

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B.H.M.—Received since previous acknowledgment: Bishop's Chapel, Halifax, \$71; St. George's Halifax, \$83.10; Londonderry Mines, \$10.45; Falkland, \$22.72; Bayfield, \$10; St. Margaret's Bay, \$33.67.

W. & O.—Bishop's Chapel, \$20.

B. F. M.—Received since previous acknowledgment:—*Algoma Bishopric Fund*—Truro, \$75. *Wawanosh Home*—Miss Fitzgerald's Class, St. Paul's, Halifax, \$3.00. *North-West Missions*—Truro, \$36.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Secretary.

HALIFAX.—The Season of Lent has led to a cessation of public amusements and to a more frequent attendance upon religious services. The increased services in all the churches are in some cases showing a better attendance than last year, while in some others the attendance is not so large. What is wanted in Halifax is a well prepared and heartily worked series of mission services by some effective missionary, so that the careless may be aroused and the nominal professions of so many made real and active. One feature heretofore neglected is being specially worked up. We refer to the Temperance movement, which is beginning to occupy its proper place among parochial work. In St. George's, under the active and zealous leadership of the Rector, quite a large number of men and women are enrolled as members of the Church of England Temperance Society, and a Band of Hope which now numbers nearly 150 children is in active operation. Mr. Partridge has also a numerous Guild working most admirably in connection with St. Matthias' Mission Chapel. In the Cathedral a flourishing Band of Hope has existed for some time, and on the Rector's return from Bermuda he purposes organizing a Temperance Society for adults. In St. Mark's and St. John's Mr. Winterbourne has a successful Guild meeting weekly, and doing effective work for the Church, and it is in contemplation to organize a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. In St. Paul's a Mite Society is supporting a missionary in one of the outlying fishing districts, and a Sunday School Association is actively developing the work of the Sunday Schools in the parish. The Bishop's Chapel testifies its life by contributing, in proportion to its size and wealth, more largely to the Board of Home Missions than any other city parish, although nearly all the parishes this year have largely increased their contributions to B. H. M. Classes have been and are being formed for Confirmation, and it is confidently expected that a very large number of young people and others will present themselves after Easter for "The Laying On of Hands."

HALIFAX.—*St. Paul's*.—The Rector, Dr. Hill, made a touching allusion a Sunday or two ago to the death of two estimable maiden ladies, the Misses Hodges, one of whom died on the previous Friday in the arms of her who on Saturday—less than 24 hours after—passed away with only a brief warning. The remaining sisters of this faithful Church family have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole Church community of Halifax in their loss.

GRANVILLE.—Another donation party was held in this parish on Tuesday evening last at Lower Granville. Mr. A. W. Bohaker kindly offered the use of his house, which, being large and centrally situated, was very suitable for the purpose. The sum of \$33.50 was handed to the Rector by Mr. Smith Bohaker, one of the Chapelwardens, and also \$4 for Mrs. Groatorex. A large number gathered together and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Carey Woodworth, with his daughter and two sons, whose musical talents are well known, kindly contributed to the evening's enjoyment, together with Mrs. Shafner, late organist of the Ferry Church. Fully half the amount contributed was given by members of the denominations, whose kindness the Rector much appreciates. Special

Lenten services are now being held in the Ferry Church on Wednesday evenings and in the Parish Church on Friday evenings; also, a celebration of Holy Communion with short sermon in the Ferry Church every Thursday morning, which is very well attended.

LUNenburg.—The Clergy of the Lunenburg Rural Deanery held their 36th meeting in this Parish recently. The visiting Clergy were, Rev. H. Stamer, Hubbard's Cove; Rev. W. E. Celling, Bridgewater; Rev. W. H. Groser, New Ross; Rev. D. S. Sutherland, Mahone Bay; Rev. G. H. Butler, Chester. On Wednesday evening the 24th inst., Divine Service was held at St. John's Church, when the sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Stamer, from St. John xiv 6,—"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." On Thursday morning there was Divine Service, with the Holy Communion, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Groser, from Acts ix.; 11,—"Behold He prayeth," it being St. Paul's Day, the day of the Conversion of the Great Apostle of the Gentiles, to the faith and service of Jesus Christ. In the afternoon, at the business meeting held at the Rectory, the Rev. Mr. Celling was appointed Sub-Dean of the Chapter, and arrangements were made for future meetings, when it was decided that services should be held by the visiting Clergy, at the out stations of the parishes where the meetings of the Chapter were being carried on. At the evening service on Thursday evening, instead of the sermon, addresses of 10 minutes each was delivered by all the Clergy present, except the local ones, on practical subjects that had been previously agreed upon, in which the congregation present were evidently much interested. The Offertory Collections received on Thursday, in aid of Foreign Missions, amounted to \$21.30. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Hubbard's Cove, July 18th, and 19th, and on Friday morning the visiting Clergy left for their homes gratified by their coming together again, and by the cordial hospitality with which they had been received by the lay members and friends of the Church.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Bishop Coadjutor lectured Monday week on Palestine, confining himself chiefly to Jerusalem and the sacred places thereabout. The intensely interesting character of the Bishop's address, and the admirably graphic way in which facts and recollections connected with the Holy City were presented, held the attention of the audience enchained from first to last in spite of the serious drawback which arose from the difficulty met with in managing the lights so as to make the illustrations effective. When the beautiful view of the Holy Sepulchre was shewn the whole audience rose at the Bishop's request and sang the hymn "When I survey the wondrous Cross." The effect was most impressive. On Monday last the Bishop-Coadjutor was to continue the subject, and on the following Monday the Rev. J. M. Davenport, of St. John, lectures at the same place on the Catacombs, shewing many diagrams and dwelling especially on their Eucharistic teaching. The usual Lenten services at the Cathedral and Parish Church are largely attended, as they are also at Margerville and at St. Mary's, and throughout the Diocese.

