

dangerous ground? When we know how these things affect the reputation of the Church, that should be dear to us next to our own characters; should we be willing to let our dear mother suffer? Have we not heard again and again from the Church in General Convention and from Bishops, the protest against so mingling the Church and the world? Is it not of terrible import, when the Church's own can not come together in her cause, without resorting to forms of amusement that certainly have their dangers, and are the world's own?

Dear brethren! think of these things. If you say, "we don't favor it but we have to please those who do not feel as we do"—trust God. The silver and the gold are His. The grandest benevolences in the world owe their being to faith.—G. D. G.

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

AVON DEANERY.—At a meeting held in Windsor, April 24, consisting of the Clergy of the Deanery and Lay Delegates to Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods, for the purpose of electing a Governor for King's College in accordance with the new regulations respecting that governing body, Mr. Bradford, Head Master of the College School, was elected.

The Chapter was in session in Windsor on the 24th and 25th April. The following clergy were present: The Rev. F. J. H. Axford, R.D.; Ven. Archdeacon Weston-Jones, Revs. Canon Maynard, Canon Brock, Dr. Bowman, Dr. Willets, Prof Vroom, T. W. Johnston, J. Spencer, K. C. Hind, M.A., J. M. C. Wade, M.A., G. Howcroft, B.A.

Services were held as follows: Evening of 24th, Choral Evensong and paper by Prof. Vroom. 25th, 8 a.m., Holy Communion: The Dean celebrant, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wade. 11 a.m., Matins (choral) and sermon by Mr. Wade. Business session at 2.30 in the Rectory drawing-room. The Rev. Canon Brock read a very instructive paper on "The Signum, the Res, and the Virtus in the Holy Eucharist." The offertories, amounting to \$14, were given to the Superannuation Fund.

HALIFAX.—We have before us the annual report of the rector of St. Paul's church, the Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., for the past year, from which we find that there are presently connected with the parish four clergymen: the rector and the Revs. N. Irvin Perry, M.A., F. W. Archbold, B.A., and Edward Softloy, jr., the latter being in charge of St. Matthias and the two former assistants at the parish church. The rector reports the growth in members during the past year as remarkable, more new names having been added to the Church lists than ever before. This he attributes to the work of the clergy and lay evangelists in visiting, and the discovery thereby of families and children, 17 names having been added to the Sunday school list since April 1, 1894. This visitation also brought to the attention of the Halifax Sunday School Association the names of 112 people said to be attending St. Paul's church, of whom the authorities have never heard before. There are now enrolled in the register of the parish over 600 families. The parish visiting is evidently well done, as we find 874 visits reported as paid by the Rector during the year, 1,633 as paid by the Rev. Mr. Perry, 3,125 'systematic visits', and 2,075 incidental visits, made by Mr. Winfield, the parish lay missionary. On Easter day there were 210 communicants at the 8.30 service and 233 at the noon celebration, making 443 in all, and

the Rector reports a steady increase in the number of those who attend Holy Communion, though the number is still far short of what it should be. He pays a tribute to the valuable body of men and women, and especially of young men and young women connected with the parish who cheerfully and capably carried on Church work, being of the opinion that few parishes have as valuable assistance. As to the Sunday school the report says that its progress has been steady; in the last four years it has increased from an average attendance of from 175 to 200 to from 400 to 420. It consists of eight different parts, the main and primary school, four Bible classes, Mission adult class, and the library, and there are now 555 scholars on the roll, 47 teachers and ten officers. The report contains this good advice to parents: "Do all in your power to help in this most important cause. Teach your children to pray morning and evening. Teach them to read a few verses of the Bible daily. Teach them to come to church at least once a Sunday. Teach them above all the love of God and the beauty, glory, and reality of life."

The St. Paul's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has also worked diligently during the past year, visiting the hotels and leaving invitation cards for the services; also the vessels along the water front every Sunday morning before services, and distributing tracts and leaflets to the sailors, with invitations to the services. A weekly meeting for men during the winter season has also been held, which has proved of great benefit.

