

## News from the Home Field.

### Diocese of Nova Scotia.

#### LINWOOD.

*Christ Church.*—A very successful picnic under the auspices of this church was held on July 16. About \$140 was cleared. The object in view is the purchase of an organ, which is now ensured.

#### BAYFIELD.

*St. Mary's.*—The Rural Deanery of St. George met here by invitation of the Rector, Rev. C. Sydney Goodman, on Wednesday, July 11th. At the celebration of Holy Communion in the church at 11 a.m. the Rev. Rural Dean Hamilton officiated, assisted by the Rector, and the Rev. R. M. Leigh, of Canso, preached the sermon. At 7 p.m. Evensong was sung in the church and short addresses delivered by each of the clergy present. A large congregation was assembled, and the offertory was donated to the Diocesan Widow and Orphan's Fund. The Chapter met for business at the Rectory at 3 p.m. There were present: Rural Dean Hamilton, Rev. T. C. Mellor, of Guysboro, R. M. Leigh, of Canso, and C. Sydney Goodman, of Antigonish parish. The following business was transacted:

Resume of the history of the Deanery given by the Rural Dean; A motion carried appointing the Rev. C. Sydney Goodman Secretary of the Deanery; Amendments and alterations in the Constitution and Rules to be brought forward at next meeting; next meeting to be at Port Mulgrave on Sept. 19, Rev. C. Sydney Goodman to be the preacher; A missionary meeting to be held at night. Special subject for next meeting's consideration: What is best to be done when asked to bury an unbaptized person. Special Scripture: I St. Peter 3, 18.

Rural Dean Hamilton resigned the Deanship. The Rev. T. C. Mellor was nominated as Dean of the Deanery of St. George. The choice of the Deanery will be submitted for the Bishop's approval.

It is reported that the stipend of the Bishop of the diocese is some \$2,000 in arrears. This portion of the total stipend of \$6,000 is to be raised by assessment on the parishes and missions, but it has fallen behind somewhat.

The closing exercises of King's College last month were brilliant and interesting. Some practical steps were taken towards placing the Institution upon a stronger financial basis and for securing greater interest and confidence. This will be welcome news to all Church people. It would indeed be lamentable should this, the oldest educational institution of the Church, fail of proper support and close its doors. The College is entering upon its *second century*, and, as was well remarked by Mr. Wilcox, M.P.P., at the *Encenia*, "is a trust" which Church people are called upon to preserve. The Professors and others more directly connected with the institution have proved their recognition of this trust character by contributing towards the relief of the present financial pressure upon the College *one-tenth* of the salaries hitherto enjoyed by them. The President has assumed the duties of Bursar and Manager without additional emolument, thus affecting a further saving of \$300; and other means has been found effecting further reduction in outlay to a total of \$2,000 for the ensuing year. Their action should be met by increased contributions from the dioceses of Fredericton and Nova Scotia, both of which are interested in the College. The Bishop of the diocese, referring to this matter at the *Encenia*, said: "It would

be easy to carry on the work of the college if you had the means. When the funds are low and the debt heavy there are two things to do—economize and get rid of the debt. Kings always wanted a good article. It wanted a good president and it got one. It wanted professors who were up in all subjects, add it has them. It is to keep them, not through the endowment of chairs by rich men, but by the sacrifice of the professors themselves. When they begin by giving one-tenth, we should go away and see if we can't do likewise. Now that the dark clouds have passed away we may go home and express our sympathy in a practical manner. The institution is in some sense a unique one. It is the oldest in this part of the world. It might not have been established, it might not have been carried on, but it has been established and it has been carried on, and it would be a national calamity to discontinue it. We are assured its doors will remain open this year, but we have no assurance after that. His Lordship thought it as well to begin now. He would like to have five people give \$1,000 each. He would like to have ten people give \$500 each. 'I will be one of these,' said the Bishop. He would like to have twenty-five give \$250 each. He would like to have 100 give \$100 each. Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the Board of Governors, said he would be one of the latter. Judge Hanington said he would be another. So did Rev. E. V. Harris, Warden Foster and Dr. Trenaman. Several others were assured. Archdeacon Kaulbach renewed his offer to the Board of Governors of \$200 a year for five years. The Bishop then said he would like to have 200 persons give \$50 each. His appeal for donations of \$25 was responded to by Rev. H. H. Pittman and Mr. Allison, sr."

