

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LUNenburg.—A most interesting and beautiful service was held in Holy Trinity Church Bridgewater on Friday evening, Sept. 28th.

Loving and devout hands had during the day decorated the church with fruit and flowers with great artistic skill, interweaving the beautiful with the useful, so as to give a very striking and pleasing effect.

The first-fruits of the harvest, presented by those who raised them, and flowers donated by those who cultivated them, were blended in varied form, so that from east to west the church presented a most beautiful appearance, and the eye and the mind were filled with delight.

Special and appropriate prayers, psalms, lessons and hymns had their proper places in the service, followed by two earnest and practical addresses; one by the Rector, the Rev. W. E. Gelling, and the other by the Rev. George D. Harris, of LaHave, which were much appreciated by a highly delighted congregation, who had gathered together, notwithstanding the heavy rain, which poured in torrents.

This church has lately undergone repairs and refitting at a large expense, improving it wonderfully, and making it one of the handsomest little churches in the Deanery. The reredos, with its connecting work, being especially effective and striking.

A most successful tea meeting and fancy sale was held at the Wynacht settlement, an out-station in connection with St. Matthew's parish, LaHave, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, in aid of funds being raised for the purpose of building a new church there.

Though the weather during the day was very uncertain, rain threatening all the while, a large number met together, and the neat sum of \$100 was realized, clear of all expenses. Funds are also being raised for another new church in this parish.

On Sunday afternoon, four infants, George Alfred Mulock, Ida Blanche Cleversey, George Freeman Weagle, and Frank Lambert Rudolf, were baptized, before the close of Sunday-school; the Rector taking the opportunity for a special catechising of the school, and an address to these assembled to witness the baptism.

The evening before a most interesting ceremony was performed, when one of our Sunday school teachers, a member also of the choir for years, took upon herself the holy bonds of matrimony; the rite being witnessed by a large number of friends, who acted in a most becoming manner, as is fit at such times and in God's House.

PHILANTHROPY.—The munificent bequests made by Mr. George J. Keating will interest all philanthropists in his native city, Halifax. He has left one hundred thousand dollars to St. Paul's Church, San Diego; the largest sum ever given in California or in Nova Scotia to any Church work, in one sum by one donor; and another bequest of one hundred thousand dollars to establish a hospital for the sick and injured without regard to race or creed. Mr. Keating is a son of Mr. W. H. Keating, a well known Churchman of Halifax.

The San Diego Sun thus referred to Mr. Keating's gifts: "In San Diego the memory of Geo. J. Keating will remain forever green. His munificent bequests, \$100,000 to St. Paul's Church, and \$100,000 dollars for the founding of a Hospital in San Diego, in which the sick and injured without regard to creed or race may be cared for, will be imperishable. A nobler gift, or a more timely one than the latter could not have been made. The whole of the will of this enterprising citizen breathes the spirit of liberality and broad benevolence; characteristics which so endeared him to the hearts of those who knew him best."

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—At a meeting of the Church of England Sunday-School Teachers' Association in St. John's Church, schoolhouse on the evening of the 9th October at which Rev. Canon Brigstocke presided, a discussion on the "Mistakes in Sunday-school Teaching" took place, and papers were read—"Defective Aims" by Miss Sadler, and "Defective Methods" by Miss M. E. Knowlton. Both papers were highly commended by Rev. W. O. Raymond, Rev. O. G. Dobbs, and Rev. Canon Brigstocke, who made short addresses on Sunday-school teachers and their duties. Votes of thanks were tendered to the ladies for their papers.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Church of England in Canada, was held on the 10th of October in Trinity Church. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan occupied the chair. There were present: Coadjutor Bishop Kingdon, Rev. Archdeacon Jones, of Kingston; Rev. Canon Mockbridge, Secretary of the Society; Rev. Canon Brigstocke; Rev. Rural Dean Forsythe, of Chatham; Rev. Dr. Partridge, of Halifax; Mr. R. T. Clinch and Mr. G. H. Lee. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Letters were read from several Bishops and others expressing regret that they were unable to attend. Some notices of motions were given. The General Secretary read a draft of the Epiphany appeals for 1889. It was referred to a Committee consisting of Bishop Kingdon, the General Secretary, and Mr. G. Hebert Lee. The report of the general Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Mason, Esq., of Hamilton, was read and accepted with the direction that an additional note be appended to it showing the amounts in full contributed by the diocese of Fredericton. The Treasurer's report showed the Society's receipts from the 13th of September, 1887, to the 31st of July, 1888, for Domestic Missions was \$15,141.86, and the Foreign Missions \$12,417.32, a total of \$27,559.18. This includes the sum of \$506.07, sent for the purpose of assisting to maintain the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, a Missionary to Japan. The receipts show an increase of about \$4,000 over last year. The meeting then adjourned for lunch and resumed their session at three o'clock.

