

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WINDSOR.—Easter.—"The Lord is risen." Easter has come around once more, and lifted is the gloom of the forty days' fast, and the passion and death of our blessed Lord. With the increasing age of the world there seems to be a growing willingness to dwell not only upon the more joyful lessons of Christ's ministry, but also upon the sadder and more solemn—to be buried with Him, that there may be also a rising with Him.

The daily Lenten services were well attended here, the morning and evening services of Holy Week being marked by excellent congregations. Besides the rector and curate, the sermons (evening) of Holy Week were taken by the Revs. President Brock, of the College, and Mr. Harrison, of Falmouth.

On Good Friday, in addition to the morning and evening services, a service of meditations was held in the afternoon.

On Easter Day, the altar, upon which was a new altar cloth and frontal of white and scarlet and gold, the workmanship and gift of several ladies of the parish, was beautifully adorned with choice flowers. Under the pulpit and desk hangings, also now and by the same hands, were garlands of May flowers, while at the west end a beautiful cross of May flowers crowned the font. The Easter services were correspondingly bright and cheerful, and everything in our handsome church combined to make us realize that "He is risen indeed."

KING'S COLLEGE.—The many friends of King's College in the Maritime Provinces and elsewhere will be glad to hear that the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada has kindly consented to preach the anniversary sermon at the coming Festival of the Eucœnia, Thursday, June 24. At the suggestion of the Acting President, and by the joint action of the Board of Governors and the Board of Discipline, a joint Committee has been appointed, consisting of the Faculty and resident Governors of the College, to carry out the necessary arrangements for the Eucœnia. One important change in those arrangements has already been agreed upon. Hitherto the Convocation has followed immediately after the service in the Parish Church; and people in consequence have been tired out before the proceedings of Convocation was half over. At the next Eucœnia there will be an interval of at least two hours between the service and the Convocation, which last will be held, as at Lennoxville, in the afternoon. This will give ample time for lunch or dinner in the middle of the day. All publicity will be given to the arrangements when by the action of the Committee they have been perfected.

The recent lectures of Dr. Partridge at the College, on Apologetics and on the Proper Manner of Reading the Bible in Public, were attended by several outsiders, besides Professors and students. A letter appeared in one of the Windsor papers from the Presbyterian clergyman of Windsor, showing how highly the lectures were appreciated, and how grateful he and others were for the invitation to attend extended by the College authorities to the people of the town.

The King's College Restoration Fund has just received a noble donation, in the shape of a contribution of \$100 from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia. Several donations of \$50 and \$25 have been given by the resident Governors and other inhabitants of Windsor. Let the wealthy citizens of Halifax and St. John follow speedily the example thus set them. The Secretary of the Restoration Committee, C. Wilcox, Esq., Windsor, N.S., will be happy to receive and

acknowledge their donations.—*Bis dat, qui cito dat.*

HALIFAX.—Easter Day was well observed in all the churches. The music was particularly hearty, and the floral decorations were brilliant. The number of communicants was very large in most of the churches, and a very great improvement was noticed in the increasing popularity of early communion. The Easter meetings have been more than usually interesting this year. The following accounts we take from the reports in the daily papers:—

St. Luke's.—Receipts, \$14,081.58. Assets, \$135. Liabilities, \$5,657.41. The contributions to special objects amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,538.65. The following officers were elected:—Churchwardens, C. Bullock and James Gossip. Vestrymen, Maynard Bowman, Capt. Clarkson, C. J. Wylde, C. M. Creed, Hon. Judge Rigby, E. D. Tucker, W. B. Reynolds, E. C. Fairbanks, Thos. Brown, F. J. Tremaine, J. A. Cameron and W. H. Wiswell, who was re-elected vestry clerk. Dr. Cowie and F. G. Wainwright were elected auditors, and W. C. Silver and J. T. Wylde delegates to Synod.

St. Paul's.—The election of a new rector brought together a large meeting. The committee submitted the names of four clergymen for consideration, viz., Rev. S. W. Jones, of Ontario; Rev. Dr. Hole, England; Rev. Mr. Dunfield, Newfoundland; and Rev. T. B. Hackett. In connection with Dr. Hole's application was on offer to come to Halifax for a few months on trial. After some discussion, a resolution accepting Dr. Hole's offer was unanimously adopted. It was also decided to hold a meeting of parishioners a week before Dr. Hole's term of trial is up, to decide whether or not he shall be appointed rector.

The estimates for the year was passed, with the exception of the new rector's salary, \$2,000, this being laid over to be passed on at a subsequent meeting.

The wardens of last year were re-elected. Balloting for vestrymen resulted as follows:—Honry Romans, J. H. Harvey, Hon. A. G. Jones, J. H. Symons, Judge Norman Ritchie, J. C. Mahon, C. C. Blackadar, E. J. Lordly, I. H. Mathers, J. Y. Payzant, A. Mackinlay, M. F. Eager. E. D. Meynell was appointed auditor and Judge Ritchie and Robie Uniacke representatives to Synod.

