

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, and DONATIONS, received at the DIOCESAN ROOM, for the week ending January 14th, 1882.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Rawdon, per Rev. W. J. Ancient, \$36.70; Petite Riviere, per Rev. J. S. Smith, \$24.00; Sydney, per Rev. D. Smith, \$50.50; Annapolis, per Rev. J. J. Ritchie, \$3.00; Liverpool, per Rev. Dr. Nichols, \$1.20; Shelburne, per Rev. Dr. White, \$114.00; Digby, per Rev. J. Ambrose, \$76.38; Falkland, per Rev. G. F. Maynard, \$15.29; Malbone Bay, per Rev. D. Sutherland, \$13.89; Weymouth, per Rev. F. J. Pilleul, \$1.25; Dartmouth, per Rev. J. L. Bell, \$57.22; St. Luke's, Halifax, per Wm. Silver, Esq., \$643.08.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

St. George's, Halifax, \$2.50; Albion Mines, per Rev. D. C. Moore, \$5.00; Shelburne, per Rev. Dr. White, \$8.00; Dartmouth, per Rev. J. L. Bell, \$31.78.

CLERGY SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Rawdon, per Rev. W. J. Ancient, \$4.50.

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New Ross, per Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$1.85.

JOHN D. H. BROWNE, Clerical Secretary.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, \$2; Rev. J. J. Ritchie, Annapolis, \$5.25; Rev. W. H. Grocer, \$1.05; Dartmouth, per Rev. J. L. Bell, \$1.91.

WM. GOSSIE, Treas. B. F. M., Dio. N. S.

COLE HARBOR AND EASTERN PASSAGE.—The pretty Gothic Church at Cole Harbor has been very tastefully decorated this season, and reflects credit on those who so heartily entered into the work. The walls are festooned with spruce, enclosing wreaths, &c. The prayer desk and pulpit are neatly trimmed. The effect in the chancel is very pretty. Round the window, in spruce letters on a red ground, is the text, "Glory to God; Peace on earth." On the Holy Table are wreaths and a vase of natural flowers and grasses. Among those who deserve praise for their help, may be mentioned Messrs. Wentzell, Justus Morash, and J. Giles, and Misses Susan and Anna Wentzell, Maria, Annie, and Amy Morash, Miss Keady and Miss McLoughlan. The Church at Eastern Passage is also decorated in keeping with the occasion, but not to such an extent as in former years.

PICTOU.—A musical and literary entertainment was given by the children of St. James' Sunday School assisted by some of the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation, on Tuesday evening last in Prince St. Hall, which proved to be a great success, the audience being one of the largest ever seen in this Hall and the performance good. The chorus "Happy Greeting" was well sung and made the very rafters ring. The recitation by Master Robinson, was well given and drew great applause. Mr. Hockin's excellent reading was very amusing and greatly appreciated. On the whole the children did well and reflect great credit on Mr. Charles Tanner, who has spared neither expense nor time in training them. Miss Davies and Miss Dwyer (who is on her vacation from St. Margaret's Hall) presided at the organ with much taste and style. The proceeds which amounted to upwards of \$50, is to be devoted to the purchase of a new Sunday School library. We are glad to hear that Parish and Sunday School are in a highly prosperous condition; and it is particularly gratifying to know that Parish improvements have not shut out an interest in the general mission work of the Diocese, Pictou contributing this year to B. H. M.

RAWDON.—On Monday evening, Jan. 2nd, a number of friends assembled at the residence of Henry Canarvon, Esq., at Hillside, for the purpose of meeting the Rector and Mrs. Ancient, and presenting them with a tangible token of their goodwill. The early part of the day was very wet, and in the afternoon it was blowing a gale. This, with the bad state of the roads, prevented some being present. But notwithstanding these drawbacks quite a number gathered. Centre Rawdon, South Rawdon, Hillsdale, Mount Uniacke and the Gold Mines being represented. The early part of the evening was occupied in discussing the good things which the ladies had provided in abundance, singing, &c. Afterwards the meeting was called to order and W. H. Allison, Esq., M. P. for the County, who happened to be visiting that part of his constituency, appointed to the Chair. The Chairman opened the business of the evening with a nice speech and then called upon Mr. Akers to present the purse, which the latter gentleman informed the meeting contained the handsome sum of \$29.55. In Mr. Ancient's reply, he spoke in grateful terms of the hearty goodwill of his parishioners and the perfect harmony existing between pastor and people, and was thankful to say that such had ever been the case since he entered the Ministry. In concluding his remarks he asked the prayer that God would make him more and more useful. Short speeches were then made by Messrs. Canarvon, Reynolds, Blois and closing one by the Chairman; and concluded with the doxology shortly before 8 o'clock. We must not forget an amusing incident of the evening. Some of the young people, which were present, were very much amused by the Rector's Christmas services in Granville Ferry, bright and joyful, and were very prominent in carrying out the literary part of

