

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Paul's.—The anniversary services of the Church of England Institute are to be held in this Church on February 6th, when Rev. I. Brock will be the preacher. Rev. D. Neish is very acceptable to the members of the congregation in his temporary occupancy of the curacy, his sermons being earnest, able and finished.

St. Luke's.—We much regret to learn that Rev. A. D. Sylvester, the curate of the Cathedral, is lying dangerously ill. The climate of Halifax is unusually trying this season, and it is to be feared that the rev. gentleman is suffering from its severity. The Rector, Rev. F. R. Murray, is fairly well, and able to attend to his work.

St. George's.—A Young Men's Institute was organized in connection with this church last week, which has begun its labors with excellent prospects. The Rev. Dr. Partridge is patron, and J. Johnstone Hunt, senior churchwarden, president. The Institute is composed of the most active members of the parish, and will, without doubt, prove a tower of strength to the Church's cause. The congregations at this Church are very large, and on Sunday evenings both floor and galleries are crowded. The singing is very hearty and congregational, and the choir highly trained.

St. Marks.—Rev. H. J. Winterbourne is recovering from his recent severe attack of sickness, to the great joy of his people. His illness was caused by exposure in the performance of his duty.

St. Matthias.—The popular and efficient curate in charge, Rev. W. C. Wilson, was last week united in holy matrimony to Miss Susan Cochran, of Maitland, and is expected home from his wedding tour on Friday evening. The school children will assemble to greet Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on Monday. Mrs. Wilson comes with a very high reputation as a Church worker, and will be received with the greatest cordiality. Mr. Wilson's work in St. George's and St. Matthias' is highly appreciated.

LUNENBURG.—Rev. R. C. Caswall, the new Rector of Lunenburg, has experienced a heavy domestic affliction in the death of his youngest child and only son, aged 4 years. The scourge of diphtheria has gone through the whole family, but we are happy to learn that the others attacked are recovering. We extend our cordial sympathy to the bereaved mourners.

MAITLAND.—The pretty little church of the Holy Trinity, Maitland, was crowded on the 22nd ult. on the occasion of the marriage of Rev. W. C. Wilson, Curate of St. George's, Halifax, to Miss Susan C. Cochran, daughter of the late Hon. A. McNutt Cochran, of Maitland. Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rector of St. George's performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. G. R. Manell, Rector of Maitland. Mr. Wilson was formerly in charge of Maitland, and afterwards of Truro, and is well-known and much-beloved in the neighbourhood. On the Wednesday evening a special mission service was held, when Dr. Partridge preached a powerful and touching sermon to a very large congregation. On Thursday the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., at which the bride and bridegroom were among the communicants. The wedding took place at 11 a.m. The Christmas decorations still in the Church, formed a very effective addition to the beauty of the sacred edifice, and the numerous friends and relations of the bride were assembled in full force. Mrs. Wilson has endeared herself to her native town by her active participation in the various good works of the Church, following in the footsteps of her lamented father, and by her gentle and amiable disposition. She will be followed to her new home in Halifax by the affectionate remembrance and best wishes of a large circle of friends. Mr. Wilson is to be felicitated on his happy choice.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Association, C. of E. Institute, yesterday the New Members Committee reported 39 new members; all subscriptions collected but 4; total number of lady members 205. The Public Hospital Committee and the Flower Mission made satisfactory reports. The Charitable Committee reported a warm response to the appeal made to the public for reading matter for the hospitals. The Book Committee reported that they had selected and purchased 102 volumes, funds being supplied by the Easter sale. The Fancy work committee reported that they cleared at the Easter sale upward of \$200. The president reported that as it had been found difficult to carry on the "home" as a boarding house, it had been leased to Mr. Allen, the nightwatchman. Mrs. Allen takes boarders and agrees to reserve a room for lectures. The president also reported that a committee of the Institutes ladies took charge of the conversazione held by the Medical association of New Brunswick in the Institute. They cleared \$11.30. After the reports were received the following ladies were chosen officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Daniel, vice-president; Miss Snider, Secretary; Mrs. Simonds, treasurer; committee of management—Mrs. Starr, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. R. T. Clinch, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. T. Walker Mrs. W. Hazen, Miss Murray.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Lennox Williams, son of the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, was ordained at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday last, the 1st inst.

