

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—At a session of the Urban Deanery it was decided to call a meeting of the church people to consider the advisability of forming a society to promote systematic and proportional giving.

Such an assembly being called, it met in the Church of England Institute on the evening of the 24th ult.; but owing to the inclemency of the weather it was not so well attended as it should have been.

However, a motion was then brought forward and passed to form an association to be known as 'The Society of the Treasury of God for the Diocese of Nova Scotia.' The members present then appointed officers for the Society, and also a committee to draw up a form of constitution to be submitted at the next session. After this members were enrolled. The meeting then adjourned to March 19th.

PRERONAL.—Mr. Wm. E. Dimock, only son of Wm. Dimock, Esq., died on Thursday last, after a brief illness of about ten days. He had always enjoyed good health, and his unexpected death is a great shock to the family, as also a source of deep regret to very many friends in Windsor and elsewhere. He will be particularly missed by the congregation of Christ Church—of which he was a sincere and devoted member—having always manifested a warm interest in all the affairs of the parish. The funeral took place on Sunday, the remains being conveyed to the parish church, where the burial service was conducted by the Rev. Archdeacon Weston Jones and Rev. Canon Maynard, the same clergyman officiating at the grave in Maplewood cemetery, where the interment took place.—*Hant's Journal*.

SPRINGHILL.—The dreadful disaster which caused the loss of 123 lives has cast a gloom over the whole country. The English Church congregation in Springhill has lost heavily. Church work in such places is peculiarly difficult in consequence of the constant influx of strangers and continual changes in the congregation. The Rector of Springhill reports sixty-eight family changes in eight months. In cases of accident experienced nursing and attention are obtained with great difficulty. The Rev. Mr. Wilson has issued the following appeal, which we hope will receive the spontaneous recognition it deserves. The wealthy might respond liberally, and every clergyman could perhaps give one offertory for this laudable purpose. The contribution should be full and prompt, and we shall gladly receive and acknowledge any amounts sent to this office.

APPEAL FOR CHURCH MINERS AT SPRINGHILL.

The recent appalling colliery disaster at Springhill, in which 123 souls were suddenly called to meet their God, has dealt a dreadful blow to the English Church congregation at Springhill. Twenty-eight Churchmen were killed. Twelve widows, and forty orphans have been bequeathed to our congregation by this calamity. In three Church households, three members from each house were carried to the church and to the grave. Thousand and sights of woe have overwhelmed us. For three long years have we appealed to 'the household of faith' for help to build a hospital for our Miners. Hamanly speaking, if the hospital had been here, and proper nursing had been provided, some of the wounded might have been saved. We had hoped to have begun building operations this year, but this sudden blow has killed local aid. We implore our brethren to liberally help us at once to erect the hospital, and to strengthen our work for Christ in these districts of desperate danger. Contributions

may be sent to the Editor of *The Church Guardian*, Montreal, or to Rev. W. Chas. Wilson, the Rectory, Springhill Mines, N.S.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CABLETON.—At the annual meeting of St. Jude's Band of Mercy, held in St. Jude's school house, on Monday evening, March 2nd, Mrs. J. V. Ellis was elected president, and Miss Annie Turmott, treasurer. Miss Jessie Slipp was chosen secretary. A donation of \$10 to the funds was made by Rev. J. O. Crisp in loving memory of his daughter Hilda, and the Band appropriated this to the Fountain fund. The business concluded, an interesting literary and musical entertainment followed.

ST. JOHN.—The concert for the benefit of the Springhill sufferers, held in the schoolroom of St. John's (Stone) Church, on 27th ult., was largely attended, and an excellent programme was carried out. The songs by Mrs. Carter and Messrs. G. C. Costen, A. H. Lindsay and F. H. J. Ruel were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Carter was obliged to respond to a hearty encore. Miss Bowden's Cello playing was excellent, as was the duet by Mrs. J. R. Armstrong and Mr. G. L. Robinson. The piano solos of Miss Goddard and Mr. Ford were exquisitely rendered. A feature of the evening was the quartette, 'Float, Gently Float,' composed by J. S. Ford, which was sung by Mrs. Carter, Miss McInnis, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Barnham. It was heartily encored. Mr. William Bowden's violin solo, 'Spinning Song,' was well received.—*St. John Globe*.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—Mrs. Cummings, a lady deeply interested in missions in the Northwest, addressed a mass meeting of members of the Church and Church workers, especially members of the Woman's Auxiliary, in the Cathedral Church Hall, on Tuesday evening, 3rd instant. The subject was skilfully treated by this lady in such a manner as to command the attention of all hearers, and the meeting cannot fail to be of great benefit by rousing up members of the Church in this diocese to fresh exertions on behalf of the Indians and settlers of the great Canadian Northwest. The chair was taken by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who informed the audience that the lady who was about to address them had personally inspected the workings of the Woman's Auxiliary and was quite capable to handle her subject. He was of the opinion that there was no doubt that in the near future there would be a large population in the Northwest and that the success or failure of the Church in that district depended largely on taking possession of it now.

