

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**DEANERY OF KINGSTON.**—The fourth annual service of the Choral Union of this Deanery was held at Sussex, Wednesday, January 25th, and showed improvement in many respects upon those held in former years. The full practice of choirs took place at 10.30, A.M., and was attended by about 100 members of the various choirs,—the following parishes being represented: Hampton, Kingston, Norton, Rothesay, Springfield and Sussex. The members from Gagetown and Greenwich were unable to attend on account of the distance. After the practice, the visitors were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Medley and the ladies of Sussex at the Rectory. By the time luncheon was over, the very pretty three bell peal, which has quite lately been placed in the Church, were ringing for service, and shortly after three the clergy entered, the choirs singing the hymn "Ten thousand times ten thousand." Both the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, and the Right Reverend the Bishop Coadjutor of Fredericton were present, together with most of the Clergy of the Deanery, and Revs. D. Forsyth, of Chatham, J. M. Davenport, of St. John's Chapel, Portland, and A. Howland, of Moncton. His Lordship the Bishop-Coadjutor said Prayers, Rev. D. Forsyth the First Lesson, the Metropolitan the Second Lesson; Canon Medley as usual conducted, using a new litan, presented after the practice by the members of the Choral Union. The preacher was Rev. John M. Davenport. Everything went well; the Anthem was Mendelssohn's "How Lovely are the Messengers," and had evidently been well worked at. The hymns were—"Oh what the joy and the glory will be," "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," and "The Roseate Hues of Early Dawn," sung as a recessional. The collection, for the purposes of the Union, amounted to \$18.00. After a very happy day, the choirs returned on their several ways, not, it is to be hoped, without having gained much good from the service and from the practice which it has entailed.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Chapter was held at Upham, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 31st of January and 1st February. There were present besides Rev. S. J. Hanford, rector of Upham, Rev. Canon Medley, R. Dean, Rev. E. A. Warneford, Rev. D. W. Pickett, Rev. H. Wainwright, Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rev. J. De W. Cowie, besides the regular scripture readings and papers and discussions thereon, a paper upon preaching was read and the subject discussed. Also, steps were taking in the direction of forming a Sunday School Teacher's Association. The Choral Union accounts were presented, and shew a good balance in hand, and the old officers were re-elected. There was a good attendance at Evensong on Wednesday, and addresses on Sacred Places and Sacred Services were given by Rev. D. W. Pickett and Rev. J. H. Talbot, respectively. The celebration of the Holy Communion, at 8 a. m. on Thursday Morning, was also attended by many of the parishioners, and an address upon the Eucharist was delivered by Rev. E. A. Warneford.

**MISSION OF SPRINGFIELD AND NORTON STATION.**—A short time since some members of the congregation of the new church at Norton Station drove over to the Rectory at Springfield and made and put down a very handsome wool carpet in the dining-room, thereby adding very greatly to the comfort of the house and testifying also to the good will and good feeling which must always be the greatest comfort in a missionary's life. Recently some of the parishioners of Springfield, to the number of about 120, took tea at the Rectory, and after spending a pleasant evening in conversation, music and singing, left behind them a present of sixty dollars, thus adding one more to the many acts of kindness and sympathy which have strengthened the Rector's hands and gladdened his heart in the past.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**GRANVILLE.**—The church-people of Granville Ferry met at the residence of the Rector on Wednesday evening Jan. 31st, and after spending a pleasant evening and partaking of a sumptuous tea provided by the ladies, made up a purse of \$60, which was presented by Mr. Samuel McCormick to the Rector. The sum of \$8 was also presented to Mrs. Greatorex. During the day 9 loads of wood, one load of hay, beef, pork, butter, &c., were sent in from the farmers in the Parish Church District. Such substantial proofs of good will and esteem are very encouraging to the Rector, especially as his stipend is not diminished on account of the donation, but is paid regularly and promptly at the Ferry every quarter. The face of Mr. William McCormick, who usually takes so much interest in these gatherings, was missed, he being unfortunately confined to the house by a severe cold. It is needless, however, to say that his name stood conspicuously in the list of donors. Several members of the denominations were present and contributed, a sure proof of the kindly feeling which has ever existed at Granville Ferry between them and the Church of England.

**ANTIGONISH.**—St. Paul's Church was neatly decorated for the Christmas Festival. Such a work as this could not be easily accomplished in recent years. In fact nothing of the kind has been attempted for perhaps a quarter of a century. Anterior to that period it is almost needless to say, that at least in this portion of the Diocese the "Box and Pine" were not considered suitable concomitants for Holy worship. Double festoons of spruce, the upper one smaller in size, were carried around the walls of the Nave, suspended at the junction of wall and roof, and following the contour of the bays, which had more than the ordinary pretty effect. The words of the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* encircled the Nave underneath the festoon, in spruce letters. There being no chancel the east wall of the Sanctuary receives its ornamentation in the

following order: A star is placed well up in the apex of wall, with the word *Emmanuel* at a proper distance below it. Then over the Triple Lancets of the east window are placed the words *Holy, Holy, Holy*, and on each side of the window, hang beautifully executed shields containing respectively, "Behold the King Cometh;" "Christ the Lord." Neat trimmings of spruce also ornament the Reading Desk etc., while the east window is stripped of its slit blinds and received a coat of paint. The ornamentation was executed under the supervision of the Messrs. Brine who were assisted by a band of willing workers. Rev. Mr. Brine has been able to give frequent services in this Church, which is a great blessing to good Churchmen, but the anticipations of overflowing congregations have not yet been realized.

