

THE NOVA SCOTIA B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.

My DEAR Mr. BROWNE,— In connection with the Appeal for money to pay off the debt of B. H. M., I am willing to give \$250 towards \$1,000 to be made up within 3 months. This could be made up by 10 gifts of \$50 each = \$500 10 gifts of 25 each = 250 or it might be divided in many other ways. We ought to be able, at all events, to obtain— 4 of \$50 = \$200 5 of 30 = 150 10 of 20 = 200 10 of 10 = 100 20 of 5 = 100 \$750

You can put it before your readers in any way that you think will be most likely to bring in the amount required. I want just a few to make up this sum, as the beginning of a reduction of the debt, of which three-fourths will still remain to be liquidated by other schemes. Yours very truly, H. NOVA SCOTIA.

The Bishop's note speaks far more to the point than could any words of ours in explanation, and so we take the liberty of publishing it. His Lordship's prompt and most generous offer of \$250 towards the Deficiency Fund is only another proof of the large-hearted liberality with which he is ever ready to promote the Church's welfare. We trust that his Lordship's suggestions will be acted upon, and that without delay, and in no niggardly spirit. Let those whom God has blessed with much of this world's goods contribute of their abundance, and those who have less give of that which they possess, but let all take part in the good work. The Bishop's views will cover both these classes, and may God grant to both a longing desire in this way to glorify His Name, and to "lay up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come." "Let every man give according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Our readers must bear in mind that his Lordship's gift is conditional, and that, therefore, prompt action is needful.

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

A REMARKABLE MAN.—We had the pleasure of inviting to the Rectory at Moncton, on the 12th, Mr. William Hanington, of Cocagne, who, on that day, reached the great age of 86 years. Mr. Hanington has been spending part of the winter with a daughter here, his farm having been rented. On asking him how he felt, he answered that were it not so slippery he felt equal to walking to Shodiac, 17 miles distant. He has never worn glasses, appears out this winter in all weathers without an overcoat, never using one except in driving. He is never absent from church when the doors are open, putting to shame many of the younger members of the congregation. When in Cocagne on occasions when service is held, he walks from his son's residence, 3 1/2 miles, to church, lights the fire and walks back after service. He is a man of great natural intelligence, commanding figure, and apparently has vigour enough for some years of life, though, as he remarks, "he does not covet them." For many years he has tasted neither tea nor coffee, his drink being milk and water, nor does he use tobacco in any form. Mr. Hanington is the elder brother of the Hon. D. Hanington, M. L. C., who is ten years younger. Their father, Wm. Hanington, came out from London to Shodiac in 1784. Sir Joseph Williams had bought up the land which had been granted to a number of British officers, and induced by specious advertisements, Mr. Hanington, senior, paid him £300 for 5,000 acres of land around Shodiac. Land at that time was granted at the rate of \$500 for 200 acres, so that he paid Sir J. Williams rather dearly. In 1784 there were only about seven white families in Shodiac, and no others between Cape Tormentine and Baie des Vents.

There were a few families in Dorchester, such as Keillor, Weldon, Brownell and others. As late as about 1810, in what is now the town of Moncton, the only English families were Wilmot and Watson, storekeepers; John Beattie and Wm. Steadman, blacksmiths, and Marchand Harper, who kept a public house. Beyond Louisville, lived Ichabod Lewis. Christian Shuliz, Mills and Thomas Calhoun.

THE Committee in charge of the Mite Boxes which have been placed in the hands of the children throughout the Diocese, report that, up to Nov. 8th, they received \$249.56 from 258 boxes. Up to January 20th, 1881, they received \$316.26 from 406 boxes, making a total since their issue, last spring, of \$565.90. Several Parishes are yet to hear from. In the Leaflet issued by the Committee, there is a letter addressed to the children, by Rev. W. O. Raymond, Missionary at Stanley, entitled, "How the Church was built at Stanley."

SACKVILLE.—A successful Drawing Room Concert was held last week at the house of Mrs. Senator Botsford. Another concert will be given at the School House.

DORCHESTER.—We are informed that the late Mr. Joshua Chandler left the sum of \$100.00 to Trinity Church to pay off an old debt resting upon it.

MONCTON.—A number of the parishioners surprised the Rector and his wife on the evening of the 17th, by arriving at the Rectory, and bringing with them a quantity of good things, including among other gifts, a barrel of flour, three hams, barrel of apples, 59lbs. sugar, and \$13.00 in money. Hon. Judge Botsford, Senior Warden, made an address, to which Mr. Pentreath replied, thanking them on behalf of Mrs. Pentreath and himself for the substantial token of good will. The company spent an enjoyable evening, and partook of supper, separating at half-past ten.

