

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

NEW GLASGOW.—The Rev. D. C. Moore left Stellarton Feb. 10th, and returned March 1st, during that time he visited as Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia, the lodges at Kentville, Canning, Windsor, Hantsport, Wolfville, Chester, Mahone Bay, Bridgewater, Lunenburg, Middleton, and Aylesford.

On Sunday, Feb. 16th, he officiated in New Ross—the parish to which he was appointed 28 years ago—as also on Ash Wednesday. On Sunday the 23rd., he took services at Conqueral, Conqueral Bank, and Bridgewater—the work he left 19 years ago to come into Pictou county—he reports the Church of England and Free Masonry both largely increased in growth and influence since he last was in King's, Hants, Lunenburg, and Annapolis counties.

The Rev. gentleman looks all the better for his tour.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE AND NELSON.—Special services are being held in St. Andrew's, Newcastle, during these solemn Lenten weeks on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m. and 7 30 p. m. There is a short Lesson at the Wednesday evening service, and on Friday evening the Rector is preaching a course of sermons on "The Cross," the topics being—"The offence of the Cross," "The enemies of the Cross," "The Cross of Reconciliation," "Peace through the Blood of the Cross," "The Preaching of the Cross," "Litany of Penitence" (465 A & M) is sung kneeling at the close of the Friday evening service. On Sunday evening a special course of Sermons on "The First Principles" is also being preached. Holy Week will D. V., be observed in an especial way.

The "Bishop Doane's Series" of Sunday school lesson has been introduced into St. Andrew's Sunday-school and gives great satisfaction to the teachers and scholars.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—Mr. Horton Corbett, organist and choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, having accepted an important position in the United States, Professor F. C. Smythe has been appointed as his successor. Mr. Smythe has recently come from the old country to a professorship in the new Canadian College of music at Ottawa. He is a Bachelor of Music of the University of Trinity College, Dublin, and has been for sixteen years organist and choirmaster of the important Church of St. James, Belfast, and for ten years a professor of music in the Belfast Royal Academy. Mr. Smythe is strongly recommended by the rector of St. James' Church, Belfast, the Bishop of Down, the Archbishop of Armagh, and the Marquis of Dufferin, late Governor-General of Canada.

St. Stephen's.—St. Stephen's Sunday-school held its annual festival in the large hall of St. Stephen's Church last Friday evening. About four hundred children attended and did ample justice to the good things which supplied the tables. Afterwards there were dialogues, choruses, recitations and instrumental selections. During the proceedings the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, on behalf of the teachers and officers of the school, presented Mr. John Dumaresq, superintendent, with a beautifully finished oaken desk and chair. In making the presentation the Ven. Archdeacon spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Dumaresq's work during the five years of his superintendency. The recipient bowed his acknowledgment.

Grace Church.—The weekly meeting of Grace Church Literary Society was held on Thursday, when the Rev. J. Ker, B. D., (Hon

President) read an interesting paper on the "Life and Writings of Edgar Allan Poe." Miss Ida Basham in a very able manner read "The Raven" and other poems.

Confirmation classes are being held in the various parishes of the city.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PORT HOPE.—The quarterly meeting of the Church of England Women's Auxiliary to Missions of the Diocese of Toronto was held here on the 6th inst., by invitation of the resident branches of the Association. The officers of the Diocesan Board and many others were present from Toronto, besides delegates from Cobourg, Grafton, Colborne, Newcastle, Millbrook, Peterboro', Lindsay and Lakefield, numbering in all over seventy, who were hospitably entertained by the members of the three Port Hope branches. Service was held in St. Mark's Church at 10 a. m., when the Lord Bishop of Algoma gave a beautiful address to the workers on the subject of prayer in connection with Mission work. Morning and afternoon sessions were held in St. John's schoolhouse. Mrs. Benson, President of St. John's Branch, read a cordial address of welcome, which was gracefully responded to by Mrs. Williamson for the Diocesan officers, and by Miss Wallis, of Peterboro, on behalf of the delegates.

Most encouraging reports were read by the officers, followed by a paper on 'Children's Work for Missions,' by Mrs. H. G. Baldwin, Church of the Ascension Branch, Toronto, in which stress was laid upon the importance of training children to have an intelligent knowledge and interest in Missionary work: it gave also some valuable suggestions of the ways in which juvenile branches might be carried on.

