

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Bishop of Nova Scotia purposes holding Confirmations along the Eastern coast of the Province and in Cape Breton, in July and August. Definite appointments will be made hereafter, but the first Confirmation will probably be at Antigonishe about the middle of July.

HALIFAX.—On Thursday morning in the Cathedral, at an early service (7.30 a. m.), the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted to the office of a Deaconess in the Church of God Miss Forsyth, a daughter of the late Dr. Forsyth, of Bridgetown. The lady is in every way qualified for her work, having been thoroughly trained abroad. The service was somewhat similar to the ordination of a Deacon. The candidate was presented to the Bishop, sitting in his chair in the choir, and after having answered a number of questions of a like import with those put to candidates for Deacon's Orders, the Bishop laid hands upon her head and set her solemnly apart for the Scriptural and Apostolic office. Afterwards the newly ordained Deaconess, with the clergy present, and a considerable number of the faithful laity, partook of the Holy Eucharist. This is, we believe, the first Deaconess ever ordained in Canada. May the number soon rapidly increase.

HALIFAX.—C. W. M. A.—This society of women which has grown out of its infancy and its day of small things into a strong and vigorous and highly successful and truly valuable Missionary Association, held its 15th annual meeting on Wednesday last, his Lordship the Bishop in the chair. It has become an important auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, and will yet, we trust, embrace many women within and outside Halifax, who have as yet done little or nothing to advance the Home or Foreign Mission work of the Church. The Report of the Secretary, Miss Bullock, which we give below, tells its own story, in a way that will bring credit upon herself and co-workers:—

CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, 1882-1883.

In submitting once more the Annual Report of our work we give thanks to our God that for another year He has kept our Society in prosperity, and its members in amity, and in placing in your Lordship's hands the result of our exertions, we pray the Master to continue in us a willing mind to do lowly service in His Vineyard, and accepting our free-will offering, to consecrate it and us by His availing merits.

Our year has been most prosperous. The grant of \$700,—you will remember it was made \$700 at the meeting, the original grant being \$600—has been met, and we are glad to report a very good balance still in hand.

The Mite Boxes which were begun as an added effort, have become almost the back-bone of our Society—and are very satisfactory, and our "Little Gatherers," of which we wish we had many more, may claim a large share of credit in effecting this result by the zeal and enthusiasm with which they planned and carried through the Bazaar which in its deserved success helped to fill our Treasury. Our list includes other *Little Workers* who have done well, and we want more of His favoured *little ones* to engage in work for Him.

You will all be interested to know the contents of the different Mite Boxes:—Mrs. McCawley, \$2; Mrs. Clerke, \$4.50; Mrs. Francklyn, \$5; Miss Adams, \$9.65; Wilhelm Crane, \$2; Mrs. Alfred Jones, \$4; Mrs. J. D. H. Browne, \$3.15; Mrs. Cowie, \$3.47; Mrs. Murray, \$3.3; Mrs. Pineo, \$1.79; Miss Louise Wallace, \$4.4; Miss Binney, 11.34; Master Arnold Wylde, 88c; The Little Gatherers, \$203.93; The Little Helpers, \$6.75; Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Donaldson, Miss Locke, not returned; Miss L'Epousie, \$6; Miss Perley, \$226; Mrs. Boggs, \$7; The Misses Marvin, \$3.64; the Misses Bullock, \$36.54; Miss Shreve, \$7.79; Miss Archibald, \$10; Miss Story, \$3.5; Miss Annie Romans, \$9.4; Mrs. Geo. Davis, \$4.

26; Mrs. B. G. Gray, \$1.18; Mrs. C. J. Wylde, \$4.73; Mrs. Lawson, \$188; Miss Jessie and Katie Fishwick, \$1.40; Miss Beatrice Almon, \$3.68; Miss Mary Almon, 396. Total, \$548.33.

The present appropriation of the fund of the C. W. M. A. is—Travelling Missionary, C. B., \$200; Lockeport, \$200; Clementsport, \$150; Louisburg, 100; Spring Hill, \$100. Total \$750.

The sums allotted exceed the annual grant for the year, but can be paid out of it in consequence of partial vacancies.

Neither the grant to the Cape Breton travelling Missionary nor to Lockeport can be immediately reduced, but at the end of a year it may be possible to diminish the grant to the Travelling Missionary by \$50. Clementsport will also be reduced, but without a grant from the Association neither it nor Louisburg nor Spring Hill would have been kept open.

Mr. Gibbons has been in England for several months having obtained there a clergyman to take charge of his mission—in the mean time, and by funds collected he will be able to build a much needed church and parsonage and secure a small permanent Endowment.

Clementsport which had sadly fallen off is now very promising under the care of Mr. McCully, who is working with much zeal and judgment.

Louisburg is doing very well under Mr. Draper, and it is hoped that a parsonage will at last be provided there.

Mr. Croucher has succeeded Mr. Churchward at Lockeport, but even with the aid of the grant, a very inadequate income is secured.

Spring Hill is vacant, but will be occupied by one of the deacons newly ordained.

