

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

COLLECTIONS, DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c.,
received at Diocesan Rooms, to April 17, 1882.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

St. George's, Halifax, per C. Pickford, Esq., \$1.50; Glace Bay, per Rev. G. Croucher, \$2.30; Garrison Chapel, Halifax, per Rev. A. J. Townend, \$3.31; Pugwash, per John E. Warner, Esq., .50.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

TRURO, per W. H. Trumaine, Esq., \$13.92; St. Mark's, Halifax, per Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, \$7.

THE CLERGY are reminded that the Prayer for the Provincial Synod, (being the same as that appointed for the Diocesan Synod, with the substitution of *Province for Diocese*) is to be used next Sunday and during the Session.

HALIFAX.—*Garrison Chapel*.—We gave 220 as the number of Communicants in this Chapel on Easter Sunday, when 232 would have been more exact. It is also very pleasing to speak of the liberal response made by this congregation to the appeal on behalf of the Board of Home Missions. Although embracing very few, if any, well-to-do people, the married officers living in other quarters of the town and attending with their families the other Churches, nearly 1100 was put on the plates during Easter day, being a very considerable increase over last year. We need hardly say that to Mr. Townend, the untiring and most energetic chaplain in charge, is due the result given above; and we cannot refrain from speaking in grateful terms of Mr. Townend's generous willingness to assist every worthy Church object brought under his notice within the Diocese. In the eight or nine years that Mr. Townend has been in Halifax, he has placed his varied and attractive abilities, and a large part of his spare time, freely at the disposal of the clergy and others, and has in numerous instances done noble service in helping needy Churches and other Church work. It may be truly said of him, that he has never spared himself, and has ever been ready to respond to every call.

North-West Arm Mission Chapel.—The Easter celebration of the Holy Communion at this Chapel took place on Low Sunday, the Archdeacon being the Celebrant, communicants numbering 18. Including these with the members at St. John's Chapel (Dutch Village) on Palm Sunday and St. Mark's Church on Easter Day the total number of Easter Communicants, exclusive of private celebrations to the sick, in the Parish of St. Mark and St. John is 123. The decorations at this little Chapel in honor of the Easter Festival, though plain and simple, are neat and appropriate. Over the Holy Table on the red reredos the following words are placed: "Christ is Risen;" the letters are gold on a white background. This text is surmounted by a white cross. Immediately over the reredos and running the whole width of the Chancel the following appears in white on a red background: "I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore." On either side of the Chancel Window there is a St. Andrew's Cross with the following on the arms of the crosses: "King of Kings," "Lord of Lords" and "God of Gods," "Light of Lights" respectively. The frontal of the Altar Cloth is white being divided into three panels, the centre one bearing the sacred monogram and the side ones "Alpha" and "Omega." These with the permanent decorations of the Chapel give the interior of the Building a neat and ecclesiastical appearance. The services and the Sunday School continue to be well attended. The Sunday School is indebted to the S. P. C. K. for a grant of 42 books for the Library, these were first issued on Easter Day much to the delight of the children.

AMHERST.—On Easter Sunday Christ Church looked very beautiful, the flowers on the altar and the other decorations displaying taste and skill. The sermons, both morning and evening, one by the Rector, Canon Townshend, the other by Rev. Dr. Uniacke, were able and appropriate to the occasion. On Easter Monday evening the regular parish meeting was held in the school-house, when Churchwardens and Vestry and delegates to the Diocesan Synod were duly elected. On the evening of Thursday in Easter week the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School held an entertainment, which was a great success in every way. First, the children sat down to tables laden with good things prepared by the teachers and other friends of the children. After doing full justice to the feast, a very pleasant hour was spent in the singing of Easter carols and hymns, which were admirably rendered. There are two or three ladies whose names ought to be specially mentioned for the part taken in this most successful festival, but perhaps they would prefer that we should speak warmly in general terms of all who assisted, where all seem to have done their best. Mr. Fred Drake, who has been organist of Christ Church for many years, has been the recipient of a purse containing \$50, and complimentary resolutions passed by the Vestry expressive of their satisfaction with the manner in which the duties of his position had been conducted and of their regret that he was about leaving the parish, and wishing him success in Manitoba, whither he is removing.

