

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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General Purposes.—E. Gilpin, Jr., per Rev. J. Padfield, \$10; Roy Bennet, per do., .68; St. Paul's, Halifax, per E. D. Meynell, \$8.00; Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$8.87; Bayfield, per Rev. A. C. McDonald, \$10.00; Coxheath, per Rev. D. Smith, .60; N. W. Arm, Halifax, per Rev. W. C. Wilson, \$27.64; St. George's, Halifax, per Rev. F. Partridge, \$14.00; Tangier, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$6.20.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Clerical Secretary.

TRURO.—The annual entertainment given by the Sunday School scholars of St. John's Church took place the Thursday before Lent. As usual the little ones acquitted themselves admirably. Master Charlie Hyde added greatly to the success of the entertainment by the graceful and manly way in which he discharged his duties as chairman. There were three choruses sung by the school *en masse*; the solos and duets were taken by the elder scholars. Of the dialogues, "The new scholar" and "Advertizing for a coachman" were very good—in the former seven girls took part, the latter five boys, in this George Lane acted the part of doctor well, and Fred Blanchard deserves great credit for the way in which he personated the Irishman. In the dialogue, "The deaf uncle," J. McCully acted the character of Uncle wonderfully, looking over his glasses as any old man might do. Blanche McDowal recited "The curfew shall not ring to-night," acquitting herself splendidly. But special mention must be made of "The milking maid," a dialogue between Minnie Douglass and George Pollock, this was so well represented it received a most vociferous encore. A large audience greeted the performers. The financial result was most gratifying, as the sum realized was \$24.

SPRINGHILL.—On Tuesday, 26th Feby., the children of All Saints' Sunday School gave a concert in order to raise funds for a library and other school requisites. It was very successful. The little folks were enthusiastic, and carried out their parts admirably. The hall was more than crowded, and all expressed themselves as well pleased with the performances. The proceeds will be about \$40 after paying expenses. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Byers, our efficient organist, for a donation of books towards our Sunday School library. A sewing circle has been formed here, which has already accomplished quite a creditable amount of work. A neat carpet was lately procured for the chancel, which adds much to its appearance.

WINDSOR.—The Rector has sent us the following, which came too late for our last issue:—You will, no doubt, have heard of the opening of our church. That interesting and joyous event took place on Sunday last, the 2nd inst. The day was a very fine one, and the services both in the morning and evening were very well attended. At the morning service there were about four hundred present and in the evening six hundred. The communicants were about eighty in number. The President, the Professors and Students, and the Head Master and boys from the Collegiate School, kindly joined with us. I deeply regretted that the consecration was not the first service, but unavoidable obstacles prevented it, and I should have been sorry to be deprived of the use of the church for our daily Lenten services. The church is very much admired by all who have seen it. The erection of this edifice in the parish is a cause of great gratitude to Almighty God, and to those who are acquainted with the circumstances it is a matter of surprise. It has taxed the powers

of the parishioners heavily, but they have cheerfully and nobly responded to the call made upon them. The church has been built almost altogether by their own exertions. To his Lordship the Bishop and a few others we owe our thanks for their aid. The building of the church has been a heavy responsibility, and under different circumstances the responsibility to myself would have been very great, but the Building Committee, with whom I was associated, were all men of business talents and practical experience, so that really my share in the duties was light indeed. Everything has been done for me; very little credit is due to me. We also had one of the best of builders—Mr. W. Taylor—with whom it was a pleasure to be connected. He did his work faithfully, and he did many things in his zeal that he was not obliged to do. If any of my brethren desire to build a church, Mr. Taylor is their man. Our Building Committee would unanimously recommend him. The last service in the old parish church was a very sad one to many of us. It recalled bygone days and faces and forms we shall see no more amongst us. To me it was like taking leave of an old friend; it made me think of school days and college days and many and many an old friend; it brought up before me the responsibility of a ministry of 7 and 20 years—responsibilities which, but for Gospel hopes, would be overwhelming indeed. I hope and believe that during my ministry here the Church has made some advance—something has been done for Christ. But oh! how much has been left undone and very much badly done, but I leave it all with the Merciful One. I think that this parish was the first in the Diocese called upon to be self-sustaining. This was hard at first on the clergyman, but things have greatly improved. The Rector is well sustained. I see by a notice in one of our papers that I get the credit of relinquishing my English salary to take charge of Windsor. I did give up my salary from home on coming here, but I did my best to retain it, but the S. P. G. determined that they would no longer contribute to the support of the Incumbent at Windsor, so that if I came to Windsor I had to relinquish my salary. I gave it up therefore and came. And now we have done our best to build a handsome church to the glory of God; but after all our efforts there will be a debt of at least \$2,000. May I not appeal to clergy and laity in the Diocese and ask them to aid us. This parish is of importance to the Church throughout the Diocese. Are there not some amongst us who have cause for gratitude for mercies and blessings received in Windsor? are there not some who remember perhaps with shame sins committed here, and opportunities for good wasted and cast away, and for which they have repented and been forgiven? Will they not render a thank-offering for mercies received? We shall gratefully receive anything sent us. I trust that we may soon have his Lordship amongst us for the solemn and important service of consecration, of which I will give timely notice, and hope that we may see a good gathering of old friends and new ones.