The Board of Governors of King's College is to be increased by the addition of one from each deanery in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and three from the arch-deaconry of P. E. Island. The new Board will meet twice each year. At their first meeting they will appoint a College Council and a Finance Committee. The new College Council will consist of ten members appointed by the Board of Governors from their own body, five of whom are to be nominated by the alumni and the President of the College.

On the Sunday afternoon during the last meeting of Synod (June 24) the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held a mass meeting in Argyle Hall, Halifax, at which a large number of the clerical and lay delegates were present, besides the general public. Addresses were given by Mr. A. B. Wisswell, President of the local assembly, Rev. Canon Partridge, D.D., Rev. W. J. Ancient, Rev. H. How, and the Bishop of the Diocese.

The Board of Home Missions of the Diocese reported at last Synod that it was thankful to report signs of progress of an encouraging nature. The diocese is being gradually educated to systematic giving. The number of parishes is increasing which are adopting the system propounded by what is known as the Tangior scheme. The parishes of Ship Harbor and Beaver Harbor are giving the method a fair trial, and hitherto with excellent results. Other parishes have made this plan their own, so far as regards extra parochial objects, alone retaining the old methods of subscription and donation for current expenses within the parish. Truro has done this. The Board presses most strongly the covering of all objects in the weekly gift, if the circumstances of any parish render it possible and wise. This was recommended as a solution to financial difficulties and for the dissipation of worries under which the diocese is now laboring.

## Diocese of Fredericton.

#### FREDERICTON.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Mrs. Kingdon have chosen Little Metis for their summer resort. His Lordship conducts services on Sunday, much to the satisfaction and benefit of church visitors.

The Sunday School offerings during the past year amounted to \$523.30, against \$234 the preceding year.

The sales at the Book Depository reached \$912.86, nearly double that for the previous year, owing, it is supposed, to establishing the depository at a new point on Germain street. There was also stock on hand amounting to \$2,142.80.

The corresponding committee of the Diocese in connection with the Board of Management of the Dom. and For. Missionary Society reported a falling off in the contributions to the Society in its branches of about \$946. The particulars of the contributions and disposal thereof as given were:

Algoma general purposes .....	\$229 22
"    stipend .....	21 15
Indian Homes .....	75 35
Domestic Missions .....	184 48
Northwest .....	151 86

Total..... \$661 96

Contributions by Rural Deaneries were:

St. John .....	\$622 87
Chatham .....	84 69
Woodstock .....	79 20
Fredericton .....	67 70
St. Andrews .....	66 29
Kingston.....	64 38
Shediac .....	55 75

Total..... \$1,046 66

The diocese is pledged to \$300 a year for the Bishop of Algoma stipend fund, and how the whole stipend is to be raised is a serious matter. Bishop Sullivan has intimated that the work cannot be continued unless a sum of say \$10,000 is annually raised for a general mission fund in that diocese. What is to be done with Algoma is the pressing question. The committee stated that the proposal to make a paid secretary and treasurer of the Board of D. & F. Missions at a salary of \$1,800, had been opposed by the members of the committee from this diocese, and the salary had been subsequently raised to \$2,000, and of this, of course, they did not approve.

The Lord Bishop thus referred to the progress of the Church in his diocese in concluding his Synodical address:

"Amid much to cause anxiety and regret, it is a matter of thankfulness that there is much to encourage. Within the last week three churches have been consecrated in the newly-occupied district of the Tobique; and in the diocese at large though the number of professing members of the Church has decreased in the last ten years, the number of communicants has increased. Twenty years ago the recorded proportion of communicants to the membership was somewhat small.

Ten years ago the percentage had doubled on the previous decade. During the last ten years the number of communicants has increased; and the percentage has increased 25 per cent, though the number of the members of the Church has decreased.

This is a matter for much encouragement. Nor is it without a corresponding encouragement in temporal matters as we should expect. Where there is a deepening of the spiritual life, there is commonly a corresponding enlarge-