

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

RIVER JOHN.—Since the visit of our good Bishop in April last the affairs of the Church in this parish have prospered to a larger extent than for some years past.

During the summer the ladies of the parish got up a tea party and bazaar, which was a great success, and reflected the greatest credit upon those who took such deep interest in it.

The Church has been painted outside, as one result of this Bazaar, and another and much more satisfactory result is, that the debt of the parish has been entirely wiped out. The painting is the work of Mr. Edward Perrin, and shows him to be an excellent tradesman; the effect of the two shades of color is most pleasing, and shows off the church to great advantage.

We must not forget to name, though not in the exact order of things, that in the Barrasor's part of the parish \$60 was collected for parish purposes by the energy and good will of one lady, Mrs. James N. Langville, and this amount was not wholly contributed by members of the Church of England, but those belonging to other congregations also generously contributed. We have lately had a most profitable visit from our beloved Archdeacon (himself the first resident minister of this parish and the builder of the Rectory). His kindly, earnest and touching appeals in the Parish Church produced most satisfactory pecuniary results—the people responding most freely, and his old flock were cheered by his genial presence, and looked lovingly back to the days when he was their pastor. Not only were the offertories for the B.H.M. good, but the annual subscriptions were numerous. Our notice would not be complete did we not say that the singing in church is better than ever it was, and that the choir have earned the best opinion of those who are the best judges and far better qualified to pronounce on the subject than the casual worshipper, who pens these words.

LAHAVÉ.—A new font has just been purchased and placed in St. Matthew's Parish church; the kindly gift of Mr. Freeman Cleversey, a young communicant of this church, who was called to the rest of Paradise on 23rd October, 1888.

On Sunday, 24th November, after the usual evening service was ended, the Rector gave an address relative to the gift, advising that such an excellent example should always be followed by those to whom God had given a fair share of this world's goods—to the use of the font, its sacredness, and the manner in which the congregation should take their part in the Baptismal office; after which he solemnly dedicated the font, by special prayers, to the holy use for which it was given. This special service was followed by a sermon on the "Nature and benefit of Holy Baptism," based on St. John iii. v. 5.

The reverent and devout demeanor of this congregation is apparent to all visitors; a large proportion kneeling at all the prayers—a feature so little observed by men—at least in many of our congregations.

A good healthy Church hue is being given to the services which are usually bright, hearty and devout.

Several marriages have taken place publicly in the church of late, a protest, so to speak, to the secret, unchaste marriages which was the custom up to within a year or two ago. This protest is owing largely to the public stand the Rector took against these secret marriages, the forced outcome of unchastity before marriage.

Active work in the way of providing funds for building purposes is still going on, \$650 having been raised for these objects since Jan. last.

The Rector has just received a very kind donation from the Hon. Judge Des Brisay,

of Bridgewater, in the shape of a gold watch to be sold for the benefit of the building funds of the church, to be built at the Nynacht Settlement.

We hear, to-day, with great pleasure of the unanimous election of the Rev. E. A. Harris, B.A., late curate of this Parish, to the Rectorship of Mahone Bay Parish, in this Rural Deanery, a position which he richly deserves for his energetic, faithful and successful work, while laboring there as curate.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CARLETON.—On Advent Sunday, St. Jude's Church, Carleton, which has been closed during the past three months, undergoing extensive interior alterations and improvements, was reopened with appropriate services. Rev. J. O. Crisp, Rector of the Church, preached in the morning, and Rev. L. G. Stevens, of St. Luke's Church in the evening. The alterations in the church have been of a most thorough nature and the interior now presents a very handsome appearance.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

WINDSOR MILLS.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of St. George's Church was held at the residence of Mrs. Long on the evening of 26th of Nov., Tuesday before Advent.

The executive were reappointed for ensuing year; Mrs. Briggs taking the office of Secretary-Treasurer: the former Secretary, expecting to be away from the Mission during the winter. The cash account showed \$82.15 collected during the year; expended: Sunday School Library \$17; organ fund \$17.50; grant to the wardens, \$16; Women's Auxiliary, \$3 50; Missionary box and freight to Nepigon, Algoma, \$21.25; articles for distribution in parish, \$6. Balance on hand \$90.

