

News from the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

PARRSBORO.

The usual Carol Service was held in St. George's church on Christmas Eve, a very large congregation being present. Between carols, reading by the Rector, the "Adeste Fideles" was succeeded by "For unto us a Child is born," by Hutchings, "In the fields with their flocks abiding," "Carol Brothers Carol," the Anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest," a solo by Mr. Gillod, lately of Mission Church, St. John, and "Sing ye the song of praise," completed a service of song well rendered and reverently sung. On Christmas Day there were celebrations of the Holy Communion in the parish church at 8 a. m., and at the 11 o'clock service; and at Port Greville the Holy Communion was dispensed by Rev. C. deWolfe White.

In a good sermon upon the visit of the "Magi"—upon the first Sunday after the Epiphany, in the parish church at Parrsboro,—some very practical lessons were drawn forth by Rev. C. deWolfe White, the incumbent of Port Greville, amongst others the duty of the rich and well-born to devote the best they have to the service of the Church—not only of money and service, but of their sons for the Ministry. Note was made that few of the oldest and best families of Canada are proud to have a soldier son in the Ministry of the Church of Christ; a good hint, this, for our Bishops to act upon.

On January 2nd the Sunday school of St. George's had an entertainment in St. George's School Hall, upon the success of which the promoters and careful trainers are certainly to be congratulated. The opening chorus, "A Hungry Fox," was sung by children grouped upon the platform in white. A dialogue, "The Gossips," was calculated to do good in any community. The "Robber Kittens" was delightfully rendered, the littles ones having been trained for this, and "The Old Fashioned Courtship," by Miss M. Woodworth. The great feature of the evening was the fancy march and flag drill, beautifully and most correctly executed, the result of long and patient skilled training by Miss DuVernet, who also painted the "Sunflower Screen" Tableaux; a song by Mr. Gaillod, by Miss Beckman. "The Old Fashioned Courtship," by two little ones, was much applauded, as also a recitation by Mr. Harry Woodworth; "The Seasons," and God save the Queen completed a most enjoyable and successful entertainment. Besides the above mentioned ladies, especial thanks are due to Mrs. Gibbons, who instructed the children in the songs and dialogues, and to Miss Bossie Upham, valued coadjutrix to Miss DuVernet.

REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY, KING'S COLLEGE, 92-93.

The year just passed has been an exceptionally busy one for our Society, and we trust its members have done much to help those people who have no clergy of their own, that they may not be entirely without the services of the Church.

With great cause for thankfulness, we are permitted this year to report that death has taken no member from our midst. The number of active members, i. e., members resident in our University, is about the same as last year—several old members having left us, and new ones sufficient to fill up having come in. Among those who have left our ranks we have especially missed one who was among the founders of the S.M.S., who was always full of interest for

its welfare, and who was at the time of his removal our President. By his admission to Holy Orders last Trinity, Mr. Geo. Howcroft was called to more active work in the same cause and field, the better preparation for which this Society is, in part, designed.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.—The Constitution provides for a regular monthly meeting to be held on the third Wednesday in each month. For these meetings, which are held in turn in the rooms of the members, our Executive Committee endeavors to provide a short programme, consisting of readings on missionary work, papers by various members, or addresses by the Chaplain or some of our neighboring clergy. During the past year Prof. Vroom has addressed us on several occasions, and from without our immediate circle we have had the privilege of addresses—two from Canon Maynard, one from the Rev. Mr. Harvey, and one from Rev. Mr. Draper. That these addresses from experienced clergy are most helpful to us Divinity students, I need not say, and we would here express our warmest thanks to those who have so kindly favored us. In addition to our regular meetings, during last Lent, our Society, under the direction of the Chaplain, held devotional meetings. These meetings, simple though they were, for they only consisted of a hymn, prayers, and then a few words on some special department in the Christian life, were felt by all to be stimulating breaks in the midst of our hurrying College life. This much then for what might, I think, be called the passive side of the S.M.S.; and to turn to the active side.

