

News from the Home-Field.

Diocese of Nova Scotia.

LOWER STEWIACKE

The services in this parish for Easter Sunday began with the opening of the new Church at Shubenacadie, which is a beautiful little edifice built in Gothic style, and capable of seating two hundred people. Its erection is largely due to efforts of the Incumbent Rev. J. E. Warner who has worked with untiring energy and zeal, and the liberal responses of the people and increased congregations show that he is appreciated. Before a year elapses since the building was begun it will be finished and clear of debt. At Matins it was packed to the door, people coming from all parts of the mission; some were not able to get inside. Prayers were read by Rev. J. E. Warner. The choir under the able management of R. M. Holesworth rendered the music in a way which bespoke careful training, and made the Church Service seem more beautiful than ever.

The Rev. J. O. Ruggles from Halifax preached giving at the close of his sermon some extracts from Church History, short and pointed, which were very appropriate and invited all to come to the most solemn of the Church's Services, the Holy Communion. Services were also held at St. Georges and Holy Trinity during the day. The floral decorations in all the churches were very handsome and the services very much enjoyed, one hundred partaking of Holy Communion.

The Offertory for all church purposes taken during the day was forty-three dollars.

Diocese of Fredericton.

DEANERY OF SHEDIAC.

A meeting of this chapter was held at Moncton on the 23rd ult. There were present Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rural Dean, in the chair, and Revs. R. Simonds, C. F. Wiggins, C. E. Mackenzie, and E. B. Hoope the rector. Letters were read from Revs. D. M. Bliss, and V. E. Harris regretting inability to attend. After the reading of Romans ii, in the original and discussion thereon, a paper was read by Rev. E. B. Hoope upon some aspects of the priest in his parish, dealing with parish visitation, relations with dissenting ministers, and social duties. Comments and experiences were then given by each in turn, and Mr. Hoope was requested to continue his very suggestive paper at next meeting.

In the evening a service largely attended was held in St. George's Church, Rev. C. F. Wiggins taking the prayers and Rev. R. Simonds, the lessons.

Addresses upon the needs of the Diocese then followed. Rev. C. E. Mackenzie spoke upon upon the general duty of supporting diocesan missions. Rev. J. Roy Campbell, B.D., locally applied that duty, referring to the aid Moncton had received in its infancy as a parish. He congratulated them upon the sensible and manly stand taken by their young Rector upon temperance and other social questions, and upon the harmony and prosperity which now existed in the parish.

The feature of the evening was the address of

Hon. D. L. Hanington, who spoke ably and wisely from a layman's standpoint upon the support due the Church and her clergy. The honorable gentleman is one who knows whereof he speaks, having been for over 20 years a foremost figure not only in political circles (his name being now mentioned in connection with a vacant judgeship), but also in ecclesiastical movements. He has taken an important part in Synod, and has contributed liberally towards the work of the Church both local and diocesan, has been superintendent of the Sunday School at Dorchester for many years, and takes a generous interest in the S. S. of his native parish of Shediac. Happy is the Church that can train many such laymen. The collection for a new mission at Vanceboro amounted to the goodly sum of \$18.00.

The chapter departed highly pleased with the prospects and hospitality of the congregation of St. George's.

SUSSEX.

HOLY TRINITY.—The rector (Rev. Henry W. Little,) has held special services during Lent, and has given devotional readings upon seasonable topics. The attendance during Holy Week, when there were daily services, with meditations, was very good. On Easter day the musical portions of the services were beautifully rendered by the well-known choir of this church. The anthem was "He is Risen." The total number of communicants was the largest on record. The centenary of this parish will be kept in August next.

