

Mrs. W. Vogler very kindly provided refreshments for the choir before they left for Broad Cove. The greatest reverence pervaded the whole congregation, and perfect order and quietness was very satisfactory to the Church people.

HALIFAX.—*Personal.*—The Rev. J. S. Edwards, Garrison Chaplain, has been unable to take service lately, on account of sore throat. Some of the city clergy have officiated in his stead.

CONFIRMATIONS.—Most of the city rectors are now holding Confirmation classes. It is expected that the rite will be performed in Holy Week.

ST. GEORGE'S.—The Guild of this Church held a sociable in the school-room last Friday. A very pleasant evening was spent in listening to music and enjoying social intercourse.

ALBION MINES.—The monthly services at the Yale Colliery keep up their interest. On the fourth Thursday in February there were between thirty and forty in the hall to meet Mr. Moore, and the choir under Miss Richardson's lead (without an instrument) gave the Glorias, Canticles and Hymns in a manner that reflected the greatest credit on all concerned, and largely added to the devotional feelings during Divine worship.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE LATE CANON SCOVIL.—A cable despatch announces the death of the Rev. Canon Scovil, after a short illness, at Brighton, England. The deceased gentleman was the only son of the late William Scovil, Esq., for many years a Churchwarden of Trinity Church, St. John. He was ordained deacon in 1840 and priest in 1841, by the late Bishop Inglis, the Province of New Brunswick being then included in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. Canon Scovil served first as Curate of Trinity Church, to the late Dr. Gray, and subsequently was for several years Rector of Norton, which parish he resigned upon his father's decease, to again remove to St. John. Canon Scovil did not again undertake parochial work, but his services were always cheerfully and voluntarily given to assist his brother clergy, and for many years he acted as honorary chaplain to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, maintaining the service regularly each Sunday afternoon. He took a warm interest in the Diocesan Church Society, of which he was a vice-president, and in the establishment of the Diocesan Synod, and its subsequent union with the Provincial Synod of Canada. Failing health induced his removal to England, but his interest in his native province never flagged. The Sodilia in Trinity Church, St. John, were his gift, and almost his last letter directed the payment of a contribution to one of the country missions of the diocese. Canon Scovil married a daughter of the late Henry Gilbert, Esq., of St. John. His widow and a son, F. S. Scovil, Esq., of Brighton, England, survive him.—*St. John Globe.*

ST. JOHN.—*St. James' Church.*—After evening prayer on February 24th, his Lordship the Metropolitan, assisted by the Rev. G. O. Troop and Rev. R. Mathers, confirmed thirty-three candidates, a large number of whom were elderly persons. At the conclusion of the ceremony his Lordship delivered an appropriate address.

REMEMBERING THE AFFLICTED.—The Ladies' Committee of the Church of England Institute are doing a good work among the sick and afflicted in the General Public Hospital, where they visit twice each week to read and pray with the inmates. Only those on a sick bed can fully estimate the effect of a kind word thus spoken, and the cheer that usually comes

to the sickened heart when strangers manifest so deep a concern in their troubles and afflictions. Nice bouquets of flowers are taken to the sick and left on the tables in the wards. Mrs. J. R. Smith presented, a few days ago, six framed mottoes to be hung up in the wards. Other contributions of a similar nature are expected.

The Band of Mercy in connection with Trinity Church gave a very successful entertainment in the school-room of that church on February 4th. This is the second pleasant evening spent in listening to recitations and songs performed by the little children of that band.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Every Friday fortnightly the Band of Hope meets in the school-room, when the evening is pleasantly spent by the children in singing and reciting pieces of poetry.

CENTRAL NORTON.—The ladies of the Church Aid Society of the Parish Church, Norton, held an entertainment in the Central Hall on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, the 18th February, towards the funds of the church, when a very enjoyable and pleasant time was spent. During the afternoon and evening the fancy articles exhibited were much admired, and so appreciated that the sale of them, together with the refreshments, realized a larger sum than was anticipated. After tea, several kind friends entertained those present with a reading, quartettes, solos and instrumental music, concluding with a very pretty scene and the National Anthem. The hall was kindly lent for the occasion by the Trustees.

CARLETON.—It has been proposed to start a branch of the Madras School at Carleton.

MONCTON.—The Bishop-Coadjutor (Kingdon) preached in St. George's Church a very interesting sermon. He spent the week in visitations of the churches in Westmoreland and other points in that section of the Province.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COOKSHIRE.—Some two years ago a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was formed in this parish, and has flourished greatly, proving both a help to the girls and associates and a strength to the Church. Quite recently the Society became also a Missionary Union, the girls resolving to devote a proportion of their earnings to Mission. Believing that a Church, to live, must be a Missionary Church—the same applying to a parish—this was felt indeed to be a move in the right direction. At the last monthly meeting of the Society, the members decided to send their offering to the Rev. Chas. Quinney, who suffered so much during the recent Northwest rebellion, and who, having courageously returned to his old field of labor, is appealing for help to restore his wasted parish and ruined Mission buildings.

