

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Bishop of Toronto will hold an Ordination, March 14th.

In a Confirmation tour through the extreme northern portion of the Diocese of Toronto, during the earlier portion of this month, Bishop Sweatman encountered numerous hardships. Several long drives over rough roads were made when the thermometer was at 12 degrees below zero.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

RENEW.—A very successful musical entertainment and sale of useful and fancy work, under the auspices of the Ladies' Association of St. Paul's Church, Renfrew, was held in Gravelles Hall, on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 5th. The order of proceedings for the evening was announced briefly by the Incumbent, after which the musical entertainment was commenced by the band playing, for the first time in public, an overture—"Caprice," and *valze*—"Day Dreams," followed by piano duets by Misses Murray, and Gravelle, and Misses McDonnell, and Carswell, and a piano solo by Miss Reeves, of Eganville; a *chorus*—"Ye Gentlemen, &c.," in which Messrs. Walford Bates, (of Amperier), Melton, McCormick and Bridge, assisted by Mrs. Vandelaar, who accompanied them on the piano as well as aided them by her voice. Mrs. Mills, of Eganville, favoured the audience with a song. Mr. Bates, assisted by Miss Bates on the piano, sang several of his favourite songs, with the usual applause and vehement demands for an encore, with which he at once kindly complied. A recitation by Mrs. S. McDougall, a reading by Mr. McDougall, and a lively little dramatic piece, in which the parts were capably sustained, by Mrs. S. McDougall, Miss Ida Smith and Messrs. J. Craig, J. Clark and H. McCormick, filled up the intervals between the sale of articles, the promoting and refreshments.

The attendance was very fair, and the ladies may congratulate themselves that their entertainment gave general satisfaction. Among the visitors were the Rev. Messrs. Mills, of Eganville; Motherwell, of Portago-du fort, and J. A. Morris, the late Incumbent of St. Paul's Church.—*Condensed from Renfrew Mercury.*

NEW EDINBURGH.—St. Bartholomew's, The Vice-Regal Church.—On Sunday, the 15th inst., the Bishop of Ontario delivered an address at St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, after morning prayer, on the mission work of the diocese. A collection was taken up in behalf of the diocesan mission fund.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.—As you seem pleased with Church news from every quarter, I send you a concise statement of a series of good works that have been going on in the Mission of Huntington, P. Q. The ladies are particularly active this winter. The "St. John's Church Aid Society" was a short time ago re-constituted, and the ladies have since been hard at work sewing; also inaugurating "Socials" for the cultivation of the social affections, and making money at the same time, the amount of offerings for Church purposes being *edifying*. One very interesting and successful "Social" was given at the home of Mrs. Barrett; and one (a novelty in this quarter) in connection with St. Paul's Church, Hinchinbrook, at the home of Mr. Matthew Lovers. Another takes place this week at the House of Mr. Charles Coulter, on the Gore Hinchinbrook. At one of these "Socials" a gentleman observed: "I like these 'Socials,' as they bring people together who might never otherwise meet."

Recently, the charm of *variety* was experienced in the festival of St. John's Church Sunday School, held at the Parsonage. Music, songs and hymns in abundance, gave much pleasure. Sunday games indulged in by old and young whiled away the time only too rapidly. After tea, and an abundant feast of good things, all were treated to "taffy," oranges and apples, and departed to their homes well pleased with the evening's entertainment. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the presentation to the Lady Superintendent of the School, of a three tiered, frosted, rich plum cake. The good people of Hinchinbrook presented

their Missionary's wife with an excellent lined cook stove, and the young men gave the missionary a load of oats. The Parishioners of St. John's Church are bringing their pastor a large supply of wood, drawing it from Lee's corners, 10 miles away from the Parsonage. These labours and gifts of love *tell for good* in the Church of God. A new Church building is sadly needed here. The congregation is far from wealthy, and it is hard to know how to set about the matter. Parochial and Sunday School Libraries, bought and granted, have been lately received from England, from the noble S. P. C. K., to while away the hours profitably, of many who otherwise might waste mind and time in reading what did not tend to edification and a sound Church tone. At present, for a while, the Incumbent of Huntington ministers to the good people of Chateaugay, New York, in the Diocese of the excellent Bishop Doane. They are a kind, intelligent, and very pleasant people. The local paper speaks of the "thorough appreciation of all the parish" of the Rev. gentleman's good work. Bishop Doane intends to attach Chateaugay to Belmont, if possible, and locate a Missionary to *work up* that interesting part of the Diocese. It is certainly well worth while.

