

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PETITE RIVIERE, N. S.—A concert was given in Petite Riviere on Easter Tuesday on behalf of church building. The choir, sixteen in number, sung well. The Petite Riviere Brass Band gave their services gratuitously. The Rev. G. D. Harris and Mrs. Harris took part in the performance. Readings were given by Mrs. Spencer, Rev. G. D. Harris, and Squire Romkey. Miss E. Eikle gave a recitation, and Squire Armstrong came in at intervals with his melodista. The whole proceedings were very satisfactory. The choir went to the Parsonage after the concert for supper before returning home. The amount realized was \$17.75.

BROAD COVE.—A very handsome bell has been given to the Church at Broad Cove, by Nicholas Conrod, Esq., of that place. The bell weighs 236 lbs. and is from McShane's Foundry, Baltimore. The whole cost amounts to about \$70, a very liberal gift for a man who is in his ninetieth year. He is a native of Rose Bay, but has lived in Broad Cove for over fifty years. This act of liberality will cause his name to be remembered in connection with this Church for many years to come, and should be an example to others who are blest with means, to give of their money for the glory of God.

DIGBY.—An old and highly respected member of the Church in this parish, Mr. Robt. Jones, entered into rest on the 2nd ult., in the 80th year of his age. Though well stricken in years, Mr. Jones, up to the week of his death, was a most active, pious, and consistent Christian, ever zealous in the discharge of duty, and recommending the doctrines of his Church by that most convincing argument—a blameless and charitable life. His loss will be long felt where he was best known.

Rev. John Ambrose, the Rector of this parish, was lately made the recipient of an elegant and costly Sun lamp by some of his parishioners.

The debt on the new parish church is, by the zeal and activity of the ladies of the congregation, being gradually extinguished, but owing to the cost of two new furnaces and an additional chimney, is still very considerable, and prevents the contributions of the parish towards missions being as large as the parishioners wish them to be. Digby is a favorite summer resort. The church is free and open, with a good hearty service, daily prayers and weekly and Saint's Day Communion, and is much appreciated by strangers. Any help, how small soever, toward the liquidation of its debt will be most thankfully received, as it was built larger than the requirements of the resident congregation, with a view to the accommodation of stranger.

NORTH SYDNEY AND SYDNEY MINES.—The Lenten services this year have been very well attended. On Good Friday there were four services, with addresses and meditation. The attendance was good considering the weather and walking, both of which were wretched. On Easter morning the celebration was held at St. John's Church, North Sydney, there being forty communicants. The sermon dealt with the bearing of the Resurrection on our Faith, Hope, Happiness, and Life. In the evening service was said in Trinity Church, Sydney Mines. The text, "Why weepest thou?" suggested the consideration of Christ's own great application of the Resurrection, in a sermon of comfort to the troubled.

The Easter meetings in both parishes were held on Monday. At Sydney Mines, Messrs. R. H. Brown and S. Bridge were re-elected as Churchwardens; the Vestrymen of the previous year were also re-appointed, Mr. Currie Rees taking the place of one who had left the parish.

At North Sydney, Messrs. D. A. Smith and C.

Hoyt were re-elected Churchwardens, and Mr. W. E. Earle, Vestry clerk. The Vestrymen remain as before, with the exception of Mr. F. Tait, who takes the place of Mr. Stirling, now resident in another parish. The accounts of both parishes show a balance in favor of the Church.

PERSONAL.—HALIFAX.—The Rev. R. N. Raven is doing temporary duty for the Garrison Chaplain. The Rev. J. A. Townend, we regret to say, is still confined to his room and seriously suffering from his wound in the foot.

Rev. A. D. Sylvester, curate of St. Luke's is expected back this week. The rev. gentleman has been greatly benefited by his trip and is now in sound health.

Rev. K. C. Hind has endeared himself to the inhabitants of Melville Island by his untiring ministrations to the soldiers there during the Chaplain's illness.

CONFIRMATIONS.—During Holy Week there were confirmed in Halifax:—St. Paul's, 41; St. George's, 40; St. Matthias Mission, 13; St. Luke's, 35; Bishop's Chapel, 16; Dartmouth, 61. Total, 206. St. Mark's parish has a confirmation this week.

COMMUNICANTS AT EASTER.—The following is the number of communicants who were present, according to the rubrics of the Church, at communion on Easter:—St. Luke's, 347; St. Paul's, 280; St. George's, 260; Bishop's Chapel, 135; St. Mark's, St. John's, and North West Arm Mission, 140; Garrison Chapel, 108; Trinity, 57. Total, 1327.

St. Luke's has made a remarkable increase in the number communicating. The Bishop's Chapel list shows a marked increase, and St. George's had at the early celebration this year a greater number than its complete list two years ago. The early celebrations were remarkably well attended, and at the three churches mentioned the number present at the early far exceeded the number present at the late communions. St. Paul's had an attendance of 80 at early celebration, and St. Mark's about 40, St. George's had 150, and St. Luke's about 212.