The Southern Sub-Deanery of the District of St. Francis met at Cookshire on Monday, Feb. 15th. At 7 p.m. a short service was held in the church, followed by addresses from the Rev. J. Foster, Rector of Coaticook, and the Rev. G. Thornloe, Rector of Sherbrooke, dealing respectively with "Church Mission Work in China" and "Some Principles of the Church." Notwithstanding the inclemency of the night, a large congregation assembled. The offertory, amounting to nearly \$5, was given to the Domestic Missions of the Church. The following day, after an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Sub-Deanery session began. The Greek Testament was taken up during the morning, the discussion of the afternoon being upon the obligation of Sunday, dealing with the subject of the observance of the Lord's Day,

and the questions arising concerning the first day of the week and the Sabbath.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—On Sunday, Feb. 28th, the Rev. J. G. Norton, Rector of Montreal, drew the attention of the Cathedral congregation to a notice which had appeared in the *Gazette* two days before, making an appeal for immediate assistance to provide a holiday for Sister Sarah, head of the St. Margaret's Home, whose health has been completely broken down by her long and devoted work in the Protestant small-pox hospital. He regretted that this appeal had to be made without the usual notice on the previous Sunday, but the money was wanted immediately. "The Bishop and Clergy have passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Sister Sarah and the other ladies who assisted her in the hospital, for rendering a great public service in a time of need; and surely we cannot, as honest men, limit our thanks, in an emergency like this, to mere words. I am sure," continued the Rector, "that there are very many in this congregation who will thank me for giving them an opportunity of showing that the Mother Church of the Diocese has a heart large enough and loving enough to rise above the small differences which separate Church people in our city, and to gladly do this well merited act of Christian generosity and kindness." He hoped that with their gifts they would unite their prayers that God would comfort that excellent lady in her present suffering, and would spare her life for many years of continued Christian usefulness in our city. The appeal, although necessarily made without the usual notice, realized \$70.07 for Sister Sarah, in excess of the ordinary offertory for Church expenses.

Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod Office during the month of February, 1886:—

For the Diocesan Mission Fund.—Bristol, \$5; North Shefford and South Roxton, \$5.10; Grace Church, \$156.96; Outremont, \$8; Cote St. Louis, \$13.95; St. Jean Baptiste, \$3.50; St. Thomas, \$51.20; Chambly, \$14; Longueuil, \$46.50; St. James the Apostle, \$5.05; St. George's, \$2,455.33; Rougemont, \$8.27; Granby, \$46.40; Ormstown, \$10.56; Aylwin, \$15; The Lord Bishop, \$25; Buckingham, \$39.78; Upton, \$9.25; Clarenceville, St. George, \$8.70, and St. Thomas, \$10.40; Sabrevois, \$8.75; St. Luke's, \$61.97.

For Algoma Bishopric Fund.—Trinity, \$18; Mille Isles and Morin, \$4.93; Abbotsford, \$5.44; Vaudreuil, \$12.86; Coteau du Lac, \$4.65; Kildare, \$5.53; Chelsea, \$5; Lacolle, \$6.50.

For City Missionary Fund.—St. George's, \$102.

For Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—Rev. W. Sanders, \$5; Ven. Archdeacon Leach, \$5; Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay, \$5; Rev. Canon Ellegood, \$5.

For Superannuation Fund.—Rev. W. Sanders, \$5; Trinity, \$12.33; North Shefford and South Roxton, \$2.50; Rev. Canon Ellegood, \$5; Rev. Canon Mussen, \$5; Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay, \$4.

For Foreign Missions.—Portage du Fort, 40c.; North Shefford and South Roxton, \$2.75; Abbotsford, \$24.70; Peche, \$1.50; Edwardstown, \$2.16; Mascouche, \$3.24; Terrebonne, \$5; Grenville, \$7.06; Christievillie, \$10.40.

For Domestic Missions.—Abbotsford, \$3.59; Peche, North Wakefield, \$1.50; Cowansville, \$5.20; Sweetsburg, 85c.; Buckingham, \$5.

For General Hospital.—Grace Church, \$9; St. Luke's, \$6.63.

For Theological College.—Rev. W. Sanders, \$10.

For St. Margaret's Home.—Clarendon, \$5; Como, \$5.