

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SYDNEY.—A very successful and enjoyable concert of Scotch music, vocal and instrumental, was given in the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday, the 29th of May, by the members of St. George's choir, assisted by the Sydney Cornet Band, and other amateurs. The attendance was large, and the nett proceeds were between sixty and seventy dollars. On Tuesday, the 29th of June, some of the Sunday School children, who had been preparing zealously for some time under the leadership of Miss Hill, one of the teachers, held a Bazaar, which realized about thirty-five dollars. This money is to be devoted to the purchase of maps and scrolls for the walls of the St. George's School house, which has recently been much improved.

TERRENCE BAY.—The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation on the 17th. Forty persons presented themselves for that solemn rite. The ages of the candidates ranged from 73 to 15 years. The young people had decorated the Church with wreaths of spruce and other evergreens. His Lordship gave a very practical address and complimented all present on the condition of the Church as well as upon the singing and that necessary piece of furniture lately placed in the Church, the font. The Lord's Supper was administered to 54 persons; the newly confirmed were among the number. The Bishop arrived on Saturday evening and administered the Holy Communion to two sick persons and had time for a general look round. On his returning he stayed at Brookside, a settlement 7 miles from Terrence Bay and after the usual afternoon service, administered the Holy Communion to 5 persons. This is the first time it has ever been celebrated there, as there are few Church people and only a small school-house. The weather was most charming and the Bishop seemed thoroughly to have enjoyed the visit.

ANNAPOLIS.—Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of St. Luke's, Annapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th ult. Members present—The Rev. the Dean, Revs. Messrs. Ritchie, Dodwell, Ambrose, DeBlois, Secretary; Wilkins, McCully, and Partridge. On Tuesday evening, Divine Service was held at Rosette, when Rev. J. Ambrose took the desk, and Rev. H. D. deBlois the lessons. A missionary meeting was then held, when addresses on Foreign Missions were given by Revs. Messrs. Ritchie, Filleul, Ambrose, Dodwell, deBlois and McCully. A collection was then taken up on behalf of the fund, amounting to \$7.25. The services were hearty, and great interest manifested by an attentive congregation; nor must mention be omitted of the floral decorations, beautifully and elegantly arranged, the work of willing hands and loving hearts, in the "Sanctuary of the Most High." On Wednesday morning Divine Service was held in the Parish Church, in which the following clergymen took part, viz., Revs. J. Ambrose, the desk; H. D. deBlois, the 1st lesson; C. W. McCully, the 2nd lesson; G. B. Dodwell, gospeller, and the Rev. the Dean, celebrant; Mr. Dodwell, preacher, from Jer. vi. 16. Here also, as at Rosette, was manifested that love for the adorning of the House of the Lord which should ever characterize the devout worshipper in giving back to Him a portion of these choicest gifts of nature He has so liberally bestowed upon them, for upon the "Table of the Lord" was displayed one of the most beautiful and artistically arranged collections of rare white and red lilies that could either please the eye or gratify the taste, and dull indeed must have been that heart through which, in approaching the Creator, the remembrance of the gracious Saviour's touching words did not find a responsive echo, "Behold the lilies how they grow." A large number of communicants participated in the Sacred Feast. After dinner at the Rectory, the Mission meeting of the Chapter was opened with prayer by the Dean at 2 p. m. The minutes

having been read and approved, the 2nd chap. of the Acts of the Holy Apostles was read and critically commented on. After some discussion on Rev. J. J. Ritchie's notice of motion, he consented to withdraw it, provided the mover and seconder of the original resolutions would consent to have them amended, so as to read after the words three months, "if practicable," and after the words Rural Deanery, "with the consent of the Rector or Incumbent," and the substitution of the word "asked" for "required," which was readily agreed to. A paper, learned and erudite, displaying great thought, and replete with information, on the subject of the "Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper" was then read by the Rector, the Rev. James Ritchie, which provoked much friendly discussion, tending only, however, to show how much nearer, in reality, the different schools of thought are to each other, when their real meaning is thoroughly elucidated and understood. Evensong was held in the Parish Church at 7 p. m., Rev. H. D. deBlois in the desk, Rev. J. Partridge the lesson. A missionary meeting was then held, and addresses given by the Rector, the Dean and Revs. Messrs. Partridge and deBlois. The point was much dwelt upon, viz., the desirability of having as soon as possible a missionary of our own in the mission field. The collections, amounting to \$20.36, including \$7.25 from Rosette, were, by special request, devoted to this particular object. This meeting of the Deanery was more than usually interesting, not only from the fact that a new impulse seemed to have been given to the subject of Missions, but also from the pleasing circumstance that all the members of the Deanery were present, with the exception of the Rector of Granville, who had made all his previous arrangements for a short vacation before the members had been cited to attend.