The questions, 'How can interest be maintained in the Branches?' and 'What are the best methods of raising money for Missions?' were ably discussed by Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. March, Mrs. Helliwell, Mrs. Brongball, Mrs. Cummings and others, and much useful information of a variety of methods was gained.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings read a paper on 'What the Church is Doing for Missions,' which carried the hearers in imagination on a hurried tour round the world to visit the principal missions sustained by the Church in England.

After resolutions of thanks to the Port Hope ladies for their hospitality; to the clergymen of St. Mark's and St. John's for the use of the church and schoolhouse, to the Lord Bishop of Algoma, and to the Margaret Mission band for their kindness in providing tea for all the members, the meeting adjourned after singing the doxology.

A sumptuous tea was served in the schoolhouse for all the members, numbering 150, and also the Bishop of Algoma, Revs. Rural Dean Allan and Chowne, Rev. Mr. Baker and Rev. Mr. Daniel, and afterwards about two hours were spent pleasantly in social intercourse.

At 8 o'clock a public meeting was held which was very largely attended, and stirring addresses were given by the Bishop of Algoma and Rev. Rural Dean Chowne, of Rosseau; Rev. Mr. Allan was in the chair. The choir of St. John's Church led the singing.

TORONTO.—*St. James' Cathedral.*—A 'quiet day' for women is to be held on Thursday, 20th March, conducted by Rev. Canon Damoulin, Rector and other clergy. A circular has been issued setting forth the object of such gatherings, viz.: for 'a day at least' to shut out as far as possible the world and to be alone with God in His House of Prayer, to listen to special instruction on the practical heart needs of Christian people; to meditate upon the words spoken before it slips away, to turn resolves into prayers, and by prayer to consecrate the soul and body to duty and service,—and conveying a cordial invitation to come, arranging

to 'give up the whole day,'—to gather themselves unto Jesus,—asking also that those who can not come may, during the same hours, join those present in asking a special blessing on the work.

The order of services are announced as follows: 10 a. m., Holy Communion and address; 12 o'clock, Litany and address; 2 and 3 p. m., addresses; 4 p. m., Evening Prayer and address. An early celebration at 7 a. m. will take place at St. Stephen's.

To avoid the hurry and fatigue of a return to distant homes, or the disturbance of the quiet of the day, a light lunch will be served in the Schoolhouse.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—The prosperity of the Reformed Episcopal Body in Mount Forest, having been so greatly exaggerated it is well that facts which are stubborn things should speak for themselves. A printed circular bearing the name of Mr. H. K. Nazar, the pastor, has been circulated throughout the town, in which he says:

Having been in charge of St. John's Church, (R. E.) now 8 months, and looking at the position of affairs as they are, at present, after doing my very best, I am, though very reluctantly, obliged to come to the determination to resign the charge.

When I tell you that my average income per week has been \$3 00 and the inability of the congregation to be more liberal to me, owing to so many calls for other purposes connected with the Church from its inception, you will I trust without my going into further details understand my position. My incidental expenses have been considerable especially in connection with the attempt to establish a station at Arthur (the failure of which is entirely due to my difficulty in travelling to and fro), travelling, printing, &c., &c., which have been met out of my own pocket.

I think it will be conceded me, that I have made cheerful sacrifices for the Work sake, for I lived with my family first part of my stay here in virtually an empty cottage, then obtaining a furnished house at \$10 00 per month for 2½ months, \$20 00 of which I have paid out of other resources than from the Church,—and the last 4 months I have been in my present house with barely any furniture with the exception of a very few articles which were absolutely necessary to my living.

To be brief and explicit my present position is this: I am indebted to kind friends in the town who have most kindly given me accommodation to the amount of say \$150 00, and to liquidate this I have made several efforts which in every case has proved a failure * * * *

I have a clear conscience that the lack of success has not been for want of energy and earnestness on my part.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Huron Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Church of England in Canada, has just held its fourth annual meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 4th, a meeting of the Board of Management was held at Bishopstowe, the residence of the Bishop of Huron, at which 33 branches were represented by their Presidents or substitutes.

On Wednesday morning service was held in the Cathedral, the Litany was first said, and then his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese preached a most earnest and eloquent sermon Ex. xxvi: 'Moreover thou shalt make the Tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen,' urging upon the members of the Auxiliary the necessity of complete self consecration if they would be effective workers in the Master's cause. After the sermon the Holy Communion was administered to a very large