

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received May 27, from Rev. Jas. J. Ritchie, Annapolis, \$14.83, collection for Foreign Missions. Also, May 30, from Rev. Alfred Osborne, \$7.97 from St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I., for Algoma.

WM. GOSSIP,
Treas. B. F. M., Dio. N. S.

ALBION MINES.—Some of the Parishioners of Christ Church, feeling grateful for the services which Miss Miller has rendered in the choir during the last few years, gave her, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. J. D. Ross, a very nice electroplate tea-pot and butter dish. The Rector, whom she had assisted also in the Sunday School, adding a Prayer Book and Hymn Book in morocco case.

HALIFAX CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting of this most industrious and useful organization was held on Wednesday morning week, in the School-Room of St. Luke's Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop presided, and there were present about forty ladies. After prayers, the Secretary, Miss Bullock, read her Report for the year, (which will be found below) and a most satisfactory and encouraging report it proved to be, showing an increase of fully fifty per cent in the receipts over the previous year. The Bishop in placing the Report before the meeting spoke warmly of the value of such an organization, and of the good it was doing, by enabling him to keep three Missionaries in important fields of labour which would otherwise be without the ministrations of the Church. His Lordship referred particularly to the faithful travelling Missionary of Cape Breton, and his no less willing and active wife, and to the Rector of the new Parish of Lockport, both of whom will this year receive aid from the Church Woman's Association. His Lordship also took occasion in commending the labours of the C. W. M. A., to declare that it in no way interfered with the Board of Home Missions, but rather supplemented their work, enabling grants to be made to Missions otherwise unprovided for. After \$600 had been voted to the Bishop for Missionary work, the Rev. Heber Bullock, D. C. I., now on a visit to Halifax, was called upon for a speech, and in response, urged with great earnestness, the duty of the ladies to discourage in every way the use of wine and strong drink, and thereby help to save a large amount of money from being worse than wasted. Dr. Bullock very strongly insisted that the money which in this way now goes to enslave and debase man—soul and body—ought to be secured for the work of Missions, and for doing God service, and he exhorted the ladies to use their great influence to secure it for the Association, and thus do a double work of good. After the passage of several Resolutions, and votes of thanks to the President, Mrs. Binney, and the other Officers of the Association, and to his Lordship for presiding, the proceedings were brought to a close.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to these few faithful women for their great labours, which have produced so large a result. They certainly are a very valuable auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, and most heartily do we wish them increased success in the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE C. W. M. A., 1880-1881.

Another year of our Society's existence has passed away, and we present to you its closed record, with an expression of thankfulness to the Lord of the Harvest for His grace and continued blessing. While we regret that the sum placed in the Treasury of the Church is so small, compared with the necessities which are at present pressing on our Missions, we rejoice that this year we can write upon our banner the auspicious motto, "No step backward," as our contributions for the year show no decrease. For this result we are largely indebted to the inventive power and untiring zeal of one of the most active members of the C. W. M. A.; and when our Vice-President and Treasurer (Mrs. Lawson) devoted her house to industries, which she makes pleasant as well as profitable, and utilized the attractions of Fairy Cove, at the same time she widened the interest in our work and increased our balance in the bank.

To the ladies who, week after week, assemble at Mrs. Lawson's with only one intent and object at heart, the filling of that large mite-box, and who put aside all other engagements that they may be at their posts, our thanks are especially due.

The 5 o'clock tea at Fairy Cove was a most successful affair, both as regards satisfaction to those who were there and in a money point of view. Mrs. Lawson had again the same band of willing hands and clever heads to help her carry out her well-arranged scheme.

Absent friends and workers also claim a word of kindly mention. One, Mrs. George Black, our late Vice-President, is gone to a scene far distant, and in her Western home has formed, and is working with the energy that marked her life with us, an Association named after and framed on our basis, so that in separation she is still united with us by the fellowship of similar work. Another, Mrs. Brown, has gone from us for ever. She, one of our first supporters, always ready to work and quick to sympathize, having served her generation, has fallen asleep, and now—God bless her!—rests in the Paradise of Christ.

The sum altogether realized this year is \$621.68.