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—The following is a copy of a circular which has been addressed by His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal to the clergy and laity of the diocese. We sincerely hope that this appeal may meet with a generous response:—

MONTREAL, February 7, 1880.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese:
DEAR FRIENDS,—I regard the Diocesan Theological College as among the most important institutions of the Diocese, and essential to the prosperity of the mission work.

Our first object, therefore, must be to place it on a satisfactory financial basis, and thus perpetuate the benefits derived from its existence here.

With seven lecturers of acknowledged superiority, and with affiliation to McGill University, we can offer unusual facilities for a thorough clerical education.

Commending this object to your liberality as one of paramount importance, I remain,

Yours truly,

WM. B. MONTREAL.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The Most Rev'd. the Metropolitan, is in St. John. We understand that he held a Confirmation in St. George's Church, Charlott, last Sunday, the 2nd Sunday in Lent. He will visit Sussex and Moncton, where classes are under instruction.

St. JOHN.—Rev. G. M. Armstrong is delivering a course of lectures during the Friday evenings in Lent, on prominent events in the Life of St. Peter.

"The English Church older than English Romanism" was most instructively handled by Rev. T. E. Dowling, before the C. of E. Institute in Trinity School-room, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. A large mass of facts was presented, showing the independence of the ancient British Church, its existence, growth and work before the introduction of the peculiar doctrines of Romanism.

Fredericton.—Rev. O. L. Newnam, of Shediac, lectured in Richibucto last week, on "A Voyage to Portugal." The lecturer having resided several years in Lisbon, spoke from actual knowledge of the interesting facts he presented.

It was the farthest from our thoughts, in our reference to the new Rector of Richibucto, to cast the slightest reflection upon the labors of his late lamented and much beloved and venerated predecessor. Will the widow please accept our sincerest apology for having in any way wounded her feelings or caused her pain.—[Eps.]

ABERDEEN.—The Rev. A. Hoadley is doing a pioneer missionary work in his extensive Mission. He has no Church, but preaches in school-rooms, barns and other places. The people are few and scattered, and in keeping his appointments he has many times undergone severe hardships.

NEW DENMARK.—Mr. H. P. Petersen has gone to Ottawa to solicit subscriptions for the completion of the Church for the Danes. We learn that a son of the Rev. N. M. Hansen is now being educated

with a view to preparation for the ministry. He is now going to school; one clergyman, well-known for his missionary spirit, is responsible for his books, and for his clothes; and in this way, one is being raised up to take the place of the present Pastor. Several hundred Danes are expected this year.

HARVEY.—A considerable amount has been expended in repairing the Church, which had been for some time unfit to worship in.

PETITCODIAC.—A small window in the north of the chancel has been presented to St. Andrew's Church by the Metropolitan. The handsome east window was also a gift from His Lordship. St. Peter's Church, Pollet River, consecrated last fall, is well attended.

The clergy are busy in their Lenten work, and there is not much news of interest to report this week.

C. OF E. INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN.—*Fourth Annual Meeting*—The Council's Report.—The fourth annual meeting of the Church of England Institute was held last evening in their rooms, Princess street. There was a good attendance of members. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke occupied the chair. After devotional exercises, the Rev. Canon Brigstocke was unanimously re-elected President for the ensuing year. Hurd Peters and H. W. Frith, Esqs., were chosen lay Vice-Presidents, after which the following Council was elected:—B. L. Peters, Ira Cornwall, jr., G. A. Schofield, Dr. Walker, Allan Jack, C. F. Kiunear, W. Macleachlan, W. C. Drury, Rev. F. S. Sill, C. Campbell. The Secretary's report showed that the expenditures for the year amounted to \$980 75, with a balance on hand of \$33 86; but there is a debt of \$300 and odd unpaid. Of this amount over \$100 was subscribed at the meeting and the balance will no doubt be shortly made up. The report was adopted.

