

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**SHELburne.**—The Lenten services at the Parish Church were well attended, and at Easter the number of communicants was very large.

Nine windows for the nave of the new church at Stand Point, and three stained chancel windows for the church at Church Over have just come to hand, having been made by Messrs. Spence & Sons, at Montreal.

**PARSBORO.**—During the solemn season of Lent the services, Sundays and week-days, have been well attended. Owing to the illness of the Rector, the services during the early part of Holy Week were omitted, but having partially recovered, he ministered to very fair congregations, both morning and evening, on Good Friday. On Saturday several members of the congregation, male and female, interested themselves in adorning the church with flowers for the Resurrection morn. Easter being early, flowers in bloom were rather scarce, nevertheless the super-altar, prayer-desk, pulpit, each window and the font were tastefully decorated with plants, admirable for bloom or foliage. The Easter services, both morning and evening, were well attended, and the well selected hymns, well sung, added life and variety to the services, which were hearty and enjoyable.

The attendance at the annual parish meeting on Easter Monday was not large. Those present, however, displayed a marked interest in Church work, and the necessary business was harmoniously transacted. Messrs. W. A. Herne and N. H. Upham were elected Churchwardens.

**HALIFAX.**—Church Army Work in St. Paul's. The first enrolment in connection with the Church Army in this parish took place in St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, April 13th.

At 7.30 p.m. the officers and soldiers, to the number of sixty-five, assembled at Trinity Church and, headed by the Rector and Curates, marched in processional order through Argyle street to St. Paul's.

A large congregation had gathered to witness the ceremony. The members to be enrolled having taken their places in the front seats of the nave, the service was begun by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name" (Hymnal Companion, 499). The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Hole, then read one of the Sentences and the shortened Exhortation, after which the congregation knelt and repeated the General Confession and Lord's Prayer. The chanting of the "Jubilate" followed, and the lesson 1 Tim. i, 1-13, which was read by Captain Winfield. The Rector next questioned the candidates concerning their moral and religious duties, and their hearty responses testified to their earnestness and fidelity. A short pause being made for silent prayer, the hymn "I am Thine, O Lord," was sung and those to be enrolled were conducted by Captain Winfield and Lieut. Lloyd to the chancel steps, where the Rector presented each with a scarlet cord as a solemn badge of enrolment in the Church Army. At this part of the ceremony the whole congregation joined in the Apostles' Creed, after which a few prayers were offered and Dr. Hole, in his usual impressive style, delivered an eloquent address, setting forth the duties of the Christian soldier and exhorting all to war a good warfare and follow the "Captain of our Salvation." At the close of the Rector's remarks several members of the congregation, in answer to his call, came forward and were enrolled as associates of the Army. During the offertory the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, and the service concluded with the benediction.

On the following Tuesday a tea meeting was given for the Army in the Argyle Hall by the

Rector and several ladies of the congregation. When every one had done ample justice to the good things provided, a procession was formed and marched to Trinity Church, where all enjoyed a hearty of prayer and praise.

The work that is being done in the parish by the Church Army reflects the greatest credit upon the officers and Dr. Hole. Many are daily being drawn from the haunts of vice to profess their love for the Saviour; and men and women who once delighted in drunkenness and iniquity are now sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in their right mind.

May God speed the glorious work!

## CAPE BRETON.

**LOUISBOURG.**—St. Batholomew.—Daily Lenten services, with a celebration of the Holy Communion, were held in this part of the parish and were well attended. On Good Friday, the religious observance of which is becoming more marked every year, the congregations at both matins and evensong were very large. The offertory was given to the "Society for the Conversion of the Jews."

The "Queen of Festivals" was commenced by a mid-night choral celebration of the blessed Sacrament, at which there were forty communicants. At 11 a.m., there was again Holy Communion with sermon, with 15 communicants, and evensong and sermon at 7 p.m.

The decorations which were confined wholly to the chancel, were unusually bright and pretty.

**LORRAINE.**—Here as at Louisbourg daily services, with Holy Communion every Friday, were held throughout Lent. The congregations were large, and one pleasing feature was the number of men in attendance, though the service was in the afternoon. The Good Friday offertories here were also devoted to the "Society for the Conversion of the Jews."

