

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### SPRINGHILL MINES.

**DECENTRALIZATION OF CHARITY.**—An interesting little quarterly paper is issued by the Rector of Springhill Mines, Nova Scotia, on behalf of Cottage Hospital work. In the last issue appears the following timely article:—

During the past two years immense sums of money have grandly and generously been given by philanthropists for hospital endowment and extension. Several prominent Montreal capitalists have started a new large hospital and some smaller ones have also been established. Large central hospitals, already richly endowed, have received still richer gifts. All this is very lovely. But surely the time has come to seriously ask our philanthropists to scatter some of their wealth to the poorer and less populous, but equally needy places. Montreal was already rich in well equipped and numerous hospitals. Large cities have many hospitals. But the smaller places of a country often have no such blessing nearer than one or two hundred miles. Mining towns and railroad centres are the great wealth supplies to the capitalists of large cities and consequently have a special claim upon the sympathy and liberality of the generous. The conditions of life in such places make accidents, sickness and suffering inevitable, and yet the sympathizing eyes and purses of those who could and perhaps would generously help at such times are away in the large cities. Our little Quarterly seeks to draw the sympathies of the wealthy to the smaller and needy places where their gifts would be bounteous blessings and priceless boons. To build a hospital where none before was established; to erect a beautiful church, which shall tell its object lesson of the surpassing dignity of God and Godly generosity of His servants, in a place where poor buildings abound; to endow a hospital struggling to perform its beautiful work in a neighborhood composed almost exclusively of the labouring class: to send the bright, helpful, ennobling influence of kindergartens, cooking schools etc., into these smaller places, where their advantages are priceless, surely such a scattering of charity would bring a larger return of helpfulness and national good than the concentration of all this noble work almost solely in large cities.

The Cottage Hospital in Springhill has begun its good work and is appreciated.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The special Lenten course of sermons, addresses, etc., were as follows: Sundays at 11 a.m.; sermons on the Gospel of the week, 7 p.m.; the Old Testament types of the Cross, Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.; the Church's Ministry of Grace; Thursdays, 5 p.m.; Meditations on the Seven Sayings of the B. V. M.; Fridays, 7.30 p.m.; Instructions on some of the various bodies of Christians; the Greek Church, the Roman Church, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, the Baptists and the Methodists; there was also an instruction given at the Children's service every Wednesday, at 4.30 p.m. In spite of the severe weather the daily Eucharist and other services were well attended throughout.

During Holy Week, there was a celebration daily at 7.45, and on Maundy Thursday, a choral one at 10 a.m.; Mattins daily, 9 a.m.; Children's service, 4.30; Litany, 5 p.m.; Evensong and address, 7.30; the subjects at Evensong were: The Anointing at Bethany; the Washing of

the Disciples feet; the Betrayal; the New Commandment; the Prayer for Unity. At the Children's services, the Cleansing of the Temple; the Barren Fig Tree; the Betrayal; the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

On Good Friday, there was a Children's service at 9.15 a.m.; Mattins and ante-Communion at 10 a.m.; from 12 to 3 p.m., the priest incumbent preached on the Stations of the Cross; 5 p.m., Litany; 7.30, Evensong and address. A larger number than usual were present at the Three Hours, including many strangers.

On Easter Day the Priest incumbent was celebrant at the first and second plain celebrations of Holy Communion at 7.15 and 8 o'clock respectively. The Rev. T. H. Hunt was celebrant at the third, fully choral, celebration at 11 o'clock. At this last, Cambridge's service in E was sung, and for the post Communion, "I am the Living Bread." During the ablutions the organist played "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and after the service Mendelssohn's March in Athalia. The Rev. James Simpson preached the sermon. There was a large number of communicants at these three services. The altar, vested in new embroidered white hangings and laden with a wealth of flowers, presented a beautiful appearance, especially when the lights were burning. Mattins was said in the chapel immediately before the third celebration. Before Evensong, the organist played Viviani's Easter Festival March. Tallis' festival setting of Evensong was sung, the psalms being, as usual, sung to Gregorian music. Bennet's beautiful music for the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was chosen, and, with all the other music of the day, was rendered very effectively by the large choir. The incumbent preached at this service also, at the close of which the choir, having marched in procession around the church singing "Come, ye faithful," proceeded to the sanctuary, where a solemn Te Deum was sung. Sir Herbert Oakley's festival March in E flat was played as the congregation left the church. The church was crowded at the two principal services, which were among the most joyful in the history of the church.

