

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes—Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, per the Lord Bishop, \$313.00; St. Matthias' Mission Chapel, per S. H. Shreve, Esq., \$2.75; Seaford (additional), per Rev. J. A. Richey, \$26.95; Liverpool (additional), per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$1.00; Newport (additional), per Rev. H. How, \$3.00; Sydney, per Rev. D. Smith, \$83.04; Chester (additional), per Rev. G. H. Butler, .25; Dartmouth, per Miss Macleay, \$16.00; do., per Miss Clarke, \$6.25; Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Portland, St. John, N. B., \$3.00; Mrs. W. T. Morris, Guysboro', \$4.10; Spring Hill (additional), per Rev. C. E. McKenzie, \$16.25; Antigonish, per Rev. A. C. MacDonald, \$37.50; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$46.99; Baddeck, &c., per Rev. S. Gibbons, \$16.58; St. Mark's, Halifax, per Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$50.00; Beaver Harbor (additional), per Rev. R. Smith, \$11.40; Rawdon, per Rev. W. J. Ancient, \$48.75; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Groser, \$43.35; Digby (additional), per Rev. Jno. Ambrose, \$2.75; Digby Neck, per D. Hosmer, Esq., \$1.20; Tusket, per Rev. H. Sterns, \$20.00.

W. and O. Fund—Dartmouth, per Miss Macleay, \$5.00; do., per Miss Clarke, \$19.00; Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Portland, St. John, N. B., \$4.00; Mrs. W. T. Morris, Guysboro', \$4.00; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$26.50; Baddeck, &c., per Rev. S. Gibbons, \$13.57; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Groser, \$4.06.

Superannuation Fund—Baddeck, &c., per Rev. S. Gibbons, \$8.95; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Groser, \$1.79.

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Secretary.

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Algoma Bishopric Fund—Sydney, per Rev. D. Smith, \$2.00; Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Portland, N. B., \$3.00; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Groser, \$3.85.

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Chester, &c., per Rev. G. H. Butler, \$6.87; Aylesford, per Rev. R. Avery, \$3.00; Granville, per Rev. F. P. Greatorex, \$5.80; Spring Hill, per Rev. C. E. McKenzie, \$2.27; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$5.00; New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Groser, \$1.41; St. Peter's Charlottetown, per Rev. W. B. King, (Sunday School for East Indies, \$5.25; Church for do., \$26.10; do., for Blomfontein, \$4.00.) \$35.35.

S. P. G.—St. Andrew's, C. B. per Rev. S. Gibbons, \$6.10.

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YARMOUTH.—During the session of the upper Sunday School of this Parish on Jan. 6th, the yearly prizes, provided by the kindness of a few members of the congregation, were given to the successful competitors; that for the senior division of the school, an "Oxford Bible," was won by Miss Maria Moody (daughter of Mrs. Jas. B. Moody), who had secured 750 marks during the year, the highest number attainable, as there were 50 sessions of the school, and 15 per Sunday means perfection in attendance, behaviour and lessons. The prize taken of the juniors proved to be Master Edwd. Hatfield (son of the senior Warden), who scored 734 marks, and was presented with a handsome case of prayer book and hymn book. The Superintendent also read the "yearly report," which showed a total attendance for the year of 4,300; average ditto 86; during the year \$61.13 was collected in the school, and at Easter the mite boxes, which were then opened, contained about as much more, making \$120 for the offertories of the school. When the Rev. R. Shreve took charge of this school in 1879 there

were nine teachers in connection with it; now there are eighteen. The number of scholars for 1879 was not kept, but it was not more than two-thirds of what it is at present, if as much; and when the difference in the offertory for the two years is considered—then \$24, now five times as much—it will be seen that this important branch of our Parish work has not been at all neglected, and such a report must be exceedingly gratifying to all who are any ways interested in its welfare. There is also another Sunday School in connection with the Parish, under the management of Mrs. J. W. Moody, which is also, we understand, in a flourishing condition.

BADDECK, C. B.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, the ladies of the sewing circle belonging to St. Peter's Church, Baddeck, held a supper and Christmas tree at the spacious residence of Judge Tremaine, which was most generously given up to them for the evening for the purpose of raising money for an organ in St. Peter's Church. The evening was fine, attendance large, the Christmas tree, which was adorned and brightened with English articles, sent in a box by Miss H. Jackson of Windsor Forest, attractive, and the proceeds of the evening amounted to \$78, which, on Christmas morning was presented to the Travelling Missionary S. Gibbons, to pay off the remaining debt upon the organ, which at the morning service on Christmas day sounded forth most lustily the songs of peace and good-will. The missionary was presented by the same ladies with a pair of beautiful robes, with complimentary card, hoping that he might long be their pastor. St. Peter's Church, which was tastefully decorated with evergreens, had its altar vested in beautiful white altar cloth, worked at the Rectory of Binfield, Berkes. White bookmarks, and the most magnificent white flowered satin hanging, adorned both prayer and reading desks. A bright hearty service, with two Christmas carols, "The Message of Peace" and "Good Will," with Holy Communion, formed the services at St. Peter's, at its first Christmas Day. The ladies belonging to this small congregation have done everything in their power to encourage the hands of the Missionary by their hearty and successful efforts in raising money for the Church.

