

News from the Home Field.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

B. H. M.

General Purposes.—Interest Leaver legacy, per Geo. Campbell, Esq., \$177.50; Tangier, per Rev. E. H. Hall, \$30.00.

Superannuation Fund.—Rawdon, per Rev. W. J. Ancient, \$4.20.

W. and O. Fund.—Sackville, per Rev. W. Ellis, \$1.50.

B. D. M.

Algoma Bishopric Fund.—Offertory Christ Church, Amherst, \$15.50; Sunday School, do., \$7.00; Gertie Townshend (money found in the street), .50, all per Rev. V. E. Harris.

B. F. M.

Truro, per W. H. Tremaine, Esq., \$16.00.

HALIFAX.—*Ordinations.*—On Sunday an ordination was held in St. Mark's Church, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese admitted to the Order of Deacon Mr. N. R. Raven, of King's College, and Mr. W. C. Wilson, of the CHURCH GUARDIAN office; and gave Priest's Orders to the Revds. J. Arnold, Guysboro' Co., and J. Spencer, of Harrietsfield, Halifax Co. Mr. Wilson read the Gospel. Mr. Raven goes as assistant to Dr. White at Shelburne, and Mr. Wilson assists Mr. Winterbourne at St. Mark's, Halifax, and has charge of the North-West Arm Mission.

St. George's.—The Bishop held a Confirmation in this church on Thursday evening last, when 41 candidates received the Laying on of Hands, and three Lay Readers—viz., Mr. S. H. Shreve, merchant, Mr. J. J. Hunt, barrister, and Capt. Crockett, retired shipmaster, were formally commissioned for special work. This may be said to be, in part, the results of the recent Mission. Mr. Partridge expects to have a much larger class prepared for another Episcopal visit at Easter.

Presentation.—The Head Master of the Halifax High School, the Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, on Thursday afternoon, was presented with an address, signed by all the boys, some sixty in number, and a testimonial in the shape of a silver and glass fruit piece, including on one stand a fruit dish, cream jug and sugar bowl, which are of pure coloured Bohemian glass, glass ladle and spoons.

ORGAN FUND ST. MATTHIAS' MISSION HOUSE.—The Treasurer begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following additional subscriptions in aid of the above fund:—Collected by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Boutillier—From Miss Westhaver, \$1; G. P. Boutillier, \$2; E. N. Boutillier, .50; Miss Boutillier, \$1; Mrs. Rudder, .25; Mrs. E. Boutillier, .25; Mrs. L. Bean, .25; Z. E. C., .50; Mr. Silver, \$1; Q. M., .25; D. Cook, .25; Mr. Gouge, \$1.10; Mr. Garrison, \$1; W. J. Stuart, \$1; A. E. Gunning, \$1; Mrs. B. Beatty, .50; Miss Collins, .50; A. Friend, \$2. Total, \$14.35. Previously acknowledged, \$57.73. Grand total, \$72.08. Balance still due, \$21.92.

LOCKPORT MISSION.—On the eve of All Saints, the missionary accompanied by the Lockport choir and friends met the Green Harbour congregation at the new Church site for the purpose of laying the corner stone. Dr. White, Rector of Shelburne, and our esteemed Rural Dean who has always taken a lively interest in Lockport Mission was to have performed the ceremony, but owing to other engagements he was unable to attend and the pleasure devolved upon our esteemed councillor and county warden, Jacob Locke, Esq., of Lockport. Since then the work has made steady progress, the residents without almost and exception giving and promising work. Almost half an acre of land studded with oak, birch and maple trees was given by Uriah Williams of

Green Harbour, and the lumber was brought from Jordan Falls by the inhabitants, part in a small schooner and part by teams. The women not to be outdone by the men determined to earn what they could by means of a tea meeting which came off on Dec. the 5th, when over one hundred and forty one dollars (\$141.38) were added to the building fund. It is only due to the ladies of whom Mrs. Uriah Loyd, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. R. Hiltz, and Mrs. Ed. Young were chief, to say that the magnificent sum realized is a proof of their unwearied efforts and zeal as well as of the good will of the community at large. The fine weather has encouraged us to proceed with the work in hopes that the outside will be finished by Christmas and that by Easter we shall be able to open it for service. A beautiful altar cloth, altar linen, and surplice are on their way from England, a gift from a clergyman's wife in London, and the missionary would take this opportunity of asking kind friends in Nova Scotia to help us to furnish the Church with font, communion plate and chancel furniture. Any help will be gladly received and acknowledged.

