

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—PERSONAL.—Rev. V. E. Harris was in town last week, urging before the B. H. M. the necessity of a grant for a travelling-missionary in his deanery. Many of the parishes in the deanery had pledged certain amounts to this purpose, and it was proposed to supplement them by a grant from the B. H. M. We wish the rev. gentleman success.

Rev. A. J. Townsend is still suffering from the effects of his recent painful accident, and is unable to perform his duties in the Garrison Chapel. The Chapel is now re-opened, and the Sunday duties have lately been performed by His Lordship the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Hill, Rev. H. G. Winterbourne, Rev. W. H. Sampson and Rev. W. C. Wilson. We sympathize with the Garrison Chaplain in his lingering illness, and wish him a speedy return to health.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The programme for the year has been printed and circulated. The first meeting took place in St. George's School-room last week, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, only eleven teachers were present. The next meeting takes place at the Masonic Hall on April 7th; it will be a social re-union.

A COMPARISON.—Dispensary Sunday in Halifax is a test day for showing liberality to a worthy charity in town, and collections are taken up in nearly all the churches for the laudable purpose of providing medical attendance for the necessitous poor. This year, as usual, the Church is far ahead of all the other denominations in its offerings to this work. This is worth noting, especially as the members of the Roman Catholic body, Baptists and Methodists receive the greatest amount of charity from the Dispensary. On examining this year's report, your correspondent has taken the trouble to classify the collections, and here is the result:—

From Church of England	\$568 75
“ Roman Catholic	407 30
“ Presbyterian	254 90
“ Methodist	100 00
“ Baptist	61 09
“ Universalist	21 32

It will be seen from the above that the English Churches in town gave over one-third of the sum collected, and this, too, without the aid of collections from Trinity, Three Mile Church, and the North-West Arm Mission. The collections from our churches are as follows:—

St. Luke's	\$168 78
St. Paul's	149 00
St. George's	81 00
St. Mark's	67 00
Garrison Chapel	57 00
Bishop's Chapel	39 57
St. Matthias' Mission	6 40

The above is a very satisfactory showing for the Church, and we gladly give her full credit for the same, and hope that the Halifax secular papers will do likewise.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—A large number attended the adjourned meeting of the Institute last week. The gathering seemed to be enthusiastic over the proposition to proceed at once to obtain a building worthy of the Church in Nova Scotia. T. Brown, Esq., in a thoughtful, business-like speech, detailed a plan for at once securing an appropriate building, and a strong committee was appointed to work up the affair. The following resolutions were passed:—

“That a committee be appointed to take immediate steps to raise a fund for acquiring a permanent building for this Institute.” Also,
“That the Building Fund Committee be in-

structed to prepare a report to the Council, for submission to a general meeting of the Institute, giving a detailed statement, showing what accommodation is required by the Institute, where and when it can be obtained, and at what cost; and the system they propose for raising the funds required.”

The subject of affiliation of kindred local Institutions; and also that of privileges to be accorded to honorary members, were referred to the Council, their action to be submitted for approval to a general meeting of members.

St. GEORGE'S.—A Benefit Society has been started in the parish for the workingmen. An entrance fee and monthly dues entitle each member to a weekly allowance in time of sickness, and a grant in case of death. The society, if carried on in a careful business-like way, will be of great service to workingmen.

AMHERST.—Rev. Isaac Brock officiated in Christ Church on Sunday, the 15th inst., having exchanged with the Vicar, Rev. V. E. Harris. The subject for the morning service was taken from Genesis iii. 15, and in the evening he delivered (by request) the same sermon that he preached before the C. E. I., Halifax, a few weeks ago, “Her clothing is of wrought gold.” This excellent sermon, so earnestly and impressively delivered, will no doubt be long remembered by the large congregation who had the pleasure of hearing it. On Monday evening, the rev. gentleman gave an able and interesting lecture in Music Hall, under the auspices of the Young Men's Literary Club, on “Genesis and Geology,” taking up the successive days of creation, and comparing them with the testimony of the rocks. A Band of Hope and Mercy has been successfully organized by the Vicar. Although under the fostering care of the Church, yet it is not necessarily confined to the children of the Church, but all are cordially invited to join; it numbers about forty, and is still increasing. The parishioners are as one in regard to the necessity of securing a vicarage at once. The site has been selected, and work will commence as soon as practicable.

SHIP HARBOR.—On Thursday, March 12th, a new Church was opened in the parish of Ship Harbor, of which the Rev. Jas. Lowry is Incumbent, at what is known as Busar's Settlement. The place is prettily situated on the sea-shore, near the entrance to Musquodoboit Harbor, on the east side. At half-past two o'clock, the little church, which will seat rather more than 100, was nearly filled, and divine worship was commenced by the Incumbent taking evensong. The Rev. E. H. Ball, of Tangier, read the lessons and preached upon Genesis xviii. 17, “This is none other than the House of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” The preacher urged the lesson of realizing God's presence as a foundation for reverence, worship, prayer and praise, till they should so learn their church services as to find them their heaven upon earth. The church consists of nave 28 x 21 ft., with chancel 16 ft. square, porch and vestry. Roof and windows are well painted, and the emblem of salvation is to be seen both outside and inside the building. The Church people of the place seem to heartily appreciate their new blessing, one of the oldest inhabitants especially, who for upwards of thirty years most regularly attended service in old St. John's Church, walking there and back 18 miles for each of the 18 services then yearly customary. Now, St. John's has a weekly service, and Busar's itself 12 or 15 annually. The priest in charge of the parish is faithful in teaching Church doctrine, his extempore sermons set forth Christ crucified with earnestness and ability, and his labours are so untiring that these open graces need no question to be raised as to what is the secret of his success. Towards the building of the church the congregation have worked zealously, the only help they have received being \$200, which consisted chiefly of a grant from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to which so many other country congregations are indebted for the like kindness.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

KINGSTON.—A concert was given in Trinity Church, on Thursday, the 12th inst., and though the travelling was heavy, still the hall was well filled. Among the performers, who all did admirably, special notice must be made of a duet, “Whispering Hope,” sung by Mrs. Henry Titus and Mrs. C. Chandler, and well rendered; also a duet, “Mother, can this glory be,” by Mrs. Paddock and Mrs. Chandler, very tastefully given; solo, “Eileen Allanna,” by Mrs. Titus, who responded to an encore with “Baby Mine”; trio, “Tenting on the old camp ground,” by Mrs. Paddock, Mrs. Chandler and Rev. H. S. Wainwright; a song by Mrs. J. Nutter was nicely given, also one by Miss Cosman; Master Cosman amused the audience with a comical song called “Jockey Hat and Feather.” Several young children performed and did well. Some select readings were given by Miss Cathline, Rev. H. S. Wainwright and Mr. A. Baird, of Gagetown. The instrumental part of the performance was well rendered by Miss M. Langstroth and Messrs. Hoyt. It was announced that this was the last concert of the series given in connection with Trinity Church.

MONCTON.—Bishop Kingdon was in Moncton on the 16th inst., according to announcement, and his presence had the effect of bringing out larger congregations than usual in St. George's Church. His Lordship is very popular with the people here and his frequent pastoral visits are evidence of the great interest he takes in the affairs of the diocese.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our special Correspondent.)

A special meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec was held on Thursday the 12th instant at 3 p.m. the Bishop presiding. There was a very fair attendance. Among those present we observed the following, Rev. G. V. Housman, Rector of the Cathedral, Rev. Thomas Richardson, Secretary, *pro tem*, Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, Rector of St. Michael's, Rev. Robert Ker, Rector of Trinity, Rev. Mr. Petry, Rector *pro tem* St. Peter's, Rev. Mr. Williams, Assistant at St. Matthew's, Rev. E. W. A. King, Rector Trinity Church, Messrs. Lewis, Vesey, Captain Carter, Judge Hamilton, Smith, Pratten, Mareer, Dr. Marsden, Hall, Richardson, Price, Wurtle, Irvine, Jones, Walton, Smith, &c.

As the object was one of more than ordinary importance we have deemed it right to devote our more than usual amount of space to the report, particularly as the document given below is of historic value to the Diocese of Quebec, and the whole question can hardly fail to possess an indirect interest to the Church at large. “The Quebec System” as it is called, possesses the great advantage of doing for the clergyman what it proposes to do, and therefore everything tending to impair or increase its usefulness is carefully watched by the Laymen whose ability and business capacity have nurtured it into health and life. The advertisement calling the meeting set forth as its object the following:—

In Article XIII to erase all the words from “That from and after First day of January, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three,” down to “shall not be less than Six Hundred Dollars per annum,” and to substitute,—

That from and after the First day of January, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Five, the scale of Stipends to the Clergy serving under the Diocesan Board shall be as follows:—

\$600	per annum for the first five years.
\$650	“ “ after five year's service,
\$700	“ “ after ten year's service,
\$750	“ “ after fifteen year's service,
\$800	“ “ after twenty year's service.

Also, by adding after the above,—
Provided nevertheless that in the case of Missions possessing Local Endowment Funds, the scale of payments to the Missionary shall be re-