The report also notes a fair increase during the year in the offerings, over \$200 more having been given through the envelope system. Some \$1,200 had been paid off of the indebtedness of the parish. The total amount given for current expenses was \$6,212.12, and for other purposes \$6,325.77, making a total raised within the parish of \$12,537.89. The parish contributed to Domestic Missions [Algoma, Mackenzie River, Rupert's Land and Moosonee] \$420.80, and to Foreign Missions \$405.06; these offerings being sent through the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. It also contributed through the C. and C.S. \$547.31. The St. Paul's Church Mite Society collected from Easter, 1894, to Easter, 1895, \$542.92.

### Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.—The anniversary service of the Y.M.A. and St. Andrew's Brotherhood was held on the evening of Sunday, 5th May, in Trinity church here, when the Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke delivered an interesting and appropriate address. During the service touching reference was made to the death of Mrs. Charles Morrill, and the bequests left to the Church were thankfully acknowledged.

Mission Church.—On Friday evening, 3rd May, Messrs. Hurd Peters and G. A. Schofield were elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod, and Messrs. H. A. Harvey and Hurd Peters delegates to the Diocesan Church Society.

PETERSVILLE.—Messrs. R. A. Graham and McKeim were elected Church Wardens of St. Peter's church here, and Messrs. R. A. Graham and Mackenzie delegates to Synod.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. H. Hackenley preached his farowell sermon at St. Mary's church, Richibucto, on the last Sunday evening in April, the building being filled. He has ministered acceptably in the parish for five years past.

It is a poor policy to attempt to save time in foundation-laying for a mistake there may bring the whole building to the ground.

## Diocese of Montreal.

LACHUTE.—St. Saviour's church annual vestry meeting was held on Easter Monday. There was a very good attendance of members. The financial statement was postponed to enable the wardens to give a fuller report. Mr. S. E. Smith was appointed rector's warden, and G. E. Bampton, Esq., Q.C., elected people's warden. Messrs. W. W. Owens and H. Frost were elected lay delegates. After routine business had been put through the vestry adjourned for one week.

On Monday the 22nd, the adjourned vestry meeting was held, when Mr. G. E. Bampton read the financial statement which, considering the hard times, was satisfactory. The congregation took this opportunity of presenting Miss Maggie Curry with a silver watch as a small token of their appreciation of her services as organist, a duty which she has for over a year performed voluntarily and most pleasingly.

After the vestry an informal meeting of the congregation was held to consider the advisability of having a choir, and it was concluded that it would be advisable to do so, having plain service with the Psalms read, except on special occasions, when fuller musical service could be rendered by request of the incumbent.

J. C. Wilson, Esq., has generously donated \$50 for a bell, for which the congregation are grateful.

St. Aidan's church, Wentworth, has received the promise of the long wanted surplice from friends in Montreal.

DUNHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—The Executive committee at its meeting last month received the financial statement of the school to June 12th, which showed that the deficit for the first year will probably not exceed the sum guaranteed and the expected government grant. This deficit would include a sum of \$200 paid on capital account. It was considered a very encouraging showing, all things being considered. At an adjourned meeting held on the 30th of April last, the committee considered matters connected with the opening of the College after the summer vacation, and made arrangements for so doing.

KNOWLTON.—The report of the church wardens of St. Paul's church for the past year showed a satisfactory financial position; all obligations met and payments made on account of principal and interest of the funded debt.

## Diocese of Ontario.

PRESBOTT.—The St. John's Jnnior Guild held their annual meeting in Eastertide, and on the following Sunday at 8 a.m. those members of the Guild who had been confirmed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara in the winter received the Holy Communion. In the offertory service after the presentation of the alms, the secretary and treasurer of the Guild, Miss Leila White and Miss Emily Whitney, came forward to the chancel steps and with an appropriate address presented a beautiful silver chalice, the work of Messrs. Bell, of Ogdensburg, N.Y. This address was replied to by the rector, the Rev. W. Lewin, and then this valuable gift of the children was offered on the altar for the service of God in His Holy Sacrament, with prayer and thanksgiving. Several of the parents of the children communicated at the same time.

## Diocese of Toronto.

IN MEMORIAM.—On the Festival of St. Philip and St. James there entered into the rest of