

News from the Home Field.

SYNOD OF FREDERICTON.

The special session of the Synod met in Trinity School Room, St. John, on Wednesday, 11th, at 7 p. m.

The Bishop took the chair, and after prayers, the roll was called, and a very large proportion of the clergy was found to be present, with 45 lay delegates.

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The Rev. Mr. Webb, his former Vicar, recommended him as most suitable for the post. He was a Theologian gentleman and scholar.

The Rev. Mr. Hardy, Secretary and Chaplain to the late Mr. Gibbs, knew him well, and knew nothing but good. He had known his family for 40 years.

The Dean of St. Paul's said that Mr. Kingdon was all the Bishop could wish, a theologian, a worker, and a Christian gentleman.

had not received sufficient evidence to warrant an intelligent vote, the debate was adjourned until this morning.

THURSDAY. The Synod resumed at 10 a. m., Mr. C. H. Fairweather in the chair. Mr. C. H. Fairweather moved that the election be postponed until the second Tuesday in March.

Clergy—Yeas, 44; Nays, 5. Laity—Yeas, 42; Nays, 3. On motion of Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, seconded by Mr. John Sears, the election was made unanimous by a standing vote.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The series of socials in St. Luke's Church, Portland, were brought to a close on Friday evening. Over \$200 were realized during the week.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX—Church of England Institute.—His Lordship the Bishop and the clergy of the City and Dartmouth extended an invitation to the members of the Church of England Institute and their friends to meet them at the Institute Room on Thursday evening last.

HALIFAX.—St. Marks.—The teachers of St. Mark's Sunday School, on New Year's Day, presented their Superintendent, J. Godfrey Smith, with a dressing case, accompanied with the following Address:—

Dear Sir.—The teachers of St. Mark's Sunday School have much pleasure in presenting you with this (dressing case) as a token of their esteem and respect for your diligent and faithful services in connection with the Sunday School.

The Superintendent, in acknowledging the gift, mentioned the fact of their being but one teacher in the school at present out of 18 teachers who were associated with him in St. Mark's School seven years ago, when he was then made the happy recipient of a very substantial gift.

On New Year's Eve, a beautiful and impressive Service was held in this Church, which was densely thronged. It commenced with the Hymn "A few more years shall roll."

brought this exceedingly interesting and solemn service to a close.

WILKOT.—The Parish Church of Wilknot, situate at Middleton, dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity, one of the oldest in the Diocese, having been built in 1787, though beautifully dressed for Christmas these many years past, has hitherto, like many a prehistoric Agamemnon, for want, I suppose, of his Homer, escaped public notice.

The situation of the edifice, in the midst of a grove of noble pines, is hardly exceeded in beauty by any in the Dominion. The drivers of the stage coaches in olden time while passing the spot were requested by the passengers to walk their horses, that for a few seconds longer the calmness and loveliness of the scene might be enjoyed.

FAULKLAND MISSION.—Herring Cove.—This little spot, interesting both from its natural features and the character of its people, is probably known to but very few of the readers of this paper.

A deep and narrow indentation of the Western Shore of Halifax Harbor running about a quarter of a mile inland forms the cove; an almost completely land-locked anchorage for vessels of light draught—the shores themselves little more than the hardened coast of our so-called solid globe are again strewn with the boulder debris of the glacial period—here and there a little patch of meadow, walled with stone, that has been wrested from the general sterility and in summer forms a pleasing contrast to the surrounding wildness of grey stone.

The population of the village is composed almost entirely of "seilers of the sea." It is almost needless to say that the agricultural class is but feebly represented. I have noticed in this and in other lands that amongst this class of people who are accustomed to nature under her wildest and grandest aspects, as well as her peaceful and gentler moods; who often look danger and death in the face, and owe the preservation of their lives to the helping hand of a brother one often meets with a true nobility of character, and a freedom from the jealousies and the meanness that sometimes disturb the peace of communities much more favourably situated.

On the day fixed upon parties of juveniles, armed with hatchets, were told off to explore the country in search of a suitable tree for decoration, which, in a land so devoid of vegetation, was not an easy thing to find. At intervals during the day, troops of youngsters in red checks and mufflers of the same colour, would arrive at the house of the clergyman with a tree for inspection, when one had been selected and taken into the school-room, the urchins, after watching its disappearance, had nothing left to them but speculation upon the transformation it would probably undergo.

At 6 p. m., a clamouring troop of boys and girls was admitted to the school-room, borrowed for the occasion, and as the full glory and splendour of the tree, with its wealth of gifts and sweets, and lighted tapers, burst upon them, an expression of mingled awe and delight overspread their faces, and they took their places amid hushed whispers of wonder. The parents of the children had been invited—one old man looking upon the tree somewhat as a natural phenomena, said, "there was never anything like that seen in these parts before."

RAWDON.—On the evening of New Year's Day, Rev. W. J. Ancient, Rector of this Parish, was invited to the house of Henry Canavan, Esq., at Hillsdale—part of a mission attached to the Parish of Rawdon—where he met a large gathering of friends belonging to Hillsdale and South Rawdon. Some little time was occupied in introductions and social chat, after which the party sat down to a well-filled table, such as the ladies of Hunt's County know so well how to provide, to the contents of which all present did "ample justice."

by Messrs. H. Canavan, Geo. Creed and others. At half-past ten the company broke up: but before doing so, a committee of three was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of holding social gatherings, for the mutual benefit of their members, periodically. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

STONEY, C. B.—On New Year's Day, the children of St. George's Sunday School in this town met together for their usual Christmas festivities. In some respects, the day was not the best for the purpose, but Mr. Murphy, of the Western Union Telegraph, the indefatigable Superintendent, having no other time at his disposal, there was no choice in the matter. In the afternoon, a beautiful tea was provided in the school house, to which, it is needless to say, ample justice was done.

LA HAVÉ.—St. Peter's.—The neat looking Church of St. Peter, situate at West LaHave Ferry, is as usual decorated in honor of the High Festival of Christmas just gone by, and a few lines relating thereto may not be considered uninteresting. The building itself, so chaste and ecclesiastical in design, is quite an ornament to the neighborhood, and its appearance, both inside and out, reflects great credit upon the exertions and energy of the faithful incumbent of the Mission, the Rev. A. Jordan, and the members of his flock.

BADDECK, C. B.—The Missionary spent week before Christmas, with following Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, New Haven. The Church was tastefully decorated, and on Christmas morning was well filled, and 17 remained "to shew forth the Lord's death until He come."