

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Paul's.—The collection in this church for the Colonial and Continental Church Society amounted to about \$550.

Nothing definite has yet been done in the matter of the election of a new rector. In the meantime the parish is being admirably worked by the curate. His deep and eloquent preaching is attracting great attention.

Last Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of St. Paul's Sunday-school, the occasion being the presentation of prizes for attendance during the year ending October, 1885. Special hymns were sung, Prof. S. Porter presiding at the organ. There were 230 present, and the prizes were presented by the superintendent, Mr. J. Godfrey Smith, who prefaced each presentation with suitable remarks. Mr. Smith did valuable work in this direction at St. Mark's, and since he has accepted the charge of St. Paul's there has been a marked improvement in the attendance.

St. George's.—The workers in this church have secured two new mission rooms in the poorest slums of the parish for aggressive missionary effort. One of the rooms has been kindly given by a respected member of the church, Mr. Payn, and is situated on Water street, in the midst of a poor and neglected class of people. The other building is a hall on the north end of Maynard street, a crowded locality, and the building was formerly owned by the Methodists. Sunday-schools will be immediately started in each place, and enthusiastic mission services will be held during the week. It is a pleasant thing to note that the Church is waking up to the necessity of carrying the Gospel tidings to the poor and the out-cast, and not to wait until they come (which they seldom do) to ask the price of a sitting in the parish church. Such work should receive the support of all Churchmen.

AMHERST.—All Saints' Day was specially observed in this parish by two celebrations of Holy Communion, at 8 and 11 a.m. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers.

On Sunday, the 15th instant, Rev. John R. Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, officiated in Christ Church, having exchanged with the Vicar, Rev. V. E. Harris.

The Rectory is rapidly nearing completion, and it is expected that the Vicar and family will be comfortably settled before Christmas.

RAWDON.—A new church hall which has just been erected at Pleasant Valley, for the accommodation of the church people of that district, the miners working in the East Rawdon gold mines and others, was opened for Divine service on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, when the Rector, Rev. W. J. Ancient, preached to a congregation which completely filled the hall. Service is to be held here every alternate Sunday evening. The building is also used for temperance meetings, and Mr. Ancient is about to commence a singing-class for the purpose of organizing a choir. A fortnightly week-night service has also been started in the Temperance Hall at South Rawdon; thus giving the Rector nine churches and stations to attend to.

WINDSOR.—*King's College.*—An interesting and exciting foot-ball match was played on the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day (12th instant) between the Zingari of Halifax and the Football Club of King's College, on the grounds of the latter. In the morning it was feared that high winds would seriously interfere with the

playing, and keep away many anxious spectators; but at the time of calling the game, 3 p.m., the wind had moderated considerably, and the weather in other respects was all that could be desired. The game was well contested. The College team, however, proved too strong for their opponents, and won by a goal and several touches. The playing was good on both sides, and was pronounced by many competent spectators to be the best they had seen for some time. About 300 visitors were present. The Landsdowne Band was in attendance, and added a good deal to the day's enjoyment. After the match their services were acknowledged by the two teams uniting to give them a vote of thanks and three rousing cheers. The King's College men, led on by their energetic captain and two of their Professors, have entered more heartily into the game than they have done for several years; and if they could have the advantage of a local team for practising with, could soon prove formidable opponents of any team in the Maritime Provinces.

A portion of the necessary apparatus for fitting up a gymnasium has recently been presented to the College by a gentleman residing in Windsor. The Faculty of the College have asked two of their body, Professor Roberts and Professor Hammond, to prepare a scheme by which it will be possible to erect next year a covered gymnasium, the advantages of which will be shared by the College and the Collegiate School. It will be a great advantage both to the students and to the boys, especially on the numerous wet days for which our Nova Scotian climate is distinguished in the spring and fall, to have a covered gymnasium where they can expend in healthful exercise some of that abundant vitality which should mark young men and growing boys.

Sons of King's who have left their Alma Mater will no doubt be glad to learn that healthful exercise and diligent study are going hand in hand in their old College. They will rejoice to learn that brighter days seem to have dawned on the oldest Church of England University in the Dominion. Let the Churchmen of the Maritime Provinces only respond to the appeal of their venerable prelates, and accord to King's College their generous support, and she will soon be lifted out of her present financial difficulties; and in this matter we venture earnestly to appeal to the Churchmen of Halifax and St. John to set an example to the Provinces.

