

News From the Home Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—The rendering of the "Crucifixion" drew a large congregation to St. Luke's Cathedral on the evening of the 12th inst. The Rector, Rev. E. P. Crawford, made a few introductory remarks on the subject which was to be told in exquisite music by the choir and then briefly referred to the need of providing the church with a more beautiful organ, for which the offertory would be made. The singing of Stainer's delightful musical composition then commenced. The narrative begins with the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, and closes with the words "And He bowed His head and gave up the Ghost." The singing of the choir throughout is deserving of the highest praise. The soloists were chosen from its own ranks and were Messrs. Emerson, Wiswell, Captain Clarkson, West and Tremaine. The quartet, "God so loved the world" was sung by Choristers Robinson, Harvey, Messrs. Wainwright and Clarkson. All the singers were in capital voice. The expression, attack and tone were most conspicuous. The massive power of the chorus is not often equalled by much larger bodies of vocalists. St. Luke's choir now takes high position among the choirs of Canada, the result of hard work, patience and perseverance among its members, coupled with the untiring energy and skill of their conductor and organist, Mr. Gatward.

Diocese of Fredericton.

FREDERICTON.—A branch of the Church Boys Brigade was organized here on the 19th March with a membership of over forty. Lieut. Perkins, Lieut. Oliver and A. D. Thomas are instructors.

ST. JOHN.—The noonday Lenten services of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Church rooms continue to be well attended. Last week the Rev. W. H. Sampson continued and concluded his addresses on "Man a Son of God." The speakers the present week are Rev. J. M. Davenport on "Jesus, the Bread of Life," and Rev. A. D. Dewdney on "Week Day Christianity."

Partyism seems to have been broken out afresh, or rather it might be more correct to say some parties are striving to keep alive *partyism* in this city. A meeting of "Churchmen in sympathy with the late Conference" has been called for the present week "for the purpose of considering and deciding upon the best means for still further advancing the Reformation principles of the Church of England,"—of course always as understood by these good people themselves.

Diocese of Montreal.

Upon the requisition of a large number of the members of the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, Mr. Norton, son of the Rev. Canon Norton, D.D., Rector, has been appointed as organist to succeed Mr. Birch, who has accepted a leading position in the city of Ottawa. The Rector upon receiving the requisition left the matter of appointment in the hands of the select vestry who, having considered the various applications sent in, unanimously appointed Mr. Norton.

We learn with much thankfulness that the

Lord Bishop of the Diocese has recovered from his late illness and was able to be out for a short walk on Saturday last.

The Rev. T. Everett attended the Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, and administered Holy Communion on the morning of Mid-Lent Sunday, Refection day. The weekly Lenten service on Wednesday evening has been largely attended considering the numbers of the congregation and that the service is conducted by a Lay Reader only, on one evening there being as many as 56 persons present, and at other times from 40 to 50.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE.—The annual meeting of the Convocation of the University of Bishop's College, for the conferring of Degrees in the Faculty of Medicine, will be held in the Synod Hall, Montreal, on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1895, at 3 p.m.

The preliminary business meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Synod Hall on the same day at 2 p.m.

Diocese of Toronto.

TORONTO.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese showed his sympathy with the Church in Newfoundland in the difficulties which have overtaken it, owing to the late failure of the Banking institutions there, by issuing a special circular or Pastoral to the clergy of the diocese, asking them to appeal to the faithful throughout his diocese for contributions to the relief of their brethren in Newfoundland in their distress.

The Bishop of Moosonee has been visiting the various parishes in Toronto in behalf of his work, and also spoke at a missionary meeting held in connection with the Theological and Missionary Association of Trinity College last week.

The Woman's Auxiliary during last month received some \$1700 for its work, and also sent out thirty six bales of clothing. Four new parochial branches have been formed.

The Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet at St. Phillip's Church on the evening of Monday April 1st, when there will be a discussion on local Church work and also a Conference and discussion in which it is announced that the Rev. J. L. Starr, of Norway; Mr. Truscott, of Grace Church; and Mr. Adams, of St. Phillip's Church, will take part.

