

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

It will interest our readers to know that Good Easter, of which Mr. Kingdon is Vicar, is a parish containing a population of 581 souls. The stipend is £300, with a house. Mr. Kingdon was appointed in 1878. He was ordained Priest in 1869, and until his recent appointment as Vicar, he has been a Curate, with the exception of three years' service as Vice-Principal of a Theological School.

FREDERICTON.—We regret to learn that Mrs. Medley has been dangerously ill but are glad to know that she is now recovering. The Bishop also was quite sick before the meeting of the Synod.

The anniversary of the C. of E. Temperance Society was held on the 10th, with a good attendance considering the storm. H. F. Cropley, G. J. Bliss, G. R. Parkin and others spoke. Rev. G. G. Roberts preached an admirable sermon on temperance work as a part of Church work, and the sermon has been requested for publication.

Rev. A. H. Weeks having resigned the Parish of Queensbury, is spending the winter in Fredericton.

Rev. W. Shannon, late of Grand Falls, left Fredericton lately for Toronto, where he expects work.

Mr. H. E. Montgomery, Divinity Student, is assisting at New Maryland, where Church matters are progressing. A good work is also going on at St. Margaret's Mission, below Fredericton.

MADEIRA.—A very successful concert has been held here for the benefit of the Endowment Fund. This fund is steadily increasing each year. Other Rectors should follow Mr. Stirling's example in raising endowments.

WICKLOW.—The friends of Rev. J. E. Fluwelling, of Wicklow, gave him a handsome donation of \$67.00 recently. Many outside the Church of England were present and gave evidence of their appreciation of his work. Supper and speeches were in order during the evening.

STANLEY.—Nearly all the men being away in the lumber woods, the Rev. W. O. Raymond has followed them, and held service in the camps. At one camp service there were 45 men present. Within a radius of ten miles there are probably upwards of 500 men in the woods. The Parsonage is completed, and has been occupied for several weeks. It is in keeping with the Church, and is very complete. The success of this Mission shows the wisdom of dividing our unwieldy Missions, and placing active men in charge.

KINGCLEAN.—The services of Rev. Geo. Love, M. A., are much appreciated.

SPRINGFIELD, KING'S CO.—A number of the parishioners and attendants at the services in this Parish assembled at the Rectory last evening, and not only by their visit gave general expression to the good-will and friendly feeling, which happily exists throughout, but also made a handsome present to the Rector, amounting "in cash and kind" to about forty-five dollars. A very pleasant evening was spent in conversation and music, and we feel sure that it terminated in a splendid drive home over beautiful roads and by moon-light.

Parishes in which there still stands one of the substantial old-fashioned Churches, which they long to improve and preserve rather than to pull down and destroy, ought to send a committee to see the restoration of our Church in Springfield which, by the energy and zeal of the people, has been rendered thoroughly Church-like, comfortable and even handsome, and being now simply, though prettily, decorated after the custom of the season with hemlock and autumn leaves, looks, as many of the people say, better than they ever hoped or expected to see it.

WESTFIELD.—The Rev. G. G. Roberts, M. A., Rector of Fredericton, lectured in the Westfield Hall, Jan. 13th, to a large and appreciative audience, on "Homes and how to make them happy," the proceeds of which go to the parsonage building fund. G. Herbert Lee, M. A., of St. John, will deliver the next lecture Feb. 1st. The ladies throughout the parish have organized knitting and sewing societies with the same object in view, and are already at work in earnest. They are determined that Westfield shall not be in debt for its parsonage, and were greatly encouraged in their work, when informed that the B. H. M. had made a grant of \$100 for the same object. The ladies propose having a sale, with refreshments, on the parsonage grounds, on next Dominion Day. Some of the young ladies have asked for and received collecting boxes. They are not given in families where there are children having a Mission box. Men, women and children, are all busily engaged in Church work, and success must crown such earnest efforts.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

MISSION OF LOUISBURG, C. B.—The Rev. Charles Croucher, B. A., Rural Dean, Incumbent of Glace Bay, visited this Mission on the 29th December for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Eucharist in the several churches in the Mission.