DARTMOUTH.—In these days a great deal is said about charity and of giving as an act of religious worship. Here is a case which deserves the real sympathy of all true Churchmen:—"During the gale in August last, Mr. James Slaughenwhite and family of Terence Bay, were thrown into deep mourning by the loss of their two sons, Obed and Everard, and Warren Smith, their son-in-law together with their new vessel on which there was a debt of \$1000, which debt has to be paid by Mr. James Slaughenwhite. He asserts that the effort to do so will well nigh ruin him financially. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughenwhite are communicants of the Church, and, it may be added, good consistent members. Now, it is written, "When one member suffers all the other members suffer with it," and "Bear ye one another's burdens." What a relief it would be to these deserving people at this happy season, when we commemorate the Birth of Him who brought peace, love and good will to man, if they could be relieved of their financial burden, seeing that we cannot return to them their lost ones. Would not the Saviour look with an eye of approval upon those members of the same family, the Church, who heaped by their contributions to gladden their hearts a little, or at least to help them bear their great loss. Any contributions sent to Rev. W. L. Currie, Dartmouth, will be duly forwarded to James Slaughenwhite. I have had much pleasure in sending \$10 which has been acknowledged by them with grateful thanks.—*Com.*

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—The teachers and scholars of St. Mary's Sunday School presented the Rev. O. S. Newnham, on the eve of his departure for Hampton with an address and a handsome fur coat. Mr. Newnham replied in a very feeling speech. The Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong eulogized Mr. Newnham, speaking in the warmest terms of his personal worth, and of the successful work at St. Mary's. On Wednesday evening, the choir presented Mr. Newnham with a silver ice pitcher and an address. The young men of the Church also presented the Rev. gentleman with a pair of seal fur mitts. Mr. Newnham will be much missed by the congregation, who have learned to respect him very highly for his work's sake.

The Church of England Institute has adopted a scheme of Religious Instruction, to cover the three winter months, to be given in their rooms on Sunday afternoons to young men only. This movement has been undertaken as a means of getting hold of that large class of men, both young and old, who are beyond the reach of Sunday schools, and, except from the pulpit, out of the reach of definite teaching. The list of subjects which follows gives a clear idea of the proposed instruction, and it may be noted that while

primarily for members of our church, all seekers after the truth are invited. The following comprise the list of subjects and persons by whom they will be taken. Jan. 6th, GOD, His personal and attributes, Canon Brigstocke; Jan. 13th, Holy Scripture, why should I believe it? Rev. T. E. Dowling; Jan. 20th, Holy Scripture, How should I read it? Rev. G. O. Troop; Jan. 27th, Personality of Satan, Canon DeVeber; Feb. 3rd, Christ, the Redeemer, Rev. F. S. Sill; Feb. 10th, The Christian's faith, Rev. L. G. Stevens; Feb. 17th, The Christian's life the work of the Holy Ghost, Rev. G. M. Armstrong; Feb. 24th, The sin of unbelief, Rev. F. S. Sill; March, 2nd, Why am I a Christian? Canon DeVeber; March, 9th, Why should I pray? Rev. G. M. Armstrong; March 16th, Why should I observe the Lord's Day? Rev. G. O. Troop; March 23rd, The Holy Catholic Church, Canon Brigstocke; March 30th, The resurrection of the body, Rev. O. S. Newnham. Each instruction will commence at 3.30 p. m., and will occupy one hour. All young men in the city and Portland are very earnestly invited to attend, and will be heartily welcome. Such a course of instruction cannot fail to be productive of very much good, and the scheme might well be imitated in other places.

MONCTON.—The ladies of St. George's Church had made extensive preparations for their Christmas sale of useful and fancy goods, etc., which was held in the school room adjoining the Church last week. The sale was not, however, as well patronized as it should have been, and only a fairly good amount was obtained.

FREDERICTON.—We regret much to record the death of Murray Straton, son of the respected Clerk of the Executive Council. The deceased was a young man of excellent ability, and made a good course at school and college, but during the last few years he has been suffering from the illness which has finally carried him off at the early age of twenty-seven. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.—*Capital.*

The collection at the Cathedral, on a recent Sunday, for Foreign Missions, amounted to \$158.

We extract the following from an English paper:—"The congregation and the parishioners of St. Andrew's, Wells street, celebrated their dedication festival on St. Andrew's Day, with the usual solemnities. On the day itself there were celebrations at six, seven, eight, and eleven, the second and fourth being both choral. The parochial schools and Sunday schools were entertained at tea, at 3 p. m., in St. Andrew's Hall, Newman street, 200 of the infants having tea separately in their own schoolroom. The prizes were distributed to the children by the chairman of the festival, Bishop Kingdon, Coadjutor of Fredericton (who was for many years senior curate of St. Andrew's), accompanied by the vicar and churchwardens. At 5 p. m., solemn Evensong was sung in the densely crowded church; and afterwards a second tea-party was given to the confraternities of the parish, the aged communicants, and the Mission women, which was followed by a vocal concert given by the gentlemen and children of the choir. At nine a supper was provided for the clergy and lay-helpers of the parish at the Marlborough-rooms, Regent street. Bishop Kingdon presided, and about 186 guests sat down.

CHATHAM.—The third of a highly popular and successful evening entertainments will probably be held on Thursday evening, the 27th inst., in St. Mary's Sunday School Room. On the last occasion the building was filled with a very appreciative audience, and the proceeds amounted to \$17.50, in aid of the Sunday School Library Fund. The talented performers received much deserved commendation.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

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