

quagesima Sunday, to the children of St. James' S. S. The S. S. offering during the six Sundays in Lent will be given, as directed, to the Indian Homes in the N. W.

Some months ago when it appeared possible that the services of a professional organist and choir-master could be engaged, several persons in the congregation of St. James' Church promised donations towards the first year of the organist's salary: the wardens beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$37.50 during the months of January and February in partial fulfilment of these promises.

PARRSBORO

The Guild of St. George's had a very successful entertainment in St. George's Hall on the 24th of last month. They repeated it at Port Greville the following Monday where it was much appreciated. The Guild has developed some unlooked for talent in the younger members, several of whom have written capital papers for the weekly meetings on such subjects as "Christian heroes," "Did Henry VIII found the Church of England" "Bible Authority for a Responsive Form of Worship" etc.

The choir of St. George's presented their organist, Mrs. Gibbons, with a handsome banquet lamp. The Rector was also the recipient, about the same time, of an easy chair from two of his parishioners.

Mr. R. Smith from St. Bee's College, England, has arrived to assist the Rector for a time in the arduous work of this parish. Very neat Lenten cards, with an address and rules for the most helpful way of passing the Holy Season, containing also a Lenten Calendar on the cover, have been distributed in the different congregations in the parish.

AMHERST

An "At Home" was given on Monday evening Feb. 3rd by the members of the Council in connection with the Reading Room Club, and was attended by upwards of three hundred people. The spacious rooms in the Parish House were all thrown open and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The programme—which was well carried out—consisted of an address of welcome from the president B. D. Bent, vocal and instrumental music, readings etc. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cake were served in abundance throughout the evening. At the close a number of magazines were disposed of by auction.

On Ash Wednesday, Morning Prayer and the Communion Service was said in Christ Church at 11 o'clock, and Evensong at 7.30.

The beautiful Cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy" is being prepared under the leadership of Prof. Sterne, and will be given in the hall of the Parish House at an early date. Proceeds in aid of the same.

Through the generosity of several gentlemen the large hall in the Parish House and one of the large rooms on the second flat have been supplied with incandescent lamps. Nearly the whole of the building is now lighted by electricity. Two of the rooms, containing thirteen windows have been fitted with spring blinds through the kindness of friends.

Mr. G. T. Bryant, Lay Reader, intends to leave for England after Easter. The many friends that he has made during his stay with us will regret to hear of his intended departure, and he will carry with him to his old home their best wishes for his future success.

During Lent, Evensong will be said daily at 5 o'clock, except on

Friday when it will be held at the usual hour, 7.30. M. E. B.

SYDNEY MINES, C. B.

A Society was organized in this parish several months ago, under the name of "Holy Trinity Parish Society" having for its President and Chaplain, the Rector. The object of this Society is twofold—1st, to promote the cause of Temperance, and 2nd, to bring the members of the congregation closer together. The meetings are held fortnightly, and have been well attended. We have had, already, one or two addresses on Temperance, a lecture, besides programmes of recitations, songs, instrumental music etc. At our next meeting we are to have a debate.

An organization of this kind was very much needed in this parish of ours, and we hope that it will be productive of much good. The latest of our schemes is a setting on foot of a Circulating Library in connection with the above Society. We hope by this means to disseminate good and healthy literature among our parishioners. We have also Committees out for visiting the sick, for looking after the Temperance Work, and for looking up strangers, bringing them to church and introducing them to the Rector. Very shortly we hope to start a "Band of Hope" together with a sewing class for little girls.

The Holy Season of Lent is upon us once again. Special services have been arranged, and a card, on which they are indicated, is sent to each parishioner, so that none of us can forget the hours of service. I am glad to say, that, this year, it has been found possible to arrange for two services every Sunday, and we trust that they will be appreciated.

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