

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

FREEDOMERS.—The rejoicings of the Christmas season were joined in with spirit by the congregation of Old Trinity Church. The building, sacred by many memories during this 19th century, was arrayed brilliantly in festive garb, under the directions of Lieut. Whitman, and the services were well attended by hearty and devout worshippers. The musical programme included a number of very pleasing and appropriate carols in addition to special canticles. If the coming year witnesses the demolition of this old landmark and time honored structure, the bright scenes of its festive attractions will not vanish from the minds of the present generation. In the accepted plans for the new "Stewart Memorial Church" we are assured of a worthy substitute, and one which will do honour to the Parish and district which were themselves so honoured and blessed by the labors of the revered first missionary the Hon. and Rev. Charles James Stewart. In these parts there are few now living who cannot trace back some precious fruit to his faithfulness, zeal and devotion. His immediate successor, following in his footsteps, has left a noble minded pillar of the church, Miss Reid, who would in any community secure the highest appreciation and by the brightness of example lure to Christian emulation. The Rector and his family, we have reason to state, were not forgotten by his people but in effort and in other ways were cheered by gifts, liberal and valuable in themselves, enhanced still more by reason of the generous impulses which gave them origin.—[*Canaanville Observer.*]

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

From our own Correspondent.

ORNSTOWN.—The Christmas Tree Festival in connection with St. James' Church, OrNSTOWN, was held on the evening of the 30th ult., and was very pleasant and successful in every respect. At 7 p. m. the Church was well filled, and after a short evening service, with appropriate hymns (from hymns A. & M.) and an address from the Incumbent, the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, the Tree, which was tastefully decorated, was speedily divested of the presents with which it was loaded, to the delight of the children, who all looked pleased and happy as they came up one by one to receive each his or her gift. After the children's presents had been distributed, the teachers not being forgotten, two young ladies came forward, and in the name of the congregation, presented Miss Lockhart with a very handsome and valuable present, as a token of their appreciation of her services as Organist, which position she has filled in St. James' Church for several years. The Evening Hymn was then sung and the Benediction pronounced, after which all repaired to the Parsonage, where an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Lockhart and the ladies of the congregation, awaited them. The rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent with music, singing, and social intercourse, and although the house was crowded in every part, all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Shortly after 11 p. m. the company dispersed, apparently well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

STANLEY.—The new church stands on a slight eminence commanding a fine view of the village and surrounding country, including the Nashwaak river, which pursues its way amongst the Stanley hills. In style of architecture the church is Gothic, with open timbered roof, which is surmounted by a neat ball gable. Its dimensions are as follows: length of main building (nave), 50 feet; breadth, 25 feet; chancel, 18 feet square; vestry, 10 feet square, and porch 8 feet square. The external appearance of the building is extremely chaste and pleasing, there being no attempt at excessive ornamentation. The interior finishing is very beautiful and striking. The fine east window in the chancel (costing £45 stg.) was the generous gift of His Lordship the Metropolitan. It comprises three lights, the centre one containing a figure of St. Paul, the side ones figures of the Evangelists, St. Luke and St. John. The eight remaining windows, also of stained glass, are from the well known firm of Booth, Riester & Co., of Buffalo, New York. They are chaste and effective in design, and add much to the effect of the

interior. Four of these were the gifts of Mrs. Raymond (recently Miss Nelson of St. John) and her pupils. The woodwork of the interior is of carefully selected black ash, some of which, especially the panelling around the chancel, is very beautiful. The seats are of ash and are neat and comfortable in design. The furniture, including a handsome stone font, is in keeping with the remainder of the building. Over the chancel arch in large illuminated letters is the sentence, "Ye shall keep My Sabbath and reverence My Sanctuary," and around the arch of the entrance door "This is none other but the house of God." On a white panel over the communion table is the sentence "I am the Bread of Life, I am the True Vine;" and on another panel above the credence bracket there is an exquisite painting of wheat ears and grapes. All this work has been executed by the loving hands of the wife of the resident clergyman. Several handsome presents have been made at different times to the new church: amongst others we were shown some beautifully worked kneeling mats, the gift of the Misses Tippett of Fredericton. The church was commenced in May and finished in November of last year, the cost being \$2,200. Lieut. Col. C. W. Raymond, of Woodstock, was the architect and superintendent of the work which was almost entirely performed by workmen of Stanley and vicinity. The only thing wanting to complete the Church is a bell which we hope soon to see provided.—[*Cor. St. John Globe.*]

