

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON.—The Secretary begs to call the attention of the Members of Synod to the following Resolutions of the Synod:

1. Resolution of Seventh Session (Journal 1877, p. 17). "Notices of Motion to be submitted to the Synod shall be sent to the Secretary at least one month previous to its Annual Meeting; the Secretary shall cause such notices to be printed in the order in which they are received, and forwarded to the members with the usual notices of the Synod meeting; that Motions of which notice is thus given shall not necessarily exclude other Motions but shall have priority of consideration."

2. Resolution of Eighth Session (Journal 1878, p. 21). "Parishes heretofore assessed one dollar towards Contingent Fund be now required to contribute two dollars."

HOME MISSIONS DEFICIENCY FUND.—Previously acknowledged, \$10; D. G. Smith, Esq., Chatham, \$2. Total, \$12.

NEW DENMARK.—Received 50 cents for St. Angar's Church, New Denmark, from one who feels sincere interest in New Denmark.

SPRINGFIELD.—A meeting on behalf of the D. C. S. was held in this Parish on Tuesday evening, May 11th.

SUSSEX.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan was in Sussex on Sunday. We hope to have further particulars in our next. Canon Medley, we are informed, had about 38 candidates present from Sussex and Studholm. The Confirmation services were held at the Studholm Church, Apenhaui Station, on Saturday afternoon, and at Trinity Church, Sussex, on Sunday evening.

ST. JOHN.—St. John's Church.—The Metropolitan will administer Confirmation in St. John's Church on the 13th.

CHILDREN'S HOME MISSIONARY BOXES.—The balance against the Diocesan Church Society on May 1st, 1879, was \$2,088.00. How is this? Are our annual collections and subscriptions being recklessly squandered by the Board of Home Missions? Most certainly not. Take only one sign of healthy growth up our own river. Will not this alone account for such a deficiency? In Victoria, where six years ago the Mission of Andover was receiving only \$560, the D. C. S. now pays \$520; Wicklow, \$500; New Denmark, \$400; Aberdeen, \$500; Grand Falls, \$200; and Madawaska, \$200, making a total of \$2,380.00!

A Committee appointed to interest Sunday Schools in the work of Home Missions, has provided the Rector with Missionary Boxes, free of cost, to be distributed among any children willing to take them. It is intended that these boxes shall be taken home and returned next month. Twenty boxes have already been applied for, and it is confidently hoped that this effort to interest our Sunday Scholars on behalf of Home Missions will be successful.—"If thou hast, little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little, for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."—*Carlton, Parish Church Work.*

ST. JOHN—Ascension Day—Children's Service.—A united service for children in connection with the Church of England Teachers' Association was held last evening, in St. John's Church. There was a very large assemblage of the children of the various Sunday schools, besides their teachers and parents. The clergyman present were: Rev. Messrs. G. M. Armstrong, rector of St. John's Church; L. G. Stevens, of St. Luke's, Portland, and Canons DeVeber, of St. Paul's and Brigstoaks, of Trinity, Rev. Mr. Stevens conducted the opening ceremonies. The proceedings commenced by the choir singing—

Golden harps are sounding,
Angel voices sing.

After the reading of the scriptures the 24th Psalm was chanted very nicely by the children. When the opening service was concluded Canon DeVeber addressed the meeting at length, from the words as found in the 6th chapter of Daniel and 39th verse. The musical part of the exercises was particularly pleasing and reflected the greatest credit upon all interested. A collection was taken up at the

conclusion of this sermon in behalf of the funds of the Association. Rev. G. M. Armstrong pronounced the benediction.—*Telegraph.*

CHATHAM.—The Annual Meeting of the Local Committee of the D. C. S. in this parish was held in St. Mary's Chapel Sunday School Room on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. The Rector occupied the chair, and after the meeting had been opened with singing and prayer, the chairman spoke of the organization and work of the D. C. S., and the causes which had led to the existing deficiency in its funds.

The following resolution was then moved by R. Carman, Esq., and seconded by F. E. Winslow, Esq., and T. F. Gillespie, Esq., M. P. P.:

Resolved, That the Local Committee of the D. C. S. in this parish regards with much thankfulness the late unprecedented extension of the missionary work of the Church in this Diocese, and that the Committee recognizes the great obligation which rests upon the members of the Church to provide, in all needful and possible ways, for the continued success of the Diocesan Church Society's Missionary operations." Carried unanimously.

