

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes.—St. Paul's, per W. Gossip, Esq., \$5.00; St. Luke's, Halifax, per Mrs. MacCawley, \$8.00; Newport, per Rev. H. How, \$19.58; Shelburne, per Rev. Dr. White, \$71.50; Petite Riviere, per Rev. J. S. Smith, \$24.00; Newport (additional), per Rev. H. How, \$4.65; Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$58.77; Dartmouth, per Rev. Dr. Uniacke, \$6.08; Beaver Harbor, per Rev. R. Smith, \$52.10; Digby, per Rev. Jno. Ambrose, \$77.39; Tangier (additional), per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$40.80.

Superannuation Fund.—Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, 4.50; Digby, per Rev. J. Ambrose, \$1.00; Tangier, per Rev. E. H. Ball, \$4.00.

W. and O. Fund.—St. Luke's, Halifax, per Rev. F. R. Murray, \$94.92; Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$13.19.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Secretary.

B. D. & F. M.

Algoma Bishopric Fund.—Pictou, per Rev. J. Edgcomb, \$12.75; Truro, per Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$11.76.

B. F. M.

St. Luke's, Halifax, per Rev. F. R. Murray, \$18.83.

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Secretary.

DIGBY—It is gratifying to be able to report that the women of the Church in this Parish have within the last few days paid off \$157 towards the interest and sinking fund of the debt on the new Church, thus reducing what in 1879 was \$1,500, at 7 per cent interest, to \$1,000, the back interest being all paid up. The men, at the same time, with assistance from some outside friends of the Rector, have paid, with interest at 8 per cent, \$1,147 out of \$1,200, borrowed to finish and furnish the interior of the building. During this time they have paid up their contributions towards the Rector's salary, and regularly contributed towards the B. H. M., not forgetting the objects of the Superannuated Clergymen's Fund, and the Clergyman's W. and O. Fund. In connection with this last named object, it is in this question a matter of curious speculation as to the reasons why not less than thirty-four of the beneficed clergymen insured in this fund raise no contributions in their own parishes towards it, but of course expect others to do so, for otherwise, as these clergymen well know, their own representatives would fail to recover the full amounts expected as pensions for them. Notwithstanding the continual loss of members by emigration from the parish, and the increased burdens which consequently fall to the share of the remnant, the people of the parish are not forgetful of their clergyman's comfort. In the year (just expired) they put the roof of the Rectory in good repair, and at Christmas, one of their number, R. T. Fitzrandolph, presented the Rector with a handsome and well-lined robe for his sleigh, whilst others in Digby, Marshalltown and Bay View, sent him presents in money and money's worth. A good and zealous couple at Bay View, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hinxman, are deserving of special mention in this particular. Friends, such as these, by their warm-hearted sympathy, greatly lighten a clergyman's labours. Confidence and co-operation, like Aaron and Hur, hold up the pastor's hands, and bring a blessing upon all concerned. Notwithstanding our losses by emigration, it is very gratifying to find that those who leave us do not forget us. A gentleman, E. Wasell, Esq., C. E., formerly residing in this parish, but now City Engineer in Winnipeg, enclosed in a very kind letter, a few days ago, twenty dollars, as a Christmas present, to the Rector of Digby.

AMHERST—The Advent and Christmas Services have been largely attended. A cornet, played by the obliging Bandmaster in this place has recently been introduced into the Church to accompany the organ and choir at the Friday Evening Services. On Xmas morning sweet Carols were sung by the choir, and Sunday-school children attended the service in a body; the Church and S. S. house are both prettily decorated. In the latter, on Xmas Eve about seventy-five children gathered around a Christmas tree, from which, at the close of an enjoyable evening gifts were distributed to all present.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. JOHN.—A juvenile missionary meeting was held in Trinity school-room last Tuesday evening, Rev. Canon Brigstocke in the chair. The Rev. gentleman made an eloquent address on the work of the Society during the year. The money collected in the Sunday School for the Diocese of Algoma is devoted to the education of an Indian boy and girl. There were also interesting addresses made by Mr. Neil Hanson, who is studying at the University of N. B. for the ministry to help his father at New Denmark, and Rev. G. G. Roberts, of Fredericton.

PORTLAND.—Rev. Mr. Mathers conducted both services in St. Luke's Church, Portland, yesterday, in the absence of the rector, Rev. L. G. Stevens, who was confined to his home through illness.

NORTH HEAD.—The Church Fair held on Dec. 20 at the Public Hall, North Head, was a great success. The gross receipts amounted to more than \$350. There will remain \$300 or upwards clear of expenses. Ten dollars have since been received from friends in Philadelphia and New York. All honor to the energetic ladies of North Head connected with the Church of the Ascension.

