

HAMPTON:—On Tuesday, March 9th, a concert was given in the Hall at Smithtown, in aid of the Building Fund of the proposed Mission School Room. About \$10 was the amount realized. The sills and a good deal of the timber for the frame is on the ground. The good people of Smithtown deserve much praise, for they have not spent much breath in *talk*, but have gone to *work* with a will.

The Rector has just concluded a course of five sermons on Infant Baptism at Hampton Village.

STUDHOLM:—It is a good sign when people cry out for "more light," even if it be the light of a few more lamps in Church. We are shortly to have another chandelier in the Church of the Ascension by order of the Church Wardens.

During Lent our Friday evening services are again given us by our Rector, when a series of practical addresses are delivered. Our Guild is also being resuscitated, and we hope a move will be made for our Guild Hall, which is very much needed.

One of our most promising young men, Mr. Samuel Sharp, has been taken to his rest, the last of a large family of children who have all gone home before their widowed mother, who is left to mourn and wait her call. We are sure the prayers of the faithful will be offered to God for her in this trial. The last act of this young soldier of Christ was to remember the Church of God in his will.

SUSSEX:—On Tuesday, March 2nd, a very successful meeting of S. S. T. U., Section III., took place in this Parish. In spite of the long-continued snowstorm, which blocked the roads in many places, there was an attendance of 22 Teachers. Holy Communion was celebrated at Trinity Church at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. the Teachers assembled at Nelson Arnold's, Esq., where, after the opening office of prayer and praise, the work of the meeting was entered upon. Two very useful papers were read, one by Miss Bessie Hazen on the "History of the Holy Bible," and the other by Rev. J. R. deW. Cowie on the "Chronology of the Holy Bible." The illustrative Lesson was given by Rev. J. H. Talbot, the subject being the Second Vow of Holy Baptism. We feel that the interest in these gatherings is increasing every quarter, and we are sure they reflect upon the work of our Sunday Schools.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle here are making efforts with regard to the building of a Sunday School House, which would no doubt be of great service in many ways besides that of holding the scholars on Sunday. We need a work-room badly, and we hope

it will not be long before we have it. The ladies have the promise of a piece of ground for a site, and have enough money in the Savings Banks to purchase most of the lumber, etc.

The zeal of the young men is being aroused. During the last month our Choir has been increased by an addition of three of them.

The Sunday School teachers are busily at work preparing for the examination for Bishop Kingston's prizes.

Our Deanery.

NO. II.—KINGSTON.

(Concluded.)

On Easter Monday, 1808, it was proposed that a steeple be erected and necessary repairs of the Church completed, on condition *that the Church be declared free.*

On July 13th, 1809, "the steeple was raised without any accident happening to any one, and in perfect harmony and good order." It was during this month that the good Bishop "Charles Nova Scotia" visited this Parish and confirmed 157 persons. His Lordship, in a remarkable letter written at Fredericton a short time after (which letter was published in a very early number of the *Church Press*, New York), after congratulating the Church on its thriving and vigorous growth, expresses no little concern and fear for its future prosperity, because all the sittings were free. A free Church in His Lordship's eyes was an anomaly, for he states: "I never knew an instance before this in Europe or America where the pews were thus held in common, and where men, perhaps of the worst characters, might come and set themselves down by the most religious and respectable characters in the Parish. This must ultimately tend to produce disorder and confusion in the Church of God." He characterizes it as "a departure from the usage of the Church of England," and continues with this Jeremiad: "If this mode be continued when the country becomes populous, in some places it would be ruinous to the Church."

Such a weighty letter, coming from such high authority, must have had its effect; and so we find that on Ascension Day the following year the matter was brought up and the question taken as to whether Trinity Church should