**NEW ROSS.**—At the 3rd Annual Sunday School Christmas Tree Festival, over 107 members of the Sunday School Teachers and Scholars, came forward to receive their gifts and all went away apparently delighted and satisfied: collection for W. & O. F. 33 cents. Though two full congregations assembled for the following Sunday Services, yet, on the Feast of the Circumcision, when a choral celebration was held at 10 a. m., 32 communicants besides many others attended the observance of the Christmas Octave. In addition to all that our people have tried to do for their Church respecting the new sittings, and for their pastor in having given him the largest quarterly return of salary ever raised here, they have by hearty united efforts enabled him to send in for B. H. M. \$32.96, the Sunday School Army chests alone, though but 27 in number and only given out last October, having accumulated over \$8.00. Therefore the Missionary, with gratitude to God for so signally crowning his efforts, is resolved to go ahead with redoubled energy and determination in the agreeable and interesting work of this mission.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

**AYLMER.**—The widow and family of the late Rural Dean Robinson desire to thank the people of Aylmer for the many kindnesses which they have received from them, and especially for the very handsome Christmas offertory, amounting to \$104.00, of which they were made the recipients.

**GRANBY.**—On Wednesday evening, the 17th January, the young men of St. George's Church, Granby, met at the Rectory and formed an association to be called "St. George's Literary Club," and at an adjourned meeting held on the 22nd adopted by-laws for its government. The following were elected officers for the year 1883: W. H. Robinson, President; H. G. Warren, Vice-President; F. G. Farwell, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. W. B. Longhurst, Chaplain; M. A. Villie, N. A. Cole, Angus McLean, Committee. The object is mutual improvement of its members and to cultivate an interest in good works. It starts with a membership of twenty.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

[From our own Correspondent.]

**HAMILTON.**—St. Mark's.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara celebrated the rite of Confirmation on Sexagesima Sunday in this church to 18 catechumens.

St. Luke's Mission still remains unsupplied except by occasional clerical and lay services. It will be a sad collapse should this enterprising young mission degenerate into a Bible-class or Sunday School attached to the Cathedral.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

[From our own correspondent.]

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. G. S. Schneider, B.A., of Cain College, Cambridge, has entered on his duties as Assistant Professor of Divinity in Trinity College, Toronto.

**TORONTO.**—The Cathedral.—The Rev. Canon Dumoulin conducts the Wednesday evening services since Mr. Kainford's departure. One of the curates Rev. Dyson Hague has charge of the Young Men's Bible class on Sunday Mornings.

**PARKDALE.**—St. Mark's.—The Lord Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to a considerable number of candidates on a recent Sunday evening. The attendance was very large. This part of the city is advancing in material wealth and numbers with great rapidity. It is hoped the Church will keep pace with the growth and abundant prosperity around her.

**TORONTO.**—Grace Church.—The Anniversary Services of Grace Church Sunday School took place on the 21st of January. The Rev. A. H. Baldwin of All Saints, preached at 11 o'clock, addressing himself particularly to parents and founding his remarks on St. Matt. xviii, 6: "But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he was drowned in the depth of the sea." At 3 p. m. the Bishop delivered an address, in which he congratulated all concerned on their successful state of being. He said their School was one of the foremost in the city and had prospered wonderfully. All this had been accomplished by the untiring efforts of the teachers, and he hoped to see no relaxation of these efforts. At 7 p. m., the teachers were addressed by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, Curate of St. George's Church. Offertories were taken up at all the Services in aid of the Sunday School. Mr. Lewis has still to contend with Mr. Howland who has established "Our Bible Class," as he terms it in the parish. He has also organized a "Hope and Help" Society in connection with it, and talks of founding a "Home for the Aged Poor." Though an ardent worker and a liberal man as far as almsgiving is concerned, Mr. Howland it is alleged is tainted with Plymouthism, and seems to set up his own authority and mode of inculcating

truth against the Church's methods on every possible occasion.

**LINDSAY.**—St. Paul's Church.—The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Church have made the following appointments to office for the current year: Mrs. Jones, President; Mrs. Porteous, Vice-President; Mrs. Patrick, Treasurer and Mrs. Hood, Secretary. At their late bazaar the society made \$200 over expenses which was handed over to the building committee towards the proposed new Church.