ST. LUKE'S.—HALIFAX.—At the Easter Vestry meeting the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector, presided. There was a large meeting. The financial statement showed: Expenditure, \$6,532.22; receipts, \$6,569.28. Estimated income for 1885-1886, \$4,380; expenditure, \$4,278. The Rector remarked on the satisfactory condition of the parish, and referred to the Mission established during the year as growing. The following officers were elected:—Wardens, C. B. Bullock and James Gossip. Vestry, C. J. Wylde, M. Bowman, F. W. Fraser, Captain Clarkson, Judge Rigby, C. M. Creed, E. D. Tucker, W. B. Reynolds, E. C. Fairbanks, T. Brown, F. J. Tremaine, M. B. Almon. Vestry clerk, W. H. Wiswell. Auditors, Dr. Cowie and J. A. Cameron.

The building and finance committee of the new church were amalgamated, and E. P. Archibald added thereto. Votes of thanks were passed to His Lordship the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and other Clergy who had assisted at the services during the year, also to the choir and organist, and ladies who had given assistance to the choir. We are glad to learn that a Rectory has been purchased by the parish. The hard-working Rector deserves the greatest credit for his persevering work and the people deserves much praise for the noble way they show their appreciation.

TRURO.—The Churchwardens Easter report from this Church is certainly a most encouraging one. The average Sunday offertories for 1883-4 were \$22.15, and for 1884-5, \$25.31. The total amount collected for the year was \$2,092.06. The report says, "The offertory collections during the year have increased \$179, and the Church debt has been reduced 615. A stained glass window has been placed in the Church as a tribute to the memory of our late Rector, Rev. T. C. Leaver. Another has been placed there in memory of the beloved son of Hon. and Mrs. A. G. Archibald. We

shall shortly have the satisfaction of seeing the whole of the five chancel windows of stained glass. The first and last one having been already ordered by a member of the congregation.

"A fund is being raised for a suitable fence, which is much needed; and we have great hopes that the ladies who have kindly undertaken the responsibility of that work, will before long be able to report favourably."

The Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, must feel well pleased with the above results.

WINDSOR.—At the Easter meeting the Churchwardens, Messrs Geo. Wilcox and W. Ker Dimock were re-elected. The finances were in a very satisfactory condition. \$1,899.16 had been collected during the year, of which \$291.51 went for missions. It is intended to build a new Sunday-school as soon as possible and the Church Woman's Working Association has in hand \$850 already for this object. There is some talk of selecting a Curate to assist the veteran Rector of the parish, and a strong committee has been appointed to work up the scheme. There is more than enough work for another man in the parish. We congratulate the parish on its success, and hope soon to chronicle that Canon Maynard has the assistance which he so richly deserves.

YARMOUTH.—Trinity Church.—The regular annual meeting of the parish was held on Monday evening, the Rev. H. L. A. Almon, Rector, occupying the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Churchwardens, Hon. L. E. Baker and J. R. Corning, Esq. Vestry, Messrs. John Murphy, Jacob Bingay, Jas. Murray, A. M. Hatfield, T. R. Jolly, E. K. Spinney, E. M. Viets, J. W. H. Rowley, N. J. B. Tooker, J. W. Moody, S. C. Northrup and R. E. Harris. Auditors, Messrs. J. Brignell and R. Caie.

Total receipts, \$3,063.22.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The Church of England Sunday-school Teachers Institute met on the evening of the 15th inst., in St. James' Church. W. J. Jarvis, the president, occupied the chair. Papers were read on Teachers' Meetings, by Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. L. G. Stevens, and A. P. Tippet. A lengthy discussion followed. The Institute will meet in St. Jude's Church in June, when the matter of Sunday-school picnics will be discussed.—*Globe.*

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—St. Luke's Church.—On the 9th inst. the Coadjutor Bishop confirmed 48 candidates in St. Luke's Church, 37 of whom were females. The Revs. T. E. Dowling and Stevens were present. At the close of the service the Coadjutor preached an admirable sermon. There was a large congregation present.

MONCTON.—At the Easter meeting of St. George's Church the following were elected:—Churchwardens, Judge Botsford, George Taylor, Esq. Vestry clerk, G. A. Dodge. Vestrymen, Messrs. J. F. Sayer, T. V. Cooke, G. C. Peters, R. M. Stevens, J. H. Wran, A. Busby, G. A. Dodge, W. D. Martin, H. M. Fairweather, E. Shaffer, W. C. Paver, G. M. Ryan. Delegates to Diocesan Synod, W. D. Martin and G. C. Peters. Substitutes, Judge Botsford and George Taylor.

PERSONAL.—The remains of the late much lamented Mrs. F. W. Kerr, of London, Ontario, were brought to St. John for interment. The funeral took place on Saturday, 11th inst., from her father's residence, Wellington Row, to St. John's Church, and thence to the Rural Cemetery.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Armstrong and Rev. Mr. Dobbs in St. John's Church, on the evening of April 12th, before a very large congregation, upon the death of Mrs. Kerr, formerly a member of the Church, and a daughter of Mr. T. W. Daniels. Rev. Mr. Armstrong took as his text part of the fifth verse of the 22nd chapter of Revelations, "There shall be no night." The service was one of th