

## News From the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

LAHAVE.—Sunday, 10th March, 1895, being the last day of 13 years' ministerial work by the Rev. Geo. D. Harris as the first Rector of the Parish, he gave his congregations a resume of the work done in this period within the limits of the parish, not including any of the work done in Lunenburg during the 2½ years before the separation of the parishes. The following items will speak for themselves and show a most successful period of work:

On March 11th, 1882, Mr. Harris came from Parrsboro, Cumberland Co., to Lunenburg, to assist the Rev. Dr. Owen, who at the time had so failed in health that he was quite unable to preach, and able to do but little parochial work, though he continued to do what he could up to the day of his death, which occurred on May 31st, 1884. Shortly after this the parish was divided and Mr. Harris was elected to the new parish of St. Matthew's, LaHave, in which he had already worked for 2½ years.

Of the 12 clergy of the Deanery in 1882, seven have died, viz.: The Rev. Messrs. Owen, D.D.; A. Jordan; Wm. H. Groser, M.D.; Wm. H. Snyder, M.A.; P. H. Brown, M.A.; Henry Stamer and John Smith, and three have moved from the Diocese, viz.: D. Sutherland, G. H. Butler, M.A., and Mr. Manning. The remaining two being the Rev. W. E. Gelling, R.D., and Mr. Harris, who remain at their posts.

The first work undertaken was the liquidation of a long-standing debt on the old church; then the Rectory property consisting of house, barn and 20 acres of land was purchased, refitted, painted, fenced and otherwise improved at a cost of about \$1,500. The church at The Ferry was then refitted and improved at a cost of \$1:5. A new church was then built at the Wynacht Settlement at a cost of \$1,500, and the next year the new parish church was built at a cost of upwards of \$3,500. Everything is clear of debt except the parish church, and the debt on this is being reduced month by month. The total amount of cash raised—principally in the 10 years since division—is about \$11,000; 2,561 services have been held, and over 3,000 sermons and addresses have been given; 500 celebrations of the Holy Communion; 10,218 visits, 44,629 miles travelled; 69 burials, at an average age of 46 years, ranging from 94 years down to 25 days; 176 Baptisms, 35 Marriages, 5 Confirmation services, with 111 confirmed. The Communicant's list shows many changes. In 1884 there were 112 Communicants; 60 have gone, 32 by death and 28 by removal, with a present number of 171, only 32 Confirmed not being regular Communicants; 171 out of 203 Confirmed, and 385 Baptized, which seems to be a very high percentage, considerably over half of the adult members. We begin another year with much pleasure and encouragement.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—The attendance at the midday service in the Church of England Institute under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew during the week ending March 9th, averaged about eighty daily; it was expected a larger number would be in attendance the present week.

On Sunday morning, the 10th March, the Lord Bishop of the diocese held an Ordination service at ROTHEsay, when the Rev. A. Lee, a teacher in the Rothsay Collegiate School, was ordained. In the evening a class of seventeen

boys and eight girls received the "Laying on of Hands." The Bishop himself preached the Ordination sermon.

### Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.—An admirable Lenten Pastoral or Letter was issued by the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec and Rev. Mr. Petry, the assistant, to the congregation of the Cathedral as to special services to be held during the Lenten season. In the Letter the Rector refers gratefully to the increase which has taken place in the number of communicants, notwithstanding "the many troubles and anxieties" which have existed lately. The Letter also signalized the increased attendance at the daily services and on Sunday evenings, the increase in both cases being unmistakable, more young people attending the Sunday evening services than was the rule a few years ago. It also noted as an encouraging fact the distinct improvement in the attendance at the *daily choral* service in All Saints' chapel. Special preachers have been occupying the pulpit of the Cathedral on the Sunday morning and Sunday evenings in Lent amongst them being the Lord Bishop of Quebec Rev. Canon Vonffland, and Rev. Canon Richardson. On the Wednesday evenings in Lent a service with sermon is being held in the Cathedral, at which some one of the city clergy other than those connected with the Cathedral is the preacher. During the week immediately preceding Easter morning, service, with devotional addresses by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, will be held in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., and on Good Friday there will also be a short service for children at three o'clock with an address by the Dean and evening service with sermon at eight.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese is delivering a course of "Instructions in the Faith," in his domestic chapel at Bishop's Thorpe on the Thursday mornings in Lent at eleven o'clock.

### Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.—Special lectures for men have been delivered by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M. A., rector of St. Martin's Church since December 6th at 8 p. m. on Thursday. They have been attended by a considerable number and have proved of much interest and value. The next meeting will be on the evening of the 21st of March when the rector will deliver an address on the "Book of Life;" on April 4th, another meeting will be held at which his subject will be "a Pillar in the Sanctuary," and on April 25th another, the subject being "The Conqueror's Throne."

The Church of the Advent appears to be making rapid strides towards organization as a distinct parish. Amongst other evidences of growth we notice in the *Messenger* of the present month the formation of a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, of which the officers are; President, Mrs. Fisher; Vice President, Mrs. Durnford; Secretary, Miss A. McCord, Treasurer, Miss Marling, with Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Skinner as members of the Board of Management. Further, a children's Guild has been formed under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild. It meets every Saturday afternoon to work for the poor and hospitals. Acknowledgment is made of gifts as follows: (1). An embroidered purple altar cloth, the gift of two gentlemen of the congregation. (2). Purple hangings for dossal and side curtains. (3). Two hardwood stands for the Auxiliary Choir. (4). An iron chest for registers, valuable papers and altar vessels. (5). The promise of a polished brass altar desk

at Easter. (6). A full set of 'Dyke's Te Deum' for the choir.

It is also known that a sum of \$1500 00 has been placed at the disposal of the Rev. H. W. Kittson, M.A., Curate in charge, for the benefit of the Church, and which it has been decided to devote to the erection of a chancel and a rood screen. This cannot be done, however, under the terms of the gift until the Mission becomes practically a separate parish and the Church and land upon which it is built become the property of such new parish. It is expected that shortly these conditions will be complied with and that in the early summer these improvements in the church will be made. The continual increase in the congregation renders the enlargement of the church in the near future a necessity, and to this end it is proposed to extend the nave to the sidewalk on St. Luke street. A notable feature in connection with the Church of the Advent is that it is one of the few in Montreal wherein daily service with a short address during Lent is being held. Besides this a special Litany service is held on Wednesday evening with sermon. Both the Curate in charge and the congregation are to be congratulated upon these unmistakable evidences of growth and advancement.

### Diocese of Huron.

LONDON.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Huron held its Annual Meeting in London, March 5th, 6th and 7th. There was a preliminary meeting of the Board of Management attended by Presidents of Branches on the evening of Monday the 4th, and on Tuesday morning Litany service and Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral, when his Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached a sermon to the delegates.

The first business session was held in the afternoon, the number of Branch Presidents and delegates present being 150, but for the severe snow storm of the preceding day a still larger number would have assembled. After the minutes had been read, and the roll called, the business arising out of the notices of motion laid before the Board of Management was taken up. The first of these was the notice of motion moved by the Bishop of Niagara at a meeting of the Board of Missions advising that the Woman's Auxiliary should hand over their funds undesignated to the board, on the plea that the members of that board were the most competent persons to judge of the needs of the mission field; but the general feeling was that sending in our funds undesignated, instead of dispensing them ourselves, would greatly lessen the interest of the branches in the work; consequently it was moved by Mrs. Bommer, seconded by Mrs. Hoyt, that the Woman's Auxiliary retain its privilege of disposing of its funds. With regard to the disposal of the thank offerings to be presented at the triennial meeting in September next, the delegates thereto were requested to use their own discretion.

The report of the semi-annual meeting held in October in Stratford was adopted.

The report of the Recording Secretary showed marked progress in the work. It is much to be regretted that several branches have neglected to send in reports but those sent show the number of senior branches to be 87 and junior branches 41: senior membership 1,400; junior 1,000. Two new life memberships have been made.

The Corresponding Secretary in her report brought some pressing appeals before the meeting.

The Dorcas Secretary's report told of many sales sent to different Mission Stations.

The Treasurer's report showed the total receipts during the past year to have amounted