

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.

Amount already acknowledged.....	\$231 16
"Bridgewater".....	20 00
Mr. W.....	2 00
Miss Jost, Halifax.....	2 00
A. E. A.....	1 00
Mrs. McCawley, Halifax.....	2 00
Miss M. A. Denison, Wilmot.....	1 00
Forster Offering.....	10 00

Total to date.....\$269 16

EDWIN GILPIN, D. D., Treasurer.
Amount required, \$4000.

DIOCESAN ROOM.

Collections, Subscriptions and Donations received for the week ending, April 16th.

B. H. M. GENERAL PURPOSES.

Chester, \$4.50; St. Luke's, Halifax, \$13.00; Scaforth, \$7.00; St. Margaret's Bay, \$2.75; St. Paul's, Halifax, \$13.00; Rosette, \$5.65.

W. AND O. FUND.

St. Paul's, Halifax, \$4.00; Anonymous, \$2.00.
JOHN D. H. BROWNE,
Clerical Secy.

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Thank offering from St. Peter's Church, Alberton, P. E. I., to the Clergy Fund of the Algona Mission, per Rev. J. D. H. Browne, \$4.00.
WM. GOSSIP, Treasurer.

HALIFAX—St. Luke's.—This Church was beautifully decorated with flowers on Easter Sunday, and the congregations were very large. Collections were taken up for the W. and O. Fund, and the handsome sum of \$120.09 was realized at the three Services.

NORTH SYDNEY.—The Clergyman of Sydney Mines and North Sydney has lately been presented with \$75.50, voluntarily and cheerfully given by some Presbyterians and members of our Church, towards purchasing a horse. Such acts of kindness are very encouraging to every Clergyman. The disease Diphtheria in its worst type has, during the winter, attacked some families belonging to the Church, prostrating adult members so that at one time the doctor had little, if any, hope of their recovery, and taking away three young members. The Clergyman, at the very worst stage of the disease, was present in the sick room, administering the offices of the Church, feeling that he was at his *proper post, not making a martyr of himself, but doing his duty as God's ministering servant*. Our Lenten Services in each Church have been fairly attended. On Easter Sunday Morning there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in each Church.

PARISH OF HORTON.—Holy Week.—Special services have been held during Holy Week in St. James' Church, Kentville, and St. John's Church, Wolfville. The Rector, Rev. J. O. Ruggles, was assisted at Wolfville by Mr. Peters, of King's College. Daily services were held in both churches, and the excellent congregations proved that the people are good enough Church people to have heartily appreciated the services of the solemn season. The Rector delivered an address on each day upon some appropriate subject, and at the Parish Church a meditation was read at each service. The subjects for meditation on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were the "Four Last Things"—Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. On Good Friday, the service called "The Hours," or "The Seven Last Words from the Cross," was held in both churches. The people seem to love this service, if we may judge by the very large congregations, and it would be well if one so appropriate were more generally made use of. The beautiful special hymns, in Hymns A. & M., for this service, sung softly, add very much to the really deeply devotional character of the service. Mr. Ruggles and his helper may congratulate themselves on the success of their efforts, and feel thankful for the prompt and faithful way in which the people availed themselves of their opportunities at this time. Mr. Ruggles' earnestness and zeal are too well known to need comment, but he very much needs a permanent assistant in this large and unwieldy Parish. He cannot come to his congregation at Wolfville without driving—ere he arrives at his Kentville Rectory again—a distance of fourteen miles. Yet during each month he holds no less than nine services at the former place. The district between Wolfville and Hantsport is a grand field for Church labour and effort. About Grand Pre and Lower Horton

there are a large number of Church people who only need a resident clergyman and frequent services to make them devoted Church folk. Of course, it is quite impossible for the Rector to go to them very often, with his present arduous work. Last summer, when he was assisted by a lay reader, a weekly service was held in Lower Horton, and the people turned out well; and what was more, carried their organ with them, so that they might have their hymns and chants sung. And sung they were, and very heartily too. It may be interesting to say also, that a lady, a member of the Presbyterian body, most kindly allowed the Service to be held in her house. It is earnestly to be hoped that the Bishop may see his way to sending a Curate to this place ere long. The Easter Services in Horton Parish were as follows:—St. John's Church, Wolfville, Holy Communion 8 a. m., Mattins 11 a. m., Evensong 7 p. m.; St. John's Church, Kentville, Holy Communion and Mattins 11 a. m., Evensong, 7 p. m.

LOCKEPORT.—We write to you in the hope that what we have to say may meet the eye, and commend itself to the attention of any clergyman in the Dioceses of the Canadian Church who could or would "come over and help us" in our need. We have, under great difficulties, and after great effort, built a Church, of which His Lordship the Bishop has spoken in high terms of approval. We have a Sunday School, which is continually increasing in its number of scholars, and have, in connection with it, a valuable Library of useful and appropriate books. We have a body of volunteer teachers, enthusiastic and anxious to advance the knowledge of their pupils in Church principles and Godly living. We also have a volunteer choir, willing, efficient, and desirous to serve in the service of the Church; and, moreover, we have a congregation which is growing in numbers and in attachment to the Church, as shown in their strong desire for permanent ministrations. So far as to what we are. Now as to what we need. We need a resident clergyman of our own. On the removal, to our great regret, of the Rev. C. F. Wiggins from the curacy of Shelburne [in which parish Lockeport was then included], we petitioned His Lordship the Bishop to set off Lockeport as a distinct parish, taking in Lockeport proper, Upper Jordan and several other neighbouring settlements. This was at once acceded to, and we hoped to have secured the Rev. C. F. Wiggins as our first Incumbent. He had laboured faithfully and earnestly and won the hearts of all. In this, however, we were disappointed, and we have, since his departure, been without any services, except when the much beloved Rector of Shelburne, the Rev. Dr. White, or his Curate have been able to come and give us such help as their parochial duties would allow. We are anxious that the Church in this parish should be finally and thoroughly fixed and settled. We have arranged matters so that a sufficient stipend shall be forthcoming, and His Lordship the Bishop has obtained for us a grant from the Board of Home Missions, in addition to what we subscribe ourselves. We have sent these particulars to your paper in the desire and hope that this Easter [now so near] someone in Holy Orders may, for the Honour of Almighty God and the love of His Holy Church, come to us. While our faith in the providence of God is strong and true, we cannot see the Church-people of this place drawn away from the Church of their Baptism and of their affection without doing all in our power to obtain what we so much need; and that is a clergyman who, by ministering in Church, organizing the Sunday School, holding Bible Classes, and constant visitation, and all other means within his reach, would so give us all many blessings,—blessings which we earnestly desire, but which, as yet, we are all but deprived of.