Mrs. Cummings opened her address by stating that she, in company with Miss Patterson, had been sent out to travel in the Northwest by the W. A. of Toronto, for the sake of obtaining definite information regarding the state of affairs in that mission field. Starting from Toronto on June 28th, they visited in the first place, Sault Ste. Marie, where they were shown the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes for Indian children, which she recommended to her hearers as fully deserving of all the aid asked for them by Mr. Wilson. Crossing from thence in the Bishop's yacht the "Evangeline," by no means a floating palace, they visited old Chief Shingwauk, at whose suggestion the Home had been built and in honor of whom it was named. Mrs. Cummings then described the house inhabited by the old chief, in which the most conspicuous ornaments were a picture of Queen Victoria and an old "Union Jack," and stated that he, like all the rest of the Indians in the Northwest, was intensely loyal. She also gave a description of the church and spoke of the great need of more clergymen. Mrs. Cummings also spoke of the very great devo-

tion of the Cree Indians. Mr. Wilson's industrial schools also came in for a passing notice. Here as elsewhere, there was the greatest need for pecuniary assistance. The rapidity with which the Indian children learned in these schools was amazing, one boy only being in the school from January till July, after which he was fit to act as interpreter to his tribe. Scrofula was unfortunately very prevalent amongst the Indians. In Rupert's Land the Bishop had only a staff of 17 clergy and 11 lay readers and more were imperatively demanded. It was hoped that if help be given now, when so badly needed, in ten years these places would be self-sustaining. Alluding to the distribution of rations to the Blackfoot and Blood Indians Mrs. Cummings said that some complained at the Government feeding them and thought that they should be made to work, but though not a politician she was of the opinion that they had either to be fed or fought, for they would not go hungry when cattle ranches were near at hand.

Dean Norman then moved a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by the Rev. Canon Von Iffland, to Mrs. Cummings for her address, and it is needless to say the motion was unanimously adopted.

THE DANGERS OF SOCIETY.—Rev. T. A. Williams, of St. Matthew's Church, preached an interesting sermon on Sunday night, March 1st, upon the dangers of modern society and urged young people to think less of society pleasures, and young men especially to take more interest in athletic sports and in such healthy exercises as those afforded by the St. Matthew's Men's Club, instead of sitting up in a foul atmosphere sipping brandy and water, or devoting their nights to dancing, etc.

The Very Rev. Dean Norman in his sermon on Sunday morning, 1st March, also pronounced against the tendency of the young, even during Lent, to give up too much of their time and attention to the world and its attractions.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

W.A.M.A.—The report of the Secretary submitted at the meetings held in Montreal lately showed that \$900 had been received during the year by the Diocesan Treasurer, and that the balance on hand was \$62.69. The total receipts, including money and value, amounted to \$2,852.89. This is an admirable showing and ought to encourage the ladies in their work.

The officers of the Association for the current year are: Mrs. Holden, president; Mrs. Evans, Treasurer; Miss Henderson, Corresponding-Secretary; Miss McCord, Recording Secretary. In accordance with the constitution, the Bishop named the following ladies as his nominees on the board; Mrs. R. Lindsay, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Judge, Mrs. W. J. Buchanan, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Cole.

MONTREAL.—*St. James'.*—It is said that the Rev. J. Walker has resigned or will resign his position at Easter as assistant minister of this Church, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Walker.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Lenten 5 p.m. daily services with devotional addresses in Christ Church Cathedral are, as usual, largely attended this Lent. Among the preachers are the Lord Bishop, the Dean, Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Dr. Norton, Rev. Canon Henderson, Mills, Mulock, and the Revs. J. H. Dixon, G. O. Troop, H. Evans, S. Massey, Bushnell, L. N. Tucker, J. Walker, J. Ker, E. McManus, Bareham, E. A. W. King, G. A. Smith, T. E. Cunningham.

Mr. D. Hemingway, F.C.O., who has the highest recommendations as an organist, pianist and voice trainer, has been appointed organist and choirmaster in Christ Church Cathedral. Having filled with marked success the position of organist and choirmaster of Dewsbury parish church, Mr. Hemingway was appointed organist and choirmaster of Tewkesbury Abbey, Eng.,