

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**HALIFAX**—The parish of St. George's, has voted \$600 for a curate for Rev. Canon Partridge. The Rector has appointed to the position Rev. W. B. Bells.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

**CHARLOTTETOWN**—*St. Peter's*—The Christmas services have not been marked by any departure from what has hitherto obtained at this church. The first Evensong of Christmas was said in All Saint's Chapel, where the first (plain) Eucharist was also celebrated; the second and third celebrations in the church. The decorations were very simple, and even more effective than if more elaborate. There was a Christmas service on Holy Innocent's day and a Sunday school tea on the following Tuesday. The people have lately increased their envelope subscriptions, making up the deficit in this source of revenue as compared with last year's receipts.

*St. Paul's*.—A Children's service was held in this church on Xmas afternoon.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

**SUSSEX**—The festival of the Nativity was duly observed at the Parish Church. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated by the ladies of the congregation, and the children's choir sang a selection of carols on Christmas eve in a manner which reflected great credit upon their trainer, Miss Ada Macleod. The choir of Holy Trinity has been augmented of late and under the direction of Capt. Kinnear quite keeps up its old reputation for choice music carefully and reverently given. At the 11 o'clock service Christmas Dyke's Te Deum and an anthem, 'There were Shepherds abiding in the fields,' were beautifully sung, and the Rector preached from St. John i, 12: 'As many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God.' Owing to the fine seasonable weather the church was well filled and there was an exceptionally large number of communicants. The Rector, who was assisted by the Rev. R. Simonds, B. A., was the recipient, during the week, of several substantial tokens of good will and regard from his parishioners in and around Sussex.

**BAIE VERTE AND PORT ELGIN**.—On New Year's day the Church of England people of these Missions presented the Rev. C. A. French with a purse of \$25.30 as a small token of their appreciation of the earnest labors of the Missionary during 1890. Mr. T. A. Walling, solicitor, made the presentation. Mr. French, who was completely taken by surprise, expressed himself as very grateful for the interest taken in his efforts to promote the spiritual well being of those under his charge.

The name of Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, Shediac, ought to have been mentioned among the contributions to the Baie Verte Xmas tree. His Sunday school sent a donation.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**WINDSOR MILLS**.—On Thursday, the 23rd ult., it being the Incumbent's birthday, the St. George's Sunday school children with their teachers and a few others assembled in the evening at Mr. McHardy's house, where a pleasant social hour was spent; the children being entertained with games and music. A Xmas tree well supplied with fruit and confectionery, &c., was afterwards distributed to the delight of the little folks. A few S.S. prizes were also presented by two of the former teachers, one of which has removed from the village. Among the recipients of other gifts were Miss McHardy, our organist, and Mr. A. A. Briggs, the Lay reader, each of whom received a suit-

ble present as a token of the esteem and appreciation by the members of St. George's congregation. And last, but by no means least was the happy surprise which was given the incumbent by the presentation on the part of the ladies of the congregation of an excellent fur coat, which he prizes very highly. This was presented by Mr. D. Stuart, churchwarden, who in doing so made a brief address, to which a suitable response was given.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**BEDFORD**.—*St. James' Church* here was very tastefully decorated for Christmas, and a handsome text, 'Sing ye to the Lord,' adorned the chancel arch. The Sunday school 'Christmas Tree' was erected on the evening of the 24th and was a great success. Miss Horskin arranged the programme, which was ably carried out. The Bedford Brass Band attended and gave several musical selections during the evening. Miss Abbie Alcombrack, the organist of the church, was presented with a purse of money in recognition of her valuable services; and the Rector and Mrs. Nye were the recipients of a life like portrait of their daughter Mrs. C. H. Martin.

**FANLINGSBURG**—Notwithstanding the cloud of trouble hanging over the Rectory through the serious illness of his mother, (hardly expected to live from day to day), and also that of his wife, the Christmas Festival was duly observed; and through the kind and faithful labours of the young ladies of the parish, the church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and appropriate designs. Service was held on Christmas Eve and on the morning of the day itself full service with administration of Holy Communion.

On New Year's Eve, service was held at 11:30 p.m.: the morning of 1891 being welcomed by the joyful grounds of the church bell. The Festival of the Circumcision was duly marked by service and administration of Communion at 10 a.m.

