

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—All the city churches were largely attended on Easter Day although the weather was anything but fine. The communicants at the several churches were as follows: St. Paul's, 325; St. Luke's, 229; St. George's, 187; Garrison, 185; Bishop's Chapel, 125; St. Mark's and St. John's, 122; Trinity, 40; Institutions, 23, or a total of 1,236, being about one-fourth or 25 per cent. more than last year.

At the Easter Monday Parish meetings the financial condition of all the Parishes was found to be most satisfactory, better than ever hitherto known in almost every case. St. Paul's—total receipts \$13,917.39; expenditure \$12,878.93; balance in hand \$1,038.96. St. Luke's—total receipts \$6,811.66; expenditure \$6,682.55; balance in hand \$133.11. St. George's total receipts \$2,767.00; expenditure \$2,634.67; balance in hand \$132.33. St. Mark's and St. John's—total receipts \$1,286.05; expenditure \$1,225.99; balance in hand \$60.06. There are no debts upon any of the Halifax Parishes.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's*.—Some ladies of the congregation presented the Rector, Mr. Murray, who has been confined to his house the past week, with a very valuable invalid's chair. Mr. Murray occupies a high place in the affection of his parishioners, and this is one of many such acts by which their regard has been displayed.

SYDNEY MINES AND NORTH SYDNEY.—During Lent there have been services in these Parishes on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening of each week, with addresses at the Wednesday and Friday services. The congregations have been fairly good despite the weather which seemed to choose these Lenten weeks for its most disagreeable phases. During Holy Week the services were as follows: Monday (Mines), Tuesday (N. Sydney), Wednesday (Mines), Thursday (N. Sydney), Evensong and sermon each evening. On Good Friday there were four services,—in the morning at the Mines at 9 and 11 o'clock, with sermons on—1. "Way of Sorrows." 2. "The Sacrifice;" in the afternoon and evening at N. Sydney at 3 and 7 o'clock, with addresses on the "Seven Last Words" and the "Sufferings of Christ." On the morning of Maundy Thursday there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Mines. On Easter Sunday Mattins was said and Holy Communion celebrated at St. John Baptist Church, North Sydney, and Evensong said at Trinity Church, Sydney Mines. The collection at these services were for the benefit of the "Board of Home Missions." Unfortunately, however, the day was one of the stormiest we have had this year, consequently the congregations were much diminished, and as a natural result the amount of contribution also.—The interior of Trinity Church has been greatly improved by a fresh coat of paint, this being one of the results of the praiseworthy efforts of the Ladies' Sewing Society which was formed last year. The parishioners at North Sydney are beginning to think their church too small, and are talking about having it enlarged. It is rather difficult to manage this without spoiling the shape of the building, still they hope to be able to do something.

DIGBY.—*Easter Sunday*.—Trinity Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, considering the very early date of this great Christian Festival, this year. The font showed a handsome cilia lily in blossom, whilst on the Altar the handsome Cross was flanked by four vases of beautiful cut blooms. Good congregations attended the services both morning and evening. The early and mid day celebrations of the Holy Eucharist showed a very considerable increase in the number of communicants over former years; it is possible that the Confirmation last autumn and the week-day services and Instruction classes through Lent may have contributed to this good result. The proper psalms for the evening on Easter Day were exceedingly well chanted by a full choir. They were

taken to a French Tone in D, the Peregrine Tone in E, and a French Tone in F, respectively, with the pointing in the *Universal Plain Chant*, edited by Rev. E. D. Cree, late Vicar of Upper Tooting, Surrey, who made an offering of several copies of his very excellent book to Trinity Church. This is a book which is published by Novello, Ewer & Co, Berners St., London, and can be confidently recommended. It contains many very beautiful chants from various sources,—amongst the rest from the Greek Church, and also from the service-book of the Jewish Synagogue. These last are wonderfully adapted, in feeling, to the psalms to which they are set.

Easter Monday's Parish Meeting passed off very satisfactorily. The following are the appointments for the ensuing year:—Wardens—W. B. Stewart, J. M. Viets. Vestrymen—E. T. McCormick, J. R. Wright, J. K. Tobin, T. H. Adams, M. L. Oliver, J. A. C. DeBainhard, L. J. Dakin, T. C. Sireve, R. S. Fitzrandolph, Henry Turnbull, Harry S. Wade. Honorary Vestryman—Charles Budd, Esq. Chapel Wardens for Marshalltown—Robert Jones, E. G. Woodman. Vestry Clerk—C. E. Turnbull.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PORTLAND.—On Wednesday evening a social tea and fancy sale was held in connection with St. Luke's Parish. Quite a pleasant time was enjoyed by a large gathering of both sexes. We have not heard the financial result. At the Easter meeting the following officers were elected:—Churchwardens—John Tapley, Robert Gregory. Vestrymen—P. Nase, J. T. Kennedy, R. Farmer, Wm. Court, J. G. Tobin, M. Hamm, D. Tapley, Jos. Ruddock, Henry Hilyard, S. Holly, A. Barnhill, James Holly. Lay Delegates to Synod—J. T. Kennedy, O. D. Wetmore. Substitutes—D. Tapley and W. P. Dole.