RAWDON.—The Easter services in this Parish were well attended. At the morning service, in the Parish Church, the choir sang the anthem "In Jewry is God known" by Dr. J. C. Whitfield; this with the Kyrie was all the extra music rendered. The Easter meeting was not largely attended; but it was a very practical and harmonious one. The Wardens reported that, on account of having to repair the Rectory, they had not been able to carry into effect the resolution of last year respecting the shingling of the Parish Church. It was decided to proceed with this work as soon as possible, and also to paint both the Parish Church and the Church at Stanley. The meeting pledged itself to make up the deficiency in the Rector's stipend, caused by the reduction of the grants. And when we add to this that two new stoves have been lately put into the Church, it will be seen that the people of this old Parish are stirring to some purpose. Everyone present realized that it would tax them heavily to accomplish all this, but they were resolute in their determination that it should be done. Messrs. H. A. Smith and James Casey were elected Wardens, and H. A. Smith and J. Bond, Delegates to the Synod.

MAITLAND.—We regret very much to learn that Capt. James Allan, of Maitland, who in the early part of the winter suffered shipwreck off the coast of England, escaping with his life, but with the entire loss of his valuable ship, has recently met with another misfortune. In a storm at sea, while giving orders to his men, he was thrown from the house of his ship to the deck, breaking one of his legs in two places. Until he reached New York, fifteen days after the accident, he was without surgical assistance. The latest reports, however, say he is doing well. Capt. Allan is one of the kindest hearted of men, a aid one of the most generous Churchmen the Parish of Maitland has ever been blessed with. Such men are indeed few and far between. We deeply sympathize with our friend in this, as in his many other afflictions, and hope that he will be speedily restored to health. His esteemed wife, who is also a faithful Churchwoman, has our deepest sympathies. We were pleased to see the familiar face of Capt. McArthur in church Sunday week. The history of those terrible forty-six days spent in open boat in the Pacific Ocean, with his wife, two young children, and several of his crew, all famishing, and some dying for want of food and water and through exposure, will ever stand prominent amongst the annals of shipwreck, and can never be thought of by his friends without a shudder. We believe, if not the last, at least almost the last time Capt. McArthur was in church at Maitland, a short time before he set sail in the ill-fated ship "Milton," something over two years ago, he partook of the Holy Communion. It was pleasing to see him repairing to the same blessed ordinance the first time he entered the church, after his return, we might almost say, from the very gates of death. But still more pleasant was it to hear him affirm, in his own manly tone of voice, that not to any bravery or skill on his part was to be attributed his safe return, but to the guiding hand of Him who is the "Ruler of the seas," and who, in answer to their daily prayers, sent the favourable breezes that wafted his frail boat to the land with its freight of famishing and dying humanity. Such evidence of a living faith are indeed cheering. We are happy to say that the Capt. is looking well, and that his wife, who is still in San Francisco, is gaining strength rapidly, but we feel sorry that he is going to leave us in a week or two, to make his home in California. He and Mrs. McArthur will be much missed out of our little village congregation, which, I am sorry to say, is, through emigration, gradually growing smaller. One of the men who died, Geo. Ettinge, was a parishioner belonging to the Five Mile River congregation.

WINDSOR.—The Rector of Windsor acknowledges from Boston the receipt of the following note:—"I enclose \$2 (two dollars) for your new Church, with many regrets that I cannot send a great deal more." Yours sincerely, L."

The Rector is very grateful for the above, and sincerely hopes that many will follow the good example here set.

TRURO.—Easter Day here was dull. Neither walking nor weather offered much inducement to people to go out. Nevertheless, the congregations at St. John's Church were very large. The Services were bright and hearty; and many beautiful plants in bloom, and cut flowers, some very handsome ones being from the green house of Mr. O. C. Cummings, were tastefully arranged in the sanctuary and chancel. Twenty-eight communed at the early Service, and thirty-two at the mid-day, making in all sixty communicants. The total amount of the offertories was over forty-three dollars, being better by more than thirteen dollars, than any ever received in one day in St. John's Church, except that received on the day of the opening of the new Church. Geo. Reading, Esq., and D. H. Muir, M. D., are our Church Wardens for this year; and Geo. Reading, Esq., and Jus. Odell, C. E., our delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

ALBION MINES AND NEW GLASGOW.—Easter morning looked more like Christmas as regarded the weather, nevertheless 45 of the faithful partook of the Easter Feast at the Holy Table. Callas, camellia, geraniums, cinerarias, (in pots and cut)

graced the altar and the Font, thanks to Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Hoyt and others. Our old friend Mr. Buckland happened to be here and took his place at the organ again. At the Easter meeting Messrs. J. Rutherford and G. G. Carritt were elected Wardens; Messrs. H. S. Poole and J. Rutherford were chosen Delegates to the Diocesan Synod, and Messrs. A. O. Pritchard and Dr. Chandler Crane substitutes; Mr. Blenkinsop was put on the Vestry, vice Mr. R. Willis now living in Montreal. Committees were appointed to get the Church painted and the windows in the nave remodelled and fitted with rolled cathedral glass, and to appoint an organist and endeavour to improve the singing.