care service was held on Christmas Eve; and on Christmas Day Morning Prayer with celebration of Holy Communion, at 11 o'clock. The Church was beautifully decorated, a very handsome chancel screen being erected and the altar vested in white. The Church at Granville Ferry (thanks to the kindness of a most energetic layman, Dr. Bell, who superintended the decoration of the body of the Church, the Rector undertaking the chancel) is more beautifully decorated this year than ever before. The music at the Parish Church, always good, under the able management of Mr. LeBaron Mills, the organist, was this year remarkably so, a beautiful anthem being sung on Christmas Day. At Trinity Church, Granville Ferry, the organist is Miss Grace Bogart, who, although having but a very indifferent instrument to play upon, yet deserves great credit for the way in which the music is rendered. It is hoped that a new organ will soon be forthcoming, if our funds permit. On the Wednesday evening after Christmas, a social was held in the Parish Church district, at the residence of Mr. Edward Mills one of the churchwardens. Although the weather was very unfavourable about 150 persons were present, and after taking tea purchased various articles that were placed upon a Christmas tree. The total proceeds were over sixty dollars, which amount is to be devoted to the purchase of a carpet for the new Church.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ALBERTON.—The ladies belonging to the congregation of St. Peter's Church held a bazaar and Christmas tree, comprising a number of fancy and useful articles, principally made at their weekly sewing circle, on Thursday, the 28th ult. The proceeds amounted to \$103.25, which are to be devoted to various useful Church purposes. These ladies deserve great credit, not only for their labor and ingenuity in making up the various articles sold, but also for their care and attention in providing refreshments for their visitors. Although few in number, they have never been behind hand in their endeavours to obtain the requisite furniture for their neat little church.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DORCHESTER.—The Fredericton *Capital* says: "One of the most pleasing farewell addresses we have seen for some time, was that presented to the Rev. J. Roy Campbell, who is about leaving St. Martin's to take charge of the Parish of Dorchester. While known as a man thoroughly and uncompromisingly devoted to the interests of his own Church, he seems to have won the good will of everybody. Joined to the name of his own churchwardens and vestry, on the address were the names of the resident Roman Catholic priest, the Baptist minister and deacons, and the Methodist preacher. Several of these were present when the address was presented, and added very warm expressions of personal esteem to what they had united in saying formally." Mr. Campbell was inducted into the Rectory of Dorchester on Sunday.

SHEDIAC.—A very successful Christmas sale was held at Shediac Cape on behalf of the building fund of the Rectory, realizing \$170.

BRIGHT, QUEENSBURY AND SOUTHAMPTON.—*Christmas Tree.*—The annual Christmas tree and treat for the Sunday-school children at Upper Keswick came off on Wednesday the 28th Dec. The treat was provided for the children who attend the Sunday-school at St. Paul's Church and at the School-house in Zealand. There were two trees reaching to the ceiling of the Hall, the branches of which were loaded with gifts and trinkets and small bags of taretan filled with nuts, candy, etc. There are 51 children attending the two schools, but many more received something from the tree this year, with the express understanding that next year Santa Claus will give nothing to any child over nine years who does not attend Sunday-school.

The various gifts for the children were given chiefly by friends of Mrs. McKiel in Fredericton, St. John, and Lunenburg, N. S. Among those in Fredericton to whom our thanks are due may be mentioned Mrs. Medley, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Whelpley, Mr. and Mrs. William Fenety and Mr. Weddall. In St. John Mrs. Mathers, Mrs. Beat, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Middleton. In Lunenburg Mr. William Zwicker and family. Mrs. McKiel, who drives nine miles on Sunday to teach one of the schools, has laboured hard to make the tree a success.