On Easter Sunday, there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., with fifty-five communicants, and at 3.30 p.m.; evensong and sermon with two Baptisms. The people in this part of the parish are making earnest endeavours to build a new church in place of the old one which has become altogether too small. The frame, land, lumber, shingles, &c., have all been obtained by the people themselves, and on Easter Monday they promised to give all the net fish caught on June 20th, as a Jubilee offering towards the erection of a building more worthy the worship of God than the present old one. Will not five hundred persons give one dollar each, as a small Jubilee offering towards this most worthy object, and so take of part of the already too heavy burden upon the fisherman's shoulders? Subscriptions which may be sent, will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Rev. T. F. Draper, Rector St. Batholomew's Parish, Louisbourg, C.B.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**BROMPTON AND WINDSOR.**—The annual Vestry meetings have been held throughout the district. Churchwardens, Brompton: Robert Brooks and Norman Knapp. Windsor: Gardner Stevens and J. B. Roff, re-elected. Hardwood Hill: George Wilkie and John H. Bliss, re-elected. Delegates to Synod, Windsor: Gardner Stevens. Brompton: M. B. Irvine, C. B. C.M.G., Quebec. Hardwood Hill: Geo. Thompson, Esq., Quebec.

At Windsor immediate steps will be taken for building a parsonage at an estimated cost of \$1,000. At Hardwood Hill the work at Church building to be prosecuted as rapidly as possible. At Brompton, while regret was felt at the death of some of the most active members and removal of families connected with the Church. It was very encouraging to report that the late Mrs. Muck had left a legacy of \$1,000 to the

Endowment Fund, and J. Gates Ball \$50 towards the assessment by the Diocesan Board. These were the last representatives of families connected with Brompton for nearly half a century, and they truly chose a way in which their memory will be blessed.

**LABRADOR.**—One of your correspondents evidently thinks the sympathy in this Mission is at a low ebb, when \$1 is the whole amount forwarded to the Treasurer of Domestic Missions of this Diocese. Perhaps he is not aware that the income of that Mission is at present larger than that of most country districts. The last Missionary that went down left Quebec in July and was back early in May following, so could not have been overburdened with work. A well known remark as regards the summer visit of a clergyman whose fondness for the fishing rod has developed amazingly for some years will perhaps interest some. On his return he gave some touching descriptions of the dangers of boating on the coast, and remarked as he went out in the morning he could not help thinking of his wife and family, when one who knew the ropes, to use a nautical expression, said, "Oh if the dear man only had some ice how easily he could have supplied the ladies with the trophies of his skill as a disciple of Isaac Walton."

**RICHMOND.**—On Good Friday, the "Three Hours," (from the sixth to the ninth hour), were observed at St. Ann's Church. After the third collect, and the hymn, "O come and mourn with me awhile," short addresses, of about eight minutes duration, were given by the Rector on each of the seven words from the cross. Each address was followed by three or four minutes meditation upon the word in question; this by the hymn in A. & M. upon the same word; this by a few prayers, and this by one of the appointed or penitential Psalms.

On Easter day the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The altar was surmounted by a lovely white floral cross and banked by flowers in pots. The whole service was bright and joyous, and the number of communicants in excess of one hundred.

At our Easter Vestry meeting the Hon. Henry Aylmer was nominated warden by Mr. Balfour and J. W. Harkom elected by the people.

With the view of binding together the men of the parish more effectually in love for their Church and each other, and inducing them to take a more active interest in the extension of Christ's Kingdom, a Men's Guild has been formed, of which the Rector is warden, and the other officers are the Hon. Henry Aylmer, Messrs. A. E. Brock, J. S. Sutherland, F. Penfold and E. B. Miller. We have now as before the free pew and envelope system for St. Ann's, and our hope is to be able to launch it into successful operation by the 1st of July.

**QUEBEC.**—St. Matthew's.—At morning service in St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, the 24th ult., twenty-two girls and fifteen boys were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Previous to administering the rite by the laying on of hands, His Lordship delivered a very solemn and impressive address to the candidates. The latter were presented to the Bishop by the Rector Rev. Dr. Allnatt, and his assistant, the Rev. Lennox W. Williams.

After evening service in the same Church the church choir presented the Rector, Dr. Allnatt, with an address and richly mounted photograph of the Clergy and Choir of that edifice. The curate, Rev. Lennox W. Williams, was also presented with an address and a very elegant library sett, in anticipation of his approaching marriage. Both gentlemen were much gratified at this mark of esteem on the part of the choir. As already announced the Rev. Dr. Allnatt severs his connection with the Church in September, and the Rev. Mr. Williams will leave this week on a three months' tour in Europe. The reverend gentleman is very popular and