TRENTON.—In the parish of Albion Mines is a new settlement around the recently erected glass works, steel works, saw mills, forge works, etc. No Church of England service has been held there till March 9th, where (thanks to Mr. Harry Townshend, one of the directors of the glass works) a congregation of between 30 and 40 from the North of England was assembled in the glass works themselves. It was a strange church—the ritual arrangements were peculiar, but the worship was hearty, and we trust the service was acceptable to the worshipped, and propitable to the worshippers. No light but that which glowed forth from the openings in the huge circular furnace, no chance to kneel on the brick floor sparkling with fragments of glass; the workmens "seats" so-called, were converted into real seats for the hearers during the lesson and address, while during the prayers the congregation stood, the clergyman kneeling up on the one chair, specially bought for his accomodation. But responses

went up, and *Old Hundred* and *Sun of My Soul*, were sung with a strong touch of Newcastle on Tyne in the voices, but with no lack of heartiness. It is intended to continue this service monthly at 3 o'clock, time being provided for it by having morning service at the mines at 10.15, and at Glasgow at 11.30, returning from Trenton for 7 p. m. at the Parish Church.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Rev. T. Aitken Haslam has been conducting a nine day's mission in St. Jude's Church, the evangelistic services being very well attended. The series commenced with a short preliminary service on Friday evening, the 15th inst., and on Saturday evening Mr. Haslam was introduced to the congregation and opened his work. On Sunday large congregations assembled at both services, and the interest was maintained throughout the entire week. Bishop Bond and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers, Tucker, Dixon and Canon Carmichael also took a great deal of interest in the work, and assisted at the services. A special effort was made on behalf of the young, and special services were held for them on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, when large numbers of young persons attended. The subjects spoken of on these occasions were: "A basket of summer fruit," containing the five "one things" spoken of in Scripture. On Thursday, "A good spell," being the old English form of Gospel. On Saturday, "The Scripture clock." These services were all short and simple, but attracted great attention, and there can be no doubt that many lasting and valuable impressions were made.

WATERLOO.—A mission having been held in my parish conducted by the Rev. F. H. Duvernet, the Missionary of the diocese, I wish to give my expressions as to the value of such ministrations, and to urge that we seek diligently to make them efficacious in carrying on the work for which missions have been undertaken. So far as the mission in Waterloo is concerned, it has been and will be still more so, productive of good. Many of our Church members have helped most heartily, some have stood quietly aloof, others, their doubts and fears have given place to cordial approval. Many, night after night have listened with deepening fervour to the old old story of the love of Christ; members of other bodies have been greatly interested and acknowledge that the gospel was set forth in all its fullness within the Episcopal Church, about which Church and its teaching so much misconception prevails. It is not within the province of this letter to tell of the testimonies of individuals, enough to say that after eleven days services there were expressions of deep regret that the mission was closed. Abiding in the promises of God's word we have abundant ground for expecting a great blessing. As far as my judgment is concerned I would heartily recommend my brethren to have a mission conducted on the principles which the Missioner of the Diocese follows it amply proves the truth of the words of the Archbishop of York speaking of missions he says, "There has not been a case perhaps of a mission rightly conducted in which many and many a soul has not seen cause to recognize the good of them, and every class of people seem to me to share the benefits of a mission." The idea of the regular incumbent being ignored is sometimes urged as a reason for not holding a mission, but it will be found that the work of a clergyman in charge is magnified not diminished, and in proportion to his faithfulness in his parish so will he be surprised at the results of a mission. The seed has been growing secretly where perhaps he did not think, and reserve is swept away in the earnest conversation which a mission is sure to awaken in any parish, and he will find after the missioner's work is done, an aroused and awakened flock more ready than ever to follow his counsel and to help him in all the works of the Church of Christ. So important an agency demands earnest prayer,