

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

St. James' Church, which for some weeks previously, was closed while undergoing extensive repairs, was re-opened with very interesting services, on Friday, December 5th.

Morning prayer was said by the Rev. S. P. Matheson, and Rev. A. E. Cowley. Rev. R. Young read the first lesson, and the Incumbent (the Rev. W. Cyprian Pinkham) the second.

The Communion office was taken by the Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, Archdeacon Cowley reading the Epistle.

The Bishop preached a very able sermon from 1st John, 17th, in the course of which he spoke in terms of warm approbation of all that had been done; and complimented Mr. Pinkham and the congregation on the success which had attended their efforts. At the afternoon service, the Rev. R. E. Wade said prayers, the lessons were read by the Incumbent, and the sermon, an excellent one, was preached by the Archdeacon from Ps. cxvii. 8. Just before the sermon, the Rev. A. C. Pinkham made the following interesting statement:—

"It seems to me that the present is a very suitable time for making a brief statement of the success which has attended our efforts to restore this church."

"Of the absolute need either of restoring the old or building a new church there was no question, and I think that all who have had an opportunity of watching the progress of the work will endorse the course which has been taken. With the successive steps which have led to our special services of praise and thanksgiving to-day most of you are familiar—the report of the committee appointed to examine the church—the action of the vestry upon that report—my own letter earnestly and lovingly pointing out to you your duty—the drawing up of the plans showing the proposed alterations by our kind friend Mr. C. D. Rickards—the letting of the contract—the progress of the work, every bit of which reflects the highest credit upon the honesty and ability of the contractor, Mr. S. Luff.

"The total amount subscribed, including fifty dollars already in hand, was \$981. This does not include promises from about a dozen different persons who have not as yet stated how much they intend to give. The sale of the old material realized \$64.50.

"The contract for the work done exclusive of a few extras, viz. chimney, platform, etc., was let at \$1,037; between \$500 and \$600 of which, you will be pleased to learn, has been paid to the contractor out of subscriptions, etc., received by me.

"The amount subscribed does not include the following articles, which have been given to the church, viz: Carpet for the chancel, given by Stobart, Eden & Co; a stove, etc., for the vestry, by J. H. Ashdown & Co., two oak chairs for the communion table by Mrs. Pinkham. A silver alms basin and two collecting plates by Miss Drover.

"I am anxious to obtain funds to complete the work of restoration in the following details, viz: Communion rail, pulpit, new seats, a small tower to be built on the west end of the roof, and the painting of the church. I expect a little help from friends in England and elsewhere.

"With so many evidences of success around us I feel sure the members of the congregation will not rest satisfied till all that I have mentioned has been done.

"May God stir us all up to do ever more and more for the advancement of His kingdom and glory, uniting all hearts to Him and to each other in the bonds of Christian love."

The afternoon service was brought to a close by the singing of an hymn, and the benediction, pronounced by the Bishop.

The collections at both services amounted to a little more than \$20.

The luncheon at the pastorage included the Bishop and clergy mentioned, and the Hon. J. Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, who was also present at the afternoon service. Canon Grisdale and Rev. O. Fortin, were unable through illness to attend, and several other clergy were unavoidably absent.

## DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

St. John.—Trinity Church.—Memorial Chimes and Clock.—It is proposed to place in the tower of Trinity Church,

new in course of erection, a Chime of Nine Bells, as a memorial to the Loyalists, the founders of our City, and who erected old Trinity, destroyed by fire on June 20th, 1877; and that an appeal should be made generally for the necessary funds to the citizens, though not connected with the Church, and thus make it such a testimonial to their worth and piety, to which all descendants of the Loyalists throughout the Province could contribute.

To many persons old Trinity was such a memorial, and endeared by many associations. It had been the Church in which their fathers worshipped, and to which they were connected by many ties which the changes that have occurred could not sever.

In this respect old Trinity Church stood alone; its history is the history of the City, and the old Church erected in the early settlement of the City, amidst the forests, was connected with the earliest recollections of every citizen, and stood forth the cherished memorial of the piety and zeal of those men, who, faithful to their King, and showing their fidelity by their exile from the homes of their childhood, and the sundering of the closest ties of kindred, were equally faithful to their God.