A tea was provided by the people in the parish for all the children, and afterward for all who desired it, upon the payment of 20 cents. The funds thus raised together with the admission fee were devoted to the organ fund. The organ was purchased for St. Paul's Church just before Christmas, and is now paid for. The tables having been cleared away and order restored, there followed music, sacred and secular—a dialogue and several recitations by some of the Sunday-school scholars. The opening piece was "Once in Royal David's City," Hymns A and M. Those who sang were the Rector and his three daughters, Miss McKiel, Miss Mary and Miss Dora and Miss Charlotte Spike of Lancaster, who was organist for the evening, and who, together with Miss Rudolf, took a prominent part in carrying out the literary part of

the programme. While waiting for the appearance of Santa Claus or his representative to distribute the gifts on the trees, the Rector gave a short address to the children and their parents suitable to the occasion. Then loud shouts and mirth greeted the entrance of Squire Noble, who had been deputed to represent the Patron Saint. Mr. Noble was dressed in character, and performed the part in a most genial and pleasing manner. Upon stripping the trees there were found many gifts for the Rector and his wife and family; placed there by willing hands and warm loving hearts. Among these gifts may be mentioned in a general way, numerous pairs of socks, stockings, mittens, a pair of blankets, a ticket for five gallons of kerosene, tea, a pair of kid mittens, yarn, etc., etc. Then Mr. Noble, turning to the Rector, the Rev. Wm. LeB. McKiel, said that his pleasant task was not yet ended—that he had been chosen by a committee of Churchmen representing the Parishes of Bright, Queensbury and Southampton (the committee were John McKeen, Jarvis Morehouse and himself) to present to him a handsome Buffalo robe, trimmed and lined with plush; also a Baltic seal skin cap and a purse of \$17.00. He spoke in glowing terms of the work of the Rector, and expressed the hope that he would find the comfort of the robe and cap in his many long cold drives. The Rector being taken altogether by surprise, found some difficulty in mastering his feelings of emotion. He returned thanks hearty and sincere, to his people for their great liberality and kindness to him and his family, and assured them that they would often be in his thoughts when shielded and protected from the cold by their valuable gifts. He thanked them all for the interest they took in his work, and alluded especially to the zeal of Mr. Noble, and the many times he had helped him on the road with a fresh horse. The meeting closed by singing God save the Queen. The value of the gifts to the Rector and his family including the purse, is \$58.

PARISH OF WESTMORELAND.—On New Year's Day, the parishioners of this ancient Parish—the oldest in the Diocese of Fredericton—were enabled to assemble for the worship of God for the first time, in their new church, and to greet each other with joy and gladness on this happy occasion, which marked for them the beginning of another year. This is the third church, in succession, which has been built on, or near the same spot in the midst of the old church-yard, since the country was taken and possessed by the English. The military fort known in Provincial history as Fort Cumberland, but while a French establishment, as *Beau Sejour*, is about a mile and a-half from the present church. At a short distance, in the rear of the fort, may still be traced the site of a large Romish Church, where the garrison and French population used to worship. Not far from the fort may be seen also the ruins of the brewery in which the celebrated Brook Watson, afterwards Lord Mayor of London, spent the first years of his eventful life. As one stands now on this spot and sees the great steam power rushing along with its fifty or sixty cars in its train, sweeping around the base of the old Fort Mill, it is not difficult to imagine the thoughts that engage the mind, of the vast change of times and the advancing steps of civilization. But the new church is not without its own little bit of romantic association, for in its belfry hangs the fine toned bell of its predecessors (an advantage, not often possessed by new churches in the colonies), and to this bell, the casting date on which shows that it is passing through the second century of its existence, there is attached a history of such interest. Originally, it is supposed to have been obtained from some ship-of-war, and having been used in Westmoreland for some years, it has secretly stolen away and conveyed up the St. John River to Fredericton, under the pretence of its rightfully belonging to that Parish. Subsequently, however, it was captured by some friends of Westmoreland, and carried back again down the river, causing great excitement among its late possessors. Finally, the old bell was restored to its rightful owners, and hangs in the new Church of Westmoreland, calling the people together, as it has done for many generations, to worship the God of their fathers. At the opening of the little church there were present only two clergymen, the Rev. Donald Bliss, Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. Canon Townshend, R. D., Rector of Amherst, Nova Scotia. Morning prayers were said by the Rector and the Communion Service by Canon Townshend, who delivered extemporaneously a most earnest and affectionate address to the descendants of those people among whom, as he told them, he had commenced to labour more than forty years ago, when he was the only priest to serve what are now five separate parishes, so laborious in those early days was the work of a "country Parson." He spoke in the warmest terms of the devoted churchmanship of the men of that day, and exhorted their successors to imitate and emulate their zeal and attachment to their church. He concluded by very heartily congratulating them upon the completion of their beautiful little church, especially commending them for having made the seats all free, as, indeed, should ever be the case, so that all alike may feel that they have an equal right to worship the God and Father of us all, in a building especially set apart for that purpose. The church is on the same model as that at Macan, built many years ago by Canon Townshend, which received at

