

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PORT MULGRAVE.—Thanksgiving services were held in St. Andrew's and St. James' Churches on the 6th. The decorations were very beautiful, reflecting great credit on those willing hearts and hands who so kindly gave their time to the noble and glorious work. The Rector preached appropriate sermons, which were listened to with the greatest attention by an appreciative but not large congregation on account of the absence of the fishermen, who are now away on their fishing. The offertories were given on behalf of the Widow's and Orphan's Fund which amounted to \$6.

GUYSBOROUGH.—On Sunday, November 9th, services were held by the Rev. Mr. Lloyd and the Rev. Mr. Howe, the former gentleman held services in the above church once every month. Mr. Howe preached in the morning a most telling sermon on behalf of King's College, Windsor, and Mr. Lloyd in the evening to an overflowing congregation. The church was beautifully decorated with corn, fruit and flowers, and the offertory at both services amounted to \$10.43. This church certainly requires a resident clergyman, and the writer believes that numbers of those who have forsaken their first love would only be too glad to avail themselves of, and return to their 'Dear Old Church of England.'

YARMOUTH.—*Holy Trinity.*—The Thanksgiving Day services were well attended, and suitable music was rendered. At the Morning service the Rector, Rev. H. A. Almon, preached a practical sermon from Ps. xxiii. v. 6. A "Service of Praise" was sung in the evening at which special anthems and hymns were used. The singing of the choir under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Allison, organist, was sweet and smooth, the anthems being rendered in a commendable manner. The large congregation joined heartily in the hymns "Come ye thankful people," and "We plough the fields and scatter." All enjoyed the heartiness of the service. Extensive repairs have just been completed on the exterior of the church, and as a "Thank offering" the offertory was devoted towards defraying the expenses connected with the repairs.

TIDNISH.—A pleasant evening was spent at the residence of Mr. Robert Baxter, Tidnish, on the 4th inst., by our few church people. As a result of the gathering the Missionary, the Rev. C. A. French, received the sum of \$25. The Missionary lately made a journey among the Italians who are working at this end of the line. He tells us that he was enabled through the kindness of S. P. C. K., London, Eng., to distribute among them copies of the New Testament in their own beautiful language. It is a pity the Church in Canada has not a better hold on our Italian population.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Association of St. John's (stone) Church, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Mr. A. O. Skinner, president; Mr. H. C. Tilley, vice-president; Mr. C. F. Sanford, secretary-treasurer. The managing committee is the officers and Messrs. Ruel, Secord, Turnbull and Clarke.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Charles H. Hatheway, who was doing duty at All Saints' Cathedral last summer, has been appointed Honorary Canon and given charge of the Mission of St. Andrew's, West Troy, and St. Giles, Castleton. Rev. J. M. Davenport has returned from Bermuda.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

ST. SYLVESTER WEST.—The usual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in this Church on Sunday, Nov. 9th. The service commenced with the Hymn 382, which was very heartily sung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. B. Husband, who took for his text St. Mark iv, 26 27. The church presented a bright appearance being decorated for the occasion.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Grace Church Total Abstinence Society has become the Point St. Charles Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, and holds meetings every Saturday night in the schoolroom of Grace Church. In taking this step Grace Church has set a good example to other parishes in the city and country. The Church of England aspect of Temperance work is not sufficiently put before our people, and as a consequence much strength is lost to the work of true temperance principles; and the Church itself suffers.

IBERVILLE.—Miss Lewis, for several years the organist of Trinity Church, Christeville, was on the eve of her marriage, presented by members of the congregation and other friends in recognition of her services, with a most beautiful gold brooch and bracelet, accompanied by an address, signed by Messrs. R. P. McGinnis and A. Murray, churchwardens, and the other contributors to the present. It is but a short time since the same congregation united in presenting the pastor with a purse of \$100 to enable him and Mrs. Lewis to take a summer holiday of ten weeks between them, and in part to defray the expenses incurred in taking his son to the Adirondacks for the benefit of and if possible the recovery of his health.

ST. JOHNS.—St. James' Church was very handsomely decorated for Thanksgiving Day, and also for the Thanksgiving services which were continued on the following Sunday. The various windows, the font, the chancel and the other available places were laden with splendid specimens of the fruit of the soil—such as apples, pears, grapes, corn, wheat and innumerable varieties of vegetables. The vegetables were from the model gardens of Mr. W. M. Pattison, of Clarenceville, and were most generously donated by that gentleman. They were artistically arranged by the Girl's Guild, to the credit of that useful association be it said. On Thanksgiving evening the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Allen, Rector of Phillipsburg, and on Sunday the Rev. Rural Dean Renaud delivered two excellent discourses. The offertory was for the Protestant Insane Asylum.