SHEBROOKE.—The anniversary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec will be held at St. Peter's Church in this city on the 10th and 11th December. The Rev. Dr. Parker Morgan, Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City, will be present to preach and to address the Missionary meeting.

The entertainment of Ben Hur at the Church Hall, Montreal street, on Monday evening, 25th Nov., was well attended, and is highly spoken of by those who were there.

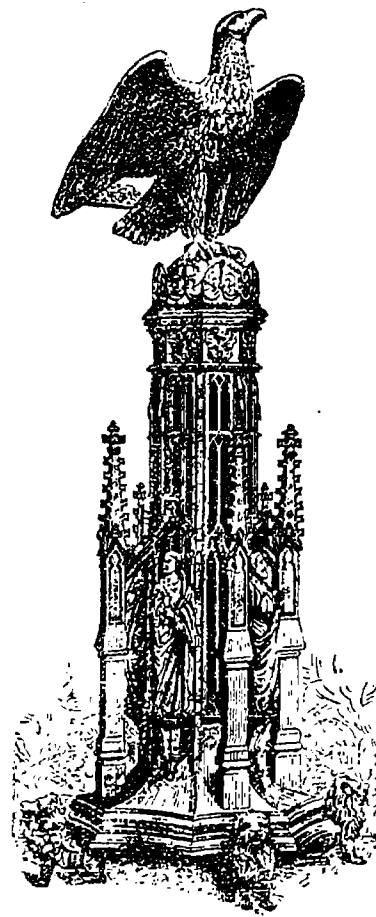
DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—On the first Sunday in Advent the lectern here described was given to St. James Cathedral, Toronto, by Catherine Lyon Cameron. The design was executed by the Gorham Mfg. Company, under the superintendence of Messrs. John and Buck, one of the successful architects in the first competition for the New York Cathedral. It is claimed to be the handsomest and largest lectern in Canada. It is six feet eight inches in height. The base is an octagon with concave sides, resting on four lions couchant, above which rise four pinnacles connected with the shaft by flying buttresses. Statuettes representing the four Evangelists occupy niches between the pinnacles. The shaft is of pierced tracery, and with its cap is also octagonal. The eagle is exceedingly handsome, and the feathers are nicely chased. The pose of the bird, and the utterly unconventional treatment of the head and wings are wonderfully done: likewise the different finishes, which show of what brass is susceptible. The execution and design show an originality of conception and fidelity of execution of detail, as well as beauty of finish, which compares most favorably with the work of European workers in metal, indeed if it does not in many points excel, and this argues well for the growing attention paid to the higher arts by our American people.

The inscription, which is on the orb directly

the below claws of the eagle, reads as follows: "Presented by Catherine Lyon Cameron 1889." It is expected that an altar rail and an altar cross, among other things, will be presented to the Cathedral shortly. Of course these will be made to match the lectern; thus securing unity of design.

It may be added that this lectern is a duplicate of the one recently made for St. John's Church, Savannah, Ga., U.S.



LECTERN—ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, TORONTO.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

SIR.—I cannot help thinking that this record of what one woman alone and unaided can accomplish in her backwood's home in Muskoka is worthy a nook in your columns.

The plea for brightening the lives of these little scholars, who only get crumbs where our children get a full meal, has appealed to the sympathies of the members of our Ministering Children's League, who are planning a little gift parcel for Christmas. They propose also inviting these little ones to become, like themselves, "Ministering children."

AN M.C.L. ASSOCIATE,  
Memorial Church Branch, London.

In response to an appeal made by Mrs. Boomer, as representing the W.A.M.A. of the Diocese of Algoma, in the London, Ont., Free Press, on behalf of the fund being raised to rebuild the burnt mission buildings of Negweneang, friends have subscribed over \$50, besides contributing to fill a large case of clothing and other useful articles. In reference to this step, which Mrs. Boomer says, she has ventured to take upon her own responsibility, she remarks, "that doubtless many outside the ranks of the Woman's Auxiliary might be induced to assist in such exceptional circumstances as this, if they were made known to them in the columns of their daily local papers; for all unfortunately are not sufficiently kind to themselves as to subscribe to a Church paper. Hearts and hands are ever ready to give, but it is for some member of the Auxiliary to arrange for a receiving centre, and to become a medium of communication between those who desire to help but may not be acquainted with the methods of the W.A.M.A., or the name of the Treasurer