On New Year's Eve service was held in the Church of St. Bartholomew, Louisburg, commencing at 11 o'clock p. m. The service consisted of Choral Evensong and Litany, with short sermons by the Deacon in charge. The sermon being concluded at 11.50 p. m., the remaining ten minutes of the old year were occupied in private silent prayer. At midnight the Te Deum was sung and immediately afterwards the Rural Dean commenced the office for the Holy Communion, which was also chorally rendered. The congregation present numbered over one hundred, and would have been much larger had it not been for the dangerous condition of the roads, which, being exceedingly slippery, rendered it impracticable for many of the older members, especially those living at a distance, to be present.

On the 1st January (Circumcision) Evensong, with sermon, was said in the Church of St. James, Main-a-Dieu, and on the morning of the Lord's Day the Holy Communion was celebrated. The Rural Dean preached an impressive sermon from the text Luke ii. 21. The church was filled to its full seating capacity at both services. The number of communicants was thirty-seven. At 2 o'clock p. m. in the afternoon of the Lord's Day, the Litany was read by the Rural Dean, and the children catechised by the Deacon in charge.

Evensong was said in the Church of St. Bartholomew, Louisburg. Sermon by the Rural Dean.

On Monday the Holy Communion was celebrated at 10 o'clock in the Church of St. Jude, at Lornaine. Sermon by the Deacon in charge. Number of communicants, twenty-one.

The total number of communicants in this Mission is one hundred and six and taking into consideration the fact before stated of the dangerous state of the roads, and also the distance at which some reside from the churches, the number of those who communicated at Christmas-tide is evidence that, although on account of the Mission being in charge of a Deacon, the opportunities of partaking of spiritual food in the Holy Eucharist are necessarily somewhat infrequent, still the people do not grow careless or indifferent nor allow their faith to fail.

The Rural Dean returned home Tuesday, 4th January, having, by his visit and ministrations, cheered and encouraged the hearts of all the faithful in this Mission.

RIVER JOHN.—Appeal in behalf of the Missionary Parish of St. John the Baptist.—As Missionary in charge of River John (which was originally an outpost of the Parish of Pictou, and was served by occasional visits from the S. P. G. Missionary of that place), allow me to set before your charitable consideration the following brief statement of our needs:—

A very poor wooden building was erected here about 48 years ago, which is not now tenable, and cannot stand much longer, and for which the present building in course of erection is a substitute, which will be entirely free as to the seats, and will accommodate about 300 persons. It should also be stated that the people here, within the last 15 years, (with very little help) built a very comfortable house for the Missionary, a Church at Tatamagouche, within the limits of the Parish, and another at Tatamagouche Road, between the Parish Church and Tatamagouche, and that the means of the people have been greatly

diminished, and that they cannot finish the present Church without help. We turn then to our wealthier brethren throughout the Diocese, with a good hope that the riches of their liberality will abound to the relief of our deep necessity; and that with their help we shall be enabled to raise, in God's honor, a humble, but fitting house for His praise.

We shall be thankful, dear brethren, to God and to you for whatever you can give us, be it much or little. Will you not, then, do something for this Mission among the poor, which, in its present needs, is poorer than any on our northern shores? Remembering that our Lord has promised that He will one day say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Yours, for His sake,
JAMES L. DOWNING,
Missionary at River John, Pictou, N. S.

KENTVILLE.—St. James' Church.—I am glad to notice a very large number of the Churches throughout the Diocese are reporting increased attention to their Christmas decorations, which in itself is a matter of congratulation, but as I observe no word from Kentville, I will, without going into details, report that St. James' Church never looked better, perhaps never quite so well as it does now. The work is all of the very best and executed with the finest taste. One wonders how time was spared from the various sources of amusement and business for so much labor as must have been devoted to the work. 'Tis true many of our most devoted workers of other days have transplanted themselves with their hands and their hearts to other localities, which have therefore benefited by our losses. I see in the Halifax papers that both at St. Paul's and at the Bishop's Chapel, the names of some of our old friends and fellow-workers were among those of the foremost in Church decoration. Some Churches also in New Brunswick have gained in the same way. Still it is due to Miss Webster and her kind assistants to say that in spite of all such drawbacks their excellent work gives the greatest satisfaction and pleasure. You already have a report from Wolfville. It is to Mr. Peters, of King's College, and his noble coadjutors in Wolfville that the praise is most justly due.