**KNOWLTON**.—The annual Christmas Tree for the Sunday school on Tuesday evening, 30th ult., was a great success. Each scholar received something from its well laden branches. Carols were sung by the children and an address delivered by Judge Lynch.

**BROME CORNER**.—Service was held here on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, and a Christmas Tree for the S.S. on the evening of the 24th. A purse containing \$35 was presented to the Incumbent, the Rev. Jas. Carmichael. The Guild of St. John gave its first entertainment on Tuesday evening, 30th Jan.

**SOUTH STOKELY**.—The church here was neatly decorated for Christmas; and the service was bright and hearty, with good music.

**BOLTON CENTRE**.—The Sunday school held its annual Festival in the Town hall on the evening of the 24th, when recitations, carols, songs, and the distribution of the many gifts placed upon the tree formed the programme.

**MANSONVILLE**.—The decorations of the church were if anything better than on previous years, and the special music of the season was well rendered. On the evening of 24th Dec. St. Paul's Sunday school had its Christmas Tree, and the children sang effectively some pretty carols.

**OBMSTOWN**.—*St. James' Church* was prettily decorated and service held therein on Christmas morning at 11 a.m. Holy Communion was administered to about thirty communicants. The singing was bright and hearty; the anthem 'Sing O Heavens,' and the familiar Christmas hymns being well rendered by the choir. The Rector, the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, preached an

eloquent and appropriate sermon from Hebrews vii, 26. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreens and appropriate texts, &c.

On Friday evening a children's service was held, and carols and suitable hymns sung, after which the Rev. Mr. Lockhart gave a short address. At the conclusion of the service the Rector read the report of the Sunday school for the year; the attendance of the teachers and scholars being very satisfactory, and also made an earnest appeal to all the young people present, urging them to take an increased interest in Sunday school work. The teachers and scholars then received their Christmas gifts, and the organist, Miss Mary Lockhart, was presented with a well filled purse from the congregation. In addition to the Xmas day decorations, a large Star formed of evergreens and brightly illuminated with wax lights was suspended from the centre of the chancel arch, which was much admired by all present; the 'Star of Bethlehem,' forming the subject of the address to the children during the service.

The night was very cold and stormy, yet the church was crowded—all expressing themselves as being much pleased with the whole service, and especially with the orderly and devout behaviour of the children.

**COWANSVILLE AND SWETZBERG**—A most successful Sunday school Xmas tree and parish gathering was held in the Town hall, Cowansville, on the evening of the 29th December ult. Both parts of the parish attended in full numbers with about 180 S.S. children, who were feted, and all the visitors present were entertained. A very excellent programme was provided terminating with the 'Xmas Pies,' a drama in three parts, written by Rev. W. B. Longhurst, Rector of Granby, and admirably acted by the children. Every one old and young thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

**CHRISTIEVILLE**.—The offertory on Christmas Day was for the Incumbent, in accordance with the rule of the diocese, and amounted to \$45.06.

**ST. JOHN'S**.—The decorations of *St. James' Church* here was the work of the Girls' Guild, assisted by the boys of the High School and reflected much credit upon them. The offertory, presented to the Rector, amounted to \$52, exclusive of contributions specially for the 'poor fund' of the parish.

**COTE ST. PAUL**.—The Church of the Redeemer was beautifully decorated through the exertions of the young ladies of the Mission. Service on Christmas Day and the Sunday prior thereto was taken by Capt. Douglas, owing to Dr. Davidson's absence for a time on account of the very serious illness of his mother.

**SHAWVILLE**.—The Rev. W. H. Naylor desires to acknowledge the receipt of package of Christmas presents for a Mission Sunday school received from the Ministering Children's League of the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal, with many thanks to the kind children who are doing much to brighten the lives of other children.

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**BARRIEFIELD**.—*St. Mark's*.—The Christmas services were very well attended and there was a large number of communicants. The church was prettily decorated with evergreens. Major Mayne, R. E., read prayers, and one of Canon Liddon's most eloquent sermons. The rector celebrated the Holy Communion.

On Sunday, the festival of the Innocents, there was a special service for the children of the Sunday school. The procession marched up the aisle preceded by a beautiful banner of Royal blue silk, with gold fringe and cord, borne by William Backnell and Leonard and