FALMOUTH.—The two places of worship, which stand at either extremity of the great dyke of Falmouth, were each attended twice on Good Friday by the several congregations. The three hours' service held in both places seems to have produced good impressions on those who took part in it. On Easter Day St. George's Church was decorated with flowers. At the meeting for business on Easter Monday, the usual parochial accounts were successfully gone over. The Rector was requested to give orders and dimensions for a new altar table. It was resolved that subscriptions be conducted in the parish and through the Diocese to put in a memorial window to the late Dr. McCawley, to whom the Church in Nova Scotia owes so much. A meeting is to be called next week to take steps towards some external repairs. A series of lectures and readings is to be given in the recently purchased building in Lower Falmouth, for the purpose of raising funds for its repair and alteration.

LUNENBURG.—We are pleased to state that the Parishioners of St. John's Church, Lunenburg, decided at their Easter Meeting to elect the Rev. George Harris, late curate of Parrsboro, who has been ministering amongst us for the past month as our assistant minister. Mr. Harris has already commended himself to the people of Lunenburg by the zeal he has shown in his Master's work, and we pray that the Master may continue to bless his labours amongst us.

NEW GLASGOW.—The Easter meeting for St. George's was held on Thursday last. The same Chapel Wardens, Messrs. Drake and A. Carew, were re-elected; a warm vote of thanks being passed for former services. Mr. H. Townsend (the mover saying that Mr. Drake spared nothing for the service of the Church. The Rector considered Mr. Drake "the fly-wheel" of the work in New Glasgow. Thanks to Mr. Pritchard as Lay Reader and to Mr. Newton Drake as Organist were also given. Surplus, after paying rent, clergyman, and expenses, \$60. May the 9th was named for opening the new Church. Consecration cannot take place of course until all is paid.

PARRSBORO.—Some of the members of the Parish Church wishing to make a public, as well as practical expression of their esteem and regard for our late Curate, the Rev. George D. Harris, (who left us quite unexpectedly and removed to Lunenburg) held "an old folks concert on Tuesday the 11th, the result of" which is to enable them to present him with \$50. He has the best wishes of a large circle of warm friends, who regret deeply the necessity of his leaving.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Peter's*.—The Lenten services in this church have been the same as those of last year, viz: on Sundays, Holy Communion, Matins, and (instead of Evensong) a special service consisting of the latter part of the Communion Service, Lessons and hymns. The weekday services have been, Holy Communion on Thursday morning, special service on Wednesday evening, Evensong on Friday evening, Matins and Evensong on all other days, morning and afternoon, as usual. In Holy Week there was a celebration every morning till Good Friday, Matins at 9 a. m., and Evensong at 7.30 p. m. Good Friday, the church was hung in black, according to custom. The services on that day were, Litany and Meditation, 9.30 a. m.; Matins, Reproaches, Ante-Communion, and sermon at 11 a. m.; addresses on the Seven Words, 2.30 p. m.; Evensong and sermon 7.30 p. m. Sunday, March 19th, being the anniversary of Mr. Green's imprisonment in Lancaster Castle, the Priest Incumbent addressed the congregation on that subject. On Easter Day the usual festival services were held—Holy Communion at 8 a. m., Matins 10.15, Holy Communion 11 a. m., and Evensong at 7 p. m. The services throughout Lent were well attended, the congregations being largest of course in Holy Week. At the Easter Evensong the church was crowded, this service and that on the afternoon of Good Friday being each in its own way perhaps the most impressive ever held in the church. The Easter meeting was held after Evensong on Monday. The finances of the church are, on the whole, very satisfactory, the total income for the past year being over \$3,000. The delegates elected to the Diocesan Synod were: Lieut. Governor Haviland and E. J. Hodgson, Esq.; with Major Freeland and Thomas Green, Esq., as substitutes.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—*The Cathedral*.—The Easter

