

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—At the 11 o'clock service in the Cathedral on the 12th December, the Metropolitan held an ordination. The Rev. Ernest P. Flewelling, Missionary in charge of Dalhousie and Campbellton, was advanced to the Priesthood, and Mr. Henry B. Montgomery, B. A., was ordained Deacon. Mr. Montgomery is a native of Richmond, Carleton Co.

ROTHESAY.—The people of Rothesay are disquieted over the prospective loss of their valued Rector, Canon Partridge. St. George's Church, Halifax, may be congratulated on their choice, while the Diocese will lose one of its ablest and most prominent men. As a scholar, a preacher, and as a "Missionary," charged with the conduct of "Missions," the reputation of Canon Partridge stands deservedly high. He has been called by the voice of his brethren to the most important office in connection with Synodical work. He is at present Secretary of the Synod, and a member of the Standing Committee, of the governing body of the Divinity School, the Boards of Domestic and Home Missions, and is a Delegate to the Provincial Synod. It could hardly be expected that he would remain all his life in Rothesay, and the great pity is that our own Diocese cannot hold out inducement for such men to enable them to remain in it.

MONCTON.—A section of "Cadets of Temperance" has been organized in connection with the Sunday School. It is named "St. George's" Section. A full set of Regalia has been provided by Mr. G. P. Bliss, and meetings are held, weekly, on Wednesday evenings. This is one of the first-fruits of the new school house, which has already proved itself a most useful and necessary building.

ST. STEPHEN.—The Rev. Henry H. DeBlois has taken charge of Trinity Church. Mr. DeBlois has been for the last four years labouring in the outlying districts of Dalhousie and Liverpool Roads, Nova Scotia, and has served there acceptably and zealously.

SESEX.—The bazaar and high tea, under the auspices of the Sewing Circle, on the 23rd inst., turned out a very successful affair. We have not heard the exact amount realized, but believe that it exceeded the expectations of the ladies. The 74th Battalion Band was in attendance.

BATHURST.—A bazaar and fancy sale are to be held to-day, (Dec. 29th), in the Masonic Hall, when the ladies of St. George's Church offer a good assortment of articles for the holidays.

PERSONAL.—We notice that the Rev. Dr. Sullivan, of St. George's Church, Montreal, is to deliver the last lecture in the course, at the Mechanic's Institute, St. John, on February 13th.

The Metropolitan has been in the city recently, and preached in St. John's Church, and elsewhere.

ST. JOHN.—The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Almanacks and Pocket Books for 1882 have been received at Messrs. McMillan, where the Depository is well stocked with the Society's fresh publications of the season.

SPRINGFIELD.—Santa Claus or some other mysterious stranger visited the rectory on Christmas eve, and left a very large and handsome buffalo robe for the rector and a pretty purse quite full of money for Mrs. Talbot. One more evidence of the good-will existing and the evidence of their friends in the parish.

STANLEY.—The ladies of St. Thomas' Church held a concert and literary entertainment in the Temperance Hall, Dec. 26th.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PETITE RIVIERE.—On the 8th ult., the Church people of LaHave Islands, in this Mission, held a tea meeting to commence a fund for the erection of a Church at that place. The sum realized was about \$100, which, all circumstances considered, may be regarded as a very decided success. All the men are fishermen, in fact fishing is their only occupation and dependence, and as may readily be imagined, they are all very poor people. The Missionary meets them for Divine Service on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, and to do this, travels four miles from his home to the end of a long beach, where he fastens his horse in the open air, and takes a boat which comes to meet him, to be conveyed two miles further to the place of Service. The building in which they have hitherto worshipped was formerly a school-house, small and inconvenient at best. The congregations are good, and the Services seem to be highly valued, and the desire for better accommodation, and especially for a more suitable building for the public worship of Almighty God, has stimulated the effort they have just made. But what is \$100 for such an undertaking! The old building will soon be useless, and not worth repairing; and the grave question is, how are a people, circumstanced as they are, to build a Church without help? Possibly, some one or another, who reads this notice,

while enjoying his Christmas cheer, and God's many and abundant mercies, will remember with favour the poor LaHave Islanders in their need. The Missionary, Rev. J. S. Smith, of Petite Riviere, will be glad to receive any donations, however small, towards this object. On 30th Nov., a tea meeting was also held at Broad Cove, for repairs of the Church there with very good results.