This Parish is certainly blessed with a good number of most active and willing workers. May their shadow never be less.

The musical portion of the services at St. James' is also at the present time worthy of the highest commendation, under the able management of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pyke, with the aid of a large and well-trained choir of excellent voices. These and all who are endeavoring to make the services of this Church attractive have their reward in the appreciation which is already shown by the large and increasing congregations that are now present.

Yours, &c.,
JAMES.

January, 1881.

BAYFIELD.—The Festival of the Epiphany.—As I intimated the other day with regard to the Christmas Tree, so I have to announce that it came off with great éclat on Christmas Eve at the Rectory. Through the generosity and kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. R. Henry, of Antigonish, and Miss Langille, of Bayfield, the Tree was literally loaded with the useful and ornamental, bearing gold and silver also. Every one of the scholars of St. Mary's Sunday School received presents. The teachers were not forgotten in the distribution, a pleasing feature being the presentation of a purse containing nothing but gold, to our Lay Reader. The Rector handed over the purse with a few feeling words, in which he spoke of the faithfulness of the Reader for over twenty years in this work in the parish. The Reader read a reply, couched in the most appropriate terms of thankfulness. The Rector and Mrs. MacDonald were not forgotten, sharing most abundantly in the valubles. The evening was spent most pleasantly, the visit from St. Nicholas, in full character, in the person of Annie Theresa MacDonald, distributing from his capacious pouches innumerable quantities of candy, apples, &c., created no little merriment.

I send enclosed for publication the Declaration of the American Bishops, (53 in number) one of the outcomes of the General Convention. It is so full of meaning, so logical and fearless, and withal so much allied to the Declaration

of the 100 Bishops at Lambeth that all will recognize it as issuing from a similar source of authority. In its certainty of the Church's Apostolical descent, it is Catholic. It accepts the validity of the consecration of the Catholic Bishops of Germany, it re-asserts the rule of the threefold cord of consecration of Bishops, it upholds the condition, as under the supervision of the Bishop of Edinburgh, of the great work of M. Loysen in France. It is a practical application of theology and history to modern demands. It deals with Romanism as it should be dealt with, not with hard words, but with hard facts. It exhibits what Reformers should ever bear in mind, that their work is not merely denial and rejection of truth, but that positiveness, primitiveness and purity are its chief elements. In connection with this Declaration it will not be amiss to give you a few figures from the statistics of their great American Church which had to wait for a century and a half for the Episcopacy from its Mother. For the year 1880 it reported 48 Dioceses, 16 Missionary jurisdictions, 65 Bishops, and 3,400 Clergy. About \$70,000 contributed for Mission work, and \$1,750,000 total offerings for religious purposes.

LENEXBURG.—On the Eve of the Epiphany, the Curate of St. John's, Lunenburg, was presented with a nice casebook by his Class for Religious Instruction, with the accompanying note:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—Will you please accept the enclosed as a small token of the regard and affection your Class have for you.

Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1881.

To which he replied:—

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY.

My Very Dear Friends,—I am, indeed, thankful for the nice present you sent to me last night. You could not have chosen, as a token of appreciation of my instruction, an article more needed. I am deeply gratified by the feelings of respect and affection which you express in your letter, and trust that I may never fail to merit them.

Believe me to be,
Yours, affectionately,
FRED. SKINNER.

This Class is nearly a year old, and numbers about 45 members.

EAGLE HEAD.—St. John's.—We are generally too fully occupied with the work of the Parish to find time to inform you of what we are doing, and are satisfied to leave to others the task of entertaining your readers with an account of local Church matters. However, an account of our Christmas work may show that we still form a part of the Church militant. The Parish Church of St. John having been permanently decorated by the Rev. C. E. Grosor during his Incumbency, will not admit of much additional decorations. Appropriate to Christmas, the decorations here consist principally of wreaths in the nave, and a sentence around the Church—"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." In the chancel, the text over the east window is "The word was made flesh." The Christmas service here was attended by the usual large number—all in this part of the Parish considering it a matter of duty to attend the services in foul weather as well as fair. A large number partook of the Bread of Life at the 10.30 celebration. Jackson's Te Deum was sung at this service, the organ being ably presided at by Miss Edna Hemenway, the lady who, for some time past, has devoted her attention to that department of Church work. The Christmas Eve service was also rendered heartily by good singing and hearty responses from the usual large congregation.