RICHIBUCTO.—The Easter meeting was held as usual on Easter Monday, the Rector, the Rev. F. H. Almon, in the chair. Mr. Wm. Hudson, the Junior Warden and Treasurer, submitted a statement of the financial affairs of the parish, and it proved to be especially gratifying and satisfactory. The parish has within a few months received an addition in the person of Dr. Brine, who takes a deep interest in its welfare. The following officers were elected:—Wardens—Oswald Smith, William Hudson. Vestrymen—Thomas Dickenson, John Stevenson, jr., David Palmer, Robert Hughes, William Wheten, T. W. Biss, Allen Haines, William A. Black, James W. Foster, J. F. Brine, M. D., Alfred Powell, David Thompson. Delegates to Provincial Synod—William Wheten, T. W. Biss, with John Stevenson, jr., and J. F. Brine, M. D., Substitutes. Vestry Clerk—Alfred Powell. Sexton—Robert Cochrane. Organist—Miss Hannah (re-elected).

ST. ANDREWS.—*All Saints' Church*.—The services during the late Holy Season have been well attended, though the weather has been often most unfavorable. It was owing to this that the number of communicants at the early celebration on Easter Day was less than last year. There were more at the services at 11, and the offerings were larger than usual. At the meeting of the parishioners on Easter Monday Mr. Henry Osburn was elected Churchwarden to fill the place caused by the lamented death of George D. Street. Messrs. G. T. Grimmer and H. Osburn were appointed Lay Delegates to the Synod, and the Hon. R. Robinson and G. F. Stuckney, Substitutes. The Hon. B. R. Stevenson and Mr. G. T. Grimmer are the Lay Delegates to the Church Society, and Mr. H. Osburn and the Hon. R. Robinson, Substitutes.

RESTIGOUCHE MISSION.—The work of the Church in the Mission of Restigouche has been carried on with great energy since the appointment of the present clergyman, Rev. E. P. Flewelling, who unites to a naturally vigorous and energetic nature, a love for his work and for the souls committed to his charge, which is certain under the blessing of God to result in great and permanent good, the great regret on the part of his people being that they cannot share with him to a greater extent

than is possible at present the heavy expense he is under in maintaining, as he does, the frequent and regular services of the Church in all parts of this extensive Mission. During the Lenten season there have been held Wednesday evening services at Campbellton with lectures on the 51st Psalm, besides the regular services on Sundays, alternating morning and evening with those at Dalhousie. There were also frequent services at points above Campbellton, and during the same season daily services at Dalhousie (where the Rectory is situated) at such times as the Rector was not at Campbellton or elsewhere. At all these services addresses appropriate to the season were delivered and highly appreciated by those privileged to hear them. The Easter services were fully attended by devout worshippers. At Dalhousie there was an early celebration of Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m., at which there were 22 communicants. The decorations of the Church were simple, but appropriate and effective. On the retable, besides fresh flowers, the offerings of friends, there was the text in crimson on a white ground, "I am the Bread of Life." The altar was vested in white, altar cloth, etc., the gift of a former Rector, Rev. P. H. Brown, who is held in loving remembrance by his former parishioners. On the east end of the chancel as well as of the north were white banners with appropriate symbols. On the small arches of the rood screen was the text in gold on blue ground, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast." On the centre triangle of the screen the words, "Christ is risen, Alleluia!" Anthem at the offertory, "Thou art worthy," etc. The Sanctus was sung. There was Evensong at 7. Hymns 134, 135, 172, 12 A. and M. Sermon from Col. iii. 1. Anthem at offertory as in the morning. At Campbellton the service was at 11 a.m., with celebration of Holy Communion. 18 communicants. There were no special decorations. The hymns were 134, 135, 172, 322 A. and M. Kyries were sung to appropriate music. Sermon from part of 1st Lesson, Exodus xii. 22, 23. There was a large congregation.—On Easter Monday the regular annual meetings took place. At Campbellton the wardens elected were Chas. Murray and Jas. Appleton. Vestrymen—Jas. D. Sowerby, Jas. Sproule, O. A. Barberie, Fred. Loashy, Jas. Shaw, Walter Appleton, Jno. Farrer, W. J. Williams, Edward Mann, Joseph Miller and Jno. Dawson. Vestry Clerk—Jno. J. White. Delegate to Synod—Chas. Murray; Substitute, J. Shaw. Delegates to D. C. S.—Charles Murray, Jas. Shaw. The financial statement submitted was particularly gratifying—a large expenditure in connection with recent improvements, putting in organ, east window (the latter a gift from our beloved Bishop), etc., etc., had been met, and a sum of money to pay for chancel carpet and communion rail is in hand, and these will be put in place very soon. The small debt remaining on the new pipe organ by Greenwood will be reduced this summer.

At Dalhousie the Wardens elected were James S. Morse and James Moffatt. Vestry—J. C. Barberie, W. H. Philips, W. G. Desbion, W. M. Bateman, H. A. Johnson, C. G. Beckett, John Read, Richard Roberts, John Barberie; W. H. Philips, Vestry Clerk. Delegate to Synod—H. A. Johnson; Substitute—W. G. Desbion. Delegates to D. C. S.—Hon. Chief Justice Allen and H. A. Johnson. The financial statement at this meeting was also very satisfactory. Notwithstanding a falling off in numbers of congregation, owing to removals, expenses of the year had been met. Thanks to the earnest work of a few ladies of the congregation a part of the debt had been paid off and a small sum in hand to aid in painting the Rectory, which has as yet had but one coat of paint outside and none inside, the Rector preferring that the work of the Church in the Mission should be advanced rather than money be spent on the Rectory.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

LENNONVILLE.—*Bishop's College*.—In the terminal examinations just concluded at Bishop's College the following students have obtained first-class marks in the subjects mentioned:—Divinity Students—Mr. W. C. Bernard, B. A., in "Browne