B. H. M.—*Amherst Deanery.*—The Rev. D. C. Moore visited Parrsboro' (including Port Greville and Diligent River) on Sunday, the 18th, on behalf of the Board. On the previous Sunday Rev. J. A. Kaubach was in Picton pleading the same cause, and the Rev. A. E. Harris was previously in Pugwash, Wallace and other parts of Mr. Brine's extensive cure for the same purpose.

PARRSBORO'. The congregation of St. George's held their annual Christmas Festival in the Rink Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd. The entertainment consisted of a substantial tea, a sale of fancy articles, both useful and ornamental, and at the close, a distribution of 300 presents to the ticket holders. The presents were displayed on two large trees, and much curiosity was evinced by young and old in their efforts to detect the number on their own ticket among those on the trees. The company was large, as may be judged from the fact that at 25 cents for entrance, tea and a present, together with the proceeds of the fancy table, the net profits amounted to \$1200. Much honour is due to those who got up the entertainment, and also to those who, by their patronage, contributed to its financial success. May all enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

DALHOUSIE.—The Rev. H. DeBlois has been appointed Rector of Trinity Church, St. Stephen, N. B., and left for his new field of labor on Wednesday. While we congratulate the above named parish upon their good fortune in securing the services of this learned and energetic worker, we cannot refrain from expressing our deep and heartfelt regret that our community is losing his able and efficient services in every good cause, and especially that of temperance. The people of the outlying districts of Dalhousie and Liverpool Roads, where for the past four years the Rev. gentleman has labored so zealously and acceptably in ministering to their spiritual wants, will deeply regret his removal.

ROSETTE.—Mr. Partridge writes under date, 21st inst.:—"I have been ill, but am getting all right again, and hope to be soon at work."

BADDOCK, C. B.—Rev. S. Gibbons addressed a meeting in the Close, Salisbury, on Saturday, Dec. 10, and preached in the Cathedral, Salisbury, on Sunday afternoon, when every chair in the nave was occupied. On same day, he preached at Wilton—in morning for S. P. C. K., in evening for his Cape Breton Mission. On the following day, he addressed a meeting in Hamilton Hall, when the Lord Bishop presided. The collections, which amounted to £24, were given to the Cape Breton Mission.

HALIFAX.—The Christmas decorations in all the city churches are spoken of very highly by those who have seen them, comparing most favourably with other years. The Cathedral is neatly and prettily decorated, but not so ornately as in former years. The Bishop's Chapel is, perhaps, the most artistically decorated, everything is so happily arranged that it all appears to blend with the permanent work, and has attracted much favorable comment; as have also the decorations at St. Paul's, the Garrison Chapel, St. George's and St. Mark's. There have been several new features in the decorations this year in all the churches which give increased effect to the work, and, if our judgment is correct, mere display is giving place to a more discriminating, artistic and refined taste.

ST. GEORGE'S.—The Deacon in charge, the Rev. H. Hancock, has had an evidence of the good will and warm friendship of the people to whom he ministers, by the presentation to him on Christmas Eve of a solid silver Pocket Communion Set.

ST. MARK'S.—A noticeable and gratifying feature of the good feeling existing between the Sunday School and its Superintendent was evidenced at the Children's Service on the afternoon of Christmas Day, Mr. Smith being the recipient of a solid silver napkin ring, suitably inscribed, the gift of the young ladies' Bible Class.

DARVOUTH.—Christ Church has held a high position for some years past as regards its decorations, and this year sees no abatement in the efforts to make it worthy of the standing it has previously enjoyed. The decorations have been admirably and skilfully planned and executed.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

CONCEPTION BAY.—For several years past a Clerical Association has existed in the Rural Deanery of Conception Bay, in connection with which, previous to the present year, a series of missionary meetings was annually held and much done to stir up a missionary spirit. By a valuable measure enacted at the last meeting of the Diocesan Synod, entitled, an "Act to establish a Home and Foreign Mission Fund," the work has been taken out of the

hands of the Association, and made an obligatory part of diocesan operations. This valuable act is already bearing good fruit, a portion of which is the succession of gatherings of unusual spirit and interest recently held in various towns and settlements of the above deanery.

In accordance with the Act the various parishes and missions have been visited by deputations of clergy, (with the exception of Harbour Grace, where a meeting will be held early in January), large assemblies held and addresses, able, earnest and eloquent, delivered. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather on some occasions large numbers came long distances to attend. The most successful meeting, probably, was that held in the Church at Bay Roberts on the 22nd ult., on which occasion there were seven hundred persons present, who listened with marked attention for two hours to the earnest words of the different speakers. The deputation on this occasion consisted of the Revs. J. Godden, R. H. Taylor and F. J. Smith. Mr. Godden dwelt upon facts in connection with the work in China, and appealed to the laity—the "rank and file" of the army of Christ—to awaken to a deeper interest in the grand work of bringing the nations to the foot of the cross. Mr. Taylor spoke of the work in Africa, showed the great progress made since the consecration of the first Bishops of Cape Town, Newcastle, Melbourne and Adelaide in 1847, and dwelt on the sad end of the heroic Bishop McKenzie and his brave companions in the centre of the Dark Continent. Mr. Smith spoke of Britain, her position, opportunities and qualifications for mission work. After taking his hearers on an imaginary tour around the globe in order to grasp some idea of the magnitude of the Empire, he urged the necessity of seizing the opportunities such vast possessions afford and pointed out the special qualifications of Anglican Christianity for spreading the knowledge of Christ.

The last meeting was held in the Church at Spauld's Bay, on the 29th ult. On this occasion the deputation consisted of Revs. J. Godden, R. H. Taylor and Chas. E. Smith. The last named, owing to his recent removal to Hearts Content was unable to attend. The proceedings were most interesting and the meeting a highly successful one. At the opening, Bishop Heber's famous missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung by the assembly, followed by suitable intercessions. For two hours the speakers continued to tell of the progress made and being made in spite of obstacles and reverses. The meeting closed with the well-known hymn—

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run."

The Clergy of Conception Bay are certainly taking the lead in this particular part of Church work, and by their labours an impetus is being given to it which must result in immense good to the Church at large. A wave of missionary enthusiasm is spreading, which, it is to be hoped, will roll on till every nook and corner of the vast Diocese has felt its influence. When will Churchmen in St. John's awaken to a due interest in this matter? Let the much-esteemed Rural Dean and a committee of Clergy take the matter in hand. The latent power in St. John's, properly applied, would result in effects before unequalled in this Colony.

It is cheering to note that notwithstanding the hard times the collections have exceeded the expectations of the workers.—*St. John's Paper.*

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

ONE feature of the missionary work of the Labrador Mission ought not to be passed over in silence, the periodical visits of the Bishop. These entail a large expenditure of time and money, besides a good deal of roughing it, and some danger. The coast may be reached either by the regular trading schooner from Quebec, the run down occupying from ten days to a month; or by the lucky chance, if the time suits, of a passage in the Government steamer visiting the light-houses. Your readers may imagine what a month's trip on a small coasting schooner would be, with a little crib for a cabin, with the deck occupied by heavy freight, so as to preclude promenading, with the bad smells, and the insupportable weariness of waiting day after day in some miserable little harbour for a favourable wind which will not come. The difficulty, however, is in getting away from the coast. Twice the Bishop of Quebec has had to go all the way round by St. John's, Newfoundland, and Halifax and Portland, in a voyage by steamer, covering more than a fortnight, to reach Quebec when his work on the coast was done. The visitation itself of the coast, though somewhat tedious, is most interesting. It is almost a house to house visitation; indeed, it was literally this when the present writer accompanied the Bishop to the coast ten years ago. The visitation is made in the open boat of the Mission, the Bishop sleeping in the houses of the settlers, and thus becoming intimately acquainted with them all. When an isolated house is thus reached, the full services of the Church are afforded, as if in a cathedral, the Daily Office, Confirmation, Address, Holy Communion. The eager attention on such occasions, and the affectionate warmth of the poor settlers are most touching. Two months of the Bishop's time is occupied every five years with the Episcopal visitation of these few poor scattered fishermen. It is, however, to the Bishop a labour of love, and is in the truest sense preaching the Gospel to the poor.