LAY READING.—In this branch the Society has a considerable work to report. All through last winter and up to the Trinity ordination, the S.M.S. provided for two services each Sunday at Hantsport, one each Sunday at Falmouth, and one fortnightly at the Forks. Until the division of the Parish of Horton last Easter the Society further provided for two services at Wolfville, three Sundays in each of the months of January, February and March. Since that time we have occasionally held the services at Wolfville, and also occasionally at Kentville. A service has been held every Sunday evening, during the academical year, at St. Thomas' Church at the Three Mile Plains, and the Sunday School has also been held every Sunday afternoon. In addition to this regular work, our members have frequently been called upon to take services at other places for a Sunday, every now and then. During the long vacation, too, several of the students undertook lay reading in different parts of the Provinces, and in this way the S.M.S. has been able to give valuable assistance to our overworked clergy. Thus you may see the Society has had plenty of active work during the past year. But now that Wolfville, Falmouth, Hantsport and the Forks are provided for, though we may not but rejoice that they are, it necessarily takes away much work which was before in the hands of the S.M.S. At present the work at the Plains, both in Sunday School and the Sunday evening service, is kept up; we are also able to help our old President, Rev. Mr. Howcroft, and almost every Sunday one of our members goes to some portion of his Parish. In addition to this work, our Executive Committee are arranging for services both at Wentworth and also at Ellershouse, and we hope to be holding services at both places very shortly. Thus, as one portion of the Church is provided for, another is taken up.

Some may remember that in the Secretary's report last year reference was made to Mr. Khadder—our Arab from Jerusalem—and that the Society had guaranteed the sum of \$200 per annum, for two years, towards his education—that, having completed his course, he may labor as a missionary amongst the Jews in the East. That sum, we are pleased to say, has been subscribed, and almost all of last year's subscrip-

tions have been paid in. Mr. Khadder, lecturer on Jerusalem and the East, made an extensive tour through Nova Scotia during the summer vacation, under the auspices of the S.M.S., and met with great success. We, as well as Mr. Khadder, owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many friends who entered so heartily into this scheme, and who did so much to make the trip both pleasant and profitable to Mr. Khadder.

One more matter, and I have done. The S.M.S., believing that union is strength, and that one combined Missionary Society can do more for the advancement of Missionary zeal than many scattered ones, has recently joined the Church Students' Missionary Association—an Association which embraces all the College Missionary Societies of Canada and the United States. As a result of this step, two of our members will proceed to Montreal in January next and represent our Society at the annual meeting of that Association. This, you will see, is a most important move, as it brings us in touch with the Missionary spirit of the whole of Canada and the United States, and will thus tend to widen our sympathy and strengthen our position.

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QUEBEC.

The first number of the Quebec *Diocesan Gazette*; a Monthly Record of Church work for the Diocese, has been issued under the sanction of the Bishop, and looks well. We trust that it will prove successful, and be the means of great good. We take from its columns, the following items:—

Stanstead.—The Christmas services here passed off successfully at 10.30 a. m. and at 11 a. m. Holy Communion was celebrated, the former in All Saints' Church, and the latter in Christ Church. The total number of communicants at both, being 49. The weather was unpropitious, and doubtless prevented many from attending, who otherwise would have been present.

During December, the congregation at Libby's Mills presented the Rector of the Parish, Mr. Forsythe, with a handsome robe for his sleigh, thus evidencing their appreciation of his services.

Quebec.—The Cathedral, with the hearty concurrence of the select Vestry, new choir stalls have been erected in the Cathedral, at the expense of the Bishop, and the choir now sits in the body of the Church, instead of in gallery, as formerly. There is a daily Cathedral service in All Saints' Chapel, within the Cathedral precincts, at 9.30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Amongst the special preachers during this month in the Cathedral, appear the names of the Lord Bishop of Athabasca, the Bishop of the Diocese and Rev. Canon Von Iffland.

The Sunday evening services, are now fully choral.

The Rev. L. V. Lariviere, who for several years past has been in charge of the C. and C. S. French Mission work in the City of Quebec, has obtained leave of absence from the Bishop for 12 months and has gone to Florida.

Amongst the appointments of the Bishop of the Diocese for January are: Attendance at the Brotherhood of St. Andrews' Convention, in Ottawa, from the 17th. to the 23rd; 'Quiet Day' at Bishops' College, Lennoxville, on Jan. 24; Consecration of new Church at Hall's Stream on the 26th; Confirmation and other services at the same place and Hereford on the 28th, inst.