Mill's Village.—The Chapel at Mill's Village was also simply and tastefully decorated, and a service conducted at that place at 3 p. m. A chancel screen, which the many engagements of the Rector did not afford him time for superintending the completion of, will be erected at the Parish Church for the Festival of the Epiphany. A midnight service was held at the Parish Church, which was a novel feature in the work here, but was entered into heartily by the large congregation present. The service commenced at 11 p. m. After Evensong had been said, and a sermon preached by the Rector on Psalm cix. 96, a space of ten minutes was allowed for silent prayer, after which Jackson's Te Deum, in F, was sung, and the bene-

diction pronounced. Some improvements are in contemplation by the parishioners in connection with the Parish, of which you will be informed in due time.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—St. Paul's.—The annual examination of the Sunday School was held on Dec. 20, and the prizes were distributed by the Rector on Jan. 16th. The Superintendent offered prizes for the best papers on the Book of Common Prayer. The examination was held on the 18th inst. by the Rector and the Assistant. Eleven scholars competed for five prizes, and the order of merit of the successful competitors was as follows:—Carrie Wade, Charles Swabey, Robert Palmer, and Jane Sweeton and Amy Desbrisay equal. Some of the papers were of great merit. The organ is undergoing considerable improvement. New pedal pipes are added, and certain stops, and a swell are contemplated. If all the additions are carried out, the organ will be a good instrument; and the cost of the enlargement will reach about \$800.

CRAFORD.—St. John's Church was tastefully decorated for the Christmas Festival. Large congregations met together, morning and evening, to commemorate the Birth-day of the Child Jesus. On Christmas Eve, the Rector, on behalf of the congregation, presented Miss Clara Palmer, the efficient organist with an Address, accompanied with a purse, expressive of their appreciation of her much valued services. Miss Palmer's Reply, in which she thanked her friends for their kind wishes, was read to the congregation on a subsequent Sunday. A "Tree" at Victoria, on Monday, the 27th, for the scholars of the Victoria Sunday School, was well supplied with useful articles, candies, fruit, &c., by the lady friends of the school. J. P. Cooke, Esq., distributed the presents; books, as rewards were also given to each scholar. On Wednesday, 29th, rewards were presented to the pupils of the Springfield School, so ably looked after by Messrs Thomas and Robert Haslam. At the last meeting of the Bible Class, at Westmorland, the scholars of the Sunday School in that settlement were presented with rewards by the Rector. This school is conducted by two earnest young Churchmen, Messrs. William Collett and Crisp. Moore. Prizes were also forthcoming for the scholars attending the school in St. John's Church. The Rector, Rev. T. W. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston thankfully acknowledge the receipt of many kind presents from various members of the congregation.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MASCOUCHE RAPIDS.—The Rev. Josiah Bill has had presented to him a handsome Fur Coat, and the following address:—
17th JAN. 1881.

The Reverend Mr. Ball:
DEAR SIR,—The congregation of St. Michael's Church have great pleasure in presenting to you this fur coat as a small token of our appreciation for the manner in which you have always fulfilled your duties as our minister, which we hope you will accept. May our best wishes for the welfare of yourself and family accompany it.
I remain, dear sir,
Yours sincerely,
MATTHEW MOODY,
In behalf of the congregation.

FRELINGHUSA.—The Bishop Stewart Memorial Church is going on very well. The slating of the roof is completed; and the basement, as the lecture room, will be opened on the 29th of this month. The Rector, the Rev. J. Burrows Davidson, is unceasing in his efforts to push forward this important parochial undertaking, and is efficiently aided by Vestry and congregation.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Algoma Missionary News comes to us enlarged to eight pages, 9x12, with a new heading, and an experienced printer, we believe, from St. John, N. B. We would ask for it a wide circulation. All our people ought to know what is going on in Algoma, as appeals are yearly made for the support of Missions, Schools, &c., in the Diocese. The Bishop of Algoma is an earnest, hard-working man, sent out to his work without endowment of any kind for his Diocese, and sorely needing assistance