

have built—by voluntary gifts, be it remembered, not by State aid—four hundred and sixty churches in London alone,—nearly twice as many as the whole city contained when the present Queen's reign began.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—The Rev. Dr. Partridge has just received a well merited honor from his Alma Mater. He has just had conferred upon him an honorary fellowship of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. He graduated from that institution twenty years ago.

St. Luke's.—Rev. F. R. Murray, so soon to take his departure from Halifax, was last Monday made the recipient of an address and purse of money from the senior Girl's Bible class.

ST. ALBAN'S MISSION.—The children of the Mission through the kindness and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Franklyn, had their treat at Emscote. Over thirty children sat down to a splendid repast of all the good things to be found in a pastry cook's shop, together with an abundant supply of oranges and apples, to which ample justice was done, from the "we dot" to the almost young woman. This was followed by the unveiling of a fine Christmas tree heavily laden with fruit to suit every taste. One by one the good things were plucked and soon transferred to the arms of the anxious and overjoyed recipients.

Just before the tree was completely stripped Mr. Franklyn plucked a piece of fruit which caused immense surprise to the recipients. This was a present of money from the children of the Sunday-school to the rector, the Rev. F. R. Murray, in order that he might purchase something to be preserved as a remembrance of their love and esteem for him. This was presented by Mr. Franklyn, who in a few words expressed the desires of the children. The rector expressed his intense delight and surprise at receiving such a pleasing and substantial token of their love and regard for him. He sincerely regretted that there was any opportunity afforded for the presenting of such a gift, yet it seemed as if his departure to summer regions was the only way open for him to become restored to health and strength. He was truly sorry to have to part from them all—in whom he had always taken a deep interest, but would value the pleasing souvenir they had so kindly given him. The evening finished with a splendid magic-lantern display.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

DALHOUSIE AND CAMPBELLTON.—The glorious and happy Christmastide has once more come and gone—once more bringing with it the glad news of the Saviour's birth.

St. Mary's Church, Dalhousie, and Christ's Church, Campbellton, were both prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens, and appropriate Scripture texts. The congregations were large in both Churches, with a good increase of communicants. The singing was bright and hearty at all the services—the Psalms, a new *Te Deum*, and a Christmas Carol (the music of this last was by the Rev. Fred. E. I. Lloyd, of Shigawake), were particularly well sung in St. Mary's.

The ladies of this congregation have formed themselves into a Church Guild, which meets once a week, and is progressing very well. Already they have procured another chandelier, and new matting, and are well advanced towards a new carpet for the chancel. It was through their efforts, last summer, that a fine new organ was put in the Church and paid for.

At Campbellton, it is expected that shortly, three handsome chairs (one of which will be a Bishop's chair), will be placed in the chancel.

What could be done without the help of the ladies?

In the Spring it is hoped that some improvements will be made to the pretty little Church in Campbellton—towards which object a considerable sum of money is now on hand.

SHEDIAC.—For the purpose of increasing the interest of Churchmen generally in the Diocese as a whole, a committee was appointed in July last, whose business was to put, in some way or other, before church people such a statement in detail of the needs of the Diocese as would be calculated to rouse their interest and evoke their practical sympathy and support.

The first attempt at carrying out this resolution of the Diocesan Church Society was made last week in the Rural Deanery of Shediac; when the Rev. Canon Briggs'ocke, of St. John, and the Rev. Canon Neales, of Woodstock, acted as deputations.

The first meeting was held in the parish of Westmoreland on Wednesday evening, the 11th January. The Rector hospitably entertained the deputation,—Canon Neales, as well as Rural Dean Campbell, and the Rev. Cecil F. Wiggins, who accompanied him. Although the weather for several days was exceptionally severe, there was a very good attendance of church people, who were much interested in the account of the work that needs to be done in the Diocese, but chiefly in that part of it which lies in the northern part of the Deanery of Woodstock.

The following evening a meeting was held in the Parish of Sackville, when the Rural Dean briefly introduced the deputation, who both spoke well and to the point.

On Friday evening, the 13th inst., the Parish of Dorchester was reached, and a large congregation assembled to hear Canon Neales illustrate his address by means of a small map; whilst Canon Brigstocke spoke on the general wants of the Church. It is keeping well within the mark to say that in each parish visited the people were interested and instructed; and we have good reason for believing that substantial results will follow.

