

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DEFICIENCY FUND.—In accordance with a Resolution of the Diocesan Church Society, His Lordship the Bishop recently appointed a Committee to endeavour to raise the amount requisite to pay off the present indebtedness of the Society, viz., \$2,108.57.

The Committee have held several meetings in St. John, and issued circulars upon the subject, requesting Churchmen throughout the Diocese to subscribe what they could towards this object upon cards such as the following, which the Committee had printed and circulated for the purpose.—

"DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

"Towards paying off the indebtedness of the Society, and on condition that the whole amount (\$2,108.57) be subscribed, I hereby promise to contribute the sum of ..... Dollars, payable on or before ..... 18....."

Name ..... Address .....

The subscription cards were worded in this manner, because it was thought that many people might be willing to contribute substantially towards paying off the debt of the Society, if it was stipulated that the entire amount must be raised, who would otherwise either refuse or subscribe only a small amount, fearing that they might be called upon next year to contribute again towards completing the sum required.

The plan adopted has met with very general approval throughout the Diocese, and the Committee have already received responses to their Circulars, containing promises of about two thirds of the amount required, as will be seen by the following List:—

Table listing contributions from various parishes and individuals, including Right Rev. H. Tully Kingston, D.D., Bishop, and various names like Gilbert, Samuel, Hubbard, F. A., Wilnot, John D., etc.

Table listing contributions from individuals like Sewell, Rev. Wm., Scamell, J. H., Sturdee, H. Lawrence, etc.

Table listing contributions from WELDFORD and WESTFIELD parishes, including names like Armstrong, Rev. W. B., Beers, Phineas, etc.

Summary table showing Total amount, Balance wanted, and Total Debt.

As the Committee are desirous of completing the work in time to report to the Executive Committee of the Society at the next meeting, it is requested that those Parishes which have as yet either not reported at all, or only in part, should send in their lists of contributions as soon as possible.

The great and good work which is at present being carried on by the Society, as shown by its last Annual Report recently published, speaks for itself the hearty support of every Churchman in the Diocese, and in view of the approaching redemption of \$2,000 in the S. P. G. grant, it is most desirable that the present indebtedness of the Society should be paid off at once, or else there will be a serious financial difficulty when the time arrives for making the next annual Missionary Grants.

The Committee have been much encouraged in their work by the hearty manner in which their appeal has been met so far, and trust that the remaining \$773.62 will soon be subscribed, and the Society thereby relieved of the indebtedness under which it has been labouring for several years.

Contribution cards may be obtained from any of the gentlemen on the undermentioned Committee, and each subscriber may fill in a date of payment convenient to himself.

S. SCOTFIELD, Chairman.

GEO. E. FAIRWEATHER, Secretary and Treasurer.

- Committee—S. Schofield, Esq., St. John; Rev. G. M. Armstrong, do.; Rev. Canon Brigstocke, do.; T. W. Daniel, Esq.; H. W. Frith, Esq., do.; Geo. A. Schofield, Esq., do.; John Sears, Esq., do.; C. H. Fairweather, Esq., do.; W. M. Jarvis, Esq., do.; Lewis J. Almon, Esq., do.; J. DeWolf Spurr, Esq., do.; M. Chamberlain, Esq., do.; Geo. C. Fairweather, Esq., do.; Hon. Robert Robinson, St. Andrews; Geo. C. Fenety, Esq., Fredericton; Hon. Judge Wilkinson, Chatham; Geo. S. Grimmer, Esq., St. Andrews; W. F. Diblee, Esq., Woodstock; Rev. Canon Ketchum, St. Andrews; Rev. Canon Sewell, London, Eng.; E. B. Chandler, Esq., Dorchester; R. B. Haddow, Esq., New Castle; J. F. Allison, Esq., Sackville; W. H. Rourke, Esq., St. Martins.

CARLETON.—St. George's Church.—The Rector will be glad to secure the services of an earnest Lay Reader, (to be licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese), or a Divinity Student.

WOODSTOCK.—We regret to learn from the press of Woodstock that the Rev. T. Neales was one of the heaviest losers in personal effects by the recent fire. His loss is estimated at from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars. The handsome silver Communion Service belonging to the church was also destroyed in his house. The insurance figures are slightly changed. There was only \$500 on the old church, and there was \$500 on the School House. The Cathedral congregation at Fredericton sent a collection of over \$120 to Mr. Neales for the relief of sufferers by the fire.

CAMPBELLTON.—About \$140 were realized at an entertainment a few days ago in aid of church funds.