Fourth Annual Report.—The fourth annual report was submitted, and was substantially as follows: In presenting the fourth annual report of the C. of E. Institute, the Council feel justified in congratulating its members on its present position, as showing steady growth and increase during the past year. Not only has the work heretofore accomplished been duly maintained, but other departments have been opened out, and while many changes have been made in its membership, we are able to report a considerable increase both of ordinary and associate members. The particulars, which we now proceed to give, will enable the members to judge for themselves.

Reading Room and Library.—The tables of the Reading Room have been furnished with a full supply of newspapers and magazines. There are 20 of the former and 18 of the latter. The only change in the list of newspapers of the preceding year was that *The Daily Sun* was put on the list and the *News* taken off. The sale of the second reading of the newspapers was held on April 24th, by which much of their cost was provided for. The only addition made to the library was Hume's *History of England*, which was kindly presented by Dr. Botsford.

The Season of Lent.—This season was again duly observed by a series of services held on Wednesday evenings in the Madras school room.

Anniversary Services.—Besides organizing the above series of services, the Religious Instruction Committee and Devotion Committee deserve much credit for the exertion they made in connexion with the anniversary services. These services were held by the kind permission of the Rector and Church Wardens, in St. Paul's Church, on Thursday, Oct. 24th. Thanks are also due the Rector of St. Luke's Church, Halifax, and the Rev. A. Townsend, Chaplain of the Forces there, for permitting chorister boys to come over and assist in the service.

Conversations.—On April 24th, a very pleasant gathering was held in the rooms. Several ladies provided a bountiful supply of refreshments, and, with a good programme of music and readings, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Membership.—The roll of ordinary members at the present date is 169—an increase of 39 over last year; of associate members, 110—being an increase of 53; making the total increase 110 and the whole membership 279.

Literary Club.—The C. of E. Institute Literary Club, the organization of which

was announced in the last annual report of the Council, completed a most successful course of interesting and instructive meetings during the season of 1879. The Club has a roll of 69 members. Any member of the Institute may become a member of this Club by signing the roll and paying the annual fee of fifty cents. Ordinary meetings are open to all members of the Institute, and members of the Club may introduce friends not members of the Institute, at the discretion of the Committee of Management. At the annual meeting, held last November, a revised constitution was adopted, which has been approved by the Council. The ordinary meeting of the Club was held at the Institute rooms in each fortnight, on Thursdays, for the purpose of debate and education alternately. The Council heartily commend this Club to the honest support of the members of the Institute.

Ladies' Association.—The Council reports with much pleasure the formation of a Ladies' Association in connexion with the Institute. Like the Literary Club this Association makes its own rules, etc., and elects its own officers, subject to the approval of the Council. In order to carry out its object the following Committees were formed from the members: Needle and Fancy Work; General Hospital; Lodging and Employment of Young Women, and Books. These Committees have been actively engaged within their respective departments, and have not only awakened more interest in the Institute but have already done much good in their several provinces.

The report reviews the work done by the respective committees generally, which have also rendered much assistance to the Beaufort settlement; and concludes by impressing on the members of the Institute and the Church generally the value of the Church of England Institute. The report is signed by F. H. J. Brigstocke, and George E. Fairweather, Secretary. The report was adopted and the Institute adjourned about 10.30.—*The Daily Sun, Feb. 13.*

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TRURO.—This Parish is now looking for the dawn of a better day after many disappointments and difficulties, consequent upon the misfortunes in connection with the erection of their new Church.

A building, the erection of which was originally to cost \$12,000, has, by some blunder somewhere, reached over \$20,000, and is not yet completed.

We are convinced the Vicar and Parish authorities have been in no wise to blame, although so expensive a structure has crippled the Parish for sometime. That an improvement exists is attested to by the fact that this year Truro has given largely in excess of former years for Home and Foreign Missions, and, with hearty good will, the people are now working together and subscribing liberally to finish their Church.

That most popular lecturer—the Rev. A. J. Townsend, has kindly announced his intention of repeating his lecture on "Chas. Dickens," on Tuesday evening next, the proceeds to be applied to the Building Fund of the Truro Church.