Before leaving for their homes on Saturday a celebration was held in Trinity Church Dorchester, when upwards of thirty communicated.

MONCTON.—The Ladies of St. George's Church have collected a purse of over one hundred dollars, which was presented by His Honour Judge Botsford, on Christmas Eve, to Mrs. Talbot, the wife of the Rector, in recognition of her kindness as organist ever since she has been here. On Christmas Day, Mrs. Talbot's Sunday School class of boys presented her with a very nice plush ladies companion. The Rector was not forgotten, for the scholars of his Bible class waited on him at the Rectory on Christmas Eve and presented him with a very handsome swinging lamp for the study.

The Annual Festival of St. George's Sunday School was held on Jan. 12th, in the Pythian Hall, and was a pleasant affair. The School is in a very flourishing condition, and the services of the Church are well attended.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

PORT DANIEL.—A bazaar was held a short time ago by the ladies of the Church of England at this place, and was a decided success. The amount realized was \$150, which is to be devoted to the erection of a building to serve the double purpose of a shed for horses, and a room for Sunday school and other parochial gatherings, similar to the one erected at Shigawake, during last year.

MALBAIE AND GASPE.—On the evening of St. Stephen's Day, the choir-boys of St. Peter's Church, and their parents were entertained in the School house, which had been nicely decorated with flags and evergreens for the occasion.

After tea the boys indulged in a number of games, and in the interval between some of them sang various songs. Shortly after 10 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Walters, the Missionary, delivered a short address to those assembled, which brought the evening's entertainment to a close. Before dispersing the Churchwarden, Mr. Lemonguand, to whom the choir boys are indebted for the entertainment, proposed cheers for the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Walters, and it is needless to say they were heartily given. All dispersed in excellent spirits after having spent a most enjoyable evening, and hoping by God's grace all may be spared to spend another such time in the near future. The surpliced choir in this Church was only introduced during the past year, and has so far proved most successful.

QUEBEC.—The Annual Meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese is to be held in the National School Hall in the city of Quebec, at 2 p. m., on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. An account of the proceedings will be furnished our readers shortly after the meeting.

Active preparations are being made in the several parishes of the city for special services during the rapidly approaching Lenten season.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

St. Thomas.—On Sunday, 15th Jan., second Sunday after Epiphany, an ordination was held in this Church, in the morning, by the Lord Bishop of Montreal—when Rev. Samuel Massey, lately of the United Free Church, West End, Chatham Street,—was ordained Deacon. The Rev. Dr. Henderson, Principal of Montreal Theological College, preached the sermon; the Communion office was taken by the Bishop assisted by the Principal and the Rector, Rural Dean Lindsay. A large congregation witnessed the ceremonies with great interest. Mr. Massey brings to bear a vast experience on his new sphere of work. Before he came to this country he was a scripture reader in Manchester, we believe, and for nearly 40 years he has labored in this city,—as City Missionary of the Y.M.C. Association and otherwise. Originally a Congregationalist, he has always heartily co-operated with Christians of various denominations. He preached in the evening with much feeling and earnestness. It was, however, not the first time he had filled the pulpit of St. Thomas'; and he has always been acceptable to the devoted attendants. He is to preach each Sunday evening for the present.

The usual notices to the clergy apprising them of the intended ordination were not sent; at least we know of several who did not receive them.

We are informed that another ordination is to take place on the 4th of March in Trinity Church, when Mr. Dobie is expected to be made Deacon. Notices of this are out.

We congratulate our old friend Mr. Massey, on his obtaining valid orders, and wish him God speed.

Apropos of ordinations, the question is being asked why, when they take place in the city at least, they are not held in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese,—that in which the Bishop's Throne is; and which too has been appointed by Letters Patent as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese. It cannot be that the Rector objects: for he seems to be most anxious to develop the *diocesan* character of Christ Church: whose is the fault? and what is the answer?

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.—The Annual service of the Montreal Branch of the Girls Friendly Society took place in St. George's Church, Sunday, January 8th, at 4.15 p. m., being the first Sunday after Epiphany, and was largely attended by the associates and members and friends of the Society. The service consisted of a shortened form of evensong said by the Dean, and a most impressive sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the Bishop from Genesis ix. 10.