ST. JOHN.—Church of England Missionary Meeting.—The regular annual missionary meeting in connection with St. John's Episcopal Church was held Jan. 15th in the school room. There was a large attendance of the scholars of the Sunday School and their teachers. Rev. G. M. Armstrong, rector of St. John's Church, presided. The proceedings opened by singing the 323rd hymn and by prayer by the chairman, who afterwards addressed the children on the importance of the object for which they have been soliciting subscriptions. After referring to the good work which has already been done for the heathen by the assistance of the children, he earnestly entreated them to satisfy themselves early with the mercy of God. He related an instance of a poor woman who had nothing to eat but a crust of bread, but still she was happy and said, "All this I have and Christ beside." If they had this they should be satisfied, so should they rejoice and be satisfied all the days of their lives. How many there are to-day who did not know Jesus the Saviour! He wanted them to become acquainted with Him, and then he wanted them with all their might and main, to teach it to others.

The subscription cards have not all been handed in so that the total amount collected is not yet known. The sum required by this parish for the education of St. Mary's Indian school is \$75, and for the instruction of the Jewish children \$50, which can be easily obtained. The Rev. F. H. Almon also addressed the children. He opened his remarks by urging all to take an interest in sounding God's word among the heathens. There were two reasons why they should labor in his work, especially at this season when all are wishing one another a happy new year. They have been instructed to know God's word, but the heathen who are ignorant enjoy nothing of God's word and cannot enjoy the same pleasure as those who live here. They could see the necessity for assistance in giving those people the means wherewith to serve God, without which observance the people here cannot be happy.

The chairman announced that he expected several other clergymen to be present to give addresses, but they were unable to attend. He had received a letter from Miss Sarah Addy, of Jerusalem, which stated that small pox was prevalent there; that there were some 70 children under instruction there, many of whom were Jewish children. He had also received a letter from Mr. Edward Wilson, of St. Mary's school, India. There were 53 boys in the home. After a short address by the Rev. Wm. Armstrong and the children singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," the meeting dispersed, Mr. Almon pronouncing the benediction.—[*Telegraph.*]

WOODSTOCK.—The second entertainment of the course in the Episcopal church school-room came off last evening. The opening was a quartette, Sunset, by Messrs Bourne and Wetmore and Mrs. and Mr. Baker. There was a humorous

reading by Dr. Stephen Smith. The lecture by the Rev. E. M. Edwards, subject, Russia and Russians, followed. It was a subject which was handled by the rev. gentleman in a masterly manner. At the close of the lecture a duet, by Mrs. David Merritt and Mrs. Neales, *Sighs of Heart*, was given and then a reading by Dr. Smith and a quartette by Messrs. Bourne, Miss Carman and Mrs. Neales. The Rev. Mr. Neales presided, and thanked the lecturer and those who had assisted to make the entertainment so pleasant.

