

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received Jan. 26, from Rev. Dr. Bowman, St. I.
W. M. Gossmar, Treas. B. F. M., Dio. N. S.

KENTVILLE.—*St. James' Church.*—This Church was beautifully decorated for the happy Christmas Festival. A new reredos, of crimson plush, ornamented with hands and Maltese crosses of old gold and white plush, has been hung at the East end of the Chancel. On either side of the altar, against the crimson, is the sacred monogram I. H. S., each adorned with a gilt crown. The windows of the Chancel are heavily wreathed and panelled with white, and against each panel of the sides is a heavy green circle. In the centre panel is a large rich looking cross and crown of grey moss. There is a handsome cross of moss and berries and ferns on the reredos. There is above the reredos an illuminated banner, with the device, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." A light screen of moss and ferns fills the entrance to the Chancel. Several handsome gifts have been presented to the Church this year. Among these, are the two handsome banners for the desks. They are of white satin, with groups of white lilies painted on them. The pulpit hanging was a large stalk of Annunciation lilies, painted by Miss Peters. The beautiful set of bookmarks was painted by Miss Prat, of Kentville. The body of the church was neatly trimmed, and the walls brightened by coloured banners, with appropriate texts. The gallery front was also trimmed effectively with festoons and emblems. The font has a temporary cover of white moss and scarlet and green. Thanks are due to all who worked, and especially to Mrs. B. Harris, who superintended the work.

DIGBY.—At a Parish meeting in Trinity school house on Thursday evening, January 26th, 1882, the Rector in the chair, it was moved by W. B. Stewart, Esq., seconded by Mr. R. W. Ambrose, and unanimously resolved—That a Committee, consisting of the Rector and T. C. Shreve and R. S. Fitzrandolph, Esqrs., be appointed to draw up a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the family of our late lamented Vestry Clerk, W. H. Taylor, Esq., and expressive also of the loss which the Parish has sustained by his removal. The following resolution having been therefore prepared, was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That at this, the first Parish-meeting after the lamented decease of our late Vestry Clerk, William H. Taylor, Esq., the condolence and sympathy of this Parish be tendered to his bereaved family. We feel, with the relations and friends of the late W. H. Taylor, that our loss is of more than common magnitude. As a member of the Church of England, he was a man who, following the example of his father, ever took a deep interest in her welfare at home and abroad. The prosperity of his own Parish was ever to him a matter of great importance, as his constant attendance at church and at parochial and vestry meetings abundantly proved. Faithful to his duties as Vestry Clerk for over a quarter of a century, he was perfectly conversant with the business of the Parish, and in this particular, as well as others, his loss will be severely felt. His blameless and consistent life, his deep interest in the moral improvement of his native town, and his faithful discharge of all duties in public as well as family life have set an example in his Parish and native town which we feel cannot be too highly estimated, and which we know will not soon be forgotten. We pray that God may sanctify this deprivation to his family and to ourselves. In the language of our Liturgy—we bless God's holy name for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear, beseeching Him to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of His everlasting Kingdom." Signed in behalf of the Parish of Trinity, Digby, N. S.

JOHN AMBROSE, M. A., Rector.
T. C. SHREVE, Church Warden.
R. S. FITZRANDOLPH, Vestryman.

ROSETTE.—To the Rev. John Partridge: Rev. Sir,—The ladies of the church over which you preside beg to be permitted to make known to you their grateful appreciation of your untiring zeal, unwearied care, and unselfish efforts to promote the welfare of your people. Only a few months have elapsed since you came among us, yet in that short time we have seen that even as Christ Himself went about doing good you have sought to imitate His example; to the homes of the sorrowful and suffering and to the bedside of the dying you have gone, soothing the troubled, assisting the helpless, and carrying the message of peace. Permit us to express our most sincere sympathy for you during your recent illness, brought on, no doubt, by your unceasing efforts put forth in the interests of the Church so dear to us all. We feel deeply grateful to the Great Source of all good that your health is restored to you, and rejoice in the pleasant relationship existing between us as pastor and people. Rest assured that you have the most earnest prayers of the Church for the success of your every endeavour. Allow us to present you with some tangible proof of our love and esteem. Please accept from us the little purse which accompanies this—not so much for its value, but as a

token of the kindly regard in which you are held by the people to whom you minister in holy things. Accept our congratulations in honour of the pleasing event which calls you from us for a short period. May all good attend you in your absence, and when you return we will greet you with feelings of most sincere pleasure and regard. Wishing you a happy New Year, we subscribe ourselves

