

worthy praise, to hear His most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as for the soul." Evidently the Brooklyn divine has failed to learn the Prayer-Book's teaching—of the chief end and aim of our assembling in the House of God. It is to *worship* in "the beauty of holiness" that we enter the courts of the Most High. If it is only to hear *preaching* that we go to God's House, we have mistaken the plain requirements of Scripture; we have overlooked the spirit and letter of our Book of Common Prayer.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FALMOUTH.—The sociable held here under the management of the members of St. George's Guild at the residence of James Smith, Esq., on Tuesday evening, the 4th, was quite a success. The sum of \$26 was cleared. During the evening choice selections were played by Mrs. Harrison and Miss Harvey, adding much to the evening's enjoyment.

KENTVILLE.—With the extension of the Church building here during the last summer and the adoption of the free pew system the congregation also has very greatly increased. With this has grown the love for the Church itself and zeal for the religious work connected with it. Never have there been such intensely hearty and earnest services and such a large attendance of especially young men at all the services as at the present time. And if proof were wanted of the cordiality of the feelings existing between the Rector and the people we may note the pleasing fact that a beautiful fur coat was presented to the Rector on Christmas Eve with an admirable address beautifully engrossed.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's Cathedral.*—The annual meetings in connection with the Societies of Charity in this parish have been held during the past week.

The three Mother's meetings, viz., St. Luke's, St. Albans and St. Augustines, together with the members of the Blanket and Clothing Club of each district had their annual dinner, which is usually provided by the ladies of the parish in a most bountiful manner, and certainly this year was no exception for the tables actually groaned with all the good things crowded on them. About seventy mothers and children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After all the eatables had been disposed of, the Rector gave out to the members of the Blanket and Clothing Clubs what was due to them. Each member of the Blanket Club pays in 10 cents per week, and at the end of the year receives a pair of good blankets, a pair of twilled sheets and a fine counterpane, valued at about seven dollars, all of which are supplied by the firm of Messrs. William Silver & Sons, at wholesale price.

The members of the Clothing Club are required to pay in 25 cents per week at most and at the end of the year they receive the money back again with ten per cent. interest added to buy warm clothing for the winter.

The Woman's Guild.—This Guild numbers about sixty. The members meets every alternate Wednesday. At the meetings garments are made up and given away to the poor from time to time, but as Christmas comes near the garments are specially prepared for different families, for each member is expected to take under her wing a poor family and to have an eye upon their wants during the year, but at the annual Feast, which was held this year, on last Thursday, each member prepared a garment add present for each child of the family,

all of which are pleased on the Guild Christmas tree.

Prior to the disbursement by Santa Claus, an ever welcome guest of the splendid and useful fruit of this tree, the families partook of a sumptuous repast provided in the Junior School room. This year about one hundred women and children sat down to the good things provided for them, and before leaving in various ways found room for the fragments.

The tree, erected in St. Luke's Hall, was a perfect success. This year it was so heavily laden as to require Santa Claus to bring his son with him as an assistant.

May the fruits of this species of tree never grow less as long as there are any of Christ's poor in need of it.

Extracts from the Rector's report for 1886:—Two hundred and fifty-two families and 134 individuals, making a flock of 1,250 souls. There are 546 on the communicants' roll. During the past year 22 have left the city, 11 fell asleep, 10 joined other congregations and 108 new communicants were added. Two hundred and twenty-three Mission services have been held in the two Mission Chapels of St. Albans and St. Augustines and 47 on Sundays in the City Hospital.

In St. Luke's Matins and Evensong are said daily, and there are celebrations of the Holy Eucharist every Thursday and Sunday mornings; 51 services of Intercession have been held on Fridays at 12. There have been during the year 305 celebrations with 7,013 communions made as follows: Sundays, 57 early, with 2,944 communions, average 52; 24 at ten o'clock with 695, average 29; 17 late with 1,255, average 74; 82 Holy and other days with 1,316, average 16; week days 75 with 606, average 8; 39 Rector's private celebrations with 135; 9 Curate's private celebrations with 292 and 2 special at St. Alban's Chapel with 33.

There has been 46 Sunday afternoon catechists in St. Luke's, 5 in St. Albans, 4 in St. Augustines with 9 special Children's Festival and Mission services; 33 baptisms, 63 confirmed, 14 marriages, 26 burials; offertories \$8,581.58. The Rector has made 1,158 recorded visits in ten months and the Curate 351.