CHATHAM.—The Festival of Christmas was observed in this Parish as usual in the Church's way. Both at St. Mary's and St. Paul's Churches the decorations were very pretty, especially at St. Mary's, where much time was spent in beautifying the sanctuary. Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Mary's at 8 and 11, and many drew near the Table of the Lord. At the latter Service, the children of the Sunday School sang Christmas carols. In St. Paul's the Service was at 3 p.m. The music was admirably rendered by the efficient choir. To Miss Benson at St. Mary's, and Miss Burchell at St. Paul's, the organists, great praise is due for the excellence of the musical parts of the Services.

On Christmas Eve, the children presented the Rector with a handsome and expensive easy chair.

The third of the series of St. Mary's Sunday School evening entertainments came off on Monday evening, Dec. 31, at the School-room. The room was crowded by a highly appreciative audience. After the performance of a Christmas Cantata, cleverly rendered by all who took part, a Christmas tree was unloaded, and its presents distributed to the scholars.

DORCHESTER.—The Rectory was the scene of a pleasant picture on last Wednesday evening, the Rector and his wife "at home," to the congregation. The evening was extremely unpleasant, yet this did not prevent a large in-gathering to enjoy the genial hospitality extended to all. There were storms without, but plenty of "good cheer," an open hand, and a kindly welcome, within. The welcome extended even to the neighbouring parish, as we noticed the Rector of Sackville and members of his congregation among the guests. The evening was spent most pleasantly in general conversation, instrumental music, singing, games, etc. This was a sort of "House warming" for the handsome addition lately made to the Rectory making it one of the most convenient and commodious in this Diocese. The Rector made a short address at the close congratulating the people on the great improvements they had been able

to carry out so successfully. This gathering was a somewhat new feature in parish life in this particular part of the Diocese. These social meetings cannot but result in much good in drawing the hearts of priest and people closer together in the bonds of our common faith and brotherhood.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SHAWVILLE.—A series of mission services has been held in this parish conducted by the Rev. F. H. Vernet. They began Dec. 23rd and concluded the following Sunday night. The earnest addresses of the Missioner, urging his hearers to repentance, faith, and obedience, have, it is believed been productive of much good. The interest increased regularly to the end, and at the last service there was a very large attendance. In addition to the mission services there was an old year service on Monday night, and on New Years day a service in the morning and a children's service in the afternoon at which 70 children were present. Addresses were given by the Revd. Mr. Du Vernet at all these. The old year service which was very quiet, but also very solemn, will long be remembered by some at least of those who were present.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following contributions:—*General Diocesan Fund*—St. James Church, Port Carling, 78c.; Rev. W. Martin, London, England, £64.0.0.; Redgrave-cum-Rothesdale, Suffolk, England, per Herbert Symons Esq., £2.1.1. *Steam Yacht Fund*—"H." per N. W. Hoyles, Esq., \$100.00. *Thanksgiving Collections*—Per Rev. F. Frost, Sucker Creek, \$3.00; Little Current, \$1.00; Sheguidandah \$1.00.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

SINGHAMPTON.—This station forms one of the three places where services are held in the Bateau Mission, under the charge of the Rev. W. M. Cleary. A tea meeting was held in the Orange Hall on Christmas Eve which proved a great success. This was followed by an entertainment, consisting of songs, readings, and instrumental music which took place in the adjoining school-room. So abundant was the provisions that it was found necessary to have a social on the following Friday to dispose of them. The net proceeds \$85.50 is to be applied to the erection of a Church if possible next year.

NEW CHURCH.—Efforts are being made to erect a new Church at Sunnidale. The sum of fifteen hundred dollars has been subscribed for this purpose and the promoters are certain that they will be able to carry out their plans shortly.

COLLINGWOOD.—The ladies in connection with the Church in this striving town have been working for some time past with the view of securing a pipe organ. At a bazaar held during the Christmas season they realized the sum of \$300 which will be applied to this object. All Saints' has always been noted for its active and persevering workers and this supplies another proof of their zeal and industry.

Rouge et noir.—The organ of Trinity College and its students suggests holding local and matriculation examinations in certain towns at the proper time with a view of making the college better known. The idea is an admirable one and should be taken up by the authorities without delay. Queen's and other universities have for some time tried the plan and it has succeeded in bringing them students who undoubtedly would have gone elsewhere.

BARRIE.—We are glad to notice that the energetic Rector of Trinity Church received some substantial tokens of the high appreciation in which he is held by the congregation on his seventy-seventh birthday. They presented him with an address, a handsome coat, fur mittens and robe, and his amiable wife with a sum of money.