"THE LADIES OF ROSETTE CHURCH."
REPLY.

Dear Brethren,—I have to thank you for the very kind expressions contained in the address presented to me last night, with its tangible proof, \$51.75. I assure you that you have very much overrated my work among you. I have done only what is my duty to do, and that in a very imperfect way, though to the best of my ability. It is very gratifying and encouraging, however, to feel that such kindly feelings exist between us, and I pray that they may ever remain during my stay among you. May God's blessing attend us in the future, and may the coming year prove a prosperous and happy one to us all.

Your loving Pastor,
JOHN PARTRIDGE.

SEAFORTH.—The Church at Seaforth, (St. James'), is tastefully decorated, also the little yet unfinished chapel at the Head of Chezzetook. The decorations of the former were designed chiefly by Mrs. Richey, and those at Chezzetook by Miss McArthur; but in both cases a hearty response was given, by the youths of the place, to the call for evergreen boughs and work. Miss McArthur has contributed a fair white linen cloth, with five embroidered crosses, for the Altar of the Chapel, and, we understand, proposes some further improvements. She has been with us but a few months, as teacher of the school at the Head of Chezzetook; but wherever her lot is cast, manifests always the same untiring devotion to the Church of her adoption. At Seaforth the chancel, lighted for the first time from the altar, presents a pleasing appearance. Here, too, and especially at this season, both priest and people cherish a kindly recollection, or appreciation, of the self-denying labors of former Rectors; but the present incumbent, Rev. J. A. Richey, is constantly receiving most gratifying expressions, pecuniary and otherwise, of the good will and affection of his large parish. The Sunday's work here is without variation unless it be by way of addition, three services (Holy Communion, with sermon, and preceded by Litany, counting one) and nearly thirty miles travel. The Rector, without any assistance whatever, serves his parish church, three chapels, and one school-house station; and the Holy Communion is celebrated, at the least, every Sunday, the chapels having it each monthly. The Sunday-school at Seaforth, is superintended by Mrs. Richey and doing well. The scholars were given a picnic last summer, and had a very enjoyable time, which we omitted to record in your columns.

YARMOUTH.—We have been requested to insert the following: "The ship 'Agra,' Hamilton master, from Picton 27th Oct., arrived in 30 days at the mouth of the Mersey (Liverpool), and came to anchor there. It was two days before a strong tug could take her up to the dock. The ship had experienced all the force of the terrific gales which prevailed on the Atlantic during the time of making her passage, without sustaining any material damage. Her only passengers were the Rev. Fredk. M. M. Young, wife, and two children. Mr. Young had been Rector of Aribat for the last eight years; previously to which he officiated for several years in the Parish of St. Stephen's Church at Tusket, with alternate services at Barrington. On his arrival at Liverpool he was most cordially welcomed by Edward B. Hatfield, Esq., and wife, (old parishioners of his at Tusket), who most kindly met them on board and afterwards hospitably entertained them at their residence. Mrs. Young speaks most gratefully of the extreme kindness of Capt. Hamilton, in giving up to her use his own cabin during a very severe attack of illness which she experienced on the passage."

PICTOU.—The teachers and scholars of St. James' Sunday School had their annual sleigh drive on Wednesday last. The start was made from the church, with three double teams kindly provided by D. M. Geldert, Esq., and the drive of two hours, with good sleighing and a pleasant afternoon, proved most enjoyable. The *Mayflower* is still running to the Landing. The ice is not of the strongest.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—The Metropolitan spent several days at the Hon. Judge Wilkinson's on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter.