CHATHAM.—On Tuesday evening the Festival of the Epiphany the teachers of St. Mary's Church Sunday School, assisted by members of the congregation, held a Festival in their School House, Chatham. The attendance was large, the children present numbering about eighty. A table extending from the platform down nearly the whole length of the building was filled twice by the little ones, who seemed to enjoy the good things provided, to the fullest extent. After tea they were allowed a half hour for play and they crowded a great amount of romping and childish fun into the time, their sport becoming infectious and their proceedings being imitated, to some extent, by the "children of a larger growth." As soon as the table could be removed a magic lantern exhibition was given, accompanied with music, the little ones seeming to be delighted with the whole programme. Before the close of the entertainment the scholars whose names are given below were presented with prizes for regular attendance. Preceding the presentation of rewards, the Rector gave a short address, expressing his hope and confidence that the zealous endeavors of all who had provided for the success of the festival had resulted in a general happiness and enjoyment. He trusted that the scholars would always look back with pleasure to the present festive occasion, not chiefly because of the beautiful provision for their enjoyment, made by their parents and teachers, for which they should indeed be thankful, but because so many had merited the prizes they were about to receive. He assured them that they could not have deserved these rewards in connection with the discharge of a higher duty than that of faithful attendance upon religious instruction. This they should esteem as one of the foundations of their happiness in time and in eternity. So he hoped that they would prize their rewards, not according to their value in themselves, which might not be great, but that they would esteem them as mementos, of their success in the discharge of a great and important duty. He would urge upon all the great importance of making a faithful use of the especial advantages of their position, which supplies many reasons why scholars should be not only regular in attendance to instruction, but faithful in the preparation of their lessons, and why parents should be careful that both these duties are attended to. He earnestly desired that each one would endeavour to form such habits of faithfulness in connection with the duties of the Sunday School as would in after life adorn that christian profession and its doctrines which they ought so highly to value, and which was so full of blessings, for all who are faithful, both in time and in eternity. He wished them all a "Very happy New Year," and hoped it would be attended with much progress in all things connected with their temporal and eternal welfare. The following is the list of scholars who obtained prizes for the year ending 1st Sunday in Advent 1879.—Willie Fenety, Susie Gillispie, Ernest Blair, George Howard, Amanda Fliegler, Bertha Pallen, Stafford Goggin, James Green, Robert Coulson, Sadie Gillispie, Rupert Blair, Freddie Howard, Lulu Howard, Watson Searle, Melbourne Goggin, Fred Green, Willie Green. After the scholars had received their prizes, the Rector presented G. A. Blair Esq., who has lately been obliged to sever his connection with the Sunday School, with a handsome volume, in recognition of his long and faithful services as a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Blair made a suitable reply, expressing his pleasure that any unworthy efforts he had made to be useful had called forth any recognition such as the volume wherewith he had been presented, accompanied with the Rector's kindly expressions. He had endeavoured to perform his duty without anticipating any such reward as had now been presented to him and which he highly prized. He hoped that his humble efforts would not be without advantage to those whom he had endeavoured to instruct, and it had always been a pleasure to him in the

past, and had not circumstances prevented, it would have given him satisfaction as it was his desire to have continued to devote himself to the all-important work of educating and establishing the children of the Church in their Holy Faith. He thankfully accepted the testimonial with which he had been presented. The National Anthem was then sung and the proceedings of this highly enjoyable Festival were brought to a close.—[*Chatham Advance.*]

ST. JOHN.—Mr. Geo. Lawrence, of the firm of J. & G. Lawrence, died Jan. 10th, in his 60th year. Mr. Lawrence, who had been ill for some time was a prominent member of Trinity Church, and a vestryman for more than twenty years. He leaves behind him an honourable reputation, and many attached friends.

TRINITY CHURCH.—The schoolroom of Trinity Church is finished, and the large hall was lit up for the first time last week. It presented a fine appearance. We hope to give a description of this building at another time.

PORTLAND.—St. Luke's.—The course of lectures is meeting with much success. His Lordship the Metropolitan lectured on "The Book of Psalms," January 20th. We will give some notes of his lecture next week.

FREDERICTON.—Personal.—Mr. George W. Allen, son of His Honor the Chief Justice, has left for England to pursue the free course in Law at the University of London.

OUR W. B. SHAW is now travelling in the Diocese in the interests of our paper. He visited Dorchester, Moncton, Rethsay and Kingston the latter part of last week, and is in St. John this week. His line of travel will be from St. John following the Parishes to St. Stephen, then along the N. B. and Canada R. R. to Woodstock. After canvassing Woodstock and the neighboring Parishes, we will go to Fredericton, and visit Parishes in that vicinity. Then if the travelling be good, he expects to follow the Parishes along the St. John River to the city. He will then take the Parishes from Hampton to Moncton, and proceed up North, returning to Halifax via Richibucto, Shediac and Sackville. Mr. Shaw is worthy of the respect and confidence of the Clergy and Church people; and he feels sure that a welcome will be extended to him. There is no question of the great advantages to be derived from the extensive circulation of the paper throughout the Diocese, and the great success of Mr. Shaw in the Country Missions of Nova Scotia, bids the Editors to anticipate an equally great success in N.B.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—We trust our friends in this fine county will add materially to our list, and thus benefit the Church and ourselves. When the paper circulates extensively in a district, we have no difficulty in getting news of the work going on, and renewed interest is created in the work of the Diocese. We have no doubt our esteemed friend, the genial Rector of St. George, will try and have his Deanery the banner Deanery in the Diocese in point of circulation of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN. With such inspiring names as St. Andrew's, St. George, St. Stephen, St. David, and St. Patrick, the Parishes ought to keep themselves well supplied with weapons for the defence and propagation of the "Faith once delivered to the Saints."

