

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

BADDECK.—All means of communication with Big Baddeck having been cut off by the destruction of the bridges in the freshet of March 21st and 22nd, the annual Vestry Meeting could not be held on Easter Monday, and it was found necessary to hold two meetings—one at Baddeck and one at Big Baddeck. That at Baddeck was held on Wednesday, March 28th, when S. G. A. McKeen, Esq., M. D., and Judge Tremaine were elected Wardens for the temporary Church at Baddeck, and to be a Committee with the Missionary for the building of a church in the village. The meeting at Big Baddeck was held on Monday, April 2nd, when Robt. Anderson and Seymour Foyle, Esqrs., were elected Wardens for the ensuing year. At either meeting a vote of thanks was given to Mr. Leaver Sparling for his kindness in acting as Secretary to the meetings for the past 6 years, and God speed was given him for success in his new sphere of labour at North Sydney, whither he has removed. At each meeting the Missionary gave a long and interesting account of his sojourn in England, and of his successful efforts to procure money for the many wants of the Mission, especially for a church, mission house, and endowment. He spoke warmly of the great kindness of the clergy in England, and especially of the great hospitality of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. In addition to paying a *locum tenens* for a year, there had been collected £45 towards debt on St. Andrew's Church, £204 for a home for the Missionary, £146 towards a church at Baddeck; a property had been secured at Ingonish, and a grant of 100 acres of land at New Haven. Special donations had been given for fonts of stone for 3 churches, books and Communion plate, besides some beautiful and valuable altar cloths and altar linen. In addition to this, the sum of four thousand dollars had been paid over to the Bishop of the Diocese for investment for the Mission, the interest of which is to go to the Missionary in lieu of the deduction from grant from B. H. M. A vote of thanks was given to the Missionary for the successful issue of his venture of faith in going to England to plead for the Mission.

DIGBY.—The congregation of Trinity Church took the occasion of Easter Day to make a well-deserved present in money to their indefatigable Organist, Miss Fanny Smith, accompanying it with the following address:—

To Miss Fanny Smith:—Dear Miss Fanny,—On this happy Easter Day, in the name of the congregation of Trinity Church we beg you to do us all the favor of accepting the accompanying present as a small acknowledgement of our affection for you, and our deep respect for and appreciation of your exemplary deportment, and our gratitude for your faithful, unremitting and efficient services in the public worship of the Church as Organist. And we pray that God may have you ever in His care and keeping, and perfect a life so well begun with the endless life hereafter.

JOHN AMBROSE, M.A., Rector.
T. C. SHREVE,
W. B. STEWART, } Wardens.

To this Miss F. Smith has since sent in the following acknowledgement:—

To the Rector and Wardens of Trinity Church, Digby.

Gentlemen, Please accept for yourselves, and convey to those kind friends whom you represent, my best thanks for the kind address and its accompanying present which you have handed to me.

It affords me much pleasure to find that my services as Organist are acceptable.

With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

FANNY SMITH.

Digby, Easter Monday, 1883.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. A. J. Townsend, Chaplain to H. M. Forces, who has been quite unwell is now convalescing.

The Revs. Rural Dean White, of Shelburne, and Rural Dean Filleul, of Weymouth, both of whom

have been in poor health during the winter, are, we are glad to learn, recovering.

The Rev. D. C. Moore, of Stellarton, who with Mrs. Moore spent the winter in Italy and England, will return to his Parish in June.

HALIFAX.—*Bishop's Chapel.*—At the annual meeting of this congregation held last week, his Lordship, the Bishop, in the chair, the accounts for the past year were submitted by the Treasurer, Geo. R. Anderson, Esq., and it was found that the financial affairs were better than at any previous period in the history of the work. Owing to the change of financial year the last period covers 15 months during which time the receipts for the current expenses of the chapel amounted to \$1,444.53. In addition to this upwards of \$300 was received for missionary and other objects. The services have been well attended, and the number of communicants at the Easter celebration were in excess of last year. After some cheering remarks from the chairman, the following committees for the ensuing year were appointed: Finance Committee—Major Webster, H. C. Evans, H. A. Jennings, H. McKenzie, Frederick Jones, John Naylor. Chapel Committee—Charles Hilchie, J. B. Johnston, Wm. Myers, C. Gunning, John Naylor. Visiting Committee—H. C. Evans, Major Webster, H. McKenzie, S. H. Shreve, J. B. Johnston. Walter F. Meynell, Secretary; Selwyn H. Shreve, Treasurer.

St. Marks.—On Thursday evening the Guild of St. Marks, in connection with this Parish, welcomed the English operatives on their arrival to work in the Cotton Factory, by giving them an Entertainment and Tea. About forty were present besides many of the parishioners. Such attention shows the brotherly and Churchly spirit which Mr. Winterbourne has aroused among his people, and is calculated to do much good. A branch of the Church of England Temperance Society is to be organized to meet in St. Mark's School House, we wish it success.