The Rev. H. E. Montgomery, recently ordained to the Diaconate, remains in Fredericton for the present, taking duty at the Cathedral, and is studying for Priest's orders.

We regret to learn that Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rector-elect, of Dorchester, has been seriously ill in St. John, of pleurisy.

Mr. E. L. Thorne, one of the old residents of St. John, of Loyalist stock, was buried from St. John's Church on the 25th. The attendance at the funeral was very large.

ST. MARY'S.—The Bishop Coadjutor confirmed fourteen candidates on the evening of the 5th, at St. Mary's Church, opposite Fredericton. The choir was reinforced by some of the Cathedral singers. The prayers were said by Rev. sub-Dean Alexander, and the lessons read by Rev. Mr. Raymond, of Stanley.

SPRINGFIELD.—The Metropolitan has given a handsome altar cloth for the new Church at Norton Station. A new Church is spoken of at McLeod's Corner, and a sum of money has been subscribed towards its erection in the spring.

BATHURST.—Several improvements have recently been made in the interior of St. Luke's Church. The old-fashioned "three decker" pulpit has been removed, and an elevated platform, with desk and chairs substituted. Five handsome chandeliers of 4 lights each have taken the place of the single lamps.

FREDERICTON.—Three sets of plans for the proposed hall of the Church of England Temperance Society are now under the consideration of the Building Committee of the Society. The plans and cost respectively are as follows:—Mr. H. N. Black's, \$7,000, or \$8,000; Mr. J. C. Dumaresq's for a one story building clear with finished roof, \$3,000 or \$4,000; and Mr. Mitchell's plans for a two story building costing \$4,000. The plans will be further considered at a meeting on February 10th. Mr. Mitchell's plans are meeting with the most favor for general purposes.

ST. ANDREW'S.—Rev. Canon Ketchum, D.D., delivered the first lecture before the Literary Society on "The Augustan Age."

PORTLAND.—*St. Luke.*—The Rev. Mr. Stevens, Rector of St. Luke's, attended Service in that Church on Sunday week, being the first time that he was able to do so since he accidentally fell and injured himself, some ten weeks ago. He is looking well, but complains somewhat of his head, which is affected when he reads aloud. It appears that it received some injury on the occasion of his fall. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were warmly congratulated on his re-appearance in the congregation last evening. Rev. F. S. Sill conducted the Service.

ST. JOHN'S.—*Trinity Church.*—The magnificent new organ costing \$5,000 was formally opened on the 22nd. The Coadjutor Bishop was present at the morning service, and before the service began the following form for the benediction of an organ was said, as follows:—

All standing, the Priest said: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Sing we merrily unto God our strength. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the Psalm, bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon; even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn Feast day.

Then was sung: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Priest said: Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Bring an offering, and come into His courts: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord.

Then was sung: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Priest said: Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs; speaking to yourselves in Psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs; singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Then was sung: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Then followed the Lord's Prayer.

O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel, who by Thy servant David has taught us to sing and give praise with the best member that we have, and to praise Thee and Thy faithfulness, playing upon an instrument of musick; accept and hallow with thy heavenly benediction this our offering of a new Organ for this Church; and grant that in this generation, and that which is to come, it may lead the praises of thy faithful people, to the glory of Thy holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord of heaven and earth, whose voice is the harmony of the world, to whom the heavenly choir, "as the sound of many waters," "continually do cry;" knit our hearts to that holy company, give us grace to follow their obedience, and order, to be perfected in charity, and to glorify Thee by our lives; and bring us with Thine elect to the peace of Thine Eternal Kingdom, to sing Thy praises world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Bishop Coadjutor preached from 2nd Chronicles, v., 13. 14:—"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for his mercy endureth forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God."