A public Missionary meeting was held in the evening in Trinity school-house. The Metropolitan occupied the chair, and speeches were made by the Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Dr. Mockbridge, and Rev. Dr. Partridge.—*St. John Globe.*

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

WINDSOR MILLS.—The annual Harvest festival was held on the 9th inst. Though the weather was not favorable more than usual interest was manifested. At 3 p.m., a Thanksgiving service was held in Christ Church, Brompton, by the Incumbent; the Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Durham, who was expected to be present, being detained for the burial of one of his own parishioners. At 7 p.m., service was held at Windsor at which the Rev. Mr. Stevens, of Hatley, and Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Durham, were present, and took part. The Church was very tastefully decorated with leaves and fruits, thanks to the unwearied efforts of some of the ladies, who notwithstanding the interior of the church having lately been tinted and painted, thought the Harvest thanksgiving would be incomplete without further adorning from the products of divine beauty. The service over a general invitation was given to the congregation for a social reunion in the rooms used for a parsonage, which was very generally accepted, and the whole congregation old and young bountifully entertained and provided for by the ladies mentioned.

The visiting clergy spoke warmly of the

good effect such a reunion must have in binding the congregation together in united action for Church work. The Incumbent thanked the ladies and expressed his gratitude for the unity heretofore existing in the Mission, and the hope that the wishes of all who desire the peace of our earthly Zion might be realized. The offertory at both services were for the Mission fund of the Church Society.

QUEBEC.—Trinity Church.—A meeting of the Churchwardens and congregation of Trinity Church was called for the evening of the 8th inst., in the Church School-room, in regard to the intended resignation of the Rev. Mr. Bareham, who has received a call from Nippewa, in Rupert's Land. There was considerable discussion, the congregation being quite unwilling to lose Mr. Bareham, but finally it was resolved that Mr. Bareham's resignation should be held over for the present. In the meantime a committee of four was appointed to wait on the Lord Bishop to hear his views on this and on a proposed amalgamation of the congregations of St. Peter's and Trinity churches.

SHERBROOKE.—The Rev. Dr. Adams has consented to give his lecture on Macaulay in the Art Gallery here, on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.

On its first delivery in Montreal, the press of that city were warm in their praises of its merits, and the inhabitants of Sherbrooke and vicinity who can possibly attend, will, we feel sure, be gratified at the intellectual treat furnished them.

DITCHFIELD.—It is contemplated to build a small place of worship at Ditchfield for members of the Church of England in that neighborhood. The locality is a poor one, and although the inhabitants have done according to their ability from their own slender means, yet in order to carry the object to a successful termination they will require help from their fellow churchmen in other districts. The Ven. Dr. Roe has the matter in hand and will be glad to receive subscriptions.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. George's.—At the fortnightly meeting of the St. George's Young Men's Christian Association, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael read an essay on the book of Genesis, and Mr. W. J. White read an interesting paper on Hobbies, good, bad, and indifferent. He would advise every one to have besides his business some so-called hobby tending to personal improvement and benefit to others, instancing the case of Dick, the baker, who, by pursuing his hobby became one of the greatest botanists in England.

DIOCESAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting took place on the evening of the 11th of October, in the Synod Hall, when the Dean of Montreal submitted a paper on "Teachers Home Study and Preparation," and Mr. H. H. Curtis one on "Progressive Teaching" in S. Schools.

COTE ST. LOUIS MISSION.—On Thursday evening, the 11th inst, a very successful concert took place in the Town Hall of St. Jean Baptiste Ward. This is the first of a series of entertainments which the choir and friends of the Church of England Mission at Cote St. Louis propose holding during the winter, the proceeds to go towards the purchase of an organ for the new Church. The following ladies and gentlemen from the city took part: Mrs. Mulock, Misses H. R. Y. Rein, S. Wray, and J. Ross, Prof. Cathcart Wallace, and Messrs. E. H. Parnell, Ferrier, Mulock, Baldon, Logie, Bailey, and Burnett. A piano was kindly lent by Messrs. Willis & Co. The work of the Church in this suburb seems to be progressing