We remain,

Yours, very sincerely,

JAMES E. RICHARDSON,
GEO. REDDING,

Church Wardens.

I desire to confirm the statements in the above letter. I have several times, during the last six months, ministered to, and visited the Lockeport Church-people. Their need of a Parish Priest is very great, and from what I have seen of them, I am quite sure a clergyman would be very happily placed among them, and would find them a warm-hearted and faithful flock.

JOHN R. S. PARKINSON,
Curate of Shelburne, N. S.

WINDSOR.—It affords me very great pleasure to inform you that at a meeting of the Vestry a few days since it was unanimously resolved that this Parish would send one hundred dollars as its answer to the appeal on behalf of B. H. M. The Parish this year has sent double the sum contributed to this Fund last year; but notwithstanding this, upon the exigencies of the Church being made known to them, cordially and unanimously they come to the rescue. Now, cannot many other Parishes do likewise? cannot some do much more without pretending that it would cost them anything? Is it not a standing disgrace to the Church in this Diocese that there should be any necessity for this appeal? but after the appeal made the apathy evinced is something startling. Surely every member of the Church will come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. I am very glad to have to tell you that our daily services during the whole of the Lenten Season have been much better attended than ever before.

ALBION MINES.—The services during Lent and Holy Week have been steadily attended by a certain number, which might have been larger even in this busy place. The New Glasgow Chapel has been well attended; but the kind and unknown friend who wrote last week must have worn rose-coloured spectacles while he looked at the Pastor and prospects. That the few Church people here will do their very best to build upon their new and well situated property, there is no doubt, but like the conies they are "a feeble folk," and will need a good deal of help before a church is ready for use—much needed as it is—our room being advertised for sale.

HALIFAX.—The number of Communicants at the several Parish Churches in the city on Easter Sunday was as follows: St. Luke's, 257; St. Paul's, 250; Garrison Chapel, 225; Bishop's Chapel, 130; St. George's, 103; St. Mark's, 85. This is a large increase over last year. These figures do not by any means represent the whole number of communicants in Halifax. In two or three of the churches there was no celebration; and in these the Holy Communion will be administered on Sunday next.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The concert in aid of the proposed Church of England Hall comes off to-day [Thursday], under the patronage of the Metropolitan and Mrs. Medley. Rev. Sub-Dean Alexander has been lecturing in the Church of England Institute Course, St. John, on "The Divisions of Christendom."

ALBERT COUNTY.—This fine County is still without a Missionary. The Church people are few in number, but the Church of England ought to have a representative there; and what is especially needed is the continuous occupation of the post. By these long vacancies in the Mission the Church loses all that is gained by a Missionary's labours in the past.

PERSONAL.—Our readers will shortly have the benefit of some valuable papers on "The Eastern Church," prepared by the Rev. Hubert H. Barber, Rector of Newcastle.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

We very gladly chronicle the fact that the Lord Bishop took occasion, at a recent Missionary meeting, to contradict very emphatically the recent utterances of one of his clergy, to the effect that the Church was decreasing in numbers and influence in England. His Lordship said that statistics the most reliable prove that the Church is growing and is full of life in the Mother land, never having been so active and aggressive.

LACHUTE.—The Right Rev. Bishop Oxenden has given the sum of £25 sterling towards the new Church which is building here, in answer to an appeal from Mr. Pallisar.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

It is stated that the Rev. Canon Jones of St. Albans Church, Ottawa, has been appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese.

STAFFORD.—The accounts from this Mission are very encouraging. The township of Stafford, and the extensive district surrounding it, might well employ the energy of more than one clergyman;

but the missionary is supported by faithful workers. Church buildings are being cared for and improved, and, in the case of St. Patrick's, nearly rebuilt, while the worshippers evince, by regular attendance and reverent behaviour, their appreciation of the privilege of the public worship of Almighty God. A most successful Sunday School has here been started, superintended by Mr. T. McLeod. The large increase of communicants in the several Churches is a marked feature of the progress in this Mission.

THE Bishops of Toronto and Ontario leave for England this week with the object of proceeding to Provost Whitaker.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

SARNIA.—The Indians have a small but very pretty little Gothic Church on the banks of the St. Clair River. They take great pride in it, and are generally regular in their attendance at the services. Morning and afternoon services are held every Sunday, and the Holy Communion is celebrated monthly. There are forty regular communicants. Many of these Indians are earnest and faithful Christians.

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THE Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., has felt compelled to resign the Rectorship of the Church of Holy Trinity, New York, on account of impaired health. The Rev. Dr. Watkins, of Baltimore [formerly a Methodist minister], is to succeed Dr. Tyng. This Church has nearly 2,500 communicants.

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JOHN CREELMAN,
Landlord Parker House.