Professor Samuel Porter of St. Paul's, Halifax, was the organist. Quite a large number of prominent citizens assembled in Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon to hear the new organ tested. The following selections were given:—"Occasional Overture," Handel; "Andante from Seventh Quartette," Mozart; "War March of the Priests," Mendelssohn; "Cujus Animam," Stabat Mater; "Swiss Maiden's Evening Prayer," G. Blessner; "Silver Trumpets," Vivaldi; "Andante in F," Henry Smart; "Overture No. 9," Wily; "I waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn; "Barcarole 4th Concerto," Sterndale Bennett; "O Rest in the Lord," Mendelssohn; "Inflammatus," Stabat Mater; "March in Polycarp," Sir F. Ouseley; "Traupierei," Schumater; "Wedding March," Mendelssohn.

In the evening Canon Brigstocke preached to a large congregation.

St. Paul's.—In the afternoon Bishop Kingdon preached in the "Valley" Church from Psalm cxlvii, 17: "Who can stand before his God?"

St. John's Church.—In the evening the Coadjutor addressed another large congregation on Job xxvi, 7: "He hangeth the earth upon nothing." Dr. Kingdon looked upon the announcement in the text as an anticipation of one of the most noted discoveries in modern astronomy. The doctrine which he brought out was that as gravitation held the orbs of heaven in their places, and caused the smaller to gravitate around their great central suns, so man was attracted to God by love, especially the love of God, revealed in Christ. The discourse was earnest and practical and was heard with much interest.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

MONTREAL.—*St. Martin's.*—A very interesting missionary meeting was held at St. Martin's Church, on Wednesday, the 18th ult., the Bishop in the Chair. After the usual opening exercises the Rev. Canon Norman first addressed the meeting, directing his chief attention to foreign missions. He referred to the dead and listless spirit which prevailed in the Church of England at the close of last century, and pointed out how it was aroused by the Evangelical Revival at that time. Later on came the Oxford movement, which, though extreme in some respects, was followed by many good results; but it was fortunate that it was preceded by the Evangelical Revival to deepen the inner life of the Church, otherwise too much attention would have been given to the external forms and ceremonies. The missionary spirit manifested itself at Oxford, under the influence of Dr. Livingstone, the result was the University Mission of Central Africa. Dr. Norman then pointed out that foreign missions must be extended in order to experience the true missionary spirit, this is particularly the case with children who are most easily interested in the romance and novelty of Foreign mission work. The wonderful work that is being carried on in the district of Timbuctoo, was next referred to, and interesting statistics from ministers engaged in that district, were read, showing the great success of missionary work in that district. C. J. Bridges Esq., then followed with a very interesting account of the spiritual condition and wants of the North-West. His statements were very interesting, as they were based upon his own personal observation of the country during extended tours in different parts of the North-West during the past three years. He pointed out that the new settlers could do little or nothing to support the Church, that there was wise and judicious management apparent in the conduct of those who were directing the affairs of the Church in the North-West, and that the Church in the older provinces is doing very little to support the North-West Missions, compared with the large sums what are contributed by Methodists and Presbyterians. After an interesting address by Dr. Sullivan, the meeting was brought to a close. The choir of the Church added very much to the success of the meeting by the admirable manner in which they lead the congregation in several well chosen hymns.

A good deal of excitement has arisen in connection with one of the charitable institutions of this city, in consequence of the discovery that a new mode of corporal punishment has been in use for some time, viz., the application of mustard plasters to the bodies of refractory children. A special committee of enquiry has been appointed to investigate the matter.

KNOWLTON.—A very pleasant reunion took place recently between the Roman Catholics and Protestants of this enterprising village. The members of the Roman Church at that place gave a dinner to their Protestant friends at which the Parish Priest was present and expressed his pleasure at being able to join with the members of his congregation in recognizing the kind consideration which they had always received from the Protestants of the neighborhood.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

RIVIERE DU LOUP STATION.—We have had a lovely winter here thus far. A severe storm, however, came on the 22nd. Though we have lost a