DEANERY OF WOODSTOCK.—A meeting of the Woodstock Deanery was held at Florenceville, on the Feast of the Purification. The weather was intensely cold and stormy, and the roads almost impassable. Consequently, the intended Morning Service at St. Barnabas Church, Greenfield, (five miles from Florenceville), had to be given up. The blockade of the N. B. Railway prevented the Rural Dean from attendance at the meeting. There were present, Revd. Messrs. Hoyt, Flowering, Fowler, and H. H. Neales. A morning session of chapter was held at the residence of Rev. Mr. Flowering, and routine business transacted. At the afternoon session, a long discussion took place on the present Rules and Regulations of the Board of Home Missions of the Diocesan Church Society. An evening service was held at East Florenceville, in the now vacant Mission of Aberdeen; and notwithstanding the cold and storm, about fifty persons assembled. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. H. Neales. After a short session on Thursday morning, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is to be held at Prince William, on the first Wednesday in June.—LESLIE W. FOWLER, Secretary.

SAINTE GEORGE.—A Deanery meeting was held in this Mission on the Festival of Epiphany, and two days previously, a meeting of clergy and laity, at this joyful season, was very pleasant and profitable. On Tuesday evening, the 14th Jan., Evening Service was held in Saint Mark's Church, Saint George, when the Rev. Mr. Millidge preached a sermon on "Unity," fit to be produced before the Synod of the Diocese. His text was taken from St. John, xvii., 21. The Rev. Mr. Rushton then addressed the congregation present, which was large, and exhorted them to increased zeal and unity. He spoke well and forcibly. Next day, the Dean, the Rev. R. Smith, and the clergymen already mentioned, held a hearty and interesting meeting at Christ Church, Penfield, the Services being much the same as in Saint George. Both Churches had been tastefully decorated for Xmas, and the clergymen present were delighted with the beautiful appearance of Christ Church, Penfield, renovated about two years ago, its East window representing The Ascension, the gift of Mrs. Parker, in memory of her father, the Rev. Samuel Thomson, M. A., first Rector of

the Parish, adds materially to the beauty of the Church. The Services held, and addresses given at this time will not be forgotten. The Chapter, as usual, met, and read Heb. vi. in the original, having a useful discussion in it, and kindred subjects. The office for the "Ordering of Priests" was read over, as is customary in this Deanery.

Owing to disappointment in the Grand Southern train not running as was expected, the other clergy did not arrive, but the two that did come made up for the want of numbers, in their increased zeal and the power of their addresses. The Chapter meets again in the 2nd week in March, being Ember Season.

ST. JOHN.—Tableaux.—Some well arranged tableaux were held at the residence of a leading member of the Church of England in aid of the Danish mission at New Denmark. Several of our hand somest and most charming young ladies took part and were assisted by a few gentlemen, all of whom were chosen for their dark complexions as the scenes were entirely Lullah Rookh, and were faithfully represented; some being enclosed several times. The audience filled the spacious rooms and were loud in their praises at the talent and ingenuity displayed in managing the different scenes. A good sum of money was realized in aid of the mission. There were several songs in Danish by Mr. Hansen, and Mrs. Perley also sang several selections, Mr. Carl Peiler playing the accompaniments.—Telegraph.

The Triple West Window for Trinity Church has arrived, and will be shortly placed in position. This beautiful window is the joint gift of Dr. Botsford, Miss Murray and Mrs. Charles Hazen.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PIEDMONT.—The Congregation of St. James' Church held a Social in Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, 9th inst. Tea was served at half past six o'clock, fully two hundred people being present. The tables, filled with delicacies so bountifully prepared by the ladies, fairly gladdened beneath their burden, and after the various dishes had been amply discussed, a programme of musical and literary entertainment was proceeded with. The Rector, Rev. J. Edgcombe, took the chair, and an opening anthem was sung by the choir, after which the Rector followed with a short address, in which he congratulated the committee upon the highly gratifying results that had followed their efforts. During the course of the evening Miss Devoy, Mrs. W. Gordon, Mrs. G. H. Elliott, Miss Dwyer and Miss Lane favored the meeting with well executed selections upon the piano. Songs were sung by Miss McKinnon and Chas. E. Davies, Esq; Readings by H. Hockin, Esq., and G. H. Elliott, Esq., and a recitation, "Asleep at the Switch," by Wm. Geldert, Esq., followed, adding materially to the attractions of the evening. A. C. Henderson, Esq., Bandmaster, gave some fine cornet solos, and C. Dwyer gave an energetic and interesting address. Messrs. Henderson, Johnson, Davies and Tanner sang a quartette, and the choir rendered two more anthems. Altogether the evening passed very pleasantly, and we have no doubt much good will result. Such meetings are calculated to bring together all the members of the congregation, that a truly sociable and happy evening may be passed. No thing being more desirable in a church than a spirit of concord and unanimity, no better method can, we feel assured, be adopted, having in view the fostering and increase of that sentiment than social gatherings such as we have just enjoyed. The Sunday School children were given a treat the afternoon following the Social.

