

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MAITLAND, N.S.—The people of this parish have not been standing idle the past year. Under their respected leader, the Rev. Mr. Martell, improvements and repairing have been carried on with complete success.

Trinity Church has received two coats of paint, and is thoroughly under-pinned. A beautiful new stove has taken the place of the old one, and the interior of the church is all that could be desired.

The congregation of St. John's Church, Five Mile River, have paid off the debt, and put a new stove in their beautiful little church, which is a perfect model of neatness.

St. Peter's Church, Kennetcook, has received an entirely new dress. The old-fashioned square tower has been cut down, and a handsome bell tower has been built. One side of the roof has been newly shingled, and the whole building has received two coats of paint, the amount spent being about \$200. The debt on the organ has been paid, and a beautiful chandelier has been placed in the church. The young ladies also made the Rev. Mr. Martell a marriage present of \$10 as a small token of their esteem.

The hall at Northfield has been nicely seated, and reading desks built, also a new stove bought.

The Rectory has been put in thorough repair, \$170 having been spent on it, and the present of a new hall stove from the congregation of Maitland.

Too much praise cannot be given the ladies of the different congregations for their self-sacrificing labor, and the united thanks of the parish are due to the Rector, who seems never weary in well-doing.

SPRINGHILL.—Three handsome new chandeliers have recently been put into All Saint's Church, and they light it up brilliantly. The money needed was collected through the efforts of three young ladies of the Sunday-school—Misses Esther Redpath, Eliza Langille and Katie Clark.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. A. D. Sylvester, curate of St. Luke's, Halifax, and who was ordained to fill that office last Christmas, we hear, has accepted the curacy of St. Luke's Church, Baltimore, U.S. The reverend gentleman will be greatly missed from Halifax, where his enthusiasm on the temperance question was of great value. The mission work of St. Luke's owes much to his zeal and liberality. It is not long since he purchased the grounds and building of one of the missions for the purposes of the Church of God.

The death is announced at Southsea, England, of Mrs. Gilpin, wife of Rev. Alfred Gilpin, known to all the older inhabitants of the western part of the province as rector of Yarmouth, Weymouth and Windsor, respectively. They removed from the province some twenty years ago. Mrs. Gilpin was a sister-in-law of Rev. Mr. Milner, who was chaplain in the garrison a quarter of a century ago. Many of the elderly people of the western counties were baptized by Mr. Gilpin, who is still hale and hearty for a nonagenarian.

St. MATTHIAS' MISSION.—The congregation of this growing mission purpose holding a congregational tea the first week of the New Year. A special effort is to be made to complete the building by the addition of the chancel during the coming year. One plan proposed is to ask the settled churches in town to permit the preaching of a special sermon and the solici-

tion of a dollar offering from members for this purpose. In this way the building could soon be completed and made comfortable. The people of the mission pay entirely their own running expenses, and only ask for help to build the edifice. We hope that the suggested plan will receive hearty support.

St. LUKE'S BAZAAR.—The bazaar held last week for the purpose of starting a fund for the new parish church was a success. The Freemasons' Hall presented a very lively appearance on both days. The tables were well stocked with useful and fancy articles, and some very valuable and artistic pieces of fancy work were displayed. We believe that the sum of nearly \$1,000 was cleared for the new church.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the Association was held in St. George's school-room last week. It was proposed at the meeting, and a committee appointed, to seek the affiliation to the Society of all the Sunday-schools in the Diocese. It is to be regretted that the advantages of the Association are not seized more by the teachers in town. The teachers of several of the city churches were conspicuous by their absence. The new management should try every possible means to remedy this defect, and thoroughly consolidate, if possible, the various schools in town.

YARMOUTH.—We see from the local papers that a large tea meeting is shortly to be held in this place, for the purpose of raising funds for a new and second Episcopal Church in this thriving town.

