

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

RAWDON.—The Rector of this parish, in a recent visit to Mount Uniacke Mines, received a pleasant surprise in the form of a pair of lamps for his waggon, presented by a few of his friends.

On Jan. 26th., the people in the Ardoise section of this extensive parish, held a "Basket Sociable," the proceeds of which, \$12.65, were presented to Miss Ancient, in recognition of her services as organist.

THE CHAPLAIN GENERAL.—There are few parishes in this Diocese that do not know to their profit the name of Edghill.

During the years the Rev. J. C. Edghill was senior chaplain H. M. F. in Halifax, not only was the duty of his office done as few could do it, not only was the Garrison Chapel a "light" in the city of Halifax, but whenever time allowed Mr. Edghill helped with his great powers the Diocesan work of Nova Scotia, and preached for the country clergy, greatly to the revival of true religion amongst us, moreover it was greatly owing to him that the *Church Chronicle* was kept alive for years. And now he is gazetted to succeed Bishop Cloughton as Chaplain General. We feel that no better man can be found, and pray that the Great Head of the Church may strengthen him in every way to become, as we feel he will, one of the greatest blessings H. M. Forces ever received.

STEWIACKE.—The Rev. J. C. Cox, lately received a purse and other gifts from the Church people in this place amounting to \$70. Miss Holesworth and Miss Chipman were the active promoters of the good deed. A pleasant evening was spent at the rectory at the time of the presentation, nor was the Sunday-school forgotten, as regards the eatables.

LUNENBURG.—At a Meeting of the Rural Deanery of Lunenburg in chapter assembled, at Mahone Bay Rectory, on Jan. 29th., a resolution was passed to the following effect:—

*Resolved*, that the kind Christian condolence of this Rural Deanery be presented to the Rev. R. C. Caswall and his family, in their deep affliction, in the loss of two dear children; so soon after each other, and while yet almost strangers in our midst. In this day of anguish we pray God, our Saviour, to fulfil His gracious promise of sending you the Comforter, so abiding with you always that you may be enabled to feel He doeth all things well; while it is of little ones that He has especially said "of such is the Kingdom of God."

AMHERST DEANERY.—This Chapter met at Truro, Thursday, Feb. 7-12. There were present Rev'ds. D. C. Moore, J. Brock, Dr. Bowman, J. A. Kaulbach, J. C. Cox, V. E. Harris, G. R. Martell, C. E. McKenzie & M. C. Wade.

An affectionate leave-taking letter was read from the late Rural Dean, Canon Townshend; which was ordered to be recorded. Rev'ds. D. C. Moore, J. Brock & V. E. Harris were appointed a committee to draw up a suitable reply,—the Report of that committee was approved. The Chapter proceeded to elect one of their number for nomination to the Lord Bishop as Canon Townshend's successor. Messrs. Moore and Kaulbach were, respectively, proposed—the latter declining, the former was declared by Rev. Dr. Bowman (presiding *pro tem*) to be unanimously chosen.

Various routine matters were taken up; and Rev. J. Brock read a paper upon Sunday-schools, full of valuable suggestions, which led to considerable discussion. The absence of the Rev. J. Edgcombe (who had been invited to write on the same subject) was extremely regretted, and a request was passed by vote that he would on the next occasion give the Chapter a paper on "How to conduct a Bible Class." Dr. Bray's library is to

be brought to Truro, as the most central point in the Deanery. A Travelling Missionary for the Deanery was long talked over; the old scheme was abandoned, and a new one proposed, which we earnestly hope will be successful, as the amount of strictly missionary work needful to be done in this extensive Deanery (reaching from Amherst to Stewiacke, and from Maitland to River John) cannot be overtaken by the existing clergy without neglect of settled congregations. An Emigration Home was also discussed.

The Study of the Baptismal Services was continued, and this meeting of the Chapter then ended by appointing June 3rd. as the date, and Maitland the place for the next. The services in connection with the meeting were: Even Song at 7.30, on Wednesday evening—10.30, with celebration of Holy Communion, and 7.30 on Thursday. All the clergy taking part. The services were by Rev. Dr. Bowman, Rev. C. E. McKenzie, & Rev. J. Brock.

Dr. Bowman's thoughtful discourse was upon "Blessed are the eyes which see the things which ye see, for, &c.," in his well known earnest style.

Mr. McKenzie (our youngest priest) took for his subject "The Man Christ Jesus;" and it is mere justice to say, that both in matter and manner the sermon showed good promise of a most telling preacher.

Mr. Brock's sermon was, by the request of the Vicar of Truro, the same that he prepared for the Church of England Institute, in Halifax, "Her clothing is of wrought gold." The Liturgy of the Church being dealt with in a way so scholarly, so clear and forcible, and altogether so masterly, that it was impossible not to wish that it could be heard everywhere, and by everyone.

Wednesday's offertory was for the Travelling Missionary, and those on Thursday for Algoma.