DUNHAM.—The clerical union of the Deanery of Bedford was held here on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Owing to the bad state of the roads few of the neighboring clergy were able to be present, and not one of the delegates appointed for the missionary meeting held in the evening turned up, much to the disappointment of the Rector, Mr. Johnson.

The Ladies' Guild of the parish will hold its meetings in the basement of the Church hereafter on Wednesday afternoons until further notice. On Thursday evening, 20th inst, there will be a social in the basement, tea served at 7 o'clock, after which will be given readings, music, &c.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

ALMONTE.—Thanksgiving services were held in St. Paul's Church on the 6th instant, both morning and evening. In the morning the service was that of Holy Communion. Rev. C. P. Anderson, of Beachburg, preached. In the evening the sermon was delivered by Rev. W. J. Mucklestone, of Christ Church, Ottawa.

Revs. R. N. Jones, of Pakenham, J. Osborne, of Clayton, and W. D. Mercer, of Arnprior, were also present, besides the Rector, Rev. J. G. Low. The sum of \$362.74 was offered at the two services. With this sum and a balance on hand the building committee have paid off one mortgage, amounting with interest, to \$543.20. The church was suitably decorated for the occasion. Some further offerings are expected to be received from those who were unable to attend the services that day.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

S. S. EXAMINATIONS.—At the meeting of the Committee, held on the 13th inst., the time for receiving the names of intending candidates was extended to Saturday, Nov. 29th.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—A very interesting account of the great work being undertaken in France by the McAll Mission was given at a drawing room meeting held at Fairleigh, the residence of Mr. Cronyn, on Friday afternoon, the Bishop of Huron presiding, and thus manifesting his own interest in the work. It was decided to hold a public meeting next week, a deputation from the "Canadian McAll Association," i. e., Mrs. E. Blake and Miss Carty, having signified their willingness to attend.

The Rev. W. W. Campbell has been appointed by the Bishop of Huron to the Rectory at Southampton and Port Elgin. He entered on his duties on Sunday last.

EXETER.—The new chime of bells for the Trivett Memorial Church is expected to arrive and be set up for Sunday, November 30th. Much interest has been taken in this additional act of generosity on the part of Mr. Trivett. He has again shown his good will towards the Church. In his will he provides that \$6,000.00 be paid over and invested for the benefit of the Church. He now proposes to pay this sum over at once provided that he be guaranteed the interest on the same at the rate of 6 per cent., during his life. Here is a noble example worthy of imitation.

SOUTH LONDON.—The Junior Branch of the Young People's Helping Mission Band in connection with St. James' Church, South London, furnished a programme of no mean order to a lecture hall full of friends on Friday evening, November 7th. The Band was organized in 1887, and has since increased its membership from thirteen to ninety-three. Miss Hunt is President; Miss Grigg, First Vice-President; Miss Flo. White, Treasurer; Miss Annie Foster, Assistant Treasurer; and Miss Nettie Hart and Bertie Marshall, Secretaries. The first year the Band raised \$35. This year \$209.25 tells a tale. The programme was a pleasing one throughout, consisting of choruses by the Band, recitations by Dot. McEthernan, Fred. Patticombe, V. Wallace, Eddie McGill, Minnie Dewar, Bertie Jarvis and Maggie Look, songs by Gordon Hunt and Clara O'Neil, piano solos by Neta McClaren and Louie Hodgins (2), and three dialogues, in the first of which Misses Clara O'Neil, Elsie Green and Neta Hunt took part; the second was by Misses Jennie and Clara Hoar, and Maggie Barnard, and the last, entitled "The Flag of all Nations," by the Band, closed the programme and the meeting broke up after singing "God Save the Queen." During the evening Miss Grigg presided at the piano, and Rev. Evan Davis ably filled the chair. —*Free Press.*

After the entertainment the Junior Mission Band gathered in a room at the rear and were given a supper. Before dispersing, the Band presented Miss Von Brockdorff, who has been an active worker with them, with two elegantly-bound large volumes, one of which was the "Life of Christ." Miss Von Brockdorff leaves