**PORT HOPE.**—St. Mark's Church.—Thursday the 25th of January being the Conversion of St. Paul, was chosen as the date for holding the annual tea-meeting. Tea was served from 5 to 8 p. m. At 8 o'clock there was a musical entertainment, for which an additional charge of ten cents was made. It is a pity the clergy do not observe the Saints' days in the manner which the Church directs instead of appointing them for parish festivals, etc.

**BARRIE.**—Trinity Church.—The organ recital held here recently was a pronounced success. Mr. Carter of Toronto acted as organist and exhibited the quality and tone of the instrument to the best advantage. His rendering of the "March of the Israelites" was extremely good. A violin and organ duo "Traumer" by Messrs. Shanacy and Carter was given with great finish, taste and precision. The "Wedding March" and "Hallelujah chorus," besides other popular selections were well rendered. The vocal parts were taken by the combined choruses of the local churches who performed a very difficult programme to this evident gratification of all who were present.

**NORTH ESSA.**—The late Incumbent, Rev. W. W. Bates, was presented with a very flattering address and a purse of money previous to his departure from the parish, to take charge of Richmond Hill. While bidding his congregation farewell, Mr. Bates gave the following summary of the work done during the eleven years he had charge of the Mission. Visits to the sick and whole, 11,268; miles travelled, 57,600; Services, each involving a sermon, 3,260; other addresses 87; baptisms, 211; converts from those outside the Church, 7; prepared for confirmation 103; public celebrations of Holy Communion, 28; clinical celebrations, 77; communions made at public celebrations, 5,600; at clinical celebrations, 234; Marriages, 20; Burials, 74; one Church built and two repaired; two new organs; two stone fonts and two sets of Eucharistic vessels procured; and the Sunday School libraries increased by more than 300 volumes. He also said the people had raised for all Church purposes more than \$10,000, and exhorted them to make still more strenuous and successful efforts in the future in sustaining God's works.

**NEW LEGISLATION.**—Two Bills are now before the Provincial Legislature which if passed are likely to effect some changes in matters ecclesiastical in this Diocese. The first is an "Act to amend the Synod and Rectory, Sales Act affecting the Diocese of Toronto." Its main object is to vest all the rectory lands now held by rectors or to be hereafter acquired by the Church for the use of the clergy in the *Synod*, instead of permitting the properties to be vested in Trustees. The bill is strongly opposed by the congregation of James' Cathedral and has been petitioned against. They are of opinion that the endowment, which by legislation years ago, was divided as far as practicable among the city churches, must at all hazards be retained for their own use and selfishly refuse to give it up. Even if the proposed bill become law, this question will be fought out in a higher court it is clear, as the St. James' authorities care little for the welfare and prosperity of the Church in Toronto, and a great deal for their own selfish, congregational interests. Much of the endowment will likely be frittered away in legal expenses. The second act referred to is a "Bill to incorporate the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Philip and St. James." This grew out of a suggestion made by the Bishop in November, 1881, regarding the foundation of a Cathedral establishment which was afterwards referred to the Executive Committee. The bill gives power to procure a site and erect Cathedral buildings, or to convert one of the parochial Churches into a Cathedral Church. It also provides for the election of lay members of this corporation, gives authority to hold lands and to issue debentures and to fill vacancies caused by the death, resignation or removal of members. The Bishop of Toronto is to act as Dean and he is to be aided by the Archdeacons and Canon and by eight lay members, some of whom shall be elected by the clergy and four by the lay members of Synod. We believe it is the Bishop's earnest desire to have a Cathedral worthy of the name. He proposes to model it somewhat after the fashion of Truro Cathedral, and to have the chapter all active and earnest workers in some department of Church life and progress, acting (1) as his advisory Council in all matters diocesan and (2) being at his disposal for active Missionary duty throughout the Diocese. In fact it is the revival of the Cathedral system in its original design as a distinctive Diocesan institution.

**ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH.**—Your correspondent having lately spent a week in this Parish, desires to give you some interesting items concerning its formation, difficulties, and greatly blessed work, among the crowded poor in the west end of the city of Toronto. Rev. R. Harrison, M. A., is the Rector, but being devoted to scholastic and educational work, the sole charge of the parish is in the hands of Rev. Chas. Darling. This arrangement is, owing to the poverty of the parish, the happiest possible. The income of the Assistant is provided by funds of the parish, and the Rector's thoughtfulness towards his young Curate is daily evinced in the paternal and ever kindly interest that he takes in his parish work.

The record of the year has been the increase of the fabric of the church by an enlargement of the seating capacity to 300 and the addition of a commodious choir room and vestry. The choir, composed of 30 voices—15 boys and 15 men—and under the able direction of Mr. Plummer, who was for some years organist of Holy Trinity, Toronto, is undoubtedly the best in the city. We may add that Mr. Plummer's services, which extend even to the office of Sac-