

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. A. D. Sylvester, curate of St. Luke's, has gone to the West Indies in order to forward his convalescence and regain strength for his work. The Rev. gentleman was ordained for work at St. Luke's last Christmas, and since then had a violent attack of diphtheria which left him weak and unfitted for practical work. We hope that Mr. Sylvester will soon be at his post again and that the rector of St. Luke's will be none the worse of the extra amount of work which is falling to his share this Lent.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge lectures this week in St. John's school-room, Truro.

THE REV. W. H. BULLOCK.—Next to the name of Edgehill, Chaplain General of the forces, one of the best known names in the Diocese is that of Heber Bullock, son of the late Dean. The Rev. gentleman is under orders to leave Gibraltar for Egypt. A Gibraltar paper speaks in the following way of Mr. Bullock:—

"Mr Bullock has filled the responsible office of senior chaplain to the forces in Gibraltar for nearly five years, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the military community, to whom his ministrations have been so unceasing and zealous, with the result that they have been highly appreciated by those amongst whom he has labored. He has been foremost in every good work of mercy and charity, and has been unsparing of his time and strength at the call of duty. The soldiers will in him lose a kind pastor and a sympathizing friend, and it is needless to say that he carries with him on his journey and in his subsequent career our heartiest wishes for success."

HALIFAX.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND COFFEE ROOMS.—This valuable agency of the church which has been established for some years and has been doing a good work in providing cheap meals, is now in debt to the extent of \$150. The present depression of trade is the cause, and a revival of trade will soon make the rooms once more self-sustaining. The committee have issued circulars asking for one dollar from each recipient in order to liquidate this debt; we hope that all who can will respond and that the good work of the rooms will continue.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The Committee on Classes and Lectures have arranged for the reading of several papers and debates which will take place at the Institute Rooms on the following dates at 8 p.m.: March 16. Paper, "The Irish Question," by Fred P. Outram, Esq. March 30. Paper, "England in the Soudan," by C. Sidney Harrington, Q. C. April 20. Paper, "How best to extend the influence of the Institute," by Rev. W. C. Wilson. All members of the church and their friends are particularly invited to attend and take part or interest in the discussions that will follow each paper.

St. George's.—A circular has been issued by the churchwardens asking the congregation, which has grown considerably in the past two years, to make an effort to pay off the heavy debt which was saddled upon the parish before the Rev. Dr. Partridge took charge of it, and which takes from the parish a large amount of interest annually. In order to accomplish this, it is proposed that those members usually putting one cent in the collections would hereafter put in two or five cents each Sunday. If this be done the debt could easily be cleared-off in two or three years, and the effort would scarcely be felt. The circular shows that the church finances as well as the congregation have been and are steadily improving. Within the past three years the offertories have doubled, and the receipts from pew rents have increased forty per cent. The time has now arrived when the congregation is large and able enough to cope

with this incubus, and we feel sure that if the present efficient ministerial work is continued, and the people do their part, the debt incurred so many years ago will soon be a thing of the past.

RICHIBUCTO.—A mission was held at Richibucto from the 8th to the 15th of February, by the Rev. G. O. Troop, at the request of the Rector of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. F. H. Almon. The earnest and eloquent addresses of Mr. Troop were interesting and instructive. The Bible classes were well attended and highly appreciated, and it is trusted that his faithful and earnest and affectionate presentation of the great truths of the glorious Gospel have been productive of good. Before leaving an address was presented by the Parishioners to Mr. Troop, expressing their appreciation of his services, and of those of their Rector the Rev. F. H. Almon and their hope that he might long be spared thus to be employed in the vineyard of our Divine Lord. As a tangible evidence of their sincerity and of their good wishes toward him, personally, a donation accompanied the address. Mr. Troop made a suitable reply.

AMHERST.—We notice that the living of Bushey, near Waterford, Herts, in the gift of Exeter College, Oxford, of the value of £765 a year has fallen vacant by the death, in his 85th year, of the Rev. William Falconer, who was appointed to the same as far back as 1839.

This will necessarily affect Canon Townshend, who has been taking the duty for Mr. Falconer for sometime. We trust he may find equally pleasant quarters if called upon to remove.—Com.