WINDSOR—*King's College*—The Annual Encœnia came off on Wednesday and Thursday last. On Wednesday, a meeting of the Alumni Association was held, when about forty-five members were in attendance. Among other important business transacted, the power to vote by proxy, with reference to which a notice of motion had been given last year, was so altered as to allow but one proxy to be held at any meeting by each member. Before, a member might hold an indefinite number—one member at the meeting had 46—and thus overpower the votes of all the other members present. It is believed that this change will promote a larger attendance at the Annual Meetings. Over forty new members were elected. Subscriptions amounting to about \$1000 (the Bishop giving \$250) were promised to meet the expected deficit in the current expenses of the coming year. Owing to the absence of some of the officers, the Governors were unable to lay on the table a full statement of the affairs of the College to date. The Bishop, however, stated that some improvement had taken place since last year, and that the Rev. J. O. Ruggles, it was hoped, would succeed in raising the required Endowment, over \$2000 having been collected in a few days in Windsor, and that it was the intention of Mr. Ruggles to visit every Parish in the two Dioceses, and to hold public meetings, with the permission of the several Rectors in each. About \$16,000, it is understood, has thus far been promised towards the \$40,000 required. The presence of several of the clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton, and their warm interest in the College, was remarked upon as a cause for encouragement, and an assurance that the Synod of Fredericton, at its approaching meeting, will adopt the College and elect two Governors, as they will then have the right to do. The Visitor was requested to communicate with the Metropolitan on the subject.

The officers of last year were re-elected; and Archdeacon Gilpin, and Mr. C. S. Wilcox, were elected as Governors in succession to Dr. Aikens and Mr. J. A. Shaw, who go out of office, their terms having expired. A number of members took part in a discussion having reference to better arrangements being made for a larger gathering of members another year. Much enthusiasm was

displayed during the two sessions, and there is every evidence that more general interest is being shown in the work of the College. We shall refer to the College gathering on Thursday, next week. We have now only space to say that the Rev. T. E. Dowling, of Carleton, N. B., preached the Encœnia sermon at the Parish Church, and that afterwards the Lieut-Governor of Nova Scotia and Major-General Laurie had the degree of D. C. L. conferred upon them in the presence of a brilliant assemblage in the College Hall. The venerable Rev. J. T. T. Moody, Rector of Yarmouth, received the degree of D. D. The following degrees were also conferred:—Rev. R. D. Bambrick, M. A.; E. A. Harris, B. A.; F. W. Frith, B. A.; J. R. DeWolfe Cowie, B. A.; W. F. H. Carvell, B. A.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

REPORT OF THE BOOK DEPOSITORY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1ST, 1883.

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop and the General Committee of the Diocesan Church Society:

The Committee to whom was entrusted the management of the Depository of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge beg to submit their annual report and accounts:—

The sale of Books for the year ending April 30, 1882, amounted to \$ 957.68
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Shewing an increase of sales to the amount of ... \$138.62
Last year 768 copies of "The Dawn of Day" were circulated in 22 parishes. This year 877 copies have been paid for in advance. The circulation has extended to 28 parishes. The "Dawn of Day," supplied monthly at one cent each copy, still maintains its place as one of the cheapest Church Magazines.

Your Committee regret the small sale in the Diocese of "The Official Year Book of the Church of England." This invaluable record of the Church's various organizations fills no fewer than 700 octavo pages. It is a work which should interest all Churchmen, as it gives an account of the various means employed by the Church in fostering and extending true religion at home and abroad. The edition for 1884 will be on the Depository shelves during Christmas-tide. The demand for the Society's Almanacs and Pocket Books has been larger than usual.

Your Committee would draw the attention of the clergy and Sunday school teachers to a recent important work, entitled "The Book of Common Prayer with Commentary." This work is designed as a companion to the Society's Commentary on the Old and New Testaments, and has been constructed on a similar plan.

In a letter dated January 19th, the Co-adjutor Bishop informed the Standing Committee of the S. P. C. K. of his early impressions of the value of the venerable Society's work throughout New Brunswick. "I did not realize," he writes, "until I came out here, the enormous benefit the S. P. C. K. has been to the Colonies. I don't quite know what the Church in the Colonies would have done without such assistance; it is a wonderful blessing."

Your Committee report that scarcely a month elapses without, at least, one New Brunswick application being printed in the Society's *Monthly Report*, and therefore the grants of books made this year to Beaufort, Hampton, New Zealand and St. Martins, as well as the grant of £30.00 sterling towards a church at Belle Isle Creek, Springfield; of £10 for the completion of a church in the northern district of Grand Manan; and the revival of the grant in 1877 of £50 for St. Ansgar's Church, New Denmark, warrant them in giving expression to their thankful appreciation for numberless gifts to this Diocese.

Your Committee have great pleasure in being able to announce that from this date they are enabled to make a reduction in the Society's Sunday School Library Books and to members on all publications placed on the Depository shelves.

In future the present commission of ten per cent allowed to members will be increased to twenty per cent; and the commission on the Society's books purchased for Sunday School Libraries will also be increased from ten to twenty per cent. Church Sunday School Library Books can, therefore, now be purchased in St. John at their published prices in England.

The Treasurer's account accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted.

THEODORE E. DOWLING,
Secretary.

June 6th, 1883.

THE MISSION OF ALBERT COUNTY.—As this extensive Mission is without a Church clergyman, and yet that there are between three and four hundred persons in it who claim to be Church people, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, obtained the consent of his people to spend a week in Albert, which he did at the beginning of June. He received everywhere a