

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—A tea-meeting and fancy sale of fancy and useful articles was held at Louisburg on the first and second of this month for the purpose of raising money to pay off the debt upon our church, which amounts to about \$262. The fine weather, an event which cannot be counted upon at this time of the year, brought quite a goodly number of people from the other parts of the Mission, and tended to make everything a success. Considering the very short time given by our pastor to his people in order to prepare the requirements necessary for such a meeting, the good people of Louisburg deserve the greatest amount of praise for the hearty and willing manner in which they responded to their pastor's call. Men and women worked with a will which showed that there was a deep love for their church in their hearts and an eager desire to have the House of God free from debt. Nor did their labours go for nought, for the handsome sum of \$200 was realized, clear of all expenses. This leaves now a debt of \$62, which we hope to pay off (unless there may be some kind friend who, for the love of God and His poorer brethren, will do it for us) before the arrival of our Bishop, whom we expect this summer, so that it may be consecrated and set apart wholly for the worship of Almighty God. For the manner in which our pastor worked to make everything a success, for his forethought in choosing a time when all his parishioners were at home to have a tea-meeting, for the hearty and loving manner in which he was seconded by his parishioners, and especially by the committee, which consisted of Mrs. T. Townsend, Mrs. E. Cann, Mrs. J. Cann, Mrs. H. LeVatte, and the Misses Townsend and Tutty, too much praise cannot be given. The interest taken in this one augurs well for the future if ever another is taken in hand. While giving the above account, perhaps a brief sketch of what has been done here within the past six months may not be out of place. On the 1st of August of last year the Rev. Mr. Draper took charge of this Mission, which had become vacant by the resignation of the Rev. C. W. McCully. He (Mr. Draper) came here under very unfavourable circumstances. The S. P. G. grant of \$250 had just been withdrawn, leaving the Mission as regards money matters in an impoverished state. There was nothing for him to depend upon, except a grant from the Church Endowment Fund and whatever sum the people might choose to subscribe. Up to the middle of November he worked on faithfully, performing all his duties on foot; but the travelling becoming bad, his salary, as regards the subscription from the people, being so very small, brought matters to a crisis. One Sunday morn he took the opportunity of speaking to the people in plain terms concerning the financial state of the Mission, and said that unless something better than heretofore could be done, he would have to leave, and in all probability the Mission would be closed. At last the people who had been so long slumbering awoke. The thought that their church would be closed, and themselves deprived of the services of a clergyman perhaps for years, stirred up their love for their church and stimulated them to greater exertions. A new subscription list was opened, and a sum much larger than that on the former one was subscribed. Besides this the people presented him with a purse of \$44 towards the purchase of a horse, and have also liberally subscribed toward the purchase of a carpet for the chancel of the church. Throughout Advent we had daily services, which were well attended, and now notice was given last Sunday that throughout Lent daily service would be held in the three parts of the Mission. From what I can learn I believe that a "Sewing Circle" and a "Mite" Society are soon to be started, the proceeds of the latter are to go towards the restoration of the middle light of the east window, which was blown out.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Institute.—The Annual Meeting of Members for receiving the Treasurer's Accounts and the Report of the Coun-

cil, and for election of officers, will be held at the Rooms, on Tuesday, 27th inst., at 8 p. m. A full attendance is particularly requested.—W. M. BROWN, Secretary.

LOWER STEWIACKE.—The Rev. J. C. Cox has received from his parishioners several loads of wood gratis. Also, a day's hauling of marsh mud, at which there were thirteen teams belonging to both Church people and Presbyterian. Lenten Services are being held in the Mission, and an earnest Christian feeling is being manifested.

SACKVILLE.—Mr. G. Thompson, presented Rev. W. Ellis, the Rector of this Parish, with \$10, as a New Year's gift from the congregation at Waverley.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. Clement Richardson, A. M., T. C. D., of North Shefford and Warden in the Diocese of Montreal, has received an unanimous call to the Rectory of St. Eleanor's and Summerside. Mr. Richardson has undertaken this cure, and will enter on his new duties immediately after Easter.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