the time, the warm approval of the Bishop of the Diocese. As yet, of course, little has been done in the way of the decoration of the interior. The altar is provided with a handsome cloth, the work as well as the gift of Mrs. Stewart, and we understand that a reredos and pulpit hangings to correspond, have been presented by the same lady. The singing at the opening services was good, and it was a pleasure to all those who loved and revered its author, to find that the hymn selected for the occasion was that most appropriate and beautiful one commencing "We love the place of God." The church at Westmoreland will of course be consecrated in due time, and formally set apart from all profane and common uses for the service of Almighty God.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Your agent is rejoiced to find signs of life and interest in the Church in this Diocese wherever he goes. Doubtless it exists, and is spreading; in these days one must move on. None of us can rest on our oars. However much inclined, the spirit of the times on all sides will not let one stand still. One clerical brother nearly invariably asks another, "What are you doing, brother? How is your work progressing?" Was anything like such questions asked one of another among the clergy, say of Wesley's younger days? Hardly. Questions concerning the pleasures of the table, or the field, or of the drawing room, were plentiful; but the work of the parish! Why, to ask of that would be to ask of what was not known, or would have been dubbed "shop," or reckoned as *infra dig.* Not so now, however, and consequently there is life and work seen everywhere. Perhaps it is not everywhere of the right kind; but in this matter there certainly can be expected the "survival of the fittest." God will winnow the chaff from the wheat, and this Church, even here, will reap the benefit, and the world acknowledge it.

The happy season of Christmas has seen an unusual amount of activity—so much so, that I am sure your agent would find few disengaged enough to furnish you with even the reports of their services and Sunday-school celebrations during this season. Were it not that your correspondent wields the pen of a ready writer, even if not always a judicious one, he too would not be able to send you any communications. Looking over the reports from various towns and country parishes, one noticeable feature is, that unusual care has been taken to bring the children of our Sunday-schools before the Church, and to make those children love Christmas. And the next feature is, that the people are beginning to follow more generally the recommendation of the Bishop that the offertories on Christmas Day should go to the clergyman. It was a recommendation originating with Bishop Oxenden, I believe, and while gladly received by some of the clergy, was as distasteful to others. Some would not hand the circular to their Wardens, as it would seem to indicate that they were seeking a present, and truly it would look so. Now, however, the circular is sent to the Church Wardens where they are known. It fails however in some places when addressed to them, in that they have no means of informing the congregation generally, or of urging them to this duty. They cannot stand (not easily at this season) at the church door and read out the circular. They can't go from house to house to give the notice. The result is, that on Christmas morning there are a number in every congregation who have no knowledge as to any thing special for the minister. Otherwise the offertory, I am sure, would be in many places much larger than it is.

The offerings at St. John, in the city, were large, the amount not yet reported to the public. The decorations of this church had some variations as to matters of detail, but the general features were much the same as in former years, a novelty indeed was a window having a picture of the Nativity erected as a transparency near the principal entrance. Over the rood screen and reredos of the Chancel, the decorative work took the form of Gothic arches and the Norman zig-zag ornament, and containing at measured interval tapers which were illuminated at the evening services. Rich flowers from the greenhouses of some friends of the Church were in their appropriate places in plenty, one might say nearly as abundant as at any time in summer. Congregations were large, communicants many, offerings liberal, service hearty and the music of a high order indeed. And this too was the case with St. James the Apostle's and St. Martin's. In these two churches there are choirs of superior excellence, and congregations that spare no expense of time and labor in making their Houses of Prayer sumptuous on such occasions. From each of these congregations your paper ought to have a special correspondent; and that a layman to do justice to their work.

From the country we read of detailed reports of Sunday School celebrations. The most notable, judging from such reports, were those in the historic Parish of St. Armands, in the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, and in the Parishes of Bedford and Durham. The Old Year's exit and the New Year's entrance was in some Parishes observed by a special arrangement of services and sermons, and in others by the ringing or tolling of the church bell only. Epiphany received, as it is increasingly receiving, much more attention. Services were announced to