TRURO.—Beside the valuable present made to the Revd. J. A. Kaulbach on Christmas Eve, a notice of which appeared in a recent issue, a handsome set of furnishings for a writing table was presented to Fred. Congdon, Esq., on Christmas Day, as a small acknowledgment of the excellent service he has rendered the congregation in so kindly and efficiently presiding at the organ.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

NEW LONDON.—The Rev. T. B. Reagh was fortunate enough to receive from his parishioners a very fine fur coat, and also many other useful presents for the household.

MILTON.—We sincerely sympathize with the Ven. Archdeacon Read in the loss he has lately sustained. Mrs. Read had been an invalid for many years.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Paul's*.—The Christmas decorations at St. Paul's this year have been on a more elaborate scale than usual, and are very effective.

The management of St. Paul's choir has been taken by Capt. Maxwell, R. N. and the singing is much improved.

The ladies of St. Paul's congregation intend having a fair on the Feast of St. Valentine, Bishop and Martyr. It is to be hoped that the fair will be successful on that day in all senses of the word.

St. Peter's.—The Christmas services have been as usual this year. The large attendance at the midnight celebration on Christmas Eve is something to be remarked, especially as those who

were present were all members of the Church, and came to worship, not to gaze. The singing at this service was by the congregation alone.

The Choral Society meets for practice as usual on every alternate Monday. The society is co-extensive with the congregation, and since its organization has been of great use in making the singing in Church thoroughly congregational.

The children of the Band of Hope recently gave a free entertainment to their parents and friends which was very successful. The children had been well drilled by Mr. E. A. Harris, Master of the Revels to the congregation, as well as by some ladies, and the whole affair passed off without a hitch.

The winter series of Readings commences on Jan. 16th, and will probably be continued up till Lent.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The annual service of the Kingston Deanery Choral Union will be held (D. V.) at Lower Norton Church on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25th), at 3 p. m. General practice of choirs will commence at 10 a. m.

KINGSTON DEANERY.—A regular meeting of the Chapter will be held (D. V.) at Sussex on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5th and 6th. Scripture reading Acts xii., and Psalm vi. Services—Evensong at 7 p. m. on Tuesday; Eucharist at 7.30 a. m. on Wednesday. Affiliated members please take notice.

J. H. TALBOT,
Secretary.

Springfield, K. C.

NEWCASTLE.—The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew's held their first meeting for the present year on Monday, January 3rd. The Report of the past year's work, read by the Secretary, Mrs. Harley, was very satisfactory and encouraging. It spoke of the attendance at the weekly meetings as being above rather than below the average of the previous year, of the large amount of needle work disposed of, of several donations received, and of the general interest awakened in reference to the work and object of the Guild. The annual sale had produced the handsome sum of \$223, and during the year the Guild had been enabled to pay \$260 towards lessening the debt upon the Sunday School house. "But," the Report concludes, "the year was not all sunshine. Just at its close, and while we were all engaged in preparing for the joyous Christmas festival, one of our sisters, a kind mother, a loving friend, and zealous worker for the Master, passed to her eternal rest. The members of the Guild will always linger with loving kindness around the memory of their late associate, Mrs. Wm. Maltby." The Treasurer (Mrs. J. Davidson) submitted the following gratifying report of the finances in connection with the Guild: *Receipts*—Donations, \$5.80; Annual Sale, etc., \$223.20; Offertory, St. Andrew's Day, \$6.44; Articles disposed of by private sale, \$50.62; Orders filled, \$26.62; Cash from last year, \$21.93. Total, \$334.61. *Expenditure*—Materials bought, \$77.98; Printer's Account, \$3.00; Expenses in reannual sale, \$7.60; Deposited in Bank, \$200.00; Towards debt on school house, \$10.00; Amounts due, \$10.18; By cash on hand, \$15.85. Total \$331.61. The Reports having been read and received, the members present signed the Rules and Regulations of the Guild, and proceeded, in accordance with its provisions, to appoint the officers for the present year. The following officers were unanimously elected:—President, Mrs. Harley; Vice-President, Mrs. Fenn; Secretary, Mrs. J. H. S. Sweet; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Davidson.

"Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us;
O prosper Thou our handy work."

By the substantial aid afforded by the Guild as evidenced above, in conjunction with the monthly contributions through the "Mite Society," the old debt upon the Sunday School building has