When we regard the great and growing needs of our Home Missions, and know that the bounty so long bestowed by the liberal hand of the Mother Church in England is growing less and less, we share, as far as we may, your Lordship's anxiety, lest *now* any open church be closed, and a famine of the Word be felt in any Mission where that Word is now preached, and the Sacraments of that Word are ministered, and while we admit to ourselves that we can render but small aid in staying such a calamity, yet we claim the privilege as disciples of our Lord and daughters of His Church to do what in us lies to provide for those who cannot provide for themselves the means of grace, and to help in carrying out the gracious proclamation, "To the poor the Gospel is preached." In the practical department of our Association, we have to record with deep regret a very serious loss, and the resignation of Mrs. Pryor and Miss Brown, after 14 years of cheerful, patient, skilful handiwork, has made a gap in our Society which it will be very difficult to fill. Although they are leaving us as the cutters out of the work *par excellence*, we feel sure that in any case of emergency they will be quite ready to give a helping hand. They have the heartfelt thanks of all our members, and have, too, the gratitude of all who have benefitted by their care and cleverness.

We shall be glad to welcome again among us, as one of our committee, Mrs. Conrad Sawyer, who, though far away, and in much sorrow, never lost her interest in the Society, and who always remembered it in a substantial manner.

We have had both the usual offertories from St. Luke's on the Feast of the Purification, and on the Annunciation.

In reviewing our existence as an Association for the last 14 years, we see much to make us thankful, keep us humble, and induce us to persevere in the aim which is the bond of our union and the object of our society.

Many pleasant memories mark the path along which we have travelled together, many tender ones too, of those who have fallen from our ranks who have been called from their work here to the rest of Paradise, and a happy consciousness that our offerings have been blessed and used for the benefit of souls by Him who measures all gifts by motive, and accepteth according to that we have, dissuades us from repining that we are still in our day of small things, and makes us content to use the "trivial round and common task," for our association to bring ourselves and others nearer the good Lord who loves us all.

THE CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER.

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1883.		
May 23.	To amount paid the Lord Bishop.....	\$ 700 00
	" balance on hand.....	437 64
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1882.		
May 24.	By balance from former statement....	\$ 288 30
June 30.	" interest Savings' Bank.....	24 82
1883.		
May 22.	" Offertories St Luke's Cathedral— Festivals of the Annunciation and P. V. M.....	15 00
	" Work and subscriptions to date.....	261 19
	" amount collected in Mite Boxes....	548 33
		\$1137 64

1883. May 24. Balance carried to new account.... \$437 64

Several resolutions were then moved and seconded by members of the C. W. M. A., and one embodying a vote of \$800 to the Bishop for missionary work in the coming year was received with much pleasure, not only by His Lordship, but by all the ladies present.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SHEDEAC.—The usual quarterly meeting of the Deanery of Shediac took place at Shediac, on the 16th inst. Divine Service, with a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, was held at St. Martin in the Woods, at 10.30 a.m., at which the Dean was celebrant, and the Rev. C. F. Wiggins the preacher. After Service and bodily refection, the Chapter met in the Library of the new Rectory. The clergy present were—the Rev. the Dean and the Rector, H. H. Barber, and the Revs. A. Hoadley, W. B. Armstrong, J. R. Campbell, and the Secretary, C. F. Wiggins. The Chapter being opened in due form, received a Report from the Dean that his Lordship the Metropolitan was pleased to fully endorse the application of the Deanery to the Bray Association for an additional grant of books. The Dean also reported a *third* ineffectual attempt to obtain an answer to letters to the ex-Secretary concerning the official books of the Deanery. It was presumed that the *mail* appointments in that moving country must be very imperfect. The late Act of the Legislature with regard to the Church Bill placed before them for confirmation, called forth a good deal of discussion, which resulted in the following Resolution, moved by Rev. J. R. Campbell, and seconded by the Rev. H. H. Barber:—

"In view of the rejection by the Upper House of the Legislature of the Province of the Bill unanimously assented to by the Synod of the Diocese, that the clergy in the Deanery of Shediac deprecate the Synod proceeding again to the Legislature for the powers of government any further than is absolutely necessary."

Passed unanimously. It was also moved that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the CHURCH GUARDIAN and *Daily Globe*. It was moved that the thanks of this Deanery be gratefully accorded to the Dean for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the last three years. The Dean made a suitable reply. In view of the Dean's unwillingness to receive office again (holding as he did, that the office should be confined to those in charge of regular cures) the Rev. J. R. Campbell was proposed and unanimously elected as Dean for the next term of office. The next meeting was appointed to meet in Moncton during next Ember Season. The Lecture was taken from Luke xi., 29, 37.

In the evening, a very successful Missionary Meeting was held in the Church, at which Addresses were delivered by the clergy. The opening Address on "the wonderful increase and development of the Church during the last four years," was delivered by the Secretary; this followed by an Address from the Dean, on "the Love of Christ shewed forth by the Christian life"; the 3rd was delivered by the Rector of Moncton, the subject of which was "the Arts and Sciences and the discoveries of modern research as they tend to the confirmation of the Bible and