

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LOCKEPORT.—The ladies of the Sewing Circle in connection with the Church of the Holy Cross, Lockeport, had a sale of articles gathered by Rev. S. Gibbons in England. The proceeds, about \$85, were added to the Rectory fund to which the Rector added \$550 (five hundred and fifty dollars), from moneys gathered in England.

Green Harbour—Lockeport Mission—During the absence of the Rector in England, a few members of the congregation held a concert and supper to put a new fence around the Graveyard;—\$15 were raised, a proof the love of the poor to their Church.

On January 5, a sale of work was held in the School-house here by the Sewing Circle in connection with St. Peter's Church, where \$30 65 paid off the last amount due upon their Church.

It is hoped that the new Church at Jordan Falls will be used for divine service within 3 weeks time. The old one is very, very cold.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Cheering accounts come from President Brock, of King's College, as to the way in which he has been received in the United States, where he is endeavouring to collect money towards the King's College Endowment Fund. His way has been smoothed for him, and much valuable assistance furnished by Rev. Dr. Winslow, of Boston, who with President Barnard, of Columbia, (formerly King's) College, New York, received the degree of D. C. L. at the Encœnia in June last.—*Critic.*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CLERICAL ASSOCIATION OF P. E. I.—A very successful and profitable series of meetings were held in the parish of Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, Alberton; on Jan. 2nd, 3rd and 4th. St. Peter's Church was tastefully trimmed for Christmas and good congregations gathered in it, in spite of the severity of the weather. On each evening, after prayers said by the visiting clergy, pointed and stirring addresses were given by them in turn. The following is the list of subjects and speakers:—

Monday, Rev. H. Harper, of Port Hill, "The Church, its origin and objects"; Rev. T. W. Johnstone, Crapaud, "Support of D.C.S. and other Mission work"; Rev. James Simpson, Charlottetown, "Sketch of Rev. W. Compton's Life"; Rev. C. F. Love, Summerside, "Prayer, public and extempore"; Rev. S. W. Jones, Charlottetown, "Duty and benefit of receiving Holy Communion."

Tuesday—Rev. T. W. Johnstone, "Repentance"; Rev. C. F. Love, "Faith"; Rev. H. Harper, "Worship"; Rev. J. Simpson, "The Bible, how preserved and how to read it"; Rev. S. W. Jones, "Duty of people to pastor."

Wednesday—Rev. W. Johnstone, "A talk to parents"; Rev. C. F. Love, "A talk to young men"; Rev. H. Harper, "A parting talk to all. Where all the speaking was so good it is needless to particularize.

On Tuesday at 9 a.m., Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Johnstone, assisted by Rev. Mr. Jones, at which all the clergy and a good number of the laity received. At 11 a.m. after Matins, a capital sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Simpson, from Daniel v. 27, in which he pointed out that unless we be watchful and active in resisting the enemies of false doctrine, heresy and schism that are sweeping towards the gates of the Church, the doom of Babel-hazzar may be written against us. In the afternoon an important business meeting was held, the chair being taken by Rev. T. W. Johnstone, President. Much regret was felt at the absence of Revs. T. B. Reagh and W. H. Sampson by reason of sickness.

On Wednesday afternoon a meeting was held at the new Church of the Trinity, Alma, which

was addressed by the Rector and Rev. Messrs. Harper, Love and Johnstone. An attempt was made to reach the same place on Thursday last, but the blinding snowstorm compelled all to return.

On Friday night, the last of the series was held in the new Church at O'Leary, which was crowded with worshippers who were deeply moved by the powerful and practical addresses of Revs. T. Johnstone and C. F. Love.

On Wednesday evening a conference was held by the clergy remaining for mutual counsel regarding the best methods of promoting the spiritual welfare of those committed to them. The responses were good throughout and the singing excellent, thanks to the musical abilities of Miss Bartlett who kindly acts as organist. The offertories amounting to \$7, go towards Zenana Missions in India, in which this parish is specially interested, as a sister of the organist and of the Sunday school leader is laboring in the good cause there.

Altogether, both clergy and people are much benefitted by these services. And we "thank God and take courage" as we see the Church in P. E. Island once more awake and united, and going forward to fulfil the great destiny for which under God she is capable.

CRAPAUD.—We regret to learn that the Rev. T. W. Johnstone has been obliged to take a rest from ill health. His people have kindly given him leave of absence for 3 months in the States. Mr. J. M. Forbes, Lay-reader, is now taking the services in Crapaud and Springfield with much acceptance.