BAV DE VIS.—On Thursday, 10th Nov., interesting Services were held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, the occasion being the Harvest Thanksgiving, and the induction of the Incumbent. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 11 o'clock by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M. A., Priest Incumbent, and the Rev. J. Forsyth, B. A., Rural Dean preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. The whole congregation remained in the Church until the Communion Service was finished, and the clergy had left the Sanctuary. In the evening the Missionary was inducted by the Rural Dean, who also said the Prayers and preached from Jeremiah iii., 15. Although the day was cold and blustery, there were good congregations at both Services. Processional and recessional hymns were sung as the clergy entered and left the Church. The Church was decorated with fruit, grain and appropriate texts, and looked very neat and pretty. The offertory, which amounted to \$2.32, was devoted to the funds of the D. C. S.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—A meeting of the members of the Church of England Institute was held in their Rooms, Granville Street, on Thursday evening last.

There was a large attendance, and we trust a new impetus has been given to the important work. Besides the Lord Bishop, there were present of the city clergy: Rev. Dr. Hill (the President, and Revs. Jno. Padfield, W. L. Currie, J. D. H. Browne, J. L. Bell, and W. H. Sampson. The Hon. A. G. Jones, in moving the first resolution, made an earnest appeal to the young men, and expressed his deep interest in their welfare and in the success of the Institute. (Mr. Jones showed his interest by subsequently subscribing \$20.00 towards removing the debt.) Mr. J. W. Longley, Mr. C. S. Harrington, and Mr. E. H. Taylor made good speeches in moving and seconding resolutions, pledging the members to sustain the Institution. There is a debt of about \$600, which the council of the Institute wish to remove at once. They are also anxious to increase their income permanently, so that it may be equal to the expenditure. As Mr. Harrington remarked, such an Institution ought to be well supported by heads of families and by all who are interested in the welfare of young men.

ALBION MINES.—The Rev. A. D. Jamison, Rector of Maitland, officiated here and at New Glasgow on Sunday, 20th, much to the pleasure of all who were able to get to church, but the heavy fall of snow during Saturday night made the congregations very small.

On Tuesday the Parish lost its senior Churchwarden, Jas. Hudson, Esq., who has resigned his position as Resident Manager of the works of the Halifax Coal Company. For 16 years Mr. Hudson has been a staunch upholder of the Church here, and the greater part of the time has acted as Warden. May God's blessing follow him. Miss Hudson will be missed from the Sunday School, and especially in the floral decoration of the church.

MAITLAND.—On Sunday, 20th, Rev. D. C. Moore was in this Parish as deputation of B. H. M. He started for Kennetcook at 8 a. m., but the heavy fall of snow rendered it impossible to reach that station, after twice breaking Hon. A. M. Cochran's harness, he was obliged to be content with reaching Five Mile River in another sleigh; only 15 could reach the church however. At Maitland in the evening the church was one-third full. This failure to reach the ears of all the people is less to be regretted, as Maitland has a Rector, who, like England, "expects every man to do his duty," and the Maitland folk as a rule "do it."

HERRING COVE.—Falkland Mission.—On Wednesday, Oct. 20th, the Bishop of the Diocese visited the Mission. In the morning, he consecrated the Church at Herring Cove, and in the afternoon administered the rite of Confirmation to eleven candidates. At 10.30 his Lordship was met at the door of the Church by the Rev. Geo. F. Maynard, Curate in charge, Mr. James Brown, and Mr. Archibald Darrach, representatives of the Parishioners, and by the choristers. The Bishop, after having assented to the petition, praying for the consecration of the Church, proceeded to the chancel, the choristers chanting the 24th Psalm. Before consecrating his Lordship explained to the congregation the reasons why we dedicate our Churches to God, and urged upon his hearers the propriety of respecting their Church as the house of God, of using it as the especial place for Holy and Spiritual purposes, as much as possible leaving the world and worldly things without its sacred walls, and of entering its doors with reverence and holy fear. Both then and in his sermon afterwards, his Lordship expressed his unqualified approbation of the thoroughly ecclesiastical appearance of the Church, observing that it reflected great credit upon the people, and showed even in minor details a desire on their part to make the house of God a delightful place. The deed of Consecration having been read by the Rev. John L. Bell, Rector of Dartmouth, and signed by the Bishop, hymn 395, A. M. was sung. The Holy Communion was then administered to a large number of the congregation. The Service ended, his Lordship proceeded to consecrate the Churchyard, with the neat appearance of which he expressed himself much pleased, and commended the people for the evident labour they had bestowed upon it. At 2.30 p. m., the congregation then assembled, when the Bishop laid his hands upon seven candidates. In his address, he feelingly alluded to the death of the late Rector, Rev. John Abbott, who had always taken such a deep interest in the Mission, where his memory will long be revered. At both Services there were most attentive and reverent congregations, the responses were hearty, and the singing was well rendered by the boys, who were praised by the Bishop for their good behaviour. The Church was very prettily decorated for the occasion—the nave with light wreaths of evergreens and red berries, the chancel with a profusion of flowers. Through the kindness of Mr. Geo. Gregwire, of Halifax, the Church was presented with six handsome lamps.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

AT REST.—The death is announced of the Rev. Alfred Lee, B. A., Missionary, at Eardley, in his 27th year. Mr. Lee was a promising young clergyman, and his early decease is much regretted.