That memorial perished in the common ruin which almost swept our City out of existence; and in the now building now being erected on its site, it is proposed a memorial should be placed, distinct from any other, contributed to by all parties as a token of respect and filial reverence from the children to the parents, from the citizens of to-day to the founders of the City; and no more fitting one could be suggested than a Chime of Bells, sending forth daily its sweet sounds to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of that noble band of exiles, the Loyalists of 1784, and of which the Corporation of Trinity will undertake the care.

The Clock on the old tower of Trinity for many a year was the faithful time-piece of the City, and it is intended to be renewed in connection with the Chimes.

The undersigned have been appointed by the Vestry a Committee to carry out this purpose, and respectfully invite contributions for this object, which may be forwarded to the Rector of the Parish, or to either of them.

CHARLES W. WELDON.  
SMEGON JONES,

Saint John, N. B.,  
November 29th, 1879.

HAMPTON.—The pretty little parish church of Hampton appeared to great advantage in its chaste and appropriate Christmas garb, the decorations reflecting great credit upon the ladies.

On the south and north walls of the church were the following illuminated texts, trimmed with evergreen: "Unto us a child is born;" "Unto us a Son is given;" "The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us." At the end of the nave, and secured to the walls, were two shields, with triangles and other devices, surmounted with the words "Emmanuel," "God with us." The pendants from pulpit and lectern were beautifully worked and trimmed, as were also the windows. Over the altar was the text, "This do in remembrance of me," surmounted by a cross, and in front of the altar were the words "Holy, Holy, Holy," in evergreen upon a white ground. On either side of the chancel window, suspended from the wall, were banners with the initials of "Alpha," "Omega," "Chi," "Rho," in blue upon a red ground, trimmed with evergreen.

The Christmas service at 11 o'clock was very largely attended. The venerable Canon Walker said the first part of the prayers; and the lessons and latter part of the prayers were read by Rev. G. Gardner, curate.

The singing was very effective and added much to the beauty of the devotion of the service. The Rector preached an able and impressive sermon, in his usual forcible manner, from St. Luke ii. 14:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

FREDERICTON.—The Cathedral had a thorough Christmas Tide look, being decked with evergreen in every direction, and Mrs. Medley's pure taste was never displayed to better advantage. The Baptismal Font was surmounted with an elegant floral cross, a beautiful bird resting, life-like, on the top. On the pulpit was the text "Peace on Earth, good will toward men," and over the front or main entrance "Hosanna in the high-

est." Among the texts on the walls were the following: "Gloria in Excelsis," "The Lord's name be praised"; "Behold, I bring you good tidings," "Christ is Born in Bethlehem," "We have seen the Star in the East"; "Then shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel." At 11 o'clock the service commenced with the beautiful carol:

Ring out the bells for Christmas,  
The happy, happy day,  
In winter wild, the Holy Child,  
Within the cradle lay,  
Oh, wonderful! the Saviour  
Is in a manger laid;  
His palace is a stable,  
And near the Holy Maid.

This was sung by the Sunday School children under the charge of Miss Jacob, with fine expression and in good time and harmony. His Lordship, the Metropolitan, preached from Galatians iv. 4:

"When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

This Christmas sermon was one of his Lordship's best efforts, and was listened to by the large congregation with devout attention. The hymn in the Communion office was No. 59 A. and M. *Adeste Fideles*, "O come all ye faithful." The offertory was for the poor.