All those interested in the welfare of King's College will learn with thankfulness that the College is at unity in itself; the best possible feeling between the Professors and the students, and the Professors report that a good deal of honest and thorough work is being done this term by the great body of the students.

The Collegiate School which is affiliated with the College is prospering. There are forty-three boarders, besides several day-boys; as the building will only accommodate forty-five, this leaves only two vacancies. One boy from the sixth form has just left the school and entered King's College.

The choir of the Hensley Memorial Chapel of King's (the services of which are attended on Sundays by both the students and boys) has lately been strengthened by the return to it of several of the boys from the school.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM, N.B.—*Anniversary Service of St. Mary's Juvenile Temperance Guild.*—On Sunday, Nov. 15th, the Rector of Chatham was assisted at the services in St. Paul's and St. Mary's churches by the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of St. Luke's, Halifax, N.S. The Holy Communion was celebrated at the morning service in St. Mary's chapel, and the number of communicants was above the average. Mr. Murray's stirring and eloquent sermons were

listened to with great attention, and it is hoped will be productive of much good.

Monday, the 16th, being the first anniversary of the organization of the Juvenile Temperance Branch of St. Mary's Guild, Divine Service was held in St. Mary's chapel, at 7.30 p.m. The clergy present were the Revs. F. R. Murray, J. H. S. Sweet, W. J. Wilkinson, and the Rector. At 7 p.m. the members of the Guild assembled in the school-room, and at the appointed hour proceeded with the clergy to the church, singing the processional hymn, "Rescue the perishing," &c. The other special hymns were sung by the children in the usual places in the order of Evening Prayer. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, and the 2nd by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson. Prayers were said by the Rector, and the children were eloquently addressed by the Rev. F. R. Murray. The large congregation present exhibited much interest in this anniversary service, which spoke well for the future usefulness and prosperity of the organization. After the Benediction, the processional hymn, "Father, in Thy Great Name we meet," was sung as the children and clergy returned to the school-room, where a social meeting of the children and their parents and friends was held. An hour or two were very pleasantly spent, and the children enjoyed themselves exceedingly with songs, games, &c., and not least by a bountiful supply of good things to eat and drink, provided by their parents and friends. Before the company separated, the Rector, in a few words, on behalf of the members of the Guild and himself, expressed his thanks to Mr. Murray for his kindness in being present and so ably assisting at the first anniversary of the Guild. After Mr. Murray had happily replied, the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem and Doxology.—*The Advance.*

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—*St. Peter's Church.*—Rev. George Thornloe, the new rector, and his family, having arrived, a reception in their honor was held in the church hall on Friday evening, Nov. 6th. The hall was crowded with members of the congregation, and a number of others also were present, among whom were Rev. Principal Adams, of Bishop's College, Rev. P. C. Read, and Rev. Dr. Roe. The clergy of other denominations were also represented. Rev. Dr. Reid made a short address, after which a pleasing programme of music was carried out at intervals during the evening, and refreshments were served by the ladies at 9.30. The occasion was a most pleasant one, and will long be remembered as such. The new rector expressed himself as being highly gratified by the hearty reception accorded him and Mrs. Thornloe.

The ceremony of induction took place on Sunday, the 8th, immediately before Matins, and the new rector preached at both the morning and evening services.

Since the departure of our late rector, Rev. B. B. Smith, in June last, the duties have in the interval been performed by Rev. P. C. Read, of Bishop's College, who during the short time he was here has made many warm friends.

BROMPTON AND WINDSOR.—The harvest thanksgiving season was marked in this parish, as has been generally the case in the Canadian Church. It is a wonder that more prominence has not been given to it heretofore, as people only require to have their attention directed to it to willingly respond to any suitable manner of observing it. The social aspect was prominently presented here.

At Windsor Mills a social tea table was spread in the new wing of the church, which occupied the time pleasantly from lamp-light up to eight o'clock, and yielded \$13 for putting extra seats in the church. Then the usual