You will wish to hear the result of the separate Mite-boxes:—

Mrs. Blayter	2 50
Mrs. G. Franchlyn	3 39
Mrs. Wainwright	3 92
Mrs. Boggs	2 55
Miss Farish	5 00
Mrs. Stairs	2 10
Miss Shreve	5 43
The Misses Marvin	3 78
The Misses Binney	10 10
The Misses Bullock	32 37
Mrs. William Donaldson	5 38
Mrs. Cowie	3 71
Mrs. Browne	3 58
Mrs. Holt Clarke	6 76
Mrs. Lawson	123 55

\$220 62

One box is still unopened, Miss Keiler, who holds it in trust, not being in Halifax at present. The basket has been a sleeping member the whole of the past year.

It is with a foreboding of sorrow we hear of the possibility of Mission work being crippled, if not stopped altogether, in some of our country parishes for want of funds. Would that we had the power, as we have the will, to supply the lack of service which threatens this calamity. We cannot bear to think of any door being closed through our apathy which has once been opened, and we share with your Lordship, during whose Episcopate no less than forty of these openings have been made, the deep concern which must weigh upon you as you contemplate the painful contingency of withdrawing even one Missionary, of closing even one church.

We know how readily the phrase "Hard Times" enters into the excuses for the diminished revenues of the Church; and we know, too, that in the account books of our stewardship the last column that ought to feel the process of subtraction, is the column of our aims and obligations, and yet very often it is the first to suffer.

In entering on another year of work, we indulge the hope that more workers will lend their help, and more well-wishers send their orders and contributions. Our deeds are very lowly; but knowing that the Master sees not as man seeth, we dare to hope that we, with good will, doing service unto the Lord, may, although we are but humble workers in the maintenance and spread of the Faith, modestly claim a share in the encouraging title, "Labourers together with God." We are not daunted by the lowliness of our work or the scantiness of our gifts, for we believe that as the feeblest prayer, if it only have faith enough to wing it to Heaven, is made precious and availing by the incense mingling with it on the golden censer; so the smallest sacrifice made for His sake, and the least costly offering made in His Name, is made rich, and rendered acceptable by the merits of the Wounded Hand in which we place our gifts. We go on then in our work for this year, cheered with the assurance that He who in the days of His flesh, once "sitting over against the Treasury," saw, and graced with an eternal honour, the poor oblation of two mites, is sitting there still, and measuring our work and offerings by our motives and ability, will not disdain or be forgetful of our work. I am sure that as an Association we all yearn for the reward which we do not deserve—a reward in the gift of our gracious Lord, that accepting for His own merits all we do, He may write against our names in the Book of Life, "She hath done what she could."

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

In Account with the Treasurer.

1881.		DR.	
May 24.	Amount paid the Lord Bishop	\$600 00	
	Balance on hand	21 68	
		\$621 68	
1880.		CR.	
May 25.	Balance from former statement	\$53 76	
June 30.	Interest, Savings' Bank	15 20	
Aug. 19.	Proceeds Picnic N. W. Arm.	100 00	
1881.			
Feb. 9.	Offering St. Luke's Cathedral, Feast of Purification	4 50	
March 3.	Offering St. Luke's Cathedral, Feast of the Annunciation	20 00	
May 24.	Work and Subscriptions to date	207 60	
	Amount collected in Mite Boxes	220 62	
		\$621 68	
May 25.	Balance to new account	\$21 68	

BAYFIELD.—Holy Trinity Parish.—I am transmitting by this mail to the Secretary B. H. M., having received the same from the Executors of the estate of the late William Hierlihy, of Antigonish, the amount realized from that estate as a legacy to the Church, being, less expenses of transmittance, postage, &c., two hundred and forty dollars each for the Superannuation of the Clergy and Church Endowment Funds. It will be remembered that reference was made to this legacy in the report of the D. C. S. for 1875, being an extract from a letter transmitting the contributions for D. C. S. for that year, for this Parish. The opinion was then submitted that the amount, when made available, would not be large, at the same time thankfulness was expressed for the spirit which prompted the gift. Now, however, the result being known, we are delighted, a feeling that will be shared in, we doubt not, by every Churchman in the Diocese, that the amount is something handsome. It is true also that the objects to which the legacy is to be devoted are most worthy ones. The former is by no means largely endowed, and fortunately but few, if any, pensioners are at the present dependent upon it for support. It is evident that there is the strongest aversion felt by our Clergymen to give up even a portion of their work while strength remaineth, hence it is found, that our veteran workers are literally found up to the last hour at their post. Nevertheless, the time must come when ap-