THE Ruri-decanal Chapter of Chatham met at Paie du Vin, on the 30th ult., and two following days. The Chapter had three Sessions for business and mutual improvement, at which, in addition to the usual chapter in Greek, a Psalm was also read in the Hebrew, and analyzed. The Dean read a paper on "Holy Matrimony," and several Resolutions of a practical nature were passed. A memorial from the Deanery of Kingston was presented by the Dean, asking the several Deaneries to take concerted action in requesting D. C. S. to grant Ruri-decanal representation on the Board of Home Missions. After some discussion, it was unanimously Resolved, that "Whereas, the expense and difficulties of attending the meetings of the Board from a distance are considerable; and whereas, the end desired may be as easily gained by recommendation to the Board from time to time by the Deaneries interested, it is not thought advisable to seek any change in the composition of the Board at present. The fact that the Parish of Weldford is and has been for several months without regular Services was taken into consideration, and the following Resolution passed.—"That arrangements be made, if possible, the Bishop consenting, with the Wardens of the Parish of Weldford, whereby monthly Services may be held there during the vacancy by the members of the Deanery in turn, such turns to be arranged by the Dean. The Public Services in the Parish Church consisted of Holy Communion every morning at 8 o'clock, and Services every evening at 7.30. On Tuesday, the sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, from 1 Cor. iv., 1, 2—"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." On Wednesday, instead of a sermon, addresses were delivered by Revs. D. Forsyth and E. P. Flewelling, the former on "The best way to instruct people in the life and work of the Church," and the latter on "The relation between the Parish and D. C. S." On Thursday, Rev. A. F. Hiltz preached, taking his text from 1 Tim. iii., 15—"The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." A very encouraging feature of these Services was, that the interest in them was sustained throughout, and even heightened, the congregations increasing until the last, which was by far the largest. On Friday, the festival of the Purification, the brethren all assembled around the Lord's Table, at 8 o'clock, to partake once more before parting of the tokens of the Saviour's love, and after breakfast, separated for their respective parishes. Thus ended a very happy and profitable re-union, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Rector, Rev. Wm. J. Wilkinson, is to be congratulated on the manifest interest taken by his flock in the work that he is carrying on among them, among the evidences of which may be reckoned as by no means the least the new Rectory barely completed, and now well nigh paid for. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held (D.V.) at Bathurst, June 4th next.

MUSQUASH.—On January 31st, a Service was held at St. Thomas' Church, Dipper Harbour, in the Parish of Musquash, when the Rev. J. M. Davenport addressed the people very earnestly on the subject, "I am the bread of life." There was a large congregation present, and much interest was manifested in the adornment of the Church, by putting up a new altar and dossal, etc. The altar was made at Sussex Vale, by Mr. Coss, and is of black ash, 6 feet long, and 40 inches high; under the superfrontal, in the centre panel, is an ornamental cross, and in the two side panels the rose and lily; these are neatly carved and coloured as walnut. On the retable in the centre of the cross is painted the Lamb resting on the book with seven seals; bunches of grapes and wheat adorn the lower part of the cross. On the dossal is worked a dove with yellow rays spreading out; above it is the text "I am the bread of life," beautifully painted. The material of the dossal, superfrontal, covering for the altar and retable, is of fine crimson cloth, this, as well as the work, was in part the gift of the Guild of St. Monica, in connection with St. John Baptist Mission Chapel in the city of St. John. The cross was presented by Mr. Thurgar. Other friends of St. John assisted in purchasing the altar. The Rector of the Parish, Rev. H. M. Spike, is much encouraged by his parishioners in these improvements to beautify the House of God.

WOODSTOCK.—Consecration of St. Luke's Church.—The Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple was indeed a festal day for the Rector of Woodstock and his parishioners. It witnessed the fulfilment of hopes long deferred, and the consummation of much persevering and self-denying effort, in the consecration of their new Church. The "fiery trial" through which they passed on the 11th of November, 1881, is still fresh in all our memories. Almost in an hour they had seen reduced to ashes their old Church with its excellent organ, their new Church which was externally completed, their Sunday School building close adjoining, and the home of the Rev. Mr. Neales, with all his valuable furniture and books and papers. Little more than a year has passed, and again the House of God crowns the commanding site on which our Church had stood for nearly half a century, and another but for a few brief weeks. The new edifice, both within and without, bears ample testimony not only to the taste and judgment of those who selected the plans and of those who prepared them, but, what is better still, to the devout and reverent spirit which has wrought in all things first for the glory of Almighty God, and also to the loving zeal which has freely offered of its best. The style of architecture is 13th century Gothic. The exterior presents a thoroughly attractive and ecclesiastical appearance, shewing a clerestory, a quaint porch, and a fine tower and spire. The interior produce a very striking and harmonious effect, the chancel and sanctuary having a good elevation, rising by nine steps from nave to altar, the stained glass windows admitting an abundance of mellowed light, and the wood-ceiled roof of aisles and nave being at once ornamented and supported by graceful open truss-work. The three-panelled reredos, having a large flower cross in the centre, added much to the appearance of the east end of the Church, and the altar, on the day of consecration, was vested with a beautiful frontal and superfrontal, which, as well as the fair linen cloths upon it, were the gift of the Church Extension Association of England. The consecration service began at 10.30 a. m., the surpliced procession leaving the vestry in the following order:—"Mr. Hooper (lay reader), the Reverends Vroom, A. V. Wiggins, Raymond, Fowler, J. P. Flewelling, Rushton, Hoyt, Roberts, Canon Ketchum, the Rector, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Metropolitan. At the porch they were met by the Church-wardens, Messrs. J. D. Ketchum and W. F. Dibblee, the latter of whom read the petition for consecration. The consecration service then proceeded as usual, followed by morning prayer and ante communion, the Metropolitan preaching on St. Luke ii. 22, and applying the teachings of the Festival to the special occasion in a forcible and impressive manner. At the Holy Eucharist the Bishop Coadjutor was Celebrant, and about ninety communicated. At the close of