

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, Vicar of St. John's Church, Truro, officiated in Christ Church on the 14th instant, morning and evening, the Rev. V. E. Harris taking the duty at Truro.

A second parlor concert in aid of the church came off on the evening of the 17th instant at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. Medley, Townshend. Their spacious parlors were well filled, and the concert was a success in every way, several well-known performers taking part. The sum of \$30 was realized. Another is on the tapis.

LOWER STEWIAKKE.—A series of special services has recently been held in this parish, in which the Rev. V. E. Harris, Vicar of Amherst, took the chief part. Services, with earnest, practical addresses, were held every evening, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. The evening services were well attended by both Church people and Dissenters, and the strictest attention was paid to the very earnest and faithful addresses and sermons delivered by Mr. Harris. The singing of well-chosen hymns by the choir, led by the incumbent's daughter, Miss Alice Cox, who usually presided at the organ, added much to the interest of the services. A portion of each day was devoted to visiting among the families living in the vicinity of Holy Trinity Church. These visits were highly appreciated, and taken in connection with these special services, cannot fail to produce the best results for the future welfare of the parish. The subjects ably discussed at the evening services were Repentance, Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, etc. On Friday the Holy Communion was celebrated, and a good number partook, one communicating for the first time, and it is to be hoped that more young persons may soon follow her example. All present remained during the celebration, some of whom had seldom been at church before. Plain Gospel truth was brought home by the preacher to many hearts, and some hitherto careless appeared to be deeply convinced of its reality, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the good impressions made may, with God's blessing, result in a better life, and that the work of grace thus begun under the guidance of the Holy Spirit may not soon die out, but wax more and more.

HALIFAX.—Personal.—The Rev. H. J. Winterbourne has been appointed a member of the Committee of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, which has its headquarters in Halifax.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge has been delivering in Windsor, and before the Sons of Temperance in Halifax, the lecture on "3000" which he gave before the Church of England Institute.

Rev. David Neish is gaining glowing encomiums on his activity and masterly preaching at St. Paul's. The Recorder says:—"Yesterday morning the reverend gentleman preached especially to the young, taking his text from Proverbs ix. 1, 13, 15. There was a large congregation present, and his remarks were listened to with deep attention.

CHOIR TREAT.—His Lordship the Bishop last week gave an entertainment to his choir boys, at the Episcopal residence. A bounteous repast was supplied, and the evening spent happily in games.

ST. MATTHIAS.—The Sunday-school and Junior Temperance Guild of the Mission had a successful entertainment and magic lantern last week. Standing room was at a discount.

The children sang and recited, and R. J. Wilson, Esq., with his usual kindness, displayed the scenes on the sheet, accompanied with humorous remarks.

St. Mark's.—A very successful Old-Folks Concert was given in the school-room of the church last week, when several musical and literary members of the congregation and their friends took part. The entertainment was pronounced first-class, the dresses exquisite, and receipts all that could be desired.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—A sermon was preached in Trinity Church on Feb. 14th by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, and a special collection was taken up in behalf of the St. John Protestant Orphan Asylum. The Rector chose for his text St. Mark x. 45:—"For e'en the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give His life a ransom for many." In the course of his remarks, Canon Brigstocke referred to the importance of maintaining and supporting such a good institution, and earnestly appealed to those present to aid it by contributions. Allusion was incidentally made to the benevolent labors of the late Earl of Shaftesbury. The collection amounted to \$108.90, a handsome contribution towards the \$800 needed before May 1st for the Asylum.

A sale of useful and fancy articles held by Miss French at Charlotte street on Feb. 15th was largely attended. The many useful and ornamental articles that were for sale were sold quickly and at good prices, and the tea and coffee stands were liberally patronized as well. The proceeds of the sale, which amounted to the handsome sum of \$120, are in aid of Home Missions partly, and for the new Episcopal church at Upper Sheffield, which is the Mission of the Rev. Mr. Sterling, rector of the church at Maugerville.