propriation must be made out of the funds for the support of the deserving and necessitous. As regards the Church Endowment Fund, is it not slowly but surely being instituted for the periodical deficiencies arising out of S. P. G. grants, so generously contributed by English men in the Mother Church? Any sums, therefore, contributed for the purposes named are most appropriate, and it is felt that the announcement now made from this parish is in some respects the most important one published for many years. It is not only important as to the actual amount contributed, but it is an eminent example to others to make such a disposition of their earthly goods as will benefit the Church of God. "The memory of the just is blessed." Our friends of the "Eastern Extension Railroad" who have aided us for the past three or four years, financially and otherwise, are, one by one, locating themselves elsewhere. An attached Churchman, Lenaa Atwater, entered, we hope, into the joys of Paradise on the 25th ult. His place in the Militant Church is occupied by a son, who is yet but a minor. The Rector, who has already contributed more than one hundred dollars towards the new Church—and our country clergymen, who have no private means, will understand this sacrifice—with a half-dozen of his veteran parishioners, has assumed the payment of a debt on the new Church, which will probably have to be discharged this summer. In view of these things, and we do not consider them signs of death, but rather of life, it is earnestly hoped that the execution of B. H. M. will not reduce the grant to this parish for the present.

BADDECK.—The Missionary writes, that on Wednesday, 25th inst., he brought over Mt. Smokey the first waggon of the season, snow being two feet in places. Ice went May 23rd, allowing boats to get out fishing.

ST. MARGARET'S PARISH.—The Rector and Church Wardens beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following, for the painting of the Parish Church, given by friends in the city, and kindly collected by W. E. Brine, Esq., and to thank those who so generously aided us with material and money:—400 lbs. white lead, 4 lbs. raw umber, 150 lbs. metallic oxide iron roofing paint, 40 galls. oil, 1 bladder putty, 4 O. K. paint brushes, and \$12.90 in cash.

NEW ROSS.—On the morning of the 20th inst., there, assembled in Christ's Church, nearly the largest congregation seen in this quiet woodland place, to attend the burial of our late respected and universally esteemed senior Warden, Mr. Michael Keddy, referred to in your issue of the 12th May. Neither the inclemency of the weather nor the pressure of of spring-work prevented the aged and the young from being present to testify to their regard for him who had been such a general favorite amongst all. The Missionary had been in constant attendance on the suffering man during his last illness, had frequently administered the Eucharist to him, and learned many a valuable lesson of patient resignation and fortitude. He was with the deceased over night up to about 6.30 the next morning, (the 19th) when God graciously released His tired and true servant from every earthly ill, and 20 minutes before death, heard the sick clearly repeat the whole of the Lord's Prayer. A handsome casket having arrived from Halifax, elegantly mounted, and all being ready on the 20th, the Missionary said Morning Prayer with the afflicted family, at 9.30, then met them with their numerous circle of friends at the Church. The first part of the Burial Office began at 11, the lesson being read by the Lay Reader, John Prat, Esq., and after Hymn 400 (A. & M. Revd.) the Missionary delivered an address on Philippians i. 21-25, followed by Hymn 221.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated, and a rare sight was presented of an entire family—twelve in number—kneeling in united sadness to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord for their comfort and support. Over 33 others, relatives and friends, joined with the family in this greatest bond of fellowship and mutual sympathy. After the long and imposing procession had entered the Churchyard, the Burial Office was brought to a conclusion by singing the Nunc Dimittis. The casket was decorated with Mayflowers, designs of the Crown, the Cross, the Anchor and the Heart, tastefully prepared by some kind hand. The Altar was adorned with flowering plants and cut blooms from the Parsonage, and the candlesticks wreathed in mourning, in token that a Christian light in our midst had been extinguished. Thus was everything sought to be done to express the respect and estimation in which the memory of the deceased will be held during coming times. It is believed the deceased, in addition to his commendable munificence of the past, has left, by legacy, a valuable contribution for local Church purposes.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—Last Sunday, the 22nd inst., the new organ was used for the first time. It is a very superior instrument. A class is being prepared for Confirmation. We hear the Rev. T. B. Reagh has received an invitation to take charge of Port Hill Parish. We think the right man will be in the right place.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The following have been elected Delegates to the Synod, from the Parish of Fredericton: Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector; Chief Justice Allan, and W. Carman, Esq. Substitutes—E. L. Wetmore, Esq., and Dr. Brown. Delegates to the D. C. S.—H. B. Rainsford and George J. Bliss.

