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serious injury to the Church, does not rest with us, but with those who refuse to recognize the broad basis which gives strength and permanency to the Church of England.

Signed, on behalf of the supporters of Archdeacon Whitaker,

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Chairman.

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## Diocesan Intelligence.

NOVA SCOTIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BADDECK, (Continued).—After evensong with sermon, a home is made at the hospitable house of Mr. McLeod. On Friday, evensong with sermon again; on Saturday, two baptisms. On Sunday a most terrific snow-storm rages, the most severe which the missionary has ever experienced in Canada. It is impossible for anyone to travel even a few yards; so family worship with addresses is held twice during the day. At night the storm is still raging, the wind is never weary. On Monday the missionary makes an attempt to get to Nealis Hr. but the road is impassable, so he betakes himself to the sea wall; after slipping again and again—and rendering one limb lame—he succeeds. On Tuesday, a boat manned by four men puts him up to Ingonish, where he arrives in safety, but chilled to the bone. But a warm bed with twelve hours sleep makes a man of him again.

The meeting of the Rural Deanery of Sydney had been appointed to be held at Baddeck, Feb. 5th; so, on Tuesday, 30th, the missionary starts for Baddeck, but the snow around the bay is very deep and drifted; the ferry is reached but no man or beast has been able to cross for three days. Nothing remains but to go to the nearest house and get shelter for self and horse, which is done. The missionary makes the acquaintance of some strange, insinuating bed-fellows, who are most persistent and persevering in their pointed attentions, and who do not allow the missionary's tried body the rest he so much needed. Next day two trips are made to the ferry, the second time a boat could be got through the lolly, so he waits, spending an hour in hallooing to the neglectful ferry boys and walking up and down the long pier to keep himself warm. After an hour they come, and with some difficulty a small boat is got through to the pier. The missionary crosses, and appoints a service for 7 o'clock, gets a crowd of Newfoundlanders, who are used to ice work, to get the scow out and across to the other side. After much hard labor the scow is across, the horse is fetched, and after three hours hard work is landed upon the beach, sent to a stable and made comfortable. The missionary, in stocking feet and guernsey, (he has been wet through) preaches to the small company who are crowded in the log cabin. A bed is made upon the floor, and there the missionary sleeps the sweet sleep of a tired man. For the past four days—i.e. since the Sunday storm—the contractors have been working steadily to make a passageway through the drifts on Smokey, and this night they succeed in getting through. But to-night another snow-storm of light snow and high wind fills again the track they had been so many days clearing.

Saturday is spent toiling from one house to another, forgetting his own repinings in trying to drive away the repinings of those who could not get to the woods to get firewood. The kind Newfoundland woman in whose log house the missionary puts up, frets because the "passon" has to bunk upon the floor; so the husband goes to the stage and takes the new boards with which he had covered it in, and in a short time quite a nice rough bedstead is made, sleeping in which was certainly more comfortable than on the draughtful floor.

On Sunday, school is held at 9 o'clock, morning service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 3, and evening service at 4 o'clock. All the Newfoundland people attend and quite hearty prayers and praise ascend to the Mercy Seat. After evensong, some two hours are profitably and agreeably

spent in singing hymns, some of the music being more original than correct. After prayers the people leave, the missionary goes to his "cabin," as they call his rough bedstead, and sleeps soundly until daybreak, when he goes to the stable where his horse has been comfortably put up; and finds that the contractors are already upon the road, breaking and shovelling the piled up snow. But it is impossible for them to get a path through in one day, so the missionary holds service again at 4 o'clock. On Tuesday morning the sun rose clear and bright, at times being quite warm. About 10 o'clock the missionary leaves Ingonish, waits in places upon the mountain until the drifts are shovelled through. At length the mountain is left behind, and the missionary goes on, walking, or rather ploughing, through the snow behind his horse. Several times his horse lies down. At last the poor beast can get no further because no track has been made for her. The missionary goes back to the foot of Smokey and hires one of the men with an ox to break a track for him, which he does for a mile, after which a track was to be seen. At 4 o'clock man and beast have a rest and something to eat; at 7 o'clock they put up for the night at the house of a hospitable Scotchman, who treats us kindly. We are now sixteen miles from Englishtown Ferry, and the missionary hopes to get across before dark. A long day it seemed, plodding so slowly and with such difficulty behind the horse. Just at dusk the ferry is reached, the horse is crossed, and both missionary and horse are well fed and well bedded for the night. Next day Baddeck is made by 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the missionary learns that it has been impossible for the other clergy of the Deanery to put in an appearance. He has been a whole week getting from North Bay, Ingonish, to Baddeck, a distance of 55 miles. Who would not be a missionary?

PUGWASH.—Courage during the excitement of war—the pluck which, on the moment, leaps into the water to save another—are both admirable. But the cool answer to the call of duty, which takes a man into the midst of "small pox" or other such diseases, is beyond praise.

We see, however, that Dr. Brine (son of the Rector of St. George's) has thus gone to the small pox patients at Alberton, P. E. I.—whom may God preserve!

The Church of England Institute gave their fourth entertainment, Feb. 19th, in St. Luke's School House. The programme comprised readings, singing, and musical selections, and was admirably carried out, Mrs. Clarkson and Mrs. Lowell being particularly excellent, and loudly encouraged. Mr. Hill's reading, as usual, brought down the house, and the musical selections by the Quintette Club were very well rendered, and much admired. We understand the club is under the management of the bandmaster of the 27th Regiment. There was a large audience, and all seemed to be very much pleased.

DARTMOUTH.—Board of Home Missions.—The Rev. Mr. Wright, now making a circuit of this Diocese on behalf of the above Board, addressed a meeting in Dartmouth, Feby. 13.

On the opening of the meeting Dr. DeWolf was elected as Secretary of the Board from the Parish of Dartmouth.

The Rev. visitor then addressed the meeting, pressing with great eloquence the claims of this Board (now representing the former Diocesan Society) upon Churchmen everywhere. He showed that its exchequer must be replenished, or "some of God's houses must be closed." His appeal was powerful, earnest, telling, and will be responded to. The Rev. gentleman is one of the most eloquent pulpit speakers that has visited this city for years. His simple but earnest oratory cannot fail to accomplish the end for which he was sent; and we are confident that, wherever his voice has been heard, the Board of Home Missions will be taken in hand by the people and its purposes accomplished.

His statement of the earnestness and self-sacrifice of most of the outlying and poorer districts of the Church, may well cause Churchmen in the city to reflect whether or not they have been doing their duty.

PICTON.—We see by the "Colonial Standard" that the Building Committee of St. James's Church, have advertised for tenders for the frame sheathing and wall stone of their new fabric. We echo the good wishes of the Standard, and "are pleased that the old and respected Episcopal congregation of Picton see their way clear in these difficult times, to exchange their time-honored church for a temple of God, more in consonance with the necessities of space and modern ideas."

HALIFAX.—Church of England Institute.—Quite an interesting debate on the question, "Which is the more valuable source of information, Traveling or Reading?" took place at the rooms on 26th February. Mr. D. D. Whiston opened, Mr. W. H. Wiswell responded, and were followed by eight other members. The casting vote of the chairman decided the argument to be in favor of "Reading." The next debate will be on Monday night, subject, "Was Charles I. justly beheaded?" Opener, Mr. Menger (affirmative) Rev. G. O. Troop, respondent (negative). Elocution class meets next Monday evening, March 3rd.

Diocesan Sympathy.—In several churches in this Diocese, on Ash Wednesday, prayers for the Diocese of Toronto were offered, that "a faithful and true pastor" might be placed over it. In more than one the Collect for St. Matthias day were used.

## FREDERICTON.

OAK BAY.—The deanery of St. Andrew's met at Oak Bay, parish of St. David, on Wednesday, 19th Feb. But in consequence of a heavy snow storm the previous day three of the clergy only were present. Matins were said by Rev. Mr. Gratten, of Holy Trinity, St. Stephen. Rev. Jos. Rushton, of Christ Church, St. Stephen, acted as organist. In the holy communion office the Rev. J. W. Millidge, missionary to St. David, was celebrant, with Mr. Rushton Epistoller, and Mr. Gratten Gospeller. Twenty-one parishioners communicated, in fact all who were present and qualified to partake of that sacred feast. The Rev. J. Rushton preached from Col. xi. 7, and was attentively listened to throughout. The clergy then adjourned to the house of Mr. Simpson, senior Churchwarden, where they partook of an excellent dinner provided by the kindness of Mrs. Simpson. At the meeting afterwards Heb. iii. 1st to 10th verse was read in the original and discussed. At evensong the Rev. J. W. Millidge said prayers, the Rev. Mr. Gratten read the Lessons, and afterwards the Rev. Joseph Rushton gave a forcible and telling address to the people on the necessity of awaking to the fact that they must do something more than they had heretofore been in the habit of doing for the support of our clergymen. He told them they had only \$200 a year to raise, and that it would be a shame and a disgrace to them forever if, through the want of that small sum, their handsome church should be closed, and they themselves deprived of the ministrations of the religion in which they had been brought up. Rev. Mr. Gratten followed with a few well chosen remarks, and the day closed with the hymn, "Abide with me."

## MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Church of St. John the Evangelist.—On the evening of Thursday, 20th inst., an entertainment was given in the school room, of an interesting and attractive character. Mr. E. F. King, gave a reading.—The tableaux of "Romeo and Juliet" were presented.—Mr. Gratten gave a violin solo, accompanied by Dr. MacLagan, on the piano. The attendance was large.

BOSCABEL.—The Rev. C. P. Abbott was waited on at the Parsonage, on the 11th inst., by a large number of his parishioners. Ninety persons were said to be present. They provided their own supper, and left as a donation, \$22.00 in cash and other articles to the amount of \$23.00; making in all \$45.00.

WATERLOO.—At the regular meeting of St. Luke's Church Association, the Rev. W. W. Nye,