The offerings on Good Friday and Easter Day amounted to \$199.92.

The Easter meeting was held on Monday. The churchwarden's reported a surplus of \$58 for the year. A committee was appointed to mark in some special way the silver Jubilee of the church, which occurs next St. Peter's day. The incumbent stated that the congregation was steadily increasing in spite of the fact that according to the last census, the population of the city was decreasing; during the past six years ninety-nine members had been added, and the number of communicants had increased from 2,354 to 3,295 per annum. The daily Eucharist had an average attendance of ten, and altogether there was much cause for thankfulness. The total receipts from all sources for the year amounted to \$3,862.90, of which \$332.45 was for extra parochial purposes.

#### NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Easter day came to us beautifully fine, the air being almost June-like. St. John Baptist church was open for Holy Communion at eight a.m., and at that early hour seventy-three communicants accentuated by their presence at His table, their special Easter thanksgiving to Almighty God for the Resurrection of His Son—the earnest of their own. When it is remembered that the congregation here is composed of but about forty families, the number of communicants at this service must certify to the energy of the Rector, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, and also to the searching character of his Lenten addresses. We all feel that, forcible as have been those sermons in past years, yet, during the Lent which has just expired, greater power and increased ability have marked his teaching. If

results are to be measured by appearances then he has his reward for past effort, and much encouragement for the future. For over a year the Rector has had the assistance of Leonard W. Wilson as Lay reader, who has also taken the second services on Sundays, whilst the Rector officiated at Sydney Mines. Those extra services have been much appreciated and very well attended, and have been also an important factor in the favorable financial statement which follows: Last Easter we had a deficit of \$238.50. This Easter our total expenditure (including the above deficit), were \$1,037, whilst our receipts have amounted to \$1,067.50; \$130 of which we received as a donation from the Ladies Sewing Society, an organization which more than once has generously assisted the wardens at times when such aid was particularly acceptable. The retiring wardens, J. F. Tait and W. E. Earle, were re-elected; also the vestry clerk, C. J. Hoyt.

The Sunday-school, L. W. Wilson, superintendent, is also in a satisfactory condition and free from debt. A handsome Eagle lectern (brass) has been presented to the church as a memorial, and a new altar is understood to be forthcoming shortly. The music on Easter Day was above the average, and would compare favorably with more pretentious choirs. Mrs. Rigby, conductor; Miss Lewis, organist.

¶ The wardens are authorized to provide better heating facilities for the church, and they hope before the return of cold weather to accomplish this by steam or hot air. We are already provided with electric light. Altogether we have much to be thankful for, and it is to be hoped that this satisfactory state of affairs may be maintained. The Easter meeting was very harmonious, though but few attended, which our Rector assured us was rather a favorable sign, evidencing that "all goes well."

### Diocese of Fredericton.

#### ST. JOHN.

**MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES FOR MEN.**—Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the respective Chapters in the city arranged with the city clergy to hold in the Church Institute rooms a daily service for men, to commence at 12.30, and to close at 12.55. A short service was printed, beginning with the General Confession, Collects and the Lord's Prayer, together with the singing of two hymns. Special cards were put out and distributed throughout the business parts of the city by the Brotherhood men, giving the usual particulars of the service, with the subjects for each week's meditation. It is with thankful gratitude to the 'Giver of all good things' to be able to report that the course of services held and addresses delivered, have been attended with the most encouraging results.

Day by day throughout that Holy season men of varied station and position in life gave up twenty-five minutes of their valuable and urgent time to meditate upon some of the vital truths which link themselves with the higher life.

Oh! what an inspiration! What a stimulant to see a body of men cutting out of their daily routine of work a section of time for such an object! What a tower of strength to sit with men and to participate with brothers in a simple yet most refreshing devotional exercise at this juncture of the day.

The scheme of the Brotherhood has been in every way a great success, and one which all have enjoyed, and we hope profited by. If, indeed, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew undertake no further work, nor achieve any other merit than that which the members gained in this one attempt this Lent, it cannot be said that it has been introduced in St. John in vain. But this is not the end, for already requests have been