G. A. Blair, Esq., then moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That as this Local Committee has learned with regret that the Funds of the D. C. S. have of late been inadequate to supply the increasing demand for the Church's services;

Therefore Resolved, That this committee recommends its members to join in a prompt and liberal response to the present call for special contributions to the Deficiency Fund.

This resolution was seconded by D. G. Smith, Esq., and W. B. Howard, Esq., and carried unanimously.

After some discussion as to the most practical method of obtaining contributions with the least possible delay, it was resolved that a circular be prepared by the Rector, and enclosed with an envelope to each member of the congregation, requesting them to contribute at a collection to be made in the Churches, on a Sunday to be named by the Rector.

The Rector stated that already contributions had been handed in. One gentleman had called upon him, to say that he would be prevented from attending the meeting, but would contribute \$40 to the Fund. The statement of the Chairman was received with applause. There are other evidences, that when our Parochial contribution is made up, it will be worthy of the object and the Parish.

Messrs. W. Wilkinson and G. A. Blair, Esqrs., were elected as Lay Delegates to represent the Local Committee at the annual meeting of the D. C. S. in July next, and Messrs. R. Carman and Geo. Burchill, Esqrs., were elected as Substitutes.

The meeting was closed with singing the Doxology, and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Rector.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WINDSOR.—I rejoice to have to announce to you that the parishioners on Easter Monday declared all the sittings, in the Chapel of Ease, free. This is a movement in the right direction, and although some conscientiously doubted the expediency of the measure, they will see its beneficial results. The pew system is at variance with the theory of public worship. It is attended with a great many very serious evils, too numerous for me to touch upon here—it breaks up a congregation into groups of selfish isolation, and produces uncomfortable feelings of worldly distinction in God's House.—*Windsor Parish Church Work.*

WINDSOR.—On Tuesday, 18th of May, there is to be a meeting, at Windsor, of the members of this Deanery. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion, and morning and evening services, with the addresses in the evening from the clergy. Will the parishioners, generally try to be present. These meetings are not only for the edification of the Clergy, but especially for the benefit of the soul's committed to our charge.—*Windsor Parish Church Work.*

HALIFAX.—"North-West Arm" Mission.—Arrangements have been made for another Literary and Musical Entertainment, to be given at the "Cogwell" School-house, North-West Arm, on Monday evening next, 17th inst. Many

of our old literary and musical friends have been secured for the occasion, together with some new talent, which has enabled the committee to present an excellent programme. Busses will leave the Post-Office at 7.15. Proceeds in aid of the "New Organ" Fund.

N. B.—Should Monday not be fine, the Entertainment will take place the following evening.

HALIFAX.—St. Mark's.—We are glad to learn that St. Mark's had an overflowing congregation on Sunday night. The congregations during the past few months have been steadily increasing, and a good feeling prevails throughout the district. The clergyman in charge ought to feel much encouraged, both at the evidence of progress which is being shown, and also at the frequent tokens of the people's appreciation of his services.

Village Church, (St. John's).—Next Sunday being Whitsunday, there will be Morning Service and Holy Communion in this Church at 11 o'clock, and Evening Service at 3, p. m.

INGONISH, CAPE BRETON.—The Missionary writes: "This is the hardest time of the year to travel in this Mission, as one cannot make progress, either with sleigh or wagon. Snowheaving is very bad, and snow water very penetrating. I have just returned from New Haven, where I held daily night services, with Confirmation class every evening. My congregation at New Haven is constantly increasing, and it is very pleasant to find our new House of God well-filled. A chancel is to be added in Spring.

DIGBY.—Trinity Church has just received from Mrs. W. H. Moody, of Yarmouth, daughter of the late Henry Stewart, Esq., of Digby, a very handsome Eagle Lectern. It was made in Yarmouth by a young artist of much promise—Mr. Benjamin Doane—and was for some days on exhibition in his studio, attracting many admirers.

The bird is carved out of a solid block of oak, and stands on a cairn, its outspread wings sustaining a frame sufficient for the support of a large Bible, the frame being made capable of being raised or depressed, to suit the reader. The whole stands on a pedestal of black walnut, handsomely ornamented with emblems of the Crucifixion and the Trinity, picked out in gilt. At the base is the following inscription:

In Memoriam

H. Stewart,

May 15th, 1797, July 7, 1867.

