

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WALTON.—The Rev. H. How desires publicly to record a kind act done by one of his former Walton Parishioners, now of Bird's Hill, Manitoba. Mr. Howard Woolaver, for some time Church Warden, sent quite recently an encouraging letter containing, besides good news as to his prospects, the sum of \$10.00, five for the Missionary and five for any Church purpose to which it had best be devoted. Such thoughtful generosity speaks for itself more loudly and eloquently than were words of praise. May the All-seeing God make him experience the truth of His words "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth." It is most gratifying to a clergyman to read such words as these:—"Though far away, there is hardly a day passes without remembering you." All these kind words and deeds brighten work, and show that one's ministry is not quite in vain.

SACKVILLE.—On Sunday evening, April 13th, at the close of the service at All Saints Church, Bedford, the Rector requested the congregation to remain for a few minutes, as he had something of importance to communicate. After disrobing, the Rev. gentleman proceeded to address those present to the following effect: "I have asked you to remain for a few moments in order that you may share with me in the performance of an agreeable and pleasing duty. It is always gratifying to witness and to bear on suitable occasions our testimony to faithfulness and perseverance wherever we may find them, even though they should meet with a liberal reward; but when as in the present instance they exhibit themselves in connection with a labor of love voluntarily undertaken for the general good without hope or expectation of fee or reward they claim our most sincere and grateful appreciation. For several years past the young lady who so ably presides at the organ in this Church, has given her services gratuitously and although it has doubtless been esteemed by her a high privilege, thus to lead the service of praise and thanksgiving in the house of God, we should be sadly wanting in true Christian feeling were we content to offer to God that which has cost us nothing. We meet here, therefore, to testify our grateful sense of Miss Haystead's valuable services and in the name of the subscribers whether present or absent, I have much pleasure in presenting to her the accompanying purse containing thirty-three dollars, as a slight token of our appreciation of them. In conclusion I feel sure that I do but express the sentiments of her numerous friends, when I say God bless her and spare her to enjoy many years of happy usefulness in this present world and grant her life eternal in the world to come, for Jesus' sake."

NEIL'S HARBOR, C. B.—*St. Andrew's Church*.—On April 17th the annual meeting was held in the Church at 6.30 p. m., most of the fishermen of both Herring Cove and Neil's Harbor being present. A. Hayman and Thomas Day were elected Wardens. The Warden's account show a balance in favor of the Church of \$20.44. It was determined to put a wall under and to paint the church. The congregation is healthy and growing.

TRURO.—The Rev. J. A. Kaulbach left for England last week. On the eve of his departure there was a special service in the Church, at which ten persons were admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church by the Holy Rite of Baptism. The Vicar of the Parish will be absent for about four months, during which period the services of the Church will be taken by Mr. W. C. Wilson. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese will hold confirmation in the Church some time during this month.

A MEETING of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of All Saints, Granville, on Wednesday, the 18th of April. Present—Revds. P. J. Filleul, Rural Déan; James J. Ritchie,

Henry D. deBlois, Secretary; F. P. Greatorex, C. W. McCully, J. Partridge. Early Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m. Morning session of Deanery opened at 10.50 a. m., with prayer by Rural Dean. Minutes of last meeting read and received. Notice of motion by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, as follows:—"I give notice that at the next meeting of the Deanery I shall move that the resolution respecting the payment of amounts collected in the different Parishes of this Deanery on account of Foreign Missions, and the resolution concerning the 'Order of Services' in the same, be rescinded." Moved by Rev. J. J. Ritchie, seconded by Rev. H. D. deBlois, and passed—"That immediately after the reading of the minutes one half hour be devoted to the critical reading of a portion of the Holy Scriptures," which resolution was immediately acted upon by selecting for consideration the 1st chap. of the Acts of the Holy Apostles. A very interesting paper, replete with information, and filled with interesting matter, on "Earnestness and Simplicity in Parochial Work," was then read by Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector of Granville. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him, with an earnest request for its early publication. The afternoon session, lasting from 2.30 p. m. to 6 p. m., was usefully occupied in discussing matters of general Church interest. It was moved by Rev. H. D. deBlois, seconded by Rev. P. J. Filleul, and passed—"That the next meeting of this Rural Deanery be held in the Parish of St. Luke's, Annapolis, and that the Rev. the Rector be requested to prepare a paper on the Holy Communion." The meeting then adjourned. Evening service was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Granville Ferry, at 7 p. m., when prayers were said by Rev. H. D. deBlois; 1st Lesson, the Rev. the Dean; 2nd Lesson, Rev. J. P. Partridge. The Rev. C. W. McCully, the recently inducted Rector of St. Clements, preached a warm-hearted, earnest and eloquent discourse from Rev. iii. 21 to a large and appreciative congregation. Collection for Foreign Missions \$2.26.

SYDNEY, C. B.—*St. George's*.—On Easter Monday, 26th ult., at the annual meeting of parishioners, held in the Parish school-house, the Rev. D. Smith in the Chair, the following gentlemen were elected Wardens and Vestry for the ensuing year: Wardens—C. J. Clarke and T. Publicover; Vestry—Hon. J. Bourinot, H. Davenport, John Lorway, C. E. Leonard, T. Townsend, H. G. Bown, Murray Dodd, Henry Lecras, Edwd. Murphy, T. C. Hill, W. Dillon and Eugene Cossitt. The financial affairs of the Parish are in a very good condition; it was not one cent in debt on Easter Monday, 26th ult. The old parsonage is in a very dilapidated condition, unworthy of being repaired, and it was thought necessary that a new one should be built, which is now in progress. The frame is all on the ground, and it is anticipated that it will be ready for occupation by the month of Nov. next.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—*St. James' Church*.—A concert in aid of the building fund of St. James' Church Sunday School, was held in Trinity Church School Room, on the 17th of April, under the auspices of the Teachers of St. James'. The programme which comprised some of the best musical talent of the city, consisted of choruses, quartettes, duets, and solos, and was heartily appreciated by the audience. The managing committee and those interested in the welfare of the school, have every reason to feel satisfied with the result of their efforts. The ladies of our congregation have organized a Sewing Society which meets weekly and they intend, God willing, to hold a sale during the early part of the summer. The proceeds of this sale will also be for the building fund. St. James' Sunday School is in a very flourishing condition and a school-house is sorely needed. Every effort is being made to supply this need, and it is hoped ere long that the building will be commenced.

NEWCASTLE.—The Right Reverend the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese, paid his first visit to the above Parish on Friday April 13th. His Lordship was accompanied by the Rev. Canon Medley. On the morning of that day a meeting was held in the pretty little school-room, which is situated but a few yards from St. Andrew's Church, the room was well-filled, evidencing the interest which the Church people felt in the object for which they had been called together. After the singing of a hymn by the choir, the Rector said prayers, and then addressed a few words to the meeting on the object of their coming together—to hear from the Coadjutor and others the way in which the work of the Church is carried on in the Diocese, and the need of a greater display of zeal on the part of Church-people if she is to overtake the work that lies ready to her hand. Before resuming his seat the Rector addressed a few words of hearty welcome to his Lordship, and wished him, on behalf of himself, and parishioners, God-speed in the work to which he had given himself. In an eloquent and impressive address the Coadjutor then laid before the meeting the present embarrassed state of the funds of the Church Society, and urged upon all to increase their annual contributions. There were many, his Lordship pointed out, whose names did not appear at all in the list of subscribers. Canon Medley was the next speaker and in a forcible way pointed out how easy the annual subscriptions might be increased if only the people would make "giving" a matter for serious consideration, instead of giving in the hap-hazard way in which too many do. A very little self-denial on behalf of individuals would largely increase the funds, and enable the Society to send Clergyman to parishes which were now vacant. R. B. Haddow, Esq., was the last speaker, and he made some rather startling statements by showing, from carefully prepared statistics, how very small was the per centage given by the Church people in the various missions towards the funds of the Church Society. During the singing of a hymn a collection, amounting to \$17, was taken up in behalf of the D. C. S. His Lordship remained in Newcastle over the Sunday, and preached both morning and evening to large and attentive congregations. On the Monday morning the Bishop left by train for Chatham to be present at a meeting to be held in that Parish.

DERBY.—On Tuesday, April 17th, the Coadjutor Bishop visited the Parish of Derby in behalf of the D. C. S. His Lordship, who was accompanied by Rural Dean Forsythe, was met at the Derby station by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Rector of Newcastle, and R. B. Haddow, Esq., and driven to the Rectory. The meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, and was well attended. After the singing of a hymn, prayers were said by the Rector, Rev. A. F. Hiltz. The Bishop gave a long and interesting address, in the course of which he congratulated the Parish of Derby on their long list of subscribers, and expressed a hope that they would try to do still more in the future. Mr. R. B. Haddow, Rev. O. Forsyth, and Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, also addressed the meeting. A Collection in behalf of the D. C. S. was taken up, and after the singing of a hymn his Lordship dismissed the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

SACKVILLE.—The Bishop Co-adjutor visited this Parish on Thursday, April 19th. This was the first occasion of his visit to this part of the Diocese, and much interest was manifested. A large number assembled in the school-house to hear his address on the past and present condition of the Church in this Diocese. He set forth at great length its present and future needs, and gave some startling proofs of the great necessity of more vigorous action in the Body Corporate, especially as regards the more general support of the D. C. S. He shewed that over 40,000 Church people in this Diocese gave almost nothing to this Society. He pictured to us a very different degree of faithfulness in the Church of the Mother Country even among the very poorest, and gave us to understand that we did not know what poverty was here, which might suggest to some