The annual statement showed the total expenditure to have been \$11,612.

St. George's.—Receipts, \$3,903.67. Assets, \$713.51. Liabilities, \$1,751.36. Estimate for ensuing year, \$4,870.36. The rector's report showed that there had been 114 baptisms, 44 marriages, and 62 burials. The rector pressed for provision for a curate, and promised to supply deficiency if \$400 were placed in estimates for this purpose, but the meeting was unanimous against any appointment at present.

Votes of thanks were accorded the outgoing officers and the choir.

A special resolution unanimously regretting the departure and eulogizing the work of the curate, Rev. W. C. Wilson, was passed and amended so as to include the name of Mrs. Wilson.

The following officers were appointed:—Delegates to Synod, J. J. Hunt and D. H. Whiston. Churchwardens, G. A. Woodill and C. A. Rennels. Treasurer, Mr. Marshall. Vestry clerk, C. Pickford. Auditors, J. B. Johnstone and Mr. Toomee. Vestrymen, C. Pickford, F. W. Symonds, D. A. Whiston, C. Strong, E. Marshall, J. J. Hunt, W. Bennett, C. Neale, C. H. Pickford, H. Bligh, T. Forhan, Mr. Payn.

St. Mark's.—There is no published report. Messrs. Rutherford and Harrington were elected churchwardens, and T. Power vestry clerk. No provision was made for a curate, so both north-end rectors stand for the present without assistance.

DARTMOUTH.—Christ Church.—The principal business was the appointment of a rector. After the clerk had read some twenty applications from different places in the upper provinces, United States, Nova Scotia, and one from England, a ballot was taken. The names of the Revs. W. R. Raven, W. C. Wilson, C. McCully and Howe were the only names voted upon. Thirty-nine votes were necessary for a choice, and Mr. Raven, having previously promised to resign when called upon by the parish, obtained forty-one votes, and was declared elected. J. W. Allison and James Simmonds were re-elected wardens for the ensuing year. James Stewart, James Settle, W. R. Foster, A. C. Johnston, C. E. Creighton, C. H. Harvey, Alex. Lloy, A. E. Ellis, A. Hutchinson and W. McDonald were elected vestrymen.

St. George's Day.—The festival of St. George's Society was observed on Tuesday, the 27th April, by a special festal service at St. Paul's Church. The various city rectors took part in the service, and the Lord Bishop preached a timely and earnest sermon on the duty of loyalty.

SHELBURNE.—There has been an improvement in the attendance at the Lenten services in Christ Church this year. In addition to the other services one of Intercessory prayer has been held on Monday afternoons. During Holy Week there was daily service, with a short address. On Maundy Thursday the Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 a.m. On Good Friday the "Hours" service was preached by the Vicar. The services on Easter day were full choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11. and choral evensong at 7 p.m.

The music at the celebration was from the "Ely" service, with Kyrie, Gloria, and Agnus Dei, from Missa de Angelis. Evensong was sung to Talli's Festal setting; the anthems for the Easter octave are Whyte's, "Ye choirs of New Jerusalem," and Stainer's, "They have taken away my Lord." The choir never acquitted themselves better, and shewed by the prompt and hearty rendering of the services, painstaking, persevering practice. After the benediction, Jackson's *Te Deum* was sung.

The altar and font were adorned with quantities of beautiful and fragrant flowers. In the afternoon at three o'clock a children's service was held, with chatechising, and the children's offerings, collected for that purpose, were sent to the Church Extension Association, Kilburn, towards the fund for "poor children's dinners." The Society in question has given generously to this parish.

A new chancel has been added to the Church of the Resurrection, Churchover, during the past year, and this good work has stimulated the people greatly, as the congregation is much larger, and great interest in the services is shown. At the Wednesday evening services in Lent, the Church was filled, sometimes crowded. The chancel when finished will be quite handsome. There are seven steps from nave to footpace. The altar was given by N. W. White, Esq.; prayer-desk by Rev. Dr. White, rector; handsomely worked cloth by Church Extension Association; hangings by Miss Eades, of London; communion set and linen by Mr. Hunt for Guild of St. Paul; credence table and reredos by the priest in charge. The latter is in nine panels, set in heavy deal frames, bevelled in gilt. Three of these panels are over the Holy Table and three on each side. They are filled with paintings on zinc. The centre has the Resurrection Scene, Christ stands a little in the background, and at his feet kneels Mary Magdalen—one of his hands is raised in blessing and the other warns, "Touch me not," &c.; this panel is about four feet high by 2½ feet wide. The side ones are kneeling angels. On either side are to be the four evangelists, and St. Peter and Paul. The frames are also to be illuminated in colors. These paintings are the