WINDSOR.—King's College.—The Rev. Dr. Partridge, Rector of St. George's, Halifax, has recently given a course of lectures in King's College on "Christian Apologetics," which were much appreciated by the professors, students and Christian ministers from Windsor who had the privilege of listening to them. The first lecture embraced the following subjects:—Definition of Apologetics; How related to Dogmatics; Questions dealt with; Outline of the History of Apologetics; High value of early treatises; and Present State of the Sciences. The second lecture was on the distinguishing features of Deduction and Induction—Induction as applied to other sciences; Illustrations of the kind of proof to be expected in Theology. The third lecture dealt with the principal Anti-Theistic theories—Pantheism, Positivism, Materialism, Agnosticism,—and concluded by pointing out the practical importance of the truth or falsehood of Christianity, and the imperative character of probable evidence. Dr. Partridge, who, by appointment of the Governors of King's College, is Lecturer on Apologetics, hopes to continue this course next term, and intends to take up the bearing of recent discoveries on Old Testament history. Dr. Partridge had opportunities of meeting all the professors and students of the College, and to several of the resident Governors he expressed himself as greatly pleased with the state of things he now found prevailing at the College. He was unwilling, he stated, to relinquish convictions which he had slowly formed in reference to confederation, but he considered that the question of confederation, by the present happy state of things at King's College, was adjourned for some twenty-five or thirty years.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DALHOUSIE.—Rev. E. P. Flewelling, rector of Dalhousie, has accepted the rectorship of the parish of Brandon, Manitoba.

St. JOHN.—The annual meeting of the Church of England Sunday-school Teachers' Association was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. W. M.

Jarvis in the chair. The attendance was large. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Canon Brigstocke. Satisfactory reports were read from the superintendents of the following schools: Trinity, St. John's, St. Paul's, St. James, St. Luke's, St. Mary's, and St. Jude's. It was resolved that a summary of the reports be printed for distribution among the members of the Association. Mr. W. M. Jarvis was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, and was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which he has occupied the chair during the past nine years, to which Mr. Jarvis made a fitting reply. Rev. W. O. Raymond was chosen secretary-treasurer. Mr. W. S. Carter, the retiring secretary, was tendered a vote of thanks. After the singing of a hymn, the meeting was brought to a close by Rev. Canon DeVeber pronouncing the benediction.

St. JOHN.—Trinity.—On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a concert, under the patronage of the Church of England Sunday-school Institute, was held in the School-room, at which an excellent programme was presented, and it is needless to say was well rendered. The programme contained the names of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Perley, Miss Bowden, Miss Berryman, Miss Smith, Signor Ronconi, and Messrs. J. A. & G. C. Costen, H. G. Mills, J. C. Troop, J. Wilson, G. S. Mayes and Henry Max Sterne.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHEBROOKE.—The anniversary of the Church Society for the District of St. Francis, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 9th inst., by a service in St. Peter's Church here in the morning and a missionary meeting in the evening in the Church Hall.

In the morning an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Roberts, vice Rector of St. Paul's Church, Concord.

The evening meeting was large and influential. The chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. The report was read by the Secretary, from which it appears that the total amount contributed during the past year in the District of St. Francis for all Church purposes has been \$23,800. Of this sum \$20,050 was for objects strictly parochial. This leaves a balance of \$3,550, which was divided between Diocesan claims and claims outside the Diocese.

To the Diocese was assigned \$2,810, namely: The Church Society, \$1,100; Bishop's College \$160; and to this is added the amount collected for Bishop's College Endowment, \$1,550.

The balance, \$740, was given about half of it to Algoma and the Northwest missions, and the rest to missions to the heathen; \$360 to Algoma and the Northwest; \$380 to the heathen.

Comparing the total amount raised with last year, it is found that this year falls short by the sum of \$7,600. This, however, is chiefly accounted for by specially large sums expended last year in building churches and parsonages.

It is fairer to compare the amounts contributed for the Church Society and for missions: The amount raised for the Church Society this year has been \$1,100; last year it was \$1,160; the year before, \$1,200. Leaving a balance against this year, as compared with last, of sixty dollars, and of one hundred as compared with the year before. The amount given to missions last year was \$1,025; this year it is only \$740; a falling off of nearly \$300—and a falling back to the year before last, when it was about the same as this year.

The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector of the Cathedral of Montreal. He selected as the subject the Parochial Missions of the Church in England.

At the close of Mr. Norton's address followed a very interesting incident, namely the presentation to the Rev. Dr. Reid of an address and a testimonial by the clergy on the completion of the fiftieth year of his ministry. Dr. Reid, who