Bishop's Chapel.—The Rev. J. Rushton, of St. Stephen's, N. B., preached in the Bishop's Chapel on Sunday week (2nd Sunday after Easter). Mr. Rushton's sermon was highly appreciated by those present.

P. E. ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Pauls.*—The Rev. Alfred Osborne, late curate of this Church, but now of Regina, the new capital of the North West, has been on a visit to Charlottetown, and has once again ministered to his old flock. Mr. Osborne speaks of the great future of Regina now that it has been definitely selected as the capital, and expects to see large additions to its population this summer. He returns with his family at once, leaving behind him a numerous body of friends and well wishers who will greatly miss both Mrs. Osborne and himself.

St. Peters.—The Rev. Geo. W. Hodgson is obliged, through continued ill-health, to take a trip to Europe. Mr. Hodgson is a zealous and hardworking clergyman, and he sometimes overtasks his strength. We hope soon to learn that his visit across the water has restored him to health and strength again. He will be missed in Charlottetown, where, not only in his own church work, but in Temperance and other matters of public benefit, he has always taken a warm and active interest. Speaking of Mr. Hodgson's Temperance work, an Island paper recently had the following: On Easter Day, the Rev. G. W. Hodgson organized a Band of Hope in connection with St. Peter's Church Sunday School. Nearly all the boys and girls who attend the schools have joined. As this is a movement about which the pastors, parents, and children of other churches and denominations may be interested, we subjoin a short account of the steps taken by Mr. Hodgson. First of all he gave notice in the Church of his intention to form a Band of Hope, pointing out at the same time that intemperance, like other evils, is more easily prevented than cured, and that persons who when young are accustomed to abstinence from strong drink will be less likely than those who were not to fall into the fatal habit of intemperance when

beset with the temptations of later years. Then he addressed the Sunday School upon the subject, and had the pupils supplied with "Consent Card," as follows:—

CARD GIVING PARENTS' CONSENT.

"I consent to——joining St Peter's Church Band of hope, and taking the total abstinence pledge.——Parent."

These "cards" the children took to their homes, and, if the parents gave consent and signed them, brought them back on the following Sunday.

Then, on Easter Day, the Band of Hope was formed, each pupil who joined it taking the pledge and receiving a very neatly printed card, which may be framed and hung up in the bedroom or elsewhere, as follows:—

"ST. PETER'S CHURCH BAND OF HOPE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.—PROVERBS XX, 1; AND XXIII, 32.

My God shall be my strength.

The Pledge.

"Not to drink any intoxicating Liquor for one year, and for as long after as this card is kept.

".....took the Pledge on the 25th. day of March, 1883, before me, and was then admitted a member of St. Peter's Church Band of Hope.

GEORGE W. HODGSON.

The Prayer.

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father who hast heard us take our pledge, help us all to keep it truly, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

BURTON.—Mrs. Greer, in the name of St. John's Church Sewing Society, thankfully acknowledges the kind donation of Ten Dollars from T. W. Daniel, Esq., of St. John, in aid of the Endowment Fund of the parish.

FREDERICTON.—The Rev. Thomas Neales, rector of Woodstock, has been appointed by the Metropolitan to the Canonry of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Canon Partridge to the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

ST. JOHN.—The Lady members of the Church of England Institute and their friends, held a Fancy Sale and High Tea last week, when about \$250.00 was realized. The whole affair was admirably managed, and was a great success. The gentlemen may well congratulate themselves upon having in connection with their important work such able co-adjutors and fellow workers as the ladies have many times proved themselves to be.

SACKVILLE.—On Easter Monday at the annual meeting of parishioners held in the Parish Church, the rector, Mr. Wiggins, in the chair, the following gentlemen were elected Wardens and Vestry for ensuing year. Wardens—Messrs. W. C. Miller and Seth Bulmer; Vestry Clerk—Mr. J. F. Allison; Treasurer—Mr. D. G. Dickson; Vestry—Messrs. Senator Botsford, H. B. Allison, Capt. Milner, A. E. Cogswell, Wm. Tait, Winslow Milner, J. W. Clare, Geo. N. Bulmer, Blair Estabrooks, Stewart Gooden, W. B. Dixon and Ed. Jarvis. The Parish is now in possession of a handsome Church, Sunday School House and Parsonage in Sackville, and the Churches at Westcock and Second Westcock. The financial affairs of the parish are in good condition.

DORCHESTER.—The work in this parish is progressing, although here, as elsewhere, much feeling prevails in some quarters against the Church, and strong efforts are made to draw away members from her fold. It is very important that the children of the Church should be well trained in her distinctive views, in order that they may be able to "Give an answer to every man for the Faith that is in them," and may not be "tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine." We want for this age of the world well informed Church members, as well as an earnest and devoted laity. Dorchester is fortunate in having a hardworking and thoroughly trained clergyman, whose experience has been large, and who has always been highly esteemed by men of other views who, while admitting his determined and zealous Churchmanship,