

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Personal.*—Rev. Richard Harrison, who has been officiating for some time past at St. Peter's, Charlottetown, left for Toronto last week.

Rev. Mr. Smyth, of Jamaica, who has been recently officiating in the United States, has arrived in Charlottetown to take charge of St. Peter's Church.

Rev. W. B. King, of the Church of the Evangelist, Boston, has been visiting his friends in Prince Edward Island, and will soon return to the States.

Rev. A. J. Townsend, Garrison Chaplain, preached in St. Paul's Church last Sunday to large congregations. The reverend gentleman leaves for his new station, Dublin, this week.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—The ladies' auxiliary of the Church of England Institute just formed, with a view to assisting in the work of obtaining a new building for the institute, and to help generally in parish work, is a progressive move towards filling a want long felt by all earnest Church workers. And the officers of the auxiliary, selected as they have been from among the best workers of the different churches of the city and Dartmouth, are a pledge that they mean business in their present move. Women belonging to the Church of England may become members of the institute, enjoy all the privileges, and join in the good work, at the low premium of one dollar per year.

DARTMOUTH.—At a meeting of the parishioners, by a close vote, it was decided to defer the election of a Rector until Easter next, and in the meantime to secure the services of some young man to act as Curate till that date. It is expected that the Rev. R. N. Raven will act as Curate of the parish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—Notwithstanding one of the severest storms of the season, there was quite an attendance of the members of the Association at the regular monthly meeting, when Rev. J. O. Crisp read a paper on the influence of Sunday School teachers. A lively discussion followed, in which the following joined:—Messrs. Lessel, Wiswell, Gabriel and Brown. Intercessory prayers for blessing on Sunday School work closed the meeting.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CLIFTON.—The new Church at Clifton was consecrated by His Lordship the Metropolitan on the 3rd inst. The Church is a very pretty structure in the Gothic style of architecture, and is very handsomely finished inside and out. It is forty-five feet in length and twenty-four in breadth, with a chancel 20x10 feet. Adjoining the chancel is the vestry, and there is also a recess for an organ. The spire is sixty-five feet in height. The interior was furnished by J. & J. D. Howe, of this city. The pews are of ash with walnut cappings and are very comfortable. The ceiling is sheathed diagonally with ash, and the roof timbers are of pine stained a black color. The windows are Gothic in design and are fitted with stained glass. With one exception all the windows were donated by descendants of the old inhabitants of the village and bear suitable inscriptions. The altar was donated by Messrs. J. & J. D. Howe, in memory of Mrs. Jane Howe. Rev. J. E. Flewelling gave the reading desk, as a memorial to his brother, Frederick N. Flewelling, and Rev. David I. Wetmore contributed the lectern. The cushions

in front of the communion table were the gift of Miss Mary Ann Wetmore. The consecration service yesterday was attended by a very large congregation. The Metropolitan was assisted by the following clergy: Rev. Canon Medley, of Sussex; Rev. G. M. Armstrong, of St. John; Rev. W. Hancock, of Rothesay; Rev. E