GRUMBLERS.—Referring to the item in issue of CHURCH GUARDIAN of 4th March, under heading "Halifax," which gives views of Grumblers "that perhaps more lasting good would accrue to the Church in general and Churches in particular if there was a return to the old fashioned concentration of force into the ordinary services of Sunday," permit a Churchman to prick the bubble blown by the said grumblers. The two parishes evidently referred to in the item, St. Luke's and St. George's, are the two parishes in which most life is visible. The classes, societies, guilds and celebrations all conduce to this life, and the congregations on Sundays, in both Churches, instead of diminishing—as would assuredly be the case were the pulpit work injuriously affected by the "Enormous multiplication of parochial machinery in the way of services at all hours of the day," &c., the congregations are very large and increasing, and classes never before touched are being acted upon and brought in. There is a central parish where "the old fashioned concentration of force into the ordinary services of Sunday" has been the invariable rule, and the serious diminution not in the attendance at Sunday services only, but in the revenues of the parish, a diminution openly acknowledged by the members, is sufficient answer to the ill-considered suggestion of grumblers. It is not a diminution of work that is desirable—no true Christian will ever entertain the thought of such a thing—but a large increase of workers, cleric and lay, let the grumblers cease grumbling and help the work of classes, societies and guilds, and services too, and obtain the means of supplying additional clergy, and then Rectors and Curates will have more time for study and the composition of those "Literary treats" so assiduously asked for by a certain class of Church goers.—Com.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The following is the list of the Wednesday evening Lenten addresses at the Cathedral.

THE CROSS.

1. Its Humiliation.—Phil. ii. 1.
2. Its Victors.—Coloss. ii. 15.
3. Its Attractiveness.—St. John, xii. 24.
4. Its Consolation.—I. St. Peter, ii. 24.
5. Its Example.—St. Luke ix. 23.

During Holy week addresses will be given on the following subjects:

1. The Preparation by our Lord for death.
2. The Apprehension.
3. The Mock Trial.
4. Christ before Roman Justice.
5. The Sentence.

On Tuesday evening, the 3rd of March, a public meeting of the parishioners was held in the church hall, at which earnest and interesting addresses were made by the Bishop Coadjutor and Chief Justice Allen, on behalf of Incapacitated Clergy Special Fund. The meeting was well attended, and a committee consisting of Sheriff Sterling, A. Street, Esq., Collector of Customs, and Mr. John Black was appointed to solicit subscriptions. It is expected that at least two thousand dollars will be raised. And there is no doubt that since the matter is in the hands of such an able and energetic committee the sum will be realized.

MAUGERVILLE.—The second annual choral union service of Fredericton Deanery, was held in Christ Church, Maugerville, on St. Matthias' Day. There were about fifty members of the various choirs present. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan preached the sermon which was full of good advice and which we feel sure will be, if carefully followed, of lasting benefit both to the choral union and individual choirs. The music was well rendered and showed evident signs of marked improvement. Indeed there was not a hitch in the whole service which was ably conducted by the rector, Rev. G. H. Sterling. The singers were well supported by a new and superior toned organ put in for the occasion, and was most skilfully played by Mrs. Sterling. Two appointments had been previously made for holding the service, but owing to the heavy storms and the impassable state of the roads it was impossible to have the service, but by postponement these difficulties were overcome, and a beautiful day, a hearty service and a comfortable drive, (with the exception of a couple of the clergy who "fell out by the way,") was enjoyed by all present. Much credit is due the Rev. Mr. Sterling for the success of the choral union; his interesting zeal and indomitable perseverance as its conductor has made the organization one of the best in the Diocese.

PORTLAND.—St. Paul's.—A series of four dime entertainments, consisting of readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music and tableaux, have taken place since New Year in the Sunday school-house. These have been most successfully managed by a committee of four or five young ladies belonging to St. Paul's Church. The last reading, etc., took place on the 16th February, and was well attended—the large school-room being filled with an appreciative audience. The gross receipts amounted to \$78.75, and the expenses, including a balance of indebtedness from last year's entertainments, to \$37.75, leaving the sum of \$41 as net profit. This amount has been appropriated by the committee as follows:—\$10 to the parish poor fund, \$10 to the fund for procuring an organ for a church in a country mission, and the balance will be expended in improving the interior of the Sunday school-house. The committee of management desire to express their very sincere thanks to all those who assisted them by taking part in the entertainments, and also to all those who so liberally patronized them.

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, the 1st inst., Mr. C. B. Kenrick, M.A., of Trinity College, Toronto, was admitted to the order of deacon, and the Rev. H. T. Parlee, to the order of priesthood, at Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton. The ordination was performed by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Canada, and a sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Kingdon, Bishop Coadjutor. A very large and attentive congregation was present, and were much impressed by the beautiful and solemn service.