"IN MEMORIAM."—Another aged member of the Church has passed to his rest. The funeral of the late C. J. Hendricks, Esq., took place at Hampton, K. C., on the 11th inst., and was attended by a large concourse of people both high and low, following in the mournful procession, which numbered some 40 carriages; evincing the regard in which the deceased gentleman was held. Had not a dense fog hung like a pall over the pleasant villages of Hampton and Norton, and a drizzly rain fallen during the day, the attendance doubtless would have been larger. Passing through the village of Hampton, the corpse was met at Norton Church by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Warneford, attended by the Curate of Hampton, the anthem "Write from Henceforth," was sung by the choir, also the hymn "Brief Life," &c., when the Rector preached a funeral sermon, paying a just tribute to the worth of the deceased, and his kind and hospitable character. We opine there have been few visitors to King's during the last quarter of a century, who have not, at some time or other, shared the hospitality of the late Mr. Hendricks, it was, in fact, proverbial, and the writer, with hundreds of others, had ever found in him the kindly and courteous gentleman, and it is safe to say that the poor and needy were never turned empty-handed from his door. Quietly and peacefully he passed away after a few short weeks of suffering, which was at times severe, surrounded by the whole of his family, one united in love and faith, and in which the strife of tongues was seldom if ever heard. Time alone can fill the aching void, but it must be a consolation to the mourners to know, that in the large communities of Hampton and Norton there were few who did not join in sympathy with them in their deep sorrow. The late Mr. Hendricks was a J. P. for King's County; he also held a commission as Lieut.-Col. in the N. B. Militia, and we have seen the old gentleman more than once exhibit with commendable pride, his commission which dated back quite a number of years before the time of responsible Government. Of late years he had been quite a martyr to dyspepsia, and the trouble and anxiety connected with several lawsuits in which his property became involved, and in some of which he was unsuccessful, must have helped to weaken a constitution, not naturally robust. Mr. H. was a consistent member of the Church of England in whose faith he died, but he could extend to others who differed from him the "charity that thinketh no evil," and he gave, not grudgingly, to any good work. As in life, so in death, his trust was in the Saviour—for his rock was Christ,

From darkness here and dreariness  
We ask not full repose;  
Only be Thou at hand to bless  
Our brief hour of woes.  
Is not the pilgrim's toil o'erpaid  
By the clear rill and balmy shade?  
And see we not, up earth's dark glade  
The gate of Heaven unclosed?

MONCTON.—St. George's Church was very effectively trimmed for Christmas. The wreathing was light, so as not to take away from the effect of the woodwork. The Reredos was an elaborate piece of work in scarlet, blue and white, extending the whole width of the Chancel. Banners and texts were on the chancel walls, which were festooned with fir. The

windows in the Nave had covered frames set in, the centres of which had carved devices covered with evergreen of stars, anchors, quatrefoils, crosses and triangles. On each side of the Font, which was handsomely trimmed, were large devices in red and white, divided into three compartments. The centre compartment had an evergreen anchor and a wheel cross, while on the side compartments of one was the words, "Hark the Herald Angels sing, glory to the new-born King," and on the other, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all." Texts were placed around the sides of the nave, and various devices and banners were on the walls. The standards and posts were effectively trimmed. On each side of the west window was a large scroll, on one, the words "Unto us a Child is Born," on the other, "Unto us a Son is Given." Beneath the window was a text.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at 8.30 a. m. Morning service began at 11 a. m. It was opened by a Christmas Carol. The chorus of which was sung by the choir, and some of the children of the Sunday School, who were ranged in front of the Chancel. The anthem was Sullivan's, "It came upon the midnight clear," and it was excellently sung by a large choir; Mrs. T. W. Byers taking the solo *obligato*; Mr. A. A. Franklin was organist. The Rector delivered an address, and the Holy Communion was again celebrated.

FAIRVILLE.—The pretty Church of the Good Shepherd was decorated with much taste. Over the chancel is an evergreen border in the shape of a triangle, and at the apex is a cross, immediately under which are the words, "Unto us a Child is born." Beneath this is a paschal lamb, enclosed in a wreath of evergreen, leaves and moss. On the background is the motto, "Agnus Dei." Immediately back of the chancel, and under the previously mentioned texts, are the words, "Glory to God in the Highest." On the left of the altar is the text, "I am the root and offspring of David," and on the right, "And the bright morning star." Over the baptismal font is a mound of autumn leaves, ferns and rowan berries. The windows on each side of the church have tasteful evergreen borders, with the following texts between them, "Councillor," "Wonderful," "Prince of Peace," "Messiah," "Perfect God," "Perfect Man," "Emmanuel," "Alleluia." Over the door on entering are the words, "On earth peace, good will toward men," and above this are several ecclesiastical devices. Over the altar are the letters I. H. S., surmounted by a cross.

Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock in the morning, and morning prayer and sermon at 10.30 o'clock.

St. JOHN.—The city and Portland churches were not all decorated this year. Those that were, however, more than equalled last year's efforts. St. John's Church in the city looked charming, while St. Mary's was very tastefully decorated. The other churches in which decorations appeared, presented a handsome appearance, and the services at all the churches were largely attended.

CARLETON.—St. George's Church and St. Jude's were both decorated; the former looking particularly well.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—We have not space to give in full or in detail the Christmas decorations of the various city churches.

