

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

DIGBY.—Trinity Church.—Tuesday, Sept. 29th, being the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, was also the one hundredth anniversary of Trinity Parish, Digby. On Michaelmas Day, A.D. 1785, the Loyalists (who had arrived and made the first clearing in this place in the spring of 1783) elected churchwardens and vestrymen, and in memory of Trinity Parish, New York, from which most of their leaders had come, called their new ecclesiastical domain Trinity Parish. On Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 1885, therefore, an early celebration of the Holy Communion was held in Trinity Church, at 7.30 a.m., many of the faithful attending, this being judged the best method of beginning the second century of the parish. In the evening, at 8 o'clock, a large number of the parishioners and their friends assembled at the Rectory. A history of the parish, compiled from the parish records and other authentic sources by the Rector, Rev. John Ambrose, was read by him to very attentive hearers. This was followed by music and refreshments, and the evening was closed by singing the Doxology and prayer.

Trinity Church has been much benefited lately by the following gifts:—A handsome chandelier, presented by the parish literary club and some friends among a similar club in this place; a full set of sun-lamps, and an outfit of cocoon matting for the passages, by other donors among the congregation.

Digby, as a watering-place and summer resort, is fast extending the area of its constituency—an ever-increasing proportion of people of wealth and refinement being observable amongst its visitors every successive season. Its exquisite scenery, its beautifully cool and equable climate, its total exemption from fog, its mineralogical and botanical resources, the boating and bathing to be enjoyed on its extensive basin—all those and many other attractions are now making it necessary that a good summer hotel should be started here by some enterprising company.

Rev. Dr. Tatlock and Rev. F. W. Braithwaite, of Stamford, Conn., were among our visitors this summer—the former gentleman bringing his family, as has been his custom for several years. To both of these reverend gentlemen the Rector of Digby and his parishioners are greatly indebted for services in the church and other favors.

The daily prayers and the early celebrations of Holy Communion are much appreciated by our summer visitors, as well as the parishioners, judging by the fullness and regularity of their attendance.

LUNENBURG.—On Thursday, the 1st October, very impressive thanksgiving services for the abundant harvest were held in St. John's Church here. The church had been appropriately and beautifully decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the congregation. There were wreaths of wheat, oats and barley, intermingled with bright scarlet berries. The font was beautifully decorated with garden and hot-house flowers. The pulpit and lectern were ornamented with wreaths and luscious fruits. The windows were brightened by moss and flowers. Over the altar was the text, "Thou visitest the earth and bleasest it." Over the gallery were the words, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase." There was a handsome pyramid of all kinds of vegetables on the chancel steps. Besides the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Caswall, there were present amongst the clergy the Revs. Canon Partridge, of St. George's Church, Halifax; Rural Dean Snyder and E.

D. Harris, of Mahone Bay; G. D. Harris, of La Have; and William Ellis, of Sackville. The Rev. E. D. Harris preached in the morning, and the Rev. Canon Partridge in the evening.

TANGIER.—A bazaar and tea meeting held at Tangier on Thursday, the 24th Sept., in behalf of the Rectory repairs and a new church in course of building at Mooseland, realized \$111.85, or \$109 after payment of all expenses. Though the sum is small, it is large considering present hard times. Every part of the parish, from Shoal Bay to Spry Bay and Mooseland, contributed to the tables and the bazaar.

SPRINGHILL.—At a meeting of the congregation of All Saints', Springhill, Sept. 22nd, the Rector was unanimously desired to withdraw the resignation which he had rendered a short time before. In deference to their hearty wish, shown in a very practical way by their successful efforts during the succeeding fortnight, he has consented to remain with his people for the present.

The interior of the Parish Church has been beautified lately by the addition of handsome altar cloths and hangings, the generous gift of those unwearied benefactors of our Church, the Kilburn Sisters, of London. To their kindly thoughtfulness are also due several other gifts, pictures, tracts, decorations, surplices, &c., all which will be useful in the parish.