ST. MARTIN'S, N. B.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—The lenten services have been very well attended in the parish. The rector, Rev. Wm. L. B. McKiel, gave an address every Wednesday and Friday evening. On Wednesdays the subject was God's *judgements*. On Fridays God's *mercies*, namely on: Wednesday—1, The judgement upon Adam and Eve after the fall; 2, The Deluge; 3, The Deluge; 4, Babel; 5, Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; 6, The destruction of Jerusalem and the future judgment. Friday—1, The promise of the Redeemer. The seed of the woman shall bruise, &c.; 2, The Saving of Noah and his family in the Ark; 3, Noah's Ark a type of the Church, and the waters of Noah of Holy Baptism, &c.; 4, Pentecost; 5, The Saving of Lot; 6, The redemption of the human family by the sacrifice and death of Christ. The Easter services were bright and hearty—bright with the glorious theme with fresh flowers and new music well rendered, hearty on the part of the worshippers who took part in the services.

The anthem sung at evensong was "Why Seek Ye the living among the dead?" The Easter Monday meeting showed that the financial condition of the church is good, there being an increase in the offertory collections in church of \$41.89 over the previous year.

Diocese of Quebec.

THE LATE BISHOP OF QUEBEC.—The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec convened by Archdeacon immediately prior to the funeral of the late Bishop.

Moved by the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Seconded by Canon Von Inland and resolved: "That the following be adopted as a resolution of the clergymen assembled; and that a copy thereof be sent to the Rev. Lennox Williams and also communicated to the press.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec assembled for the burial of their revered and beloved Bishop, cannot separate without giving some expression to their sense of the loss which the Church has sustained, nor without conveying to Mrs. Williams and the Rev. Lennox Williams the assurance of the heartfelt sympathy of the Clergy with them in their great sorrow, and of their prayers that they may be supported and in time comforted under it.

The sudden and unlooked for removal of our beloved Bishop from among us in the full vigour of his great mental powers and in the fullest exercise of his moral and spiritual influence is to all human appearance a serious blow to the Diocese and to the whole Church.

The influence of the Bishop for good was many-sided. In his wisdom, soundness of judgment and never-swerving fairness every one had absolute confidence. In love and kindness and goodness he was the father of all in his Diocese, and may be truly said to have carried the keys to all their hearts at his girdle. But by his clergy will his loss be most deeply and lastingly felt. The completeness of his sympathy with them in all labours and trials evoked an equally complete trust and affection on their part, and their sense of that sympathy was to them a comfort and support beyond expression. The fruits of his life-work are seen all around. From the six years of his educational work at Lennoxville a great band of ardent young minds received impressions of goodness and truth and honour never to be effaced.

The happy results of his twenty-nine years of labour as a Bishop in the Church of God are too large to be more than alluded to here.

They are seen in the quietness and peace and brotherly love which characterize his Diocese, and in the healthy development and progress of the Church in all directions.

The clergy venture to hope that their placing on record here these proofs of God's blessing on the life-work of their revered Bishop will be a comfort to those dear to him, now so surely bereaved, as well as a satisfaction to the whole Diocese under the present distress.

RICHMOND.

The late Bishop Williams, of Quebec, having been personally well known here for many years, a memorial service was held in St. Ann's Church on Sunday morning, 25th April ult. The altar, chancel, pulpit and lectern were draped in black, and on the lectern were calla lilies and other white flowers. The musical portion of the service (which was most solemn and impressive) was conducted by the competent organist, Mr. G. H. Aylmer Brooke. The Rector, Rev. J. Hepburn, preached the sermon, taking for his text the words "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." He said that that image of strength and power which the king of Israel had applied to the departing prophet Elisha, would readily appear to his hearers as applicable to the late Bishop. His taking away might almost seem as the taking away of the strength and power of the diocese, so great had been his influence during the twenty-nine years that he had been its head. The thought that rose in everybody's mind was "where would we find such another—so great, so just and so helpful to all?" Mr. Hepburn said he could speak of his personal characteristics from a long and intimate knowledge. He had first known him at Lennoxville school, when the Bishop was its headmaster. The relationship of master and pupil had only lasted four months, but they were most valuable and precious months to him, a poor lad from the country. The master was not only the best of teachers, but as encouraging and trustful as a father. For twenty-two years he had been under him as a