services at the Cathedral commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., when 116 persons communicated. Hymn 373 in the Hymns Ancient and Modern, "I am not worthy, Holy Lord, that Thou shouldst come to me," was sung immediately after the consecration by the choir and congregation, all kneeling. The altar and font were adorned with exquisite flowers, the offerings of various members of the congregation. Appropriate Easter texts were placed on the walls of the chancel. The service at 11 o'clock was ushered in by the sweet carolling of the children of the church, who repeated once more the joyful words first heard on Easter morning so many hundred years ago, "Christ is Risen." The congregation was very large. A very earnest and impressive sermon was preached by the Coadjutor Bishop. Hymn 134, "Jesus Christ is risen to day, was sung after the consecration. There were 114 communicants at this service. In the evening every seat in the Cathedral was occupied. The sermon, full of good advice, encouragement and warning, was preached by the Metropolitan. The music at all the services was exceedingly good.

EASTER IN SAINT JOHN.—*Trinity Church*.—The altar linen used at the celebrations of the Holy Communion was presented as an Easter offering by a lady of the congregation, and is of remarkably fine texture, the monograms and other devices being of hand needle work. Probably no such altar linen has ever been used before in the service of the Church in New Brunswick. Easter offerings in the shape of memorial windows were made during Holy week, and were placed in the north aisle near the font. They are all of elaborate design and execution. On the north side the centre light is contributed by the Trinity Church vestry in memory of the late George Sweeny. The western light in the same window is commemorative of Mr. Thatcher Sears, one of the loyalists, and the eastern one was presented by Mr. John Sears, one of the present Wardens of the Church, in memory of Mr. John Bouchiere Sears. The small light at the eastern termination of the aisle is devoted by loving friends to the remembrance of the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, D. D., and to the glory of God. The music under the direction of Prof. Gubb was very good.

St. George's, Carleton.—Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a. m. and 11 a. m., with a Sermon at the latter hour by the Rector, Rev. T. E. Dowling. At Evensong Rev. R. Mathers preached. There was no special music.

Fairville.—Service was held in the Church of the Good Shepherd in the afternoon.

St. Mary's Church was not decorated. There were services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. In the morning, hymns 138, 140 and 139 were sung, and Rev. Mr. Newham preached from 1st Corinthians xv., 20. At 7 p. m., there was evening prayer, and hymns 149 and 9, together with the two Easter carols, "Christ is Risen" and "Welcome, Happy Morning," were sung by members of the Sunday School, assisted by the choir. Rev. Mr. Newham preached from 1st Peter, ii., 24. Large congregations were present at both services.

St. Paul's Church.—There were two celebrations of Holy Communion, with an early children's service at 7.30 a. m. The Rev. Canon DeVeber preached at matins from 1st Corinthians xv. 51. The decorations depended here more on quality than quantity, and were most judiciously carried out. The floral cross on the reredos and that on the credence table were made up of white roses and looked remarkably pretty. On the re-table there were two vases of choice exotics their bright tints being thrown into relief by the Easter lilies at each end of the altar. Lillies, primroses and other flowers were grouped round the font. Willing hands prompted by loving hearts must have been busily employed on Easter eve, to so prepare the sanctuary for the festival. Evening prayer was said at 3 p. m., the Rev. F. S. Sill, preaching the sermon, which was based on Luke xxiv. 37.

St. Luke's.—This Church was very prettily garnished with Easter blossoms, there being some very effective combinations of choice exotics and beautiful buds. The Rector, Rev. L. G. Stevens, preached at both services—in the morning from I Thess. iv. 13, 14; and at the evening children's service from I Cor. xvi. 57. The congregation of St. Luke's were agreeably surprised at beholding the handsome Easter gift of a font of Italian marble, of exquisite design and finish. It is presented to the Church by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Kennedy.

Stone Church.—There were three services in St. John's Church, the Rector, Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, preaching at each. At 11 there was morning prayer, and the celebration of the Holy Communion. At this service the largest number who ever took the sacrament at one time in the church received it. The Rector preached from Romans viii. 11. At 3.15 p. m., a children's service for the scholars of the Sunday School was held, when there was singing by the scholars, and Rev. Mr. Armstrong addressed those present, basing his remarks on Mark v. 41. Mr. Armstrong also preached in the evening from 1st Thessalonians iv. 16, 17 and 18.