ALBERTON.—A very enjoyable entertainment was given here on Dec. 29th, consisting of readings, charades, carols, glees, and instrumental music, &c. The sum of \$27 was realized towards an organ for the new Church at O'Leary. The Rector has lately moved into the parsonage, which has been newly painted and papered all through, and is having a new kitchen and front window added.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—In consequence of an appeal from Algoma, by its Bishop, the Woman's Auxiliary of Sherbrooke, gave \$50 at their last session. The urgency of the Bishop's need is so great, that we hope other Churches will come forward to help. The appeal states that \$1 700 are lacking to make up the clergy stipend for Dec. 31, 1887, and as the Church in Canada has called forth this diocese, it is upon the Canadian church that the responsibility must rest for its maintenance. Other Christian bodies are working more liberally, and in consequence absorbing many of our own people

who, for lack of their own service, have to accept what falls immediately to their hand.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

COLLECTIONS and subscriptions received at the Synod Office in the month of December:

For the Mission Fund:—South Stukely, \$6 60; Portage du Fort, \$5; Bo-cobel, \$8 10; Abbotford, \$8 69; Lachute, \$8 95; Lakefield, \$5 95; Dunany, \$1 51; Shrewsbury, 7.19; Mille Isles, \$6.25; Morin, \$2 60; Alleyne, \$1; Papineauville, \$1.34; St. Amodeo, \$2 06; Monte Bello, \$13 70; West Farnham, \$12 47; East Farnham, \$3; Hardley, \$3 90; Mrs. Allan, St. Vincent de Paul, \$3; Clarendon, (Rev. J. P. Morton), \$33.

For Algoma Bishopric:—Danham, on acct. \$4 67; Abbotford, \$5.44; Sorol, \$12; Lachine, \$8; St. Martin's, \$20; Trinity, \$18; West Farnham, \$6; Brome, \$6.

For City Missionary Fund:—St. Stephens, \$25.

For Widows and Orphans' Fund:—Waterloo,

\$4 90; Warden, 47 cents; Canon Empson, \$5; Canon Mussen, \$5; Rev. J. Allan, \$5.

FARNHAM.—The Christmas services in this parish were particularly bright and interesting. The Church was nicely trimmed, and the chants and anthems rendered by the choir indicated careful and lengthy practice. The offertory was presented to the Rector, Canon Mussen, and this together with a special purse for Mrs Mussen, in recognition of her services as organist amounting to \$80.

The Christmas tree was held at the Town Hall on Monday following, and was so loaded with presents that a large table had to be used to hold the balance. The Sunday school children rendered a number of carols which with recitations and instrumental music completed the programme.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

CARP AND HUNTLEY.—On Wednesday evening, preceding Christmas day, a deputation consisting of Mrs. Wm. Barton and Miss Owens, representing members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Huntley, and Mrs. Robert Rivington and Miss Lilla Little, who were chosen to represent the members of the Carp village congregation, called on Mrs. Scudamore, the wife of the Incumbent, and after a short period of social conversation, Mrs. Robert Rivington read an address, expressing the affectionate esteem in which she was held by the parishioners, and their sympathy with her in the trials through which she had passed, and assuming her that her rapid recovery towards convalescence afforded genuine pleasure to the deputation and to all whom they represented, and gave rise to the hope that the joys and loving attentions of Christmas, 1887, will tend largely under God's blessing to a speedy attainment of her accustomed good health; expressing the hope that she and her husband might long be spared to work in their midst as God's chosen servants with happiness to themselves and evident profit to the parishioners.

With scarcely repressed tears, Mrs. Scudamore could only tell in the briefest reply her thankfulness for the kindness which had been shown so delicately and suddenly. An appropriate response was also made by the Incumbent.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COOKSTOWN.—The Rev. W. H. A. French, Incumbent of this Mission, was the recipient of an address and a substantial Christmas box from the choir on Christmas Eve.

RUNNYMEDE.—The Rev. Arthur C. Miles, B. A., Incumbent of Wycliffe Church, Elmvale, has been appointed to the new parish of Runnymede.

LINDSAY.—The Rev. C. H. Marsh is becoming settled in Lindsay, and his work appears to be prospering. The Sunday school occupied their new building on New Year's Day; it will seat about three hundred. On Sunday, 8th inst., the collection in St. Paul's Church, for Foreign Missions, amounted to \$30—\$25 being a gift from outside—\$70 of which was appropriated to sending the Rev. J. Cooper Robinson to Japan.

TORONTO.—The opening of the Toronto Church School for Boys took place on Monday morning, January 9th, in the building which has been rented temporarily on the corner of St. Joseph and St. Vincent streets. Among those present were noticed the Bishop of Toronto, Hon. Mr. Justice Osler, Rev. Rural Dean Langtry, Mr. Clarkson Jones, Mr. Allan MacDougall, Mr. W. H. Lockhart Gordon, and others. The Bishop explained to those present the circumstances under which the new school was starting, and stated that it was the inten-