

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes.—St. Luke's, Halifax, thanksgiving collection, per Rev. F. R. Murray, \$60.30.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—St. Luke's, Halifax, Thanksgiving Day, \$2.50; Dartmouth, do., per Rev. Dr. Uniacke, \$15.08; Yarmouth, do., per Rev. R. Shreve, \$38.91.

Superannuation Fund.—St. Paul's, Halifax, thanksgiving collection, per Rev. Dr. Hill, \$43.38.

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Shingwauk Home.—Sale of work by Ella Clay and Mary Twining, per Rev. F. R. Murray, \$2.50.

Algoma Bishopric Fund.—"Liverpool, N. S.," \$5.00; Chester and Western Shore, Thanksgiving Day, per Rev. G. H. Butler, \$8.34.

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S. P. G.—St. Luke's, Halifax, per Rev. F. R. Murray, \$13.45.

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HALIFAX.—Mr. Townend's lecture on Monday evening, 5th inst., drew together one of the largest and best of audiences, crowding Masons' Hall and compelling many to go away unable to obtain seats. The lecture was one of the talented lecturer's able efforts, and was highly appreciated and enthusiastically applauded by the intelligent audience. The Church of England Institute, for whose benefit the lecture was given, will probably net \$150. Mrs. Taylor and Messrs. Ross and Watts sang and played during an intermission.

THE Mission, which has been looked forward to with much interest by many, began in St. Luke's, St. George's, and the Bishop's Chapel, on Sunday. The Revs. Osborne, Maturin, Cogswell, Moffet and Davenport are the Missioners. On Saturday evening a preliminary service was held at the Cathedral, and was very largely attended. On Sunday afternoon, in addition to the services in the churches, a meeting was held in the Academy of Music, when a great audience, completely overflowing the building, was present, many hundreds having to go away unable to gain even standing room.

HALIFAX.—Under the signature "A. W. R." the Bishop of Rochester communicates the following to our contemporary *Church Bells*:—"Early on quite a perfect Sunday morning, we were steaming into the superb harbour of Halifax. Past two islands bristling with Armstrong guns, and shores gleaming with radiant villages, we made our way to the wharf; and a brisk walk of half-an hour brought me just in time for morning church at St. Luke's, the pro-cathedral of the city. The structure is of wood, commodious, and not without dignity. The service was reverently conducted, and the congregation was fairly numerous. An excellent sermon on a difficult text was preached by the curate; and Mr. Murray, the rector, kindly entertained me at his house, and then took me to his well-ordered Sunday School, which I was glad to be permitted to address. There was afterwards a public catechising in Church, intelligently conducted on both sides."

Then the Bishop grows rather hard upon us by saying:—

"Though Halifax has the distinction of being the only remaining place in Canada where the Queen's troops garrison the fortifications, there is some reason for supposing that too much dry-nursing benumbs rather than stimulates the public spirit. To a stranger's eye, Halifax, with her

pretty gardens, beautiful scenery, invigorating air, and Imperial favour, is drowsy, if not asleep."

If the Bishop has been no better informed about other matters than he has as to the strength of the Church and the other Christian Bodies, his Lordship will greatly mislead those who read his otherwise interesting article in *Church Bells*. The Bishop says:—

"In this Province the Church is not so strong as in Newfoundland, Anglicans numbering only 10,000 to 30,000 Roman Catholics, and 20,000 of other communions."

The correct statistics for Halifax city alone would give the Church fully 10,000, to about 14,000 Romanists, and 12,000 of other communions; while in the whole Province the Church numbers over 60,000.

N. W. ARM, HALIFAX.—The little Church here will miss the efficient musical services of Miss Draper, who was last week married at the Garrison Chapel. We wish the happy couple every blessing, and hope that they will still continue their active interest in Church work.

St. Mark's.—The Rev. O. S. Browne, of H. M. S. "Northampton," preached an eloquent thanksgiving sermon at St. Mark's on Thanksgiving Day. The church was prettily decorated with the various kinds of grain, and one of the largest offertories collected in the church was taken up for the liquidation of the debt on the church bell.

ALBION MINES.—Thanksgiving Day was duly observed at Christ Church and New Glasgow; both Churches were tastefully decorated with grain, fruits, etc. The Service at Westville was on Friday evening. The weather on Thursday was so wet it sadly thinned the congregations.

ANTIGONISH.—*Holy Trinity.*—The visit of Rev. J. O. Ruggles, on the 22nd Oct., on behalf of King's College Endowment Fund, to this parish, was attended with no little interest to us all. It is fortunate that the services of Mr. Ruggles had been secured for this business, as he certainly has already awakened an interest in the College which cannot easily die out. The amount of money desired will, without doubt, be realized, but I think quite as important a matter will be accomplished besides, in directing the attention of Churchmen and others to the superior advantages possessed by our College for the young men of these Provinces, by which an increasing number of students will be found going up every year to swell the large roll of honoured names who have gone forth from within her walls already. Mr. Ruggles' masterly array of facts and figures, and his popular and pointed manner of putting them, cannot fail in producing the most satisfactory results wherever and whenever an audience can be procured for him. His strong points are many, such as the success that has attended the career of the great majority of those who have been educated at this seat of learning, the combination of the highest intellectual culture, with the purest religious training, with yet the absence of any tests to exclude denominationalism, afforded by King's. The sad failure of secular institutions, as recently judged from the utterances of their promoters, was dwelt upon. The certainty that a large proportion of men will attend College (one out of fifty being the proportion), proving the upholding of the Institution incumbent upon all, while it is so satisfactory to the donors to have the amounts contributed under their entire control. Besides these and kindred arguments, he is now using that most potent of arguments—*that nothing succeeds like success*. The meeting here was attended with a result that surprised its promoters. In the village of Bayfield Churchmen are neither wealthy nor numerous, being nearly all farmers, yet \$100 was soon contributed to King's after hearing from Mr. Ruggles. It is almost unnecessary to repeat how greatly this parish is indebted to King's College, and how readily that claim is allowed. Six Rectors, form-

ing an unbroken succession from 1829 to 1875, have had charge of this Mission, who were not only educated, but graduated at Windsor, besides some nine persons received their education there who have been, or are still, living in this parish. Your correspondent, feeling so deeply the future welfare of our University, cannot merely wish for the successful issue of the present project, but also earnestly hopes that at no distant day additional chairs will be provided for, and would suggest one for the teaching of Agricultural Chemistry, to be established at once.

ST MARGARET'S BAY.—The canvass in the Western tour in behalf of King's College Endowment Fund, commenced by Services at Peggy's Cove, and St. Peter's, St. Margaret's Bay, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The attendance at both places was exceedingly good, considering the unfavorable weather. In spite of the almost unprecedented failures in the fisheries all along the Shores, and the absence of a large number of men in the last hope of taking mackerel for the season, the agent received a kind response to his appeal, and over \$100 was raised towards the sum.

SPRING HILL.—All Saint's Church is gradually being furnished with much needed additions. A new and handsome communion rail was put in place last week. The stove has been removed, and two furnaces put in, adding much to the comfort of the congregation. Mr. B. Mathison has generously made a gift of the matting required for the aisle, besides assisting liberally in many other ways—such as digging the excavation for the furnaces at his own expense, and heading the subscription for the new seats. These, we hope to have in position in a fortnight. Our thanks are also due to the Directors of the Spring Hill Mining Company, who at their last meeting here consented to give an extra strip, 10 feet by 90 feet to their free grant of the Church lot, thus making the boundary of this even with the Parsonage lot, and giving sufficient room to erect a carriage shed.

On Sunday, October 7th, Rev. V. E. Harris, M. A., of Amherst, kindly exchanged with the Incumbent, and administered the Holy Communion at River Philip and Spring Hill, holding a second service at the Mines in the evening. The people were much pleased at having him with them again.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MONCTON.—The Deanery of Shediac met at Moncton on the eve of All Saints. This was the first meeting since the election of our new Dean, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell. The clergy present were the Dean, Revds. Arthur Hoadley, W. B. Armstrong, H. H. Barber, and the Secretary, Cecil F. Wiggins. The Rev. Donald Bliss signified his intention of being present, but failed to appear. The meeting opened by the accustomed prayers and the singing of the Veni Creator Spiritus. The Dean reported the arrival of the books lately granted by the Bray Associates. He also submitted the catalogue containing 31 vols. of choice and most valuable books, which will prove a great boon to the clergy of this Deanery. A missionary meeting was held in St. George's Church in the evening, at which addresses were delivered by the clergy. The subject of the Dean's address was "The Provincial Synod," and referred particularly to the spirit of brotherly union prevailing and entire absence of the adder's poison of party strife. On every hand the fields of the Church's labour were standing, white already to harvest. There was no time therefore for anything save active, earnest work—work for all, high, low, broad, ritualistic. There was room and work for all, save for the careless and indifferent, for the chronic grumbler and ceaseless fault-finder (may we not add for Protestant Popes and Lay Lords of all the different varieties of that pestilent and obnoxious brood.) The next address was delivered by the Rector of Shediac on "Practical Christian Charity" as seen in the life of the in-