HALIFAX.—St. Paul's.—A meeting of the parishioners of St. Paul's was held last week to consider the resignation of the Rector, Rev. Dr. Hill. There were over fifty present. The senior churchwarden, Robert Taylor, presided. The letter of resignation from Dr. Hill was read. In it the rev. gentleman stated that in order to be near members of his family, who were obliged to reside in a warmer climate than Nova Scotia, he thought best to resign his position as Rector of the parish. No offer of a work affording greater remuneration had influenced him in his decision to leave Halifax and St. Paul's. He, however, had decided to accept the charge of a church in Switzerland, which has been offered him. The wardens were directed by the meeting to acknowledge Dr. Hill's letter and accept his resignation with regret. The following were appointed a committee to act with the wardens and vestry in reference to filling the vacancy:—Judge Ritchie, J. Y. Payzant, Peter Lynch, Alfred Shortt and J. H. Harvey. There was some discussion as to the salary which should be offered to the new Rector, but it was finally left with the committee to decide as to the amount of salary to be given. Several names have been freely mentioned as the coming choice of the congregation. It must be remembered that from a pecuniary and central point of view, St. Paul's is the chief prize of the Diocese, and the existence of the present church depends upon the incoming man being a born leader, in more ways than one. There is some talk of seeking abroad for a Rector. This is unfortunate in many ways at the present time, since it is a standing slur on the men in the Diocese, and also on the College which supplies the local men. The retiring Rector of St. Paul's was an ornament to the Diocese, and a King's College man. The late Rev. G. W. Hodgson was *facile princeps* in the Diocese, and a King's College man. In fact, King's in the past produced the best men of the Diocese, and why not now? Is it because the important parishes will not give local talent a fair chance for its scope?

ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—A concert with toy symphony was held in Academy of Music last week, and was a great success. Several young ladies in connection with the school took part in the symphony, and the Haydn Quintette Club played a splen-

did programme. We sincerely congratulate and commend the Haydn Quintette Club, not only on account of its brilliant performances, but also on account of its courtesy in always being ready to assist at any charitable Church undertaking.

PARLOR CONCERT AT DARTMOUTH.—A very pleasant and successful parlor concert was given at the house of W. R. Foster, at Dartmouth, last Wednesday evening. There were several first-class amateurs from Halifax present, and a very brilliant assemblage filled the rooms. Mr. Foster has given much time to the choir of St. George's, and on leaving to take up his position in the Dartmouth church he kindly gave the concert in aid of one of the charitable funds at St. George's.

ST. MARK'S.—A very interesting event took place in this pretty little church last Wednesday, when Miss Sophia Overy and Mr. George Smith were joined together in holy wedlock. Miss Overy has always been an enthusiastic member of the choir, a diligent Sunday-school teacher, and foremost worker in the various charitable organizations of the church. Mr. Overy, father of the bride, is an old and respected vestryman of St. Mark's, and the number present at the wedding and at the breakfast testified fully to the esteem in which he is held. Although a heavy rain was falling, the church was uncomfortably crowded long before the ceremony began. The Rector, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. J. O. Crisp and Rev. W. C. Wilson, of St. George's. Professor Porter, of St. Paul's, presided at the organ, and the service was fully choral. After the ceremony was over, one hundred guests repaired to St. Mark's Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and partook of an elegant and bounteous repast, and enjoyed the pithy and pleasant speeches. In the afternoon of the same day the children of the Sunday-school and of the Orphans' Home enjoyed a pleasant spread in St. Mark's Hall, in honor of the event. This old-fashioned hospitality was as novel as it was pleasant, and will long and pleasantly be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present. The presents were very numerous and costly. We wish the bride and bridegroom much happiness, and a continuance in the good works of the Church.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Trinity.—The Rev. J. Walters, Curate of Trinity Church, is about returning to England. During his short sojourn, Mr. Walters has made many friends amongst the Church people of St. John, who will sincerely regret his departure. Much sympathy was expressed for Mr. Walters in his late bereavement, whereby he was suddenly called upon to part with his wife, who, in the short time she was in this city, was very highly esteemed by all who knew her.

ST. JAMES'.—Under the care of its much esteemed Rector, Mr. Troop, this parish has been making rapid and most encouraging progress in every direction. The church is filled to overflowing; its Communion roll has increased from 60 to 200 during the past three years, and about 170 candidates have been confirmed during the same period. The church is in a prosperous position financially. It is only a few weeks since the Rector's heart was gladdened by the cancelling of a debt of some \$1,200 which remained due the contractor when the Sunday-school house was completed last autumn. Mr. Troop has recently been preaching a course of sermons for men. The attendance at these services has been very large, and shows the amount of interest that has been aroused. We believe that much good will ensue.

ST. JOHN'S.—The Rev. A. W. Daniel, of Craig-