

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SYDNEY MINES.—The chief event of interest in this Parish of late has been the Musical and Literary Entertainment got up in aid of the Sunday School of Trinity Church. The library has become old and dilapidated, and is sadly in need of additions, so this means was taken in order to procure some money for the purchasing of new books. The entertainment came off on the 15th inst. The day, unfortunately, was foggy and disagreeable, and as the entertainment was for a Church purpose, and the amount realized would naturally depend upon the number present, and the number present would probably be seriously affected by the state of the weather, the hearts of the earnest workers interested grew rather despondent. But the doleful anticipations proved to be ungrounded. The weather did not clear up, on the contrary grew more unpleasant and threatening, but despite this fact Temperance Hall was crowded, many kind friends coming down from North Sydney to witness the performance. The North Sydney brass band opened the entertainment, and during the evening gave several selections, all of which were well received. A piano duet by Misses Burnyeat and Bridge, a duet on piano and violin by Miss D. Burke and Mr. Wheeler, solos by Mr. Blowers Archibald, followed. With regard to the comparative excellence of these performances it would be difficult to particularize, suffice it to say that the audience showed its appreciation of what was really good by rapturously encoring in each instance. But the presentation of the farce "Poor Pillicoddy" was the hit of the evening. The performers acted in a manner that surprised one by its evidence of real talent and freedom from amateurish awkwardness. Except by professionals, with their resource of long experience, this laughable little comedy could scarcely be better produced. Miss Burnyeat and Miss H. Rigby, the former as "Mrs. Pillicoddy," the latter as "Mrs. O'Scuttle," were admirable, adapting themselves to their parts with surpassing ease and grace, and acting them to perfection. Miss S. Rigby, in her funny role of "Sarah," entered most thoroughly into the spirit of her part, and kept the house in constant roars of laughter. "Mr. Pillicoddy," the title role, was assumed by Mr. B. Archibald, who in the rendition of the character showed a power of self-forgetfulness, a fertility of resource, a skill in gesture, action and grimace quite unusual in one whose profession is not the stage. His impersonation displayed genuine talent, and took the audience by storm. Mr. Stavert, as "Capt. O'Scuttle," gave us that "colossal mariner" in the flesh. His stalwart form, clear, ringing voice and natural manner making his performance a great success, and drawing tributes of praise from all. Masters Burchell, Partridge, Brown, Jones and Dorsey, five of the Sunday School pupils, sang in costume selections from "Pinafore" and "Trial by Jury," and looked "so sweet," and did so well, that they were demanded a second time. The little fellows did capitally, and by their efforts added greatly to the success of the entertainment, and the gratification of the audience. At quarter past ten "God save the Queen" closed what all present declared to be a most enjoyable programme.

SHELBURNE.—Although not intended for publication, we cannot refrain from publishing the following from the Venerable Dr. White, and the Rev. gentleman, we hope, will pardon us for making so free with his note:—"Thanks to a merciful God, I am still able to work a little in His vineyard. Yesterday, for instance, He enabled me to have a full Morning Service in Church, with sermon; the same in the afternoon, at Church-over, where I had a burial also, and administered the Lord's Supper to a sick man, and travelled 18 miles. I am looking for Mr. Smith, from Albion Mines, about the beginning of July, to take my place. He is well spoken of,

and I feel very thankful and greatly relieved under the circumstances. I do not intend, however, to be a drone in the hive, but still to do whatever the Great Master may in His wisdom give me strength to accomplish."

BADDECK.—On Tuesday, 12th inst., the ladies belonging to the little Church congregation at Baddeck, held a dinner and bazaar, at which the various articles, useful and fancy, made by them during the winter, were sold for the benefit of the proposed Church at Baddeck village, the corner stone of which was laid on May 24th. In spite of the wet weather, the proceeds of the day amounted to \$107; and upon the following day, the ladies had the pleasure of handing \$133 to the Missionary, with which to procure seats and chancel carpet for the Church of St. Peter; and, if any remain, to form a nest-egg for an organ fund. The ladies, though few in number, are whole-hearted for the Church, and give much encouragement to the Missionary. It is hoped that the Church, though not finished, will be advanced sufficiently for the Bishop to consecrate in August.

KENTVILLE.—We regret to learn that the Rev. J. O. Ruggles, who was canvassing Windsor in the interests of King's College, has been quite seriously ill for the past few days. In speaking of the Confirmation, recently held in Kentville, it should have been "seventeen" males, instead of "seven, making the total number of Candidates 36, instead of 16.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton will be opened for business at the hour of 10 a.m., on the 4th day of July, 1883, at the Church Hall, in the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick. All Certificates of the Election of Lay Representatives should be sent to the Secretary on or before the 30th day of June, 1883, and the Assessments paid. By order of the Lord Bishop of Fredericton. CHARLES S. MEDLEY, Secretary to Synod.

N. B.—The Delegates will travel free on return journey, on payment of full first-class fare by Rail or Boat to Fredericton.

Sussex. June 18th, 1883.

DERBY.—The new organ to which reference was made in a recent number as having been placed in St. Peter's Church, in this place, was an "Uxbridge" make, supplied by Mr. Jas. C. Fairey, of Newcastle, and is highly spoken of by those who are able to judge.

WOODSTOCK.—A public Missionary Meeting, in the interests of the Diocesan Church Society, was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. The Rev. Canon Neales presided. His Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor, Dr. Kingdon, gave a lengthy and very interesting address on the work and present needs of the Society. He was followed by Church Wardens Lt. Col. C. R. Raymond and Major J. D. Ketchum, and the chairman. Music was furnished by the St. Luke's Church choir, under the leadership of Capt. H. W. Bourne. The meeting was very interesting and profitable, but owing to the unfavourable state of the weather, the attendance was much smaller than we anticipated. At the close of the Missionary Meeting a meeting of of the subscribers to the Society forming its Local Committee, met and elected Col. C. R. Raymond and Major J. D. Ketchum delegates, and Wm. M. Connell substitute delegate, to the Society for the current year.

The following resolution was moved by C. M. Raymond and seconded by W. F. Dibblee and carried by a standing vote:

Resolved. That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to his Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor, for his kindness in visiting us at this time, and for his interesting address upon the work of the Church in this Diocese and its connection with the Diocesan Church Society.

The collection at the Missionary Meeting amounted to \$20.24 for the D. C. S.

On Tuesday there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. in St. Luke's Church when the Bishop Coadjutor, gave an earnest address to the Communicants, founded on Acts xxvii, 36.

His Lordship the metropolitan, came to Woodstock on Tuesday and preached in St. Luke's Church in the evening of that day in his usual plain and forcible way. The offertory at this service amounting to \$10, was in behalf of the mission of Prince Arthur, landing in the Diocese of Algoma.

CAMBRIDGE.—A valued correspondent from Johnston writes:—We have enjoyed a gleam of light since the beginning of the year when this parish was placed under the care of the Rev. Canon Medley. We have had alternate services every four weeks by him and the Rev. Mr. Cowie, which we very much appreciate. We hope the B. H. M., will have sufficient funds at no distant day to establish a new Mission here as the people seem to be doing all they can and if the Rev. Mr. Cowie were placed in charge, we have no doubt of success as he is just the right man in every sense of the word.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, was opened on Tuesday morning by Communion service in the Cathedral, at which His Lordship Bishop Bond officiated, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Davidson, Rev. Canon Robinson and Rev. J. A. Newham. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. J. Machin, of Sorel, who took for his text the 12th and 13th verses of the 48th Psalm: "Walk about Zion and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

The Synod met at two o'clock for the transaction of business. Rev. Canon Empson acted as Clerical Secretary, and Dr. Alex. Johnson as Lay Secretary. Prayer by His Lordship the Bishop. It was unanimously resolved to devote the offertory at the service in the cathedral in the morning to the Mission Fund. After the calling of the roll, the officers of the Synod were elected as follows:—Clerical Secretary—Rev. Canon Empson; Lay Secretary—Dr. Alex. Johnson; Treasurer—Mr. James Hutton; Auditors—Messrs. G. W. Simpson and Thos. Simpson. The Bishop appointed Mr. E. Carter, Q. C., Church Advocate. His Lordship then appointed the Standing Committees of the Synod, which were the same as last year, with the exception of a few changes. His Lordship suggested that the committee on the Superannuation Fund should be made a sub-committee of the Executive. The Bishop then delivered his annual charge to the Synod, which was full of interesting particulars of the work of the year, and of the conditions of the Parishes, and the needs of the Church. It also referred in touching terms to the death of Rural Dean Robinson. The Diocese is in a prosperous condition, and new Churches, and increased gifts for the Mission Fund, were specially referred to. [The address is so much of value not only to Montreal, but to the whole Church, that we shall give it in full next week.—Ed. C. G.]

The minutes of the last annual session were taken as read.

His Lordship suggested that the various elections should take place to-morrow morning as follows:—Executive Committee, 11 o'clock; Delegates to Provincial Synod, 11.30; Diocesan Court, 12 o'clock.

Rev. S. Belcher moved that the Special Committee, which now appears under the name the "Corresponding Committee to act with Central Board of Domestic Missions," be changed in the following particulars:—That in the first it be made a Standing Committee instead of a Special Committee, and that as the Central Board of Missions is in a somewhat uncertain state at the present