

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., of ST. GEORGE'S church here, preached his farewell sermon at the evening service on Easter day, when there was a very large congregation present completely filling the edifice even to the upper galleries. The St. George's Benefit Society, founded by Dr. Partridge, also attended in force in their regalia. Dr. Partridge preached from II Timothy iv, 12, 14, making reference to the various organizations which had been formed during the fourteen years of his work, and thanking the people for their affectionate and loyal support and the encouragement which he had ever received from them. He was to leave for Halifax on Friday, the 19th inst. The decorations in St. George's for Easter day were simple and effective, and the music elaborate and rendered with great heartiness. There were three celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 9 and 11 a.m., at which 375 persons received.

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL was richly decorated with the choicest of flowers and handsome banners decked the walls and pillars of the church; the floral offerings exceeded in beauty those of any previous year. There were several celebrations of Holy Communion commencing at 6.45 a.m., all of them well attended. The rector, the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., was the preacher in the morning and the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the evening. In the afternoon the annual floral service for the children of the Sunday school was held, when offerings of flowers and money were presented by them. The music all through the service was of an impressive character, reflecting much credit upon the organist, Mr. Gatward.

AT ST. MARK'S church (Rev. N. LeMoine, rector) the services were well attended and the church artistically decorated, a large floral cross surmounting the altar. The midday service was choral. The rector preached both morning and evening.

OLD ST. PAUL'S was not behind the other city churches either in floral decorations or music. The Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., rector of the church, was the preacher. The floral decorations at the GARRISON CHAPEL were also very beautiful and the usual parade service of Her Majesty's troops was held to it in the forenoon. In the evening there was a large congregation, the Band of the King's regiment being present and the music particularly good. The Rev. Mr. Bullock, Garrison Chaplain, delivered an appropriate sermon.

NEW GLASGOW.—The services on Easter Sunday in St. George's were bright. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and at the 11 a.m. service, with one at the chapel of ease, Trenton, at 4 p.m. Total number of communicants, 45, the largest yet for this parish. The rector, the Rev. W. A. Des Brisay, is doing a good work among his people who have much respect for him.

On the following Monday evening the annual meeting was held, when the reports of the various committees were submitted to the people. The Church Warden's report showed that \$1,017.66 had been received by them from the congregation during the past church year. The Building Committee reported that \$160 had been paid upon the church debt in the year just ended, bringing the amount still owing upon the structure down to \$560. The total amount of the Easter offering was \$106, a mighty sum for the few members there, but they have ever been generous givers. The fol-

lowing names are the elected officers for this new year:

Church Wardens: Francis Drake and Calvin T. Bent. Vestrymen: A. O. Pritchard, J. Leslie Jennison, A. B. Gray, T. F. Conrod, Richard Maynard, Fred. A. Bowman, Arch. Day, Richard Wadden, Edwd. W. Thurston, Henry Townsend, Bois deVeber, Newton W. Drake. Delegates to Provincial Synod: A. O. Pritchard, Richard Maynard. Substitutes to Provincial Synod: C. T. Bent, Bois deVeber.

The Y.M.C.A., largely a Presbyterian body, as there are four churches of the denomination here, have been introducing among themselves a desire to observe the feast of Easter. Last Sunday in the United Church, Presbyterian, the richest congregation in the Maritime Provinces, the Association held a good service, an Easter anthem was sung by their quartette, and much reference made to the resurrection of Christ. "The little leaven is leavening the whole lump."

ANTIGONISH.—The Easter meeting was held at Bayfield on Easter Monday. The Rector, Rev. C. Sydney Goodman in the chair. The following were appointed for the ensuing year:

Wardens: Messrs. Charles Stroppe and Edward Randall. Vestrymen: Messrs. William Stroppe, sen., Elisha Stroppe, Ambrose Randall, Arthur Stroppe, William and John Atwater, R. M. Gray, MacCarroll, Bernasconi, W. T. Kinney, C. Kinney, John Kinney.

At Antigonish the Wardens appointed are Messrs. Gray and MacCarroll.

At Linwood: Messrs. W. T. Kinney and C. Kinney.

Funds are being now collected for the rebuilding of the church in Bayfield lately destroyed by fire. An effort to rebuild will be made this summer.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—The Easter Vestry meetings of the several churches in the city appear to have passed off pleasantly and successfully for the most part, and the financial statements submitted were in most instances satisfactory. Some regret is felt that in the case of St. John's Church, W. M. Jarvis, Esq., who for many years has represented it as one of its delegates, and whose ripe experience made him a valued member not alone of the Diocesan Synod, but of the Provincial Synod and its committees was ousted by what the St. John *Globe* speaks of as a caucus and the canvassing of the members of the church before the vestry meeting. Mr. Jarvis is well known in the Church throughout Canada, as one of its foremost laymen and a sound and enthusiastic churchman, and it is regrettable that party spirit should prevail so far as to displace an able man and rob the Church of his presence at her councils.

St. Mary's Church, St. John, the Rev. W. O. Raymond, rector, was crowded at all the services on Easter day, and the number of communicants was the largest yet recorded in the history of the church. A notable feature of the evening service was the presence of the children of the Sunday school in a body, and the presentation of their Lenten offerings at the close of the service through a representative from each class. The total amounted to \$174.11—more than sufficient to pay the debt on the church improvements to which the offerings were appropriated. There was another debt on account of arrears of current expenses for some years past, towards which the congregation contributed through the offertory on Easter day \$107.73. Just as the children's offerings had been received a member of the congregation quietly advanced and placed on the plate an envelope containing \$100 from an un-

known friend of the church, and thus the debt on St. Mary's church is now a thing of the past.

St. John the Baptist, Rev. F. Davenport, rector. This mission church celebrated Easter day with beautiful and hearty services, and a larger number of communicants than had hitherto been known in its history. At the two celebrations, 7 and 8 a.m., there were 160 communicants present. The offertories, which were for church purposes amounted to a large sum, and a number of presentations were made by friends of the congregation, amongst them being two frontals of white silk beautifully embroidered for the pulpit and lectern. A Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to be formed in connection with this parish.

WOODSTOCK.—The Vestry meeting here passed off successfully; the churchwarden's report showing a favorable financial position.

JUBILEE OF THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.—Tuesday, the 11th day of June next, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the enthronization of the late Bishop Medley as first Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton. Previous to that time the province of New Brunswick had been only an archdeaconry in the Diocese of Nova Scotia under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Bishop Charles Inglis and his successors, Bishop Stanser and Bishop John Inglis. It has been felt that the fiftieth anniversary of so marked an event in the history of the Church in New Brunswick as the formation of the Diocese of Fredericton and the enthronization of the first Bishop should not be allowed to pass without fitting commemoration. Accordingly at a meeting of a joint committee appointed by the Standing committee of the Synod and the Executive committee of the Diocesan Church Society held last week to consider the matter, it was resolved on motion by Archdeacon Brigstocke, seconded by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Fraser; That in the opinion of this committee it is most desirable that the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Fredericton be duly celebrated on St. Barnabas Day, June 11th, being the first Bishop of the diocese.

Moved by Sir Leonard Tilley, seconded by Rev. Canon DeVeber: That the celebration consist of services at the Cathedral, and that a public meeting be held in the city of Fredericton the previous evening.

Moved by His Honor Lieut. Governor Fraser, seconded by Rev. Canon DeVeber: That on the succeeding Thursday, June 13th, services be held in Trinity church, St. John, in further commemoration of the event.

Moved by Rev. Canon Ketchum, seconded by Mr. G. A. Schofield: That His Lordship the Bishop be requested to ask the clergy of the diocese to make such arrangements as will best secure fitting commemoration of the event in their several parishes on Sunday, the 16th June.

Moved by Mr. W. M. Jarvis, seconded by Rev. Canon Ketchum: That the Lord Bishop be requested to issue a pastoral letter addressed to the clergy and laity, and accompanied by a statement of the proposed arrangements.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—The Easter celebration in these two parishes, following upon the Lenten week, was of a nature befitting, in some respects, the 'Queen of Festivals.' In many ways the Lenten week had been of an encouraging nature. Four week-day services were held in St. Andrew's, Newcastle, and one on Thursday evenings at St. Mark's, Nelson. During Holy Week two services daily were held in the Mission, with an extra service in St. Andrews on Good Friday afternoon. 'The Story of the Cross' was sung daily at the morning services at St. Andrew's. The attendance at all the Lenten services was very encouraging,