

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*St. Matthias' Mission House (Windsor St.)*—On Tuesday evening, 11th ult., a most successful L. and M. Entertainment took place in aid of the Building Fund and was in every way a great success. The building was literally packed, many being compelled to stand. The nett proceeds amounted to \$44.85. The Rector, Rev. F. Partridge, presided. Miss Utley recited "Poor House Nell" in a very creditable manner. Mr. Morton sang "Far away," which piece was deservedly encored. Master McLellan caused much amusement by reciting "The shadow on the blind." Miss L. Roche sang very sweetly "Scatter seeds of kindness," and was joined in the chorus by her father and brother. Miss E. Lovitt's recitation, together with Miss McAllister's song, "Pass under the Rod," and the Misses Keating's duett, were all well rendered and most favorably received. In the second part of the programme the Misses Francis and Collins figured in a dialogue. Mr. H. Creighton played most carefully and well a cornet solo, Mr. J. G. Smith recited "In the signal box," and was of course encored. Mr. H. A. Taylor gave an amusing reading which was much enjoyed, and as an encore delivered his *master piece* in an effective style. The H. G. A. Band played some excellent music at intervals during the evening, and the entertainment was well enjoyed by the large audience present. The ladies have worked indefatigably and by means of a bazaar held early in July last contributed to the Building Fund upwards of \$140. Mrs. Jas. E. Curren worked most zealously in bringing this festival to a successful termination. The Guild, with a membership of between 30 and 40, meets every Tuesday evening. Thursday evening services are held, and are largely attended. The Sunday School, presided over by Mr. James E. Curren, assisted by a staff of 12 teachers, has a membership of upwards of 70. Sunday services are much needed and would doubtless be largely attended if held. Mr. Partridge is to be congratulated upon the progress in Church work that is being made in this section of his Parish.

North-West Arm Mission.—On Sunday week (20th after Trinity) Miss Harris, who is about to move from the Arm, was presented with an affectionate address by her class of girls, accompanied by a neat little Prayer and Hymn Book, encased, and a copy of "The Imitation of Christ." Miss Harris has been a teacher in this school ever since its reorganization (3 years), and will be much missed. The North-West Arm Sunday School has now a membership of 62.

WINDSOR.—Although it is very seldom that this Parish figures in the columns of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, yet still a very important work is being done by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D. The reverend gentleman just named deserves more than a passing word of praise for the way in which he has faithfully laboured, and proved himself truly a shepherd of the sheep. Quietly, and without that ostentation which one very often sees in other parishes, the work has been going on in Windsor slowly yet *thoroughly*. The efforts of the Rector, the hearty co-operation of those who are ever foremost in good works—the ladies, and the liberality of the parishioners, are now visibly manifested by the fine building which is in course of erection, and which is to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God. Yes, the parishioners have nobly done their duty, and let us hope that they will not rest here. The names of such men as Mr. Edward Dimock deserves to be held up as examples of what *can* be done when the people have "a mind to work." Mr. Dimock has given in money and land nearly \$2,000, and others have given of their substance as God has prospered them, and others as "they were disposed in their hearts." Here, as everywhere else, those from whom little is expected much is obtained, and those from whom much is expected, but little or nothing is got. But giving is a matter which rests between a man and his conscience; the smaller the conscience, the smaller will be his donation in accordance with his ability to

give. However, we must not quarrel with those who do not give much, for they make up for it by liberal grumbling when anything happens not exactly suited to themselves. But I must not moralize. The foundation stone of what is to be the new church was laid on Saturday, the 16th, by the Ven. the Archdeacon in the absence of His Lordship the Bishop. Notwithstanding a slight drizzle of rain, a large concourse of people assembled at the site of the new church. At three o'clock the clergy, preceded by the choir of King's College, properly vested, emerged in procession from a building near by, singing the hymn,

"We love the place, O God."

(No. 212, Ancient and Modern) and took up their proper position near the corner stone. On a raised platform, immediately opposite, was the well-trained choir of Christ Church, Windsor.

The Venerable the Archdeacon, the Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D., and the Rev. Canon Dart, D. C. L., stood immediately in front of the corner stone; behind them were the Revs. W. E. Wilson, W. J. Ancient, F. J. H. Axford, C. C. P. Wilson, and W. E. Willeis, behind these again was the College choir. The Psalm 84 (*quam dilecta*) was then monotoned by priest and people. After the Psalm the Rev. Canon Maynard, rector of the parish, read a short account of the history of the church in Windsor, from the time of the first missionary to that of the present incumbent. He also referred to the great zeal manifested by members of the congregation in thus inaugurating a work which would be a glory to God and an honor to his Holy Church.