PERSONAL.—We note that the Rev. Charles Hamilton, M.A., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, has been elected to the Bishopric of Niagara, and that he has under the advice of his Bishop accepted the Election. He has however notified the Synod of Niagara that he cannot resign his Cure under three months. Not alone by his congregation will his removal be felt. Beloved by these he is indeed: but little less beloved by the general public for his consistent Christian Churchly life and his ever abounding charity. The gain to Niagara Diocese involves loss to the city and Diocese of Quebec. It will be hard indeed to replace the Rev. Charles Hamilton, in Parish, City or Diocesan work.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Robert Ker, Rector of Trinity Church, Quebec, was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A.M., at its recent annual communication. The unanimous election of the rev. gentlemen to this high office is the strongest possible endorsement of the admirable discourse which he delivered on St. John's day, and which was regarded as a complete refutation of the attacks on Freemasonry by the R. C. Archbishop of Quebec.

The Rev. G. V. Housman, Rector of the English Cathedral, contemplates a trip to San Francisco in the course of a few weeks.

We see that the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec intends to apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec at its next Session for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Synod and to provide for the authenticating and approving of its minutes, Journals and Canons; further to amend the law respecting the acquisition and alienation of immovable property held by the said Church of England in said Diocese, and for regulating the management of the Temporalities thereof; and to enable the Bishop of said Diocese to transfer to the parties for whose benefit they are held certain properties and funds now held by him in trust.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The friends of Canon Mulock, late Rector of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, will be pleased to hear that he is in the enjoyment of good health,

and is extending his usefulness. He occasionally assists in the services at St. Martin's Church, Montreal, and recently a pew in that church was presented to him by the churchwardens as a small recompense for his valuable services.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. J. F. Renaud, Rector of St. John's was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., at its recent annual communication.

Messrs. Spence & Son, of this City, have just finished a memorial window, to be placed in a new church now building in North Augusta, in memory of the Rev. J. Stannage. It is a triple lancet chancel window, having a figure of St. Peter in the centre lancet, and on each side angelic figures and sacramental emblems.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MABERLY MISSION.—The Rev. Elwin Radcliffe acknowledges with many thanks the following subscriptions to Church Building Fund. A Friend, England, \$39.00; Per Rev. W. Wright, Rector of Newboro' \$16.00; Mr. John Atcheson, Maberly, \$10.00; Mr. Robert Hughes, S. Sherbrooke, \$10.00; Mr. W. Hughes, do. \$5.00 and Mr. John Hughes do. \$5.00. *Laus Deo.*

PEMBROKE.—A most delightful entertainment was given in this town by the children of Holy Trinity Church Sunday School on the evening of Tuesday, the 13th instant. The New Town Hall, used on this occasion for the second time, was brilliantly illuminated with the Electric Light. The programme opened with a Xmas carol which was sweetly sung by the Sunday School Juvenile Choir of about twenty-five children. This was followed by a number of Speeches, Recitations, Dialogues, Tableaux, and Dramatic pieces. Another Christmas Carol, followed by God Save the Queen; by the juvenile Choir brought the entertainment to a close. The manner in which the children performed their various parts, there having been no failure of any kind, reflected much credit both upon them and Mrs. Forsythe who had taken the greatest interest and pains in their training; and judging from what we have since heard in the Town, as well as from the observations in our local papers, nothing has ever been more popularly received than this entertainment. The audience was about five-hundred and the proceeds amounted to sixty dollars; which was handed to the Churchwardens as the Sunday School children's offering towards the Church Improvement fund.

OTTAWA.—On the evening of Saturday the 24th ult., the teachers and scholars of the Vice Regal suburb to the number of between three and four hundred assembled at the Government House in response to the kind invitation of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Marchioness of Lansdowne. Their bright faces, nice appearance and cheerful demeanour elicited the admiration of those who had the pleasure of seeing them. A large and magnificent tree, some eighteen or twenty feet in height was placed in the middle of the ball room, and was brilliant with wax tapers and loaded with toys and articles of virtue for the scholars. They were also bountifully supplied with fruit, cake, etc, by the hands of the kind Governor-General and the Marchioness of Lansdowne and the members of the Vice Regal Household, adding a pleasant, kindly word to each on presenting the good things. It was a sight to see the pleasure and excitement in hosts of pleasant faces as they examined their gifts, waved their flags and played on their instruments of music. The distribution over, the assembled scholars gathered around the tree and greeted their Excellencies with loud and hearty applause. They sang heartily a hymn and two stanzas of the National Anthem, after which they gave three vigorous cheers for the Queen and Lord and Lady Lansdowne who had so kindly entertained them and then departed homeward.