CLERICAL CONFERENCE.—The Conference of the Clergy of this Diocese, held at Montreal, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of last month, was a most gratify-

ing success. Nearly all the clergy were present, the few who were absent being detained by sickness or bereavement in their families. The spirit of brotherly love which characterized all the proceedings rendered this Conference one of the happiest and most profitable gatherings that has ever been held in the Diocese of Montreal. The subjects which came up for discussion naturally elicited many differences of opinion, but these were expressed with a good feeling and generous regard for the views of others which it was delightful to witness. Many of the papers and addresses were marked by exceptional ability; notably, those on the difficult subject of "Revision and Inspiration," which was treated in a masterly manner by Canons Baldwin, Norman, and Henderson. The Essays read by these gentlemen compared most favorably, in the opinion of competent judges, with those presented at the English Church Congress. One of the most attractive features of the Conference was the hearty hospitality extended to the members by the clergy and laity of Montreal.

MONTREAL DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The large and handsome building presented to this Institution by A. F. Gault, Esq., was formally inaugurated on the 2nd ult. There was a very large attendance both of clerical and lay members of the Church. The prominent features of the proceedings were the presentation of an address to the munificent donor of the building, with his modest reply; and the inaugural address by the Ven. Archdeacon Leach. Appropriate speeches were made by the Bishop, Principal Henderson, and the genial Rector of St. George's Church, the Rev. Dr. Sullivan. The building has hitherto been known as "Saybrook Hall. Would it not be well now to change this designation to one more appropriate to its present uses?

MONTREAL TRINITY CHURCH.

A report is in circulation, started by a Montreal Evening Daily, to the effect that Mr. A. F. Gault "has offered \$30,000 to the Trust and Loan Company for their mortgage on Trinity Church." We have been unable to obtain any authentication of this rumor, and we have very grave doubts whether such an offer, if made and accepted, would be any real advantage to the Church. Trinity Church is a very fine edifice, and Churchmen cannot see it pass out of their hands without some feelings of regret, but, on the other hand, it must, we fear, be conceded that it is not needed where it now stands, and that its reacquisition would be a source of perplexity and trouble rather than gain.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

RICHMOND.—An exceedingly interesting service was held here on 22nd November, the occasion being the setting apart of the Rev. Isaac Thompson, the outgoing Rector, for the special work of Diocesan Mission Preacher, to which he has been called. Nine clergymen, besides the Bishop, were present. The service was held in the Parish Church, which was well filled with a deeply interested and sympathizing congregation. The service consisted of four hymns, special prayers offered by the Bishop, Acts xiii. 1-4 read as a special lesson, three short addresses, and the solemn commissioning and benediction of the Missioner kneeling before the Bishop, followed by the Holy Communion. It was a very effective service, full of comfort and strength to the Missioner, and very comforting to the people also who were loving him, helping them, I am sure, to enter more than they had been able to do before into the weightiness of the reasons which prevailed with their pastor to leave them, and the surpassing importance of the work to which he was giving himself, and helpful towards reconciling them to part with him. The addresses were, the first by the Rev. Dr. Roe, of Bishop's College, explaining the nature of the mission work; the second, by the Rev. Dr. Reid, of Sherbrooke, the Rural Dean, dwelling upon the importance of the work and its need; and the last by the Bishop, a personal address to the Missioner, setting earnestly and affectionately before him a very high view of the ministry upon which he was entering, drawing attention to some dangers attending it, and pointing out the safeguards against those dangers. A very large number remained for the Holy Communion. Altogether, it was a service, the effect of which will not soon pass away. I glean the following particulars respecting this important Parish from Mr. Thompson's annual report of last year printed in the Report of the Quebec Diocesan Church Society:—Amount raised in the Parish during the year for Parish purposes, \$2,368; for Missionary purposes, \$377; congregation of St. Ann's, 400; communicants, 262; average monthly attendance, 75; on Easter Day, 148; number of out-station, 3. The Parish consisted, till lately, of the two townships of Melbourne and Richmond; now the Church in Melbourne, with the greater part of the township, has been set off as an independent Mission. In this new Mission there are, besides the church, two outstations. Mr. Thompson has been, during the eight years of his incumbency of Richmond and Melbourne, in labours very abundant, and has won many to the Church, whose constancy will now be tried. One very praiseworthy feature in the working of this Parish has been the fostering of the missionary spirit. There is a Ladies' Missionary Union for prayer and work;