St. Luke's Cathedral and the Bishop's Chapel are always decorated with skill, richness and beauty, and appropriateness, and this year is no exception to the rule. St. Paul's and St. George's although usually less elaborate than the others, are no whit behind them in good taste and appropriateness, and this year both look remarkably well. While to St. Mark's and the Dartmouth Church belong the credit of having shown marked improvements on the decorations of former years, particularly is this true of Dartmouth which well deserves the highest praise.

St. Mark's.—This Church is thought by some to be the best decorated of all the city churches. However that may be, there is something it has done which places it this year far ahead of its sister churches. We refer to the pleasing fact of the congregation having presented their Minister—the Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, with a valuable and useful set of furs.

WALTON.—At a meeting of the Guild on Monday evening, the 22nd inst., the

following resolution, drawn up by our Master, the Rev. Henry How, B. A., was moved by Mr. Churchwarden Parker, and seconded by Mrs. John Parsons, and passed, *nem con*:

"That whereas, A Guild, among other benefits, interests a layman in the work of the Parish in which he is a resident,

"And whereas, By the Diocesan Synod the various Delegates interested in the Parishes which they represent, are led to take an interest in the Diocese, as well as a deeper interest in their own Parishes, by the exchange of ideas, hearing discussions, legislating for the welfare of the Church, &c., &c.,

"Therefore resolved, That we, members of the Guild of St. Matthew's, of Walton, believe it would be wise and beneficial to the members of Parochial Guilds, to organize a Diocesan Guild, with which, by the payment of a small fee, the several Parochial Guilds might be affiliated, and that such affiliated Guilds have the privilege of sending a Delegate to the annual meeting of the said Diocesan Guild."

Should this idea commend itself the Master, together with the Secretary, or one other officer, of the present Guilds, can easily carry out the details.

It was suggested that through the columns of the CHURCH GUARDIAN, we, members of the Guild of St. Matthew's might be favoured with the opinion of the clergy, who are Masters of Guilds, as to the desirability or otherwise of further steps in this matter. May we, therefore, request these gentlemen to take the trouble, either to condemn, amend, or approve of the original scheme of the Rev. Henry How for the organization of a Diocesan Guild.

The Church people of Walton meet once a week in their Father's House for prayer and praise; and not, as it was printed in the issue of the 18th inst., in their Teacher's house.

The Xmas Tree and Sale of Fancy Articles held on Thursday, 18th, realised some \$120. It was got up by the ladies of St. James' Church, Brooklyn.

NEW GLASGOW.—Everyone in the congregation lent a hand to decorate our little "St. George" for Christmas, and their work is a complete success. In such a building nothing more could be done. Mr. Drake and his ready-handed sons, and Captain and Mrs. Dawson, deserve special mention for their "skilled labour;" but all are entitled to a share of the pleasant thoughts and comfort of working to the honor of "The Infant Jesus." Space will not allow of details. On Christmas Eve the Chaplains presented the Rector with an Address which spoke thus:—"We offer you our warmest thanks for the unwearied assiduity with which you have watched over our spiritual welfare," and other kindly words of congratulation; also to Mrs. Moore. This had enclosed in it \$32. Seeing that this small congregation pay most punctually all it was settled they should pay, the gift was very generous and most gratifying to their Pastor, who said so in affectionate terms. Five dollars was collected after the sermon for B. F. M.

ALBION MINES.—The Church was more handsomely dressed this year than ever before. Space is too limited to allow of a detailed account. The Reredos of white, with its cross and vases of natural flowers. The banners on the walls, "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords," and the raised white wool lettering, "Behold thy King cometh," "Now is come salvation and strength," on tablets of red. The latter is the work of Miss Hudson, while the Reredos and the Altar were cared for by Mrs. Poole. These were the chief features in the decorations, but much other work was done by willing hands too numerous to mention. 35 persons partook of the Christmas Sacrament. The sum of \$9.16 was sent to the B. F. M.

AMHERST.—Miss Kinder was presented with a purse of money by the congregation on Christmas day, in appreciation of her valuable services in the choir. Miss Kinder has a very sweet voice, and she deserves much attention to the sacred music of the sanctuary.

PICOU.—On Christmas Eve, a number of the members of St. James' Congregation called on their Rector, the Rev. J. Edgcombe, and presented him with a sum of money, as a token of the esteem with which he is regarded by his people.