HALIFAX.—The Church of England Institute of this city observed its seventh anniversary on Thursday by holding special religious services. At 7.30 a.m. the Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Luke's Cathedral by the Lord Bishop, assisted by the Rev. John Abbott. The congregation was considerably larger than that of the previous year. In the evening St. Paul's, the largest church in the city, was crowded to excess, and ere the bells had ceased to ring, every seat in the body of the church was filled. At 7.30 the clergy, in surplices and stole, wearing their different hoods, entered the western door, and marched in procession to the "hancel, the fine organ, presided over by Prof. S. Porter, playing softly. In the procession were the Lord Bishop, Revs. Dr. Hill, J. B. Uniacke,

John Abbott, John L. Bell, Alfred J. Townend, John D. H. Browne, Henry J. Winterbourne, John Padfield, G. O. Troop, and George Maynard. The prayer desk was taken by Rev. Dr. Hill, evening prayer being said by him and Rev. J. B. Uniacke. The lessons were read by Rev. John Abbott and Rev. J. J. Bell. The rendering of the musical portion of the service, which was the greater part of the service being choral, was highly creditable to Prof. S. Porter and the choir of ninety that assisted him. The chanting of the Psalms, Canticles and responses, and the singing of the beautiful hymns, specially chosen, were indeed impressive and inspiring. The Church of England service is generally admired, but on this occasion its effect was grand. The large congregation present joining most heartily in the whole service, brought out the beauty and effect of the Liturgy, and deeply impressed many. At about 8.30 the special preacher, the Rev. A. J. Townend, Senior Chaplain to H. M. Forces, ascended the Pulpit, and, after an appropriate Collect had been said, imploring brotherly unity and concord, gave out the following as the text—

"I have written unto you young men because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." 1st John, i. 14.

Those who have heard Mr. Townend in his own Chapel and elsewhere, need not be told that the sermon deduced from the above text was an able one. From beginning to end it was characterized by such eloquent and pathetic strains as to make three-quarters of an hour more like twenty minutes in duration. The marked attention of the congregation proved that their interest and sympathy had been enlisted. His description of St. John the Divine, and its effect his Epistles must have had upon those who first read them, was indeed affecting. The young men of those days had difficulties to meet, temptations to overcome, obstacles to encounter, that were unknown in the present day. They were strong because the Word of God was in them. God wanted strength and youth in His army. Though, thank God, the Church was Catholic, all are invited. Still, this evening, he wished the young men specially to listen to the sermon preached by St. John the Divine: to change the year from 96 to A. D. 1881: Ephesus to Halifax: the gathering of young men there to the Church Institute here. Then in affectionate and fatherly terms he addressed himself to the young, urging them to devote their youth and strength to God's service, to work harmoniously and unitedly in advancing the work of the Institute, which should be the means of causing love and peace to rule in and between the several Parishes, to work up an enthusiasm, and zeal, and to carry back into their different Parishes this esprit de corps aroused and fostered in the Institute. Then would they learn to trust and reverence their Clergyman, to aid and assist him in his work, not to watch him with suspicion, but carrying out the distinguishing feature in the character of St. John, "love would beget love." Had we space we would gladly furnish a more lengthy account of this admirable sermon. After the sermon, the offertory was taken up during which Prof. Porter played Andante in D. from Quartetto in D. Minor, by Mozart. An impressive and long to be remembered service was brought to a close with Collect and the Benediction by the Lord Bishop. As the congregation dispersed the organ pealed forth the Grand Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah.—Halifax Recorder.

NEW ROSS.—We were very agreeably surprised to receive at the hands of some friends the sum of \$20.00 from the "Historic Club of Halifax," for which, on behalf of this Mission and ourselves, we sincerely thank the ladies and gentlemen of the Club, and also Mr. Longley for the polite note accompanying the gift, and which we shall use in liquidation of a debt on the "Gates" Organ in our Church. Wm. H. GROSS, Missionary.

B. H. M. DEFICIENCY FUND.—The Lord Bishop, \$250.00, (on condition that \$1000 is made up within three months.)

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. Received (Feb. 16) Antigonish, for Mission Subscription List, per Rev. R. Wainwright, \$3.51. Wm. Gossp, Treas. B. F. M., Dio. N. S.

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