POINT DU CHENE.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Chapter of the Deanery of Shediac was held at Point du Chene on the 13th and 14th inst. There were present, besides the Rector-elect of the Parish, Rev. W. B. Armstrong, the Rev. Dean Simonds, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rev. Arthur Hoadley, Rev. H. H. Barber, and Rev. C. F. Wiggins. A motion was made by the Rev. J. R. Campbell to request the Dean to make application to the Bray Association for an additional grant of books, and the Rectors of Dorchester and Sackville were appointed a committee to suggest a list to be forwarded with the application. A committee of management was appointed to arrange for annual meeting of Choral Union, and it was decided that the next meeting should be in Sept. Rev. J. R. Campbell was appointed President, Rev. H. Barber conductor, and Rev. C. F. Wiggins Secretary

of said union. Evening Service was held in St. Andrews, and opened by Hymn 392 A. M., being sung as a processional. The Rev. J. R. Campbell was the preacher, subject, "S. Paul's Shipwreck." The whole service was hearty and well rendered. On the evening of the 14th, there was a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, at which Service the Rev. H. B. Armstrong was duly inducted Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew. After Service, the clergy re-assembled at the Rectory to finish business of Session. S. Luke xi., 14 28, was read critically and exegetically. The next meeting was fixed for 15th May, and to be held at Shediac. The clergy, after wishing the newly inducted Rector God speed, left for their several homes, having had an unusually enjoyable meeting.

COPIES of the "Official Year Book of the Church of England," on paper boards and cloth boards, as well as the S. P. C. K. "Book of Common Prayer, with Commentary," are in stock at Messrs. McMillan's, St. John, on the S. P. C. K. shelves.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

BOLTON CENTRE.—The clergymen of this parish, in addition to the purse of \$61, presented to him about a fortnight ago, has also had an additional gift of a fine saddle and bridle for his horse from the Captain of the Huntingdon Copper Mines, Mr. Edwards. This gentleman also made an addition to the purse aforementioned, not being able to be present on the occasion.

LENTE SERVICES in our country parishes consist chiefly of one or two special Services through the week, and a fortnightly celebration of the Communion.

KILDARE.—The arduous character of the Canadian Mission work is strikingly shown by such facts as the following:—The Rev. Isaac Rogers, recently appointed to the Mission of Kildare, began his duties by preaching no less than four times within thirty-six hours to attentive congregations 34 miles apart. These Services have been kept up for the past year by the Incumbent of the neighbouring Mission.

We presume that in the above notice from the *Star* the distance mentioned is between the stations at the extreme points of his parish. Even at this the distance is unusually great.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS—WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—The quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Montreal, was held on Tuesday the 13th inst. Among those present were the Very Rev. the Dean, Archdeacons Lindsay and Evans, Canons Anderson, Norman and Davidson, Rural Deans Mussen and Lindsay, Revs. W. I. Mills, F. Robinson, James Fulton, Messrs. S. Bethune, Q. C., F. Wolferstan Thomas, Charles Garth, W. B. Simpson, Dr. W. E. Scott, Thomas Simpson, L. G. Macdonald and T. P. Butler.

The Dean was requested to take the chair, after which the Secretary read the Treasurer's statement of the condition of the several funds in his charge.

A letter from the Bishop of Rupert's Land was read, in which he spoke of the pressing needs of his diocese, and asked what assistance he might look for from the Diocese of Montreal. The Secretary was instructed to forward the communication to the Chairman of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund reported on two applications referred to them in which the applicants ask that their names be placed upon the list of clergymen whose widows would have a claim on the Fund. The Committee was of opinion that their names could be accepted after compliance with clause three of the by-laws as follows:—

"Should any clergyman fail to become a member, and afterward desire to join it, he shall make application to the Executive Committee through the Widows and Orphans' Fund Committee; and should they favorably receive the application it can only be on payment of all back subscriptions." The report was adopted.

The Committee on grants reported recommending