ST. MARTIN'S.—The Metropolitan visited St. Martin's on Ascension Day, and Confirmed a large class, presented by Rev. J. R. Campbell.

ROTHSAY.—The Metropolitan Confirmed over forty candidates in this Parish on the 25th.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Joseph Smith, Rector at Petersville, is about to resign, and we understand, intends returning to England. Rev. W. B. Armstrong intends shortly to leave Medford, on account of the inability of the Parishioners to make up the stipend.

GRAND MANAN.—It is hoped that the new Church on this Island will be finished this summer.

ST. JOHN.—The widow of the late Chief Justice Parker died in this city on Saturday evening. This venerable lady, who was born in York, England, was in her 85th year. She was the grand daughter of Col. Beverley Robinson, of New York, who so vigorously espoused the Royal cause in the revolutionary period, and a daughter of Col. Morris Robinson, who, at the time of his death, in Gibraltar, held the position of Assistant Barrack Master General to the forces. On the death of her father Mrs. Parker and her sister, the late Mrs. Robert F. Hazen, came to St. John to reside with their uncle, Beverley Robinson, Esq., who was then Collector of the port for the Imperial Government, and soon after married Mr. Parker, who subsequently became Chief Justice of this Province. Chief Justice Parker died in 1865, and since his death his widow has been living in retirement. She leaves no issue. In her early and active life Mrs. Parker, was known to a very wide circle of friends, and many who are still living will hold her in kind remembrance.—Globe.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, DEANERY OF SAINT JOHN.—The Service for the children of the Sunday Schools was held as usual on the evening of Ascension Day. This year the service was held at St. Paul's Church, which was crowded by the large congregation present. The Reading Desk and Pulpit stand were prettily trimmed with flowers for the occasion. The singing was hearty and harmonious, the children very generally joining in it, as well as in chanting the proper Psalms for the day, and in the responses. The Hymns sung were No. 147 in Church Hymns, and Nos. 120, 130 and 134 from Mrs. Carey Brock's Children's Hymn Book, recently published under the revision of Bishops How and Oxenden, and the Rev. W. Ellerton, Rector of Barnes.

Prayers were said by the Rev. Mr. Mathers, Principal of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution, and the Lessons read by the Revs. Messrs. Uniacke and W. Armstrong. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke preached the sermon, taking for his subject the thoughts connected with the Ascension-Tide Season. The Rev. Canon DeVeber pronounced the Benediction. A collection, amounting to \$26.42, was taken up for the purposes of the Association. This Association affiliated last year with the Church of England Sunday School Institute in England. Fourteen of the teachers, drawn in nearly equal proportions from Trinity, St. John, and St. Paul's Church Schools, are candidates at the teacher's examination, shortly to be held in connection with the Institute, whose valuable publications are coming into use in the different schools, and proving of the greatest service both to the teachers and scholars.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

THE Report of the Diocesan Board of Missions, to which attention was called last week, occupies an enviable position, differing in that respect, we think, from any other Diocese in Canada. It has a balance on hand from the Receipts of the year. The abstract statement of receipts and expenditure shows \$25,072 received, and \$22,685.60 expended, and a balance of \$2,389.33 in the Treasurer's hands as follows:—

DR.		
To Stipend for 1880	\$21,600 74	
" Pensions "	881 80	
" General Expenses "	201 06	
" Balance "	2,389 33	
		\$25,072 93
CR.		
By Balance from last account	\$ 728 18	
" Assessments received	7,762 23	
" S. P. G. Grant	8,672 50	
" S. P. G., for Pensions	480 80	
" Mission Fund Church Society	2,909 07	
" Clergy Trust Fund Society	2,079 50	
" Sustentation Fund Society	2,066 43	
" Grosse Isle Grant	200 00	
" Subscription, Magdalen Islands, by Rev. A. W. Mountain	48 67	
" Interests on Deposits	108 64	

\$25,072 93

To which gratifying exhibit the Board refers in this way: "The chief feature in the statement—as com-