

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—In accordance with the recommendation of the Lambeth Conference, I remind you that Tuesday, 24th inst., being one of the Rogation days, or any of the seven following days, is appointed to be observed as a day of Intercession for Missions throughout the world.

Where it is not practicable, as in scattered Country Parishes, to secure a congregation on the Tuesday as well as on Holy Thursday, I recommend you to combine the intercessions with the services of the Ascension Day, with which they will thoroughly harmonize.

Yours, affectionately, H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, May 10th.

THE BISHOP will hold Confirmations as follows:

- May 15, A. M., Windsor.
" P. M., Newport.
" 16, Walton.
" 29, Summerside, P. E. I.
" 30, New London, "
June 1, Alberton, "
June 2, Port Hill, "
Whitsunday, Charlottetown.

DIOCESAN ROOM.

Collections, Subscriptions and Donations received for the week ending Saturday, May 7th.

W. AND O. FUND.

St. Luke's Church, Halifax, \$14.04; "Cleric," \$1.50. JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secy.

B. H. M. DEFICIENCY.

Amount previously acknowledged, \$346 20
" Mite from Clergyman's Widow, 2 00
John Vought, Esq., North Sydney, 10 00
" Student, King's College, 1 00
\$359 20

EDWIN GILPIN, D. D., Treasurer.

Amount required, \$4000.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received, April 25th, from Rev. Richmond Shreve, Yarmouth, \$3.37, Mission Box collections from three children Jane, Willie and Margaret Moody—for the Shingwauk Home.

W. GOSSIP, Treasurer.

ALMON MINES.—Jesse Hoyt was buried here on Sunday, May 1st. The church would not hold half those who assembled to pay the last token of respect to one whose name is so intimately associated with Stellarton (our adjoining hamlet), and who was so well known first in connection with the telegraph system of the Province and then as Resident Manager of the Acadia Coal Mines.

The feminine portion of Christ Church congregation have determined on a strawberry festival, with fancy tables, about the end of June, the proceeds to go to church improvements. Articles for sale will be gladly received at the Rectory.

NEW GLASGOW.—This congregation had its Easter Communion celebrated on Low Sunday, when 18 communicated. These added to 39 in Christ Church on Easter Day, make 55 in the whole Parish, deducting two who received both times.

NEW ROSS.—Adopted unanimously at the Annual Parish Meeting, held in Christ's Church, New Ross, Easter Sunday, 1881.—The parishioners of New Ross, represented by this parish meeting, learn with regret that their respected Churchwarden, Mr. Michael Keddy, now prostrated with an illness, the issues of which are as yet known to God our Heavenly Father alone, feels himself unequal to the practical duties of his office, and desires to be relieved of its responsibilities.

their united sympathies and prayers in this visitation of God upon him; that they miss him from his accustomed place both in public worship and in this assembly; that his name will be ever held by all in affectionate remembrance, and that they cherish the hope to see him, ere long, restored to health and usefulness

WILLIAM H. GROSER, Missionary, Chairman.
JAMES H. HILTZ,
JOSEPH SKERRY, Churchwardens.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—The Lenten services were well attended—very well—especially at Main-a-Dieu and Lorraine. Each church was open once a day during Holy Week. The Rural Dean has just left for home after a visit of a week in the Mission; celebrations every day since Friday last; one in each church and four private ministrations to sick and infirm members of the Church.

HALIFAX.—St. Luke's.—The Entertainment in St. Luke's Hall, on behalf of the Falkland Mission, realized the large sum of \$66.25.

HALIFAX.—North West Arm Mission.—The annual business meeting of the members of the North-West Arm Mission congregation took place on Wednesday evening, 5th inst., the Lay Reader in charge in the Chair. After prayers had been said, and the Minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the Treasurer presented the financial statements for the past year, which in substance was as follows:—

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDED. Includes items like Cash balance per last statements, Offerings, and Church expenses.

During the past year the Mission building has been greatly improved; its Altar, Reredos, texts from Holy Scripture, new sittings, &c., give it quite a church-like appearance. These improvements have not yet been paid for in full, consequently there is yet a liability of \$100.00.

The Chairman stated that the Sunday School was in a flourishing condition, the total number of members on the roll being 50. Additional teachers, however, are required to carry to work on efficiently. The congregations at the different services during the past year have been exceedingly good, services having been held every Sunday evening, with but one intermission, on account of wet weather.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHATHAM.—Easter Meeting.—The regular Easter meeting in connection with the churches of this Parish was held at St. Paul's on Easter Monday, the Rector presiding. The Vestry passed the following resolution:—

Whereas, in the ordering of Divine Providence our late venerable Warden, Michael Searle, Esq., has been removed by death, we take this first occasion to express the cordial

and unanimous sentiment of respect which was entertained for him in this body. His long term of service—29 years as Vestryman and Warden—his devotion to the Church, his faithfulness in the discharge of every duty, and consistent Christian character and example, entitle him to honorable mention and remembrance in the annals of our church.