Mr. Kaulbach's arrangements were so made that the Chapter had more time at their disposal for business than at most former meetings; and while nature was by no means likely to fail for lack of "good cheer," less and less are these gatherings likely ever to degenerate into mere "dinners" meetings. There was a suggestion recorded, that the Laity were admitted during the first evening session, e.g. Wardens, Delegates, Sunday-school Teachers, &c.; as is done, we believe, in Shediac Deanery, Fredericton Diocese; but this will of course be in the hands of the Parochial clergyman. The Laity were met on this occasion at the ever open vicarage after evening service,—nor may we omit to thank heartily the Vicar, Dr. David Muir, Dr. Bent, Mr. Hallett, Mr. W. Hallett, jun., Mr. Odell, Mr. S. Chambers, M. W. G. Yuill, and Mr. Lockett, for their most kind hospitality. Nor, indeed, would it be right to leave without warm notice of admiration the services of the choir, organist, and the gentleman who gave the cornet accompaniment during the services in St. Johns,—without question our foremost Church fabric in the Diocese.

WINDSOR.—The Avon Deanery met—Windsor—on Feb. 11. Celebration at 11 a.m. The Dean celebrant; sermon by Rev. H. How. The R. D., and Rev'ds. Prof. Wilson, J. O. Ruggles, and the Sec. took part. Usual business of the p.m. In the evening addresses were delivered to a good congregation on the various aspects of Spiritual Life by the members present. The offertories were for W. & O. Fund.

ST. PAUL'S.—An enjoyable entertainment was given in Argyle hall last week by the children of St. Paul's Sunday School. A long programme, which included recitations, dialogues, piano solos, songs, etc., was rendered, the juveniles of the Sunday school acquitting themselves with great credit.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SPRINGFIELD.—Wednesday, Jan. 28th, was a day well calculated to test the courage and earnestness of the members of the Church Union of the Kingston Deanery. It was a day marked by a New Brunswick blizzard; but snow, frost, and

bitter gale, notwithstanding, one hundred and ten members came from all parts of the Deanery and enjoyed a very enthusiastic meeting within and without the Church. Almost all arrived (having driven various distances, from seven to twenty-seven miles) in time for practice at half-past ten and then struggled back through snow and wind to the rectory to partake of ample and most acceptable hospitality. The service was very well rendered, and the singing showed unmistakable signs of improvement. The conductor, Canon Medley, is to be congratulated upon the success that has attended his efforts. The voices were supported by a harmonium and four trumpets (first and second cornet, tenor and bass) and though the storm raged inharmoniously without, all was melodious harmony within. A fitting emblem of the Church in the world.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop Coadjutor, who took as his text Job xxxviii-7. He pointed out in a bright and vigorous manner that though the angels' song was spontaneous and required no preparation, yet in fallen man careful preparation and long practice were necessary. David invented instruments of music, wrote Psalms, and organized choirs of Levites for the temple service. As a result of this long preparation, when the vocal and instrumental music rose in perfect harmony, the shekinah of Glory visibly took possession of the temple at its dedication. We should be preparing in private and in smaller and larger gatherings in church and elsewhere to sing with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and hereafter to take our part in the choir of the redeemed in heaven.

After the service the various parties hurried away in the bitter storm, and though some were compelled to put up on the road, for the drifts had become very serious, the down on some youthful cheeks had turned white and a few frost bites had been experienced, yet we are glad to learn that no permanent damage was done to any one. The pluck, earnestness and efficiency of the members of the Choral Union deserve very high praise.

The third annual service of the Choir Union of the Deanery of Chatham, was held in St. Peter's Church, Derby, on Feb. 4th inst. In the interest manifested by the several choirs in the object of the union, the service did not seem to be an advance upon the two previous ones; three only out of the eight choirs of the Deanery being represented. But the fact that two other choirs would have added their respective quotas to swell the number of singers present, if they had not been prevented by unavoidable causes, proves that there is a growing interest in the efforts now being made to improve sacred music among us. The violent storm or rather succession of storms that raged during the whole of the week and made travelling well nigh impossible, almost cut short the attempt to hold this service, and but for the fine weather of Wednesday would have quite prevented it. The state of the roads, as it was, no doubt, prevented some from coming from the two neighboring parishes. But with all the obstacles, there were 5 from Chatham and 7 from Newcastle, which, with the small choir of Derby amounted to 19. Rev. H. Holloway preached from Mark i. xv "Repent and believe the Gospel," and delivered a striking discourse calculated to make a deep impression upon his hearers, and was listened to with marked attention by the very large congregation that had been drawn together by the musical attraction. The occasion was one not soon to be forgotten by the people of Derby. The little church presented a grand and impressive scene with the sanctuary filled with clergy who had come together to attend the regular meetings of their Chapter, the choir crowded with singers and the body of the Church densely packed with a devout and attentive congregation. After the service, the clergy and singers with a few friends repaired to the neighboring hall where an ample repast had been prepared with that large-hearted hospitality for which the Derby people are so well known. Having done full justice to the good cheer provided for them; before separating, all joined in singing a