AMHERST.—We understand that this parish has this year doubled its usual yearly contributions to the Board of Home Missions. There is only one thing more that we would like to see this parish do, and then we would be disposed to recognize it as the model Parish of the Diocese; and that is get a hundred or two hundred subscribers for *Church Work*, and make it the Parish magazine. We will supply the covers free of charge.

NEW ROSS.—At a Vestry Meeting, held at Christ Church, New Ross, Jan. 5th, 1880, it was resolved, "That the thanks of this Vestry be, and is hereby given, to the Rector, Curate, Churchwardens and Parishioners of Lunenburg, for the kind and generous assistance given in response to an application to furnish means to heat the Church, made by the Incumbent of this Parish last month, and also for the liberal manner in which every appeal made on behalf of New Ross Church has been met by our fellow-Churchmen of Lunenburg."
(Signed) J. S. PRAT,
Vestry Clerk.

HALF-WAY COVE, GUYSBOROUGH Co.—We rejoice to know that at last the faithful Church people of this place have secured a missionary in the person of the Rev. J. W. Arnold, late of Dartmouth.

This is a very populous and important Mission of the C. C. S., but very poor, and we trust that it will not again have to mourn an interregnum. The Church must not allow any place where there are Church people to be without her regular ministrations; while she should be particularly careful to have none but holy men, sound in the Faith, to represent her interests, and to labor for the present and eternal good of her children, and those who may be now outside her pale.

Faithful work will always bear fruit, and will bring its own reward.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE, HALIFAX.—The annual meeting of the Church of England Institute was held on Tuesday evening, 17th inst. The attendance was quite large, and there was heartiness and earnestness evinced throughout the evening, and the proceedings continued until after 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Hill, the President, being unwell, the Vice-President conducted the business, and was supported by the Lord Bishop, who gave assistance through the evening, timely and deservedly appreciated. Opening prayers by Venerable Archdeacon Gilpin. The annual report of the Council showed a most favorable aspect, the membership being largely increased and a far more lively interest taken in the Institute affairs than ever before. Freed from debt, which had gradually accumulated, and being desirous of taking a more satisfactory position, locally and socially, the Council removed the Institute to their present commodious and convenient rooms, of which they have a lease for three years. They made a wide departure from the Institute's previously quiet condition in supplying billiard tables and a gymnasium, which had been the means of not only resuscitating the Institute, but making it widely known and popular. The want of funds and apparent apathy of Churchmen in regard to this matter were remedied by the assistance of lady and other friends and the grand Easter entertainments, which had met with such unexampled success, were gotten up, and the ample supply of means thus given enabled the council to carry into operation all the suggestions proposed at and endorsed by the last annual meeting. The operations of the Institute in its new quarters were told of, and the admission to membership of a large number of young men, not Churchmen alone, but others, was referred to.

The principal changes and improvements were the incorporation of the Institute; the appointment of a membership committee; the establishment of a code of rules; the appointment of a rooms or house committee, and the employment of a paid attendant; the introduction of billiards and the opening of a gymnasium. In connection with this an additional billiard table was procured. So far as the council can discriminate, the tendency has not been towards evil rather than good, as some few persons anticipated in the introduction of billiards. Other improvements were the establishment of a general managing committee and the addition of ten members to the council; the continuation of classes and arrangement for intellectual improvement of the members. The debates commenced last winter had been continued very successfully, and in addition to the public debates intermediate ones, confined to the attendance of members only, had been held for the benefit of those who did not wish to speak in public.

The winter course of lectures had been very successful. The lectures were as follows:—

1. Mr. Sumichrast, on "The church on the waters."
2. His Lordship the Bishop, on "The English Reformation."
3. Rev. A. J. Townsend, on "Old pegs on which to hang old clothes."
4. Mr. Payzant, on "Religious Unbusiness."

Two others are to follow; one was to have been delivered by the late lamented Prof. DeMille, and has to be otherwise arranged for, and the last will be delivered by the Rev. President.

In regard to membership, the number of new members proposed and accepted has exceeded the whole roll of 1878, and there are now in all 280 members. The loss of membership has been: by death, 3; withdrawal, 15; removal, 21.

A revised code of bye-laws and some new regulations have been submitted.

Some of the main objects sought by the establishment of the Institute have been accomplished, but much remains yet