After the service provided for the occasion had been well rendered by all present the Archdeacon addressed the people, referring to the good work which had been so nobly inaugurated and urging them to continue in what they had begun and rear up a temple to the glory of Almighty God worthy of their Churchmanship, so that those who entered there might see that "this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Hymn 215 (A. & M.),

"The Church's one foundation,"

was then sung, after which the Venerable the Archdeacon pronounced the Benediction, and the clergy and choir retired in order singing the Old Hundredth,

"All people that on earth do dwell,"

as a recessional. The church, which will probably be completed next summer, will be the handsomest and largest ecclesiastical edifice in the county. It will probably seat 800 persons, irrespective of the chancel.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Elsewhere we give a correspondent's view of the Conference in St. John; here we begin to publish in full the proceedings carefully prepared by our N. B. Editor.

Rev. G. G. Roberts, of Fredericton, read a paper on "Congregational Worship" followed by Rev. Jno. Ambrose, of Digby, with one on "How best to Attain Congregational Worship." Both of these papers will appear next week. A very spirited and instructive discussion followed the reading of these papers. It was led by Canon Brigstocke, who agreed generally with the principles that had been laid down, and thought that there was much room for improvement as to care and reverence in worship. Congregations ought to be taught what real worship is. This could be done, 1st, by *preaching* plainly about it more frequently than is generally done; 2nd, by *speaking* about it with judgment and discretion in our pastoral visits; 3rd, by the distribution of tracts and books on the subject. He had failed to find what seemed to him really good and effective ones, and he thought they needed to be specially written and adapted to our own circumstances and needs. 4th, By Children's Services, at which the teachers might teach their classes, both by precept and example, to behave reverently and devoutly. He thought the use and meaning of the Prayer Book ought to be made a regular part of instruction in Sunday School. He spoke of music as an important but difficult subject in connection with public worship. Anthems could not be joined in by the congregation, but

they were not therefore deprived of worship while listening to them, as their hearts might be lifted up into the very spirit of praise though their tongues were silent. Hymns and chants should not be too often changed to new and unfamiliar ones. Another thing was that we should put as few obstacles as possible in the way of getting *all* our people at public worship. We should not be careless of their feelings, or even their prejudices, in such matters as decorations. Changes should not be made for the sake of change or contrary to the general sentiments of our people, and the Prayer Book should be closely followed.

The Rev. Theodore E. Dowling said that we clergy need help and instruction on the subject of worship as well as the laity. We need to know better how to worship God with reverence, solemnity and devoutness. Especially we ought not to despise details, for as a body we are not strong in details. Think of our vestries! How often had he seen the table in them crowded up with rubbish, as if it had never been cleaned. It helped him when he saw in the vestry a picture of the Good Shepherd and texts reminding us of our duty and responsibility as ministers of Christ. Our vestries are generally too small. It would conduce much to the earnestness of our public worship if we always used a prayer in the vestry before and after every service and every office. Suitable prayers are published by the S. P. C. K. Next, as to the choir, he thought all members of a choir ought to be communicants, or at least preparing to become so. There should be no chattering in the choir either before or after, and, above all, during the service. To this end the clergyman, or some one for him, should see that music and everything needed is properly arranged beforehand, so that there need be no talking. A short office before choir practices would prevent frivolity and help the members to realize the nature of the work engaged in. With organist and choir communicants we could have music always at the Holy Communion—that Eucharistic service at which it seemed more necessary and appropriate, if possible, than at any other. Lastly, as to the nave. One great error is that we often ask only the question, How many can it be made to hold? We think more of the number of attendants than of worshippers, of sitters than of kneelers; and so we often so crowd the seats together that it is almost impossible to kneel. He would not only make it easy for the congregation to kneel, but would teach them to do it by plain words and practical illustrations in Bible Classes, etc. He would drill the children especially as to reverent postures and in all the details of devout worship. To prevent the too prevalent habit of talking on going out of church he would have the "Nunc Dimittis" sung or said. He would make special use of Confirmation classes for such instruction, and hoped we should be able, having two Bishops, to have annual Confirmations. And one more thing might be done to elevate the tone of congregational worship: we might have a parochial missionary for the Diocese, one who knows and loves and worships God, and who is prepared to go into any parish where his services are desired and raise the whole spiritual tone of the people. Many a discouraged parish priest would thank God for such help in doing that which he himself unaided had been unable to accomplish.

(To be continued.)

The anniversary service of the Church of England Institute Thursday evening in St. John's Church was largely attended. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan preached on the text "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself."

ST. MARTIN'S.—*Sir*,—Since writing my letter to you on the "Forty-seventh Report of the Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick," which I find in your impression of Wednesday last, I have had an opportunity of speaking to the Secretary of our Diocesan Church Society, and find I was wrong in understanding from the reporters at the D. C. S. meeting that they had been furnished with my report to the D. C. S. *before* it had been submitted to the General Committee. I regret much this misunderstanding, but I still think that if newspaper reporters are permitted to be present at our meetings of D. C. S. or Synod that they should be