The fifth annual meeting of the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held on Feb. 17th in the classroom of the Young Men's Christian Association, the President, Mr. John Sears, in the chair. The attendance was not large, but was composed of the gentlemen who took an active interest in the work of the Society. The President, Mr. Sears, in his opening remarks, alluded to the great progress of like societies in England and in the United States. It was surprising, he said, with what interest the higher classes entered into the great work, and it was evident from the report that the societies were flourishing both in England and America. Mr. Sears then read the report of the Executive Committee, which was lengthy and exhaustive. This noble Society was organized in March, 1881. The actual work of the Society commenced on May 9th, 1881. It is now nearly five years in operation. During that time, 2,551 cases of cruelty of various kinds have been investigated, including the cases taken into court, as follows:—

Ill-treatment of horses	1,727
“ cattle	529
“ other animals	46
“ fowls and birds	84
“ sturgeon	3
“ turtles	3
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	2,392
Ill-treatment of children	13
“ aged persons	2
“ women	3
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	2,410
Prosecutions without fines	89
“ with fines	52
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	2,551

Fines, amounting to \$407.50, retained by the court.

TRINITY CHURCH BAND OF MERCY.—The largely attended entertainment given in Trinity Church schoolhouse on Feb. 18 was a decided success. A highly entertaining musical and literary programme was carried out to the thorough enjoyment of those present. The girls taking part were neatly dressed in white. The Rev. Canon Brigstocke, the President, occupied the chair, and made the opening address, explaining the organizations and workings of the Band of Mercy. The Trinity Church Band of Mercy was the first Band of Mercy organized in the Dominion of Canada, now numbering about 200 members. The members of the Wiggins Orphan Institution Drum and Fife Band gave some choice collections, and also sang several songs. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen." The concert realized about \$15 for the Band of Mercy.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

INVERNESS.—Miss Georgina Roe, eldest daughter of the Rev. Peter Roe, incumbent of this parish, was the recipient, on the occasion of her marriage, of a handsome silver tea and coffee service from her friends of the Church of the Ascension, Campbell's Corners, and a highly complimentary address, expressive of their affection and esteem, and their appreciation of her valuable aid during the past six years, in forwarding all Christian work in the Church and parish. Miss Roe also received many handsome gifts as parting tokens of esteem from prominent members of the churches in the parish.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SISTER'S OF ST. MARGARET.—Sister Sarah's illness, caused by overwork in connection with the Small-pox Hospital, has evoked, as it ought to have done, general sympathy from all classes of the community. The attendant physician ordered her to the South without delay, so that complete rest might be obtained—this being absolutely requisite in order to her recovery. The straitened circumstances of the Sisterhood rendered obedience difficult, but the Star having called for subscriptions a speedy response was made, and we are glad to know that the good Sister was able to leave last week. We earnestly hope that under God's blessing complete recovery may be the result. We are also pleased to note that the secular press is urging that which we referred to some weeks ago, viz: some suitable and substantial testimonial to the Sisters. The Witness says:—"The broken-down health of Sister Sarah, who, with other members of the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, performed, on behalf of the Protestant community, the heroic and loathsome duties of St. Saviour's Hospital remind us of a debt yet unacknowledged. All will thank those who, being within call, have subscribed enough to secure to the brave woman her necessary trip to the South. But more than this is due. An honorable and substantial testimonial to these ladies is a matter of obligation resting on the citizens of Montreal."

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The Executive Committee at its meeting on Monday evening, the 22nd ult., arranged for the following monthly meetings [all to be held in the Synod Hall]:—

March 15—"Uniform Scheme of Lessons," Rev. Canon Henderson.

19th April—Paper by Rev. E. I. Rexford, of Quebec.

17th May—"The Sunday-school should be the handmaid of the Church, and not the Substitute"; Rev. Canon Mills.

21st June—"How to interest Sunday-schools in the Work of Missions"; Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A., Rural Dean.

NOTES.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese