

**Parish News**

**NEIL'S HARBOR.**

Throughout this diocese the Sunday school children are beginning to look forward to Christmas, and no doubt, in many of our parishes there will be gathered in the school-room numbers of happy boys and girls gazing in ecstasy upon the tree lit with tapers and laden with Christmas gifts. Yes! for these, Christmas will be the day of day- and pleasant it will be, both to pastor and assistants, the making ready for Christmas eve.

Alas, with us it is different, a poor pastor, a poorer people with hardly sufficient to keep them through the winter, render a Christmas tree for our children, an impossibility. An impossibility? well, we shall, provided this appeal arouse the sympathies of those who are able to give of their plenty, and who can realize how easily these fisher-children are pleased.

My Sunday school has an average attendance of 85 children, some of them—indeed most of them—sadly in need of warm clothing. For these I venture to ask the readers of this paper to do what they can to help.

May I suggest that your Sunday school children be called upon to contribute. This, a city rector in our diocese has undertaken to do, and I am sure that the children who so act will the more thoroughly enjoy their own tree.

All contributions may be forwarded to Neil's Harbor C. B. via. S. S. Harlaw.

R. W. Notwood.

**NEW GLASGOW.**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in connection with St. George's parish here, aided by the ladies of the congregation, held a very nice social in the Sons of England hall, last Monday night. There was a large gathering not only of the young people of the church, but the older ones as well, a few from Trenton and Stellarton, and some from the other churches in town. It was a pleasant sight to see so many happy, smiling faces, which was evidence enough that they enjoyed the gathering.

Mr. J. L. Jennison acted as chairman of the evening, and it is needless to say he performed that function ably and well. In his introductory remarks, he gave a brief history of the origin and growth of this remarkable organization. It had its birth in Chicago, in 1883, and since then it has spread all over the English speaking world, wherever the Church of England exists. Its greatest numbers, of course, are in the U. S., but the order extends throughout Canada

and all the Colonies to a large extent. The order was formed to meet an existing want. It consists solely of the laity in each congregation. The duties of the Brotherhood are mainly to look after the interest of the congregation, to visit strangers, etc., and acquaint them with the church services. They have also a Bible class, conducted every Wednesday evening, by their rector. This was the first social held under their auspices, in this parish. It was a good beginning, and promised much for the future. He hoped that everyone would make himself and herself agreeable, and so make the social a successful as well as an interesting one.

The programme of the evening consisted of piano solos by the Misses Heighton, Bent and Fraser; banjo selections by A. D. and John Grant; a patriotic song; "The flag for me," by Mr. C. T. Bent, and a sweet sentimental ballad by Miss Fraser; a short address by Rev. Mr. Taylor, Stellarton; and a reading from Tennyson by the Rector, Mr. Woodruff. The refreshments were not forgotten.

A verse of the national anthem and the benediction by the Rector ended this interesting and happy gathering.

**PORT GREVILLE.**

The Ladies Aid Society met at Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr's on the first Wednesday of this month. The officers elected for the ensuing quarter were:—

- President Mrs. Elisha Baxter.
- Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Hatfield.
- Secretary Mrs. George Pettis.
- Treasurer Mrs. Freeman Hatfield.

The report of the treasurer was given and the sum of \$20.12 paid over, \$5.00 of which was devoted to the Rectory Fund.

The funeral of the late Capt. Harland Pettis, Parrsboro, took place on Wednesday, Oct. 24th. After a lingering and painful illness he passed away, and his remains, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends, were brought to Port Greville for interment. Rev. Mr. Cumming conducted the funeral and preached a sermon from the text, "Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord, from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Rev. xiv, 13v. Rev. Mr. Johnston, Parrsboro, read the lessons and the choir sang "Now the laborer's task is o'er", and "Days and moments quickly flying."

A special Service was held on Thanksgiving Day. The Offerings were for the Widows and Orphans Fund.

Our Teachers Meetings are very

interesting and much appreciated. Having finished the Catechism the rector has now taken up the "Institute Leaflets" with much success. The Sunday School will be continued during the winter for the first time. A Christmas Tree and entertainment for the children will be given in the Hall on Christmas Eve.

During Advent Season special services will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings in the Parish Church and St. John's, Diligent River on Wednesday evening.

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