SPRINGFIELD.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 30th last, many members of the congregation of Trinity Church, Springfield, met at the rectory, and after spending a pleasant evening, left about \$46 in cash and kind. A truly welcome token of good feeling and regard.

RICHMOND.—The joyous Festival of the Nativity was commemorated at St. John's Church by a service at 10.30 a. m., with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A very large congregation was present. A sermon was preached by the Rector from the text "Master, where dwellest thou? He saith unto them come and see"; (part of 28 and 36 verses of St. John's Gospel, I. chap.) The service was most hearty and cheerful. The following were the hymns from A. & M.: 60, "Hark! the herald angels sing"; 61, "Christians, awake, salute the happy morn"; 56, "Of the Father's love begotten." The singing and chanting were excellent. There were sixty Communicants present, who partook of those "Holy Mysteries" in remembrance of

their Lord and Master, whose birth they came to celebrate. The service was concluded by singing the "Nunc Dimittis" as a recessional. The Church looked beautiful, being most tastefully and elaborately decorated. The font was trimmed with evergreen, and surmounted by a crimson cross, entwined with light wreathing. Over the font and on each side of the west windows is the text: "One Lord, One Baptism, One Faith," on half circles covered with dark crimson, edged with a light spray of evergreen. The west windows are surrounded with a heavy wreathing. On the north side of the nave is the text, "Hosanna to the Son of David." On the south side, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." These texts are in white gilt letters, and dark crimson scrolls, with white folds, and edged with light wreathing. The Chancel Arch is festooned with heavy wreathing of hemlock. Suspended from the centre of the arch is a white banner, edged with purple and gold, having a large gilt star. On either side of the banner is the Cross and Crown on white circles, edged with hemlock wreathing. The lectern is festooned with light wreathing, and on the front is a beautiful banner of white, edged with purple and gilt, having a double triangle of silver and gilt. The pulpit and reading desk are tastefully festooned with wreathing. The railing of the sanctuary is also adorned with wreathing. The windows and doors are surrounded with heavy wreathing. The vestros is the most beautiful that has ever been in the Church. The part over the Altar is blue, and is divided into three panels, by a light wreathing. On the central one is a large gilt emblazoned cross. On the right panel is the monogram "Alpha and Omega." On the left the initials "Chi Rho." These are in silver. Over these emblems is the text, "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia," in gold and white letters. The ends of the vestros are of white, on which is a blue scroll, surrounding a gilt cross, bearing the texts, "Unto us a Child is born," "Unto us a Son is given." On each side of the east window is a white banner, trimmed with purple and gold; on one the letters I. H. S., on the other the Paschal Lamb. They look very rich, and the effect, with the other decorations, is very pretty. On the whole, the Church looks very beautiful, being more tastefully decorated than ever before.

On the 7th inst. the lectures course, under the auspices of the Guild, commenced. There was a very large audience present, and the evening's entertainment was a success in every way. The lecturer was the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M. A., of Petitecodiac. The subject, "Monasticism." The lecture was a very interesting and instructive one. Excellent music was furnished by the choir. Readings were given by Mr. Henry B. Montgomery, of the University; and by special request the Rev. lecturer gave a very amusing recitation, entitled, "The Cataract of Loder." After which the Rector, on behalf of the Guild, thanked the Rev. gentlemen who had come so far to lecture for them, also thanking the others for their part of the entertainment. The programme was then concluded by singing the National Anthem. The next lecture of the course is to be given by the Rev. R. M. Edwards, M. A., Rector of Kingsclear, on the "Elements of success in life."

The Parochial Guild, which has been in operation a little over a year, is in a very flourishing condition, and is doing an excellent work for the promotion of the Church's welfare. In the way of Bible Classes, Communicants' Classes, Social Evenings, Distribution of Church Literature, &c., Friday has become a *Parish Day*. This has been found to be a most useful and excellent institution for the means of systematizing and successfully carrying on the Parish work.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—It is with more than ordinary pleasure that we record a recent presentation to a very hard worker and a very worthy young man. We refer to Mr. Selwyn H. Shreve, and to the fact that a few days ago the members of the congregation at the North-West Arm, to whom he has been acting as Lay Reader in conducting the services of the church, presented him with a purse containing \$35, and a highly eulogistic address. Mr. E. Lawson Fenerty made the presentation in a few well-chosen words, and Mr. Shreve was deeply moved, as was shown in his very suitable reply. The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, on his way to Bermuda, spent Sunday last