There are 4 Sunday-schools at work with Bible classes for men and women on Sundays, and a general one every Thursday.

Teachers' preparatory classes are held every Friday for the Sunday's work.

Five of the teachers this year have passed the examination held in Halifax under the auspices of the Church of England Sunday-school Institute. Senior division, Miss Forbes, honors; Miss M. Weir, 2nd class, junior division, Miss R. Forbes, honor; Mrs. Murray, Miss Stimpson, first-class. (There are also about one hundred members of the Bible Reading Union in connection with the same Institute.)

Three Mothers' meetings, three Blanket and Clothing Clubs, a Dorcas Society, a Woman's Guild and a Young Men's Mission Guild are in active operation.

The Juvenile Temperance Guild with its two hundred members is doing a good work, as is also the Senior Guild with its one hundred members.

The Rector, Minor Canon Murray and the Curate, the Rev. W. B. King, are ably assisted in two mission districts by four lay readers.

WINDSOR.—*King's College.*—A meeting of the Board of Governors of this College was held at the residence of the Bishop, in Halifax, on the 4th instant. All the Nova Scotia members of the Board were present with the exception of the Venerable Archdeacon Gilpin and the Rev. H. How who were unavoidably absent.

A large amount of general business was disposed of, and reports from the various standing committees were received.

The report presented by the "Restoration Fund" committee was most satisfactory, the total amount of receipts to date being \$2,403.02. The expenditures are as follows:—

To repairs on Main College Buildings.....	\$1,736 50
To introducing water to College and Professors' houses.....	579 22
To repairs on Convocation Hall.....	58 66
Balance in hand.....	28 57
	\$2,403 02

This committee have in contemplation important improvements to interior of College building, together with the removal and repairing of Steward's barn, new fences, gates, etc.

The Chapel Committee report having placed a furnace in the Hensley Memorial Chapel during recess. This will supply a long-felt want and must prove a great comfort to the faculty and students.

A comprehensive report was presented by the Library Committee, which included plans and specifications for extensive addition to the shelving capacity of the library. These suggested plans were heartily approved of by the Board, and the work will be proceeded with without delay.

Application was received from Bermuda for the appointment of a board of Examiners in that island for Matriculants. This was favorably received and steps taken to comply with the request.

The Rev. John Ambrose, Rector of Digby, and a member of the Board of Governors, consented to undertake the work of canvassing for the Endowment Fund in the Province of New Brunswick, subject to the approval of the Metropolitan.

Steps will also be taken to secure the service of a collector for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

PETITE RIVIERE.—The Rector of this parish in thanking those who constituted the new Church in this parish gives the following particulars:—The size of the church is as follows: Nave 40x22, with a chancel 18x14; two annexes, one used as a vestry and one as a choir-room. Entrance porch 12 feet wide by 4 deep. The building is of Gothic style, and finished with pine. The wood work is prettily stained and illuminated with vermilion. The windows have been supplied by Spence & Sons, Montreal, and are very handsome, and give a rich and warm appearance to the interior. The congregation have raised in money, material and labor about \$800. Petite Riviere has had a resident Clergyman for the past 40 years, but up to the present only a small mission room. Of late years the congregation has grown very much, and now it forms the centre of a very large scattered parish, and rejoices in a pretty parish church, and three other churches in out stations, viz., La Have Islands, Broad Cove, Vogler's Cove, which form part of the parish. The Rev. James Spencer, the present Incumbent, who has been in charge for two and a half years, has been the means of erecting two much needed churches; and has the satisfaction of seeing both free from debt.

STEWIAOKE.—The Rev. Mr. Cox has resigned the charge of this parish.

OXFORD.—We regret to learn that the active travelling missionary Rev. R. W. Hudgell, has been indisposed from excessive exposure, but is once more as active as ever.

An Ontario Rector writes: "I take this opportunity to express my admiration of the loyalty of the CHURCH GUARDIAN towards the purest Branch of the Church of Christ, the Holy Catholic, Apostolic of England, whose high interests is so ably advocates and faithfully guards, I could wish that its circulation was commensurate with its merits and that every church-family received it."