Judge Wilkinson having completed, on this Easter Monday, thirty years of service as Vestry Clerk, the occasion was made the subject of a fitting resolution. The following was also passed:—

Resolved, That this corporation put on record its appreciation of the gift of G. A. Blair, Esq., of the handsome pulpit which was placed in St. Mary's Chapel on Easter Even. The corporation recognizes, in the spirit which prompted the gift, the Churchmanship and Christian liberality of the donor and highly values the example he has set in good works for the beautifying of God's house.

The officers elected for the current year are as follows:—Wardens—Geo. Burchill, Richard Carman; Vestrymen—W. Wilkinson, G. A. Blair, S. Habberley, R. Hocken, W. B. Howard, Charles Sargent, D. G. Smith, John Baldwin, F. E. Winslow, John Brown, Chatham Head; Thos. F. Gillespie, Geo. Lee. The Vestry re-elected Judge Wilkinson, Clerk, and G. A. Blair, Esq., Treasurer. Judge Wilkinson and G. A. Blair, Esq., were appointed delegates to the Diocesan Synod, and Messrs. Geo. Burchill and Wm. Carman, Substitutes.

GREENWICH.—A meeting of the Church Wardens and Vestry was held on the 29th March last, when it was resolved that "immediate steps be taken to provide better church accommodation at the lower end of the Parish. Mr. James Nutter at once proposed to give a piece of ground, about an acre, for a church and burial ground, together with timber for the frame. The offer was so generous, and the ground so well adapted for the purpose both in situation and character, that there could be no difference of opinion about accepting it, and a resolution was passed by the Vestry, heartily thanking Mr. Nutter for so promptly putting them in a position to proceed at once with the desired work.

WESTFIELD.—The new Rectory is now making quite an imposing appearance from the St. John River, the work having been lately carried on with great vigour. The commodious cellar is nearly completed, and on Wednesday last twenty-five of the parishioners, led by their energetic Pastor, raised the frame of the building and boarded in a considerable portion of it; the remainder, it is expected, will be enclosed shortly, as Councillor Waters has handed to the Missionary sufficient money to defray that expense.

BAY DU VIN.—Lenten Services on Wednesday and Friday of each week have been well attended. During Holy Week a service was held each day either at morning or evening, and on Wednesday both morning and evening. On Good Friday also had service. Our little church looked very pretty on Easter Day, although we had but little decoration.

CLARENCEVILLE.—They had here an enthusiastic Vestry meeting, it seems, for they voted thanks to his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese for sending them such a clergyman as they now have—the Rev. A. A. Allen. He seems to be the right man in the right place. For the Rector's own comfort, we hope this satisfaction will continue.

gation at this station. The Parish Meeting on Monday in Easter Week was fairly well attended, and much work was done. The present Wardens are John G. Williston, Thomas B. Williston. Delegates to Synod and to D. C. S.—Joseph B. Williston and Thomas B. Williston. We think our work progressive.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

WEST SHEFFORD.—Practical steps have been taken towards the erection of the new church to replace the old one—the oldest in the Deanery of Bedford. The excavation for the foundation is made, and stones and lumber being drawn to the spot, so that probably we shall soon have the gratification of seeing the corner stone laid. In the old church, dilapidated as it is, the incumbent made the chancel bear some indications of brightness and festiveness becoming Easter-tide.

FRELIGHSBURG.—We soon will have to chronicle the opening of the beautiful building, the "Stewart Memorial Church."

BEDFORD.—Easter Sunday was duly honored by the rendering of the services in music of a festive character and with the house of worship tastefully decorated with floral ornaments. The annual Vestry Meeting was a largely attended and a very harmonious one. We think we are correct when we say this harmony is characteristic of this Parish so far in its history.

COWANSVILLE.—The Vestry Meeting here presented some points of local interest and some of diocesan. Under the latter, we find that a great increase is reported of communicants. 100 is the number now—something over half as many again as when the present Rector entered on his charge. A large number of families however—families that, for the most part, were great supporters of the church in principles and contributions—have been removed chiefly by emigration westward.

MONTREAL.—The Church of the Redeemer in one of the suburban districts is one where the Services of the Church are read by a devoted layman, one indeed who would take a foremost rank in the proposed "permanent diaconate," if he would not lose thereby in our Synods some of that influence which he possesses now as a layman.

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