S. E. Moody, Dono Dedit.

Mr. Stewart was for many years a zealous and efficient Warden of Trinity Church, Digby.

PERSONALS.—The Rev. R. Wainwright, Diocesan Secretary, has removed his residence to 90 Pleasant Street. Mr. W. may be found at his office, 54 Granville Street, during usual business hours.

The Rev. H. J. Winterbourne has removed to No. 234 Gottingen Street.

RECEIVED, May 7, from Rev. Alfred Osborne, Charlottetown, P. E. I., \$15.84, offertory for Algoma.

Wm. Gossip,

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

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

ASHBURNHAM.—According to promise, we proceed to set before our readers a description of the Pipe Organ, which was used for the first time on Easter Day, and which we are glad to say gives great satisfaction. On the 9th of February the contract for its erection was duly signed by John Burnham, Esq., on behalf of the Church, as also by Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, Toronto, who were the builders. In exactly a month from that date it was completed, and placed in the chamber. The cost of the instrument was \$600, besides the necessary alterations that were made in the chamber, (and which Mr. Joseph Phillips kindly completed as his subscription to the Organ Fund,) and also the freight and charges from Toronto, which had to be defrayed by the Churchwardens. The Organ has a very sweet and powerful tone, the compass of the Manuals being from G.C. to A. 3, 58 notes, that of the pedals C.C. to C., 25 notes. The following are the stops:—1. Open Diapason, metal, 58 notes, 8 feet. 2. Dulciana, metal, 39 notes, 8 feet. 3. Stopped Diapason, Treble, wood, 58 notes, 8 feet. 4. Stopped Diapason, Bass, wood, 58 notes, 8 feet. 5. Principal, metal, 58 notes, 4 feet.

6. Flute, metal, 58 notes, 4 feet. When the subscription list has been completed, we will publish subscribers' names. One-half of the cost has now been met.—*Parish Church Work.*

OTTAWA.—Christ Church.—The services at Christ's Church are always attractive, and generally draw large congregations, and Sunday was no exception, the glorious weather bringing out large numbers. In the absence of Mr. Harrison at Montreal Mr. J. C. Stewart, late honorary organist, was placed in command of the organ and voices. The singing was true, finished and tuneful, and almost unexceptionally good, and both of the above named gentlemen may feel deservedly proud of the thorough way in which the musical portions of the services are administered at Christ Church. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Ottawa, and the Rev. Mr. Javett, of the American Church, officiated in the morning, the latter preaching from St. John xxi. 3 to 7. In the evening there was again a very large congregation, the rector officiating. The anthem "The Lord is my Light," was very nicely rendered. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise and suite were present.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—"In non Necessariis Libertas"—For many years the Cathedral has been the only Church in this Diocese—as far as we know—where, until lately, the black gown was continued in use in the pulpit, but at the Easter Vestry meeting it was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by Wm. Rae, Esq., and carried, "That the use of the Surplice in the pulpit being now almost universal the meeting sees no objection to its use in preaching." And so a rigid conservatism has now given place to the principle of "freedom in non-essentials."—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

LENNOXVILLE.—The Rev. C. P. Reid, M. A., Rector of Sherbrooke, and Rural Dean of the District of St. Francis, has just given \$1,000 cash, in addition to a previous donation of \$700, towards the Endowment of a Divinity Professorship in the University of Bishop's College. A vigorous effort is being made to augment the funds already devoted to this object by appealing to other generous friends of the Church and the College.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

UPPER IRELAND.—In Upper Ireland a series of "house to house" entertainments, for the benefit of the Church, were held during the winter, and have produced from \$7 to 15 each. Last year \$108 were realized in this way for the repairs and enlargement of the Church. Two fine hanging lamps have just been presented by the Wardens, Messrs Cross and Dinning. In this Parish there is a Church School under the careful and able supervision of the Incumbent. The special Lenten services on Wednesday evenings were well attended.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

