

THE CHURCH HOME.—The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Church Home took place on Thursday, January 29th, at 403 Guy street. Among those present were: The Lord Bishop of Montreal, in the chair; the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Canons Henderson, Ellegood and Mulock, Revs. J. Walker, G. A. Smith, Tucker, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Garth, Dr. Proudfoot, Mesdames Bond, Norton, Henderson, Gault, Notman, Moffat, Kerry, Miles, Williams, Waddell, Murray, J. S. Allan, Parker, Loverin and many other ladies. The secretary, Mrs. Emily Stancliffe, read the report. The Guy street house and land cost \$19,250, of which \$4,250 was paid in cash, and the balance remains on a mortgage at 5 percent. Two thousand dollars have since been invested at 6 percent to provide for this liability, and a few friends have promised annual contributions, collectable in February of each year, for the same purpose. The two largest contributions received during the year were \$695 from the kind promoters of the floral fair, and \$600 from the late Mrs. Selina W. Evans, by the kindness of her son, Mr. Fred. W. Evans. The house, 116 University street, lately owned and occupied by the Home, was sold to Mr. James McShane for \$6,000 in August last. The current expenses fund is barely sufficient for daily needs. Several valuable presents have been received during the year apart from gifts in money. The report of the treasurer, and the joint report of the secretary and treasurer on committee of Deaconesses, as well as the report of the King's Daughters were all passed unanimously. A vote of condolence was passed on the death of the Rev. Robert Lindsay.

The election of the committee of management then took place and resulted as follows:—President, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Montreal; first directress, Mrs. Waddell; second directress, Mrs. M. Williams; secretary, Mrs. Stancliffe; treasurer, Mrs. Mrs. G. W. Simpson; Miss Moffat, Mrs. Bagg, Mrs. L. Bond, Miss Durnford, Miss Douglas, Mrs. Fairbanks, Miss Geddes, Mrs. Jock, Mrs. A. Henderson, Mrs. Hemsley, Mrs. Kerry, Mrs. Loverin, Mrs. Leach, Miss A. McCord, Mrs. Notman, Mrs. A. F. Gault, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Bousseau, Lady Smith, Miss Shepherd, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Reford, Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Miss Ludington. The names of Canon Ellegood, Canon Henderson and the Rev. Dr. Norton were added to Advisory Committee and the Committee on Deaconesses was reappointed. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the retiring officers, and Mrs. G. W. Simpson replied on their behalf. Votes of thanks were passed to the physicians, counsel and notary, also to the Circle of King's Daughters, and to Mrs. Ashford and the newspapers for literature and courtesies extended. Mrs. Simpson, the retiring first directress was presented with an exquisite basket of flowers from the residents of the Home. A vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding was passed. His Lordship closed the meeting with the benediction.

We would heartily commend this work to the attention of Churchmen throughout the Diocese, its new and enlarged premises, much greater opportunities for usefulness and expansion present themselves, and the management has not been slow to recognize this in the assistance granted towards the much desired