It has finally been decided to re-build Trinity College school at Port Hope on the old site. Application has been made to the Town Council to provide more effective means for extinguishing fires. It would appear that the cause of the late fire was the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

Diocese of Huron.

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At the Wednesday Session a letter from Mrs. Stewart, Missionary in China, was read, one from the Rev. C. Piercy, of Algoma, asking for a continuance of Huron interest in that Diocese?

Mrs. Kains read a letter from Mr. Swainson, written in warm commendation of Huron's lady missionary in the Northwest (Miss Wilson), and deploring that failing health had compelled her to resign her post.

Mrs. Newman, late corresponding secretary for Huron, and Miss Wilson were warmly welcomed and spoke a few words of kindly greeting.

Two very excellent papers were read—one by Miss Battersby, of Port Dover, strongly

advocating systematic giving, and urging the duty of giving at least a tenth; the other by Miss Ermatinger, of St. Thomas, giving a most interesting account of a visit made by her to Tunis, and of mission work among the Jews there.

The meeting was then addressed by the Bishop of Huron in words of kindest appreciation and encouragement, the W. A. being described as the most alive and progressive of all Diocesan organizations. His Lordship approved the decision of the meeting to reserve to the W. A. the designation of its funds, and promised to do all that with him lay always to help the W. A. with his counsel and prayers.

The special thank offering for the consolidation of the Church in Canada was then brought to His Lordship, who read the text inscribed on the envelopes. The amount of this thank offering was \$177.47.

The afternoon session was opened, by an animated and profitable discussion relative to the details of auxiliary work.

Miss Montizambert, the General Secretary, gave much valuable information, and Mrs. Tilley spoke earnestly on the need of undertaking the work in a spirit of prayer.

A touching incident of the afternoon was the presentation by His Lordship the Bishop, in behalf of St. Paul's W. A. Branch and Sunday School, of a life membership certificate to Miss Cross, in token of their appreciation of her loving service among them.

At half-past four the children of the mission bands of the London branches were marshalled into the hall, carrying their banners and singing. The various presidents of these mission bands are to be most heartily congratulated on their success in training their little ones. The order and attention of the large gathering was simply wonderful.

Various resolutions of thanks were passed, notably a very hearty one to the ladies of London for their hospitality to the delegates, and for providing so bounteous a luncheon each day between the sessions.

Woodstock's invitation to the Woman's Auxiliary to hold its semi Annual meeting in October in that place was cordially accepted. The general Missionary gathering in the evening was addressed by the Bishops of Huron and Moosonee, the Rev. Mr. Wright of Fort a la Corne, and the Rev. Mr. Jaanes, late of Central Africa. On Thursday the Bishop of Huron presided at the very largely attended meeting of the Bible and Prayer Union, at the conclusion of which some matters of business remaining over from the previous sessions received the attention of those present. More than one notice of motion read proved that the meeting held at Huron College on the Tuesday evening had borne fruit, and several delegates stated their intention of working both in their branches and parishes, for Huron College. Mrs. Boomer in a short address, that stirred them still more, emphasized all that had been said on Tuesday evening relative to the efficiency of the College and its claims on the Diocese as being the school from which most of the Diocesan clergy and many devoted Missionaries had gone forth, and announced her hope of maturing a plan already conceived and which had the Bishop's heartiest sanction of forming a band of contingent helpers to assist in maintaining the College in all its efficiency. At the close of the meeting the Diocesan officers and Conveners of Committees were invited by the Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin to lunch at Bishopstowe to meet the Bishop of Moosonee and Mrs. Newnham. A very pleasant feature of this, Huron's 8th annual meeting, was the presence and the helpful words and counsels of Miss Montizambert, the General Corresponding Secretary. Another life member was added to the roll, Mrs. Craig, of Petrolia, made a Life Member by her branch in loving memory of her young daughter so early entered into rest. Everything passed off in the happiest manner, and