BROMPTON.—In Memoriam—A handsome painted window, of three lights, by Spence of Montreal was placed in the chancel of Christ Church, Brompton, on Easter Eve. It is the gift of Mrs. Mack, of Seawood, Brompton, and is in memory of her husband the late William Gordon Mack, to whose exertions the building of the Church, in the year 1872 was in no small degree due. Mr. Mack, once well known in the legal and political world of Lower Canada, as a gentleman of rare mental gifts, and to his many friends as one of the truest and most loveable of men, devoted the best energies of his last years to the religious work of helping to build up the congregation, and teaching in the Sunday School, which assembled in the beautiful little Church he loved so well. Under these circumstances, nothing could be more appropriate than this memorial, nor than the subject of the window, "Christ the Good Shepherd."—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

WEST PATTON.—The new Church at this place is to be consecrated in June. There are now two Churches in the township of Patton.

MONTREAL.—St. James the Apostle.—Canon Ellegood has been quite unwell for some time past. It is feared the state of his health will necessitate his giving

up active parish work for at least a year. Few of our clergy have earned a rest better than Mr. Ellegood.

WATERLOO.—The debt of four or five thousand dollars so long standing over St. Luke's Church is rapidly disappearing. Archdeacon Lindsay, the Rector, has contributed \$1,000; Mrs. Ellis (sister to Rural Dean and Rev. F. Robinson), another \$1,000; and another person whose name we have not learned gives a third \$1,000; the congregation will easily raise the balance. This will put out of debt the largest and finest Anglican Church in the Eastern Townships.—*Dominion Churchman.*

ENGLAND.

Chancellor Esplin, delivering his annual Charge to the church-wardens of Chester rural deanery at St. Peter's Church, Chester, on Thursday, said their lot was cast in a diocese which, he was glad to say, was both populous and progressive. The churches cited to the Chancellor's visitation since the year of the present Bishop's consecration numbered as follows:—In 1865 they were 365; in 1868, 377; in 1871, 393; in 1874, 407; in 1879, 416; and in 1880, including the newly constituted diocese of Liverpool, there were 427, being an increase of 62 new churches and new parishes in the course of fifteen years. There were also in the diocese some few churches that had not regular church wardens, but were under the care of the mother church, so that the total number of the churches in the diocese somewhat exceeded the number of 427, and was probably about 445. In 1877, faculties were granted for 52 churches; the various works executed in them being of the estimated value of £24,151; in 1878 there were 35 faculties for works estimated to cost £19,657; and in 1879 there were 41 faculties for works of the estimated value of £28,341.

In all, since his last visitation, 128 faculties had been granted for the improvement of churches, which would involve an estimated outlay of £72,149. They would observe that these sums were for mere improvements, and the cost which was mentioned undoubtedly fell below the real outlay, for in many cases the additions and alterations were given to the parish by pious persons interested in the welfare of the parish, and the cost could not be closely inquired into, and in some cases it could not be inquired into at all, and therefore was not taken into the estimate.

There had, therefore, been 62 new churches erected in fifteen years, and in three years the sum of £80,000 had been expended in the improvement of the existing churches, so that there had been on the whole a great manifestation of Church life and Church energy, and it was observable that this expenditure had shown no signs of slackening during the period of depression through which we had, as he hoped, now happily passed. These good results he attributed to the increased interest and intervention of the laity in Church work and Church progress.

UNITED STATES.

The trustees of the Church Home, Geneva, N. Y., have purchased a residence and a fine lot of about two acres for the use of that institution, at a cost of \$7,000.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania has appealed to the churches of his diocese for \$50,000, which to erect a suitable edifice for the divinity school in Philadelphia.

The Bishop of the Diocese visited St. Paul's Church, Winona, Minn., Sunday, April 18th, and at the evening service confirmed twenty-three persons. Among those confirmed were Mr. Thomas Allen and wife, the former having been for many years the pastor of the Advent congregation, and the latter at one time a missionary in the Holy Land. Nine of the candidates were recently baptized, and nearly the whole class had been adherents of other communions.

During the episcopate of the present Bishop of Maine, covering a period of thirteen years, the population of the State meanwhile declining, there have been 2,160 persons confirmed, and 1,814 admitted as new communicants. In the same time 1,617 have removed and 951 been received, making a net loss by removals of 666. Yet the number of communicants in 1879 was 2,107, against 1,527 in 1867, showing a net gain of 580 in twelve years, or 38 per cent.