Next in interest to the Labrador Mission is that of the Magdalen Islands, that lonely group far out in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, hitherto isolated for six months at least of every year from all the rest of the world. These islands, six in number, and scattered over an area of some 500 square miles, though lying much nearer to Nova Scotia than a part of the Province of Quebec. They are the property of Admiral John Townsend Coffin, who, I think, is still living. Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin obtained a grant of the Islands from the Crown in 1798, and left them as an entailed estate to his nephew, Admiral John Coffin, in 1839. The inhabitants are all tenants of the proprietor. They rather fret under the conditions of their tenure, which are as mild as could be imagined, and agitate to be made proprietors, though I am not aware that they offer any compensation. The fact is that the whole, or nearly the whole, of the revenue of the Islands has hitherto been spent by the proprietors in improvements for the benefit of the tenants.

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ST. SYLVESTER.—A deputation consisting of Rev. W. King and Rev. J. Sykes, have recently made a tour of St. Sylvester and outlying portions of Mr. King's extensive mission, for the purpose of assisting the Diocesan Board in levying the necessary church assessments. In all quarters they were well received and heartily welcomed, and completed their task to satisfaction.

STANSTEAD PLAIN.—The bazaar in aid of Christ Church, Stanstead Plain, was attended with marked success. The rain poured down, but in spite of this the attendance was large and everybody seemed determined to contribute generously. The amount taken was about \$120, which after deducting small expenses will leave a very handsome balance.

RIVIERE DE LOUP.—Mr. Joseph Unsworth, who has recently been appointed Mechanical Superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Railway, was entertained at supper by a large number of his fellow-employees and others, and was presented with a complimentary address, beautifully illuminated, expressing regret at his approaching departure. Mr. Unsworth, who was taken completely by surprise, made a very appropriate and feeling reply. He left the next day, and, as the train moved on, was enthusiastically cheered by a large crowd, assembled to bid him "good by."

THE TOWNSHIPS.—The new parsonage at East Hatley is nearing completion. Rev. A. J. Balfour, M. A., has gone to take charge of Melbourne and Richmond parish. During his stay at East Hatley he made many warm friends. The Rev. A. Stevens, M. A., of Dixtonville, has been appointed his successor, whilst this vacancy is to be filled by the Rev. C. B. Washer, who has been in charge of the Mission of Brompton and Windsor.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Our agent has been canvassing the City of Montreal with splendid success, having secured several hundreds of names. He writes us that he has everywhere been treated with much kindness, and has been struck with the Church life visible throughout the Diocese. We hope to have hereafter full accounts of the work of the several Parishes, and we earnestly solicit correspondence. Will the Rectors and Missionaries of the several Parishes kindly forward us items of interest, local or general. We expect to have a couple of thousand subscribers in the Province of Quebec before our agent finishes his work.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondents.)

ST. ALBAN'S, LUTHER.—On the 2nd Sunday in Advent his Lordship the Bishop of Niagara held a confirmation in this Parish. There was a very large congregation at the afternoon service, the church being filled to the doors, and although chairs had been placed in the aisle, and a great many people occupied the vestry, and joined in the service from there, the chancel door being open, still some had to go away without gaining admission; and many stood outside and heard as much as possible of the service through the open door. The service was commenced at 3 o'clock p. m. by the presentation to the Bishop of the candidates, of whom there were twenty-two; nineteen from Luther, and three from the out-stations. After confirmation, the Communion was received by all the candidates, and many of the older members. The service was a deeply solemn and impressive one, and the address of his Lordship to the candidates was remarkable for its plain truths and practical bearing on the every day occurrences of our lives. In the evening the venerable Bishop, sitting in his chair, addressed the assembled congregation upon the importance of becoming thoroughly acquainted with the Bible teachings as they are contained in our liturgy. The services were hearty, and the singing was very good. In the Communion Service the *Agnus*, *Sanctus* and *Gloria in Excelsis* were sung besides the usual *Gloria* and *Lauds tibi*. The altar, pulpit and desks were vested in white, as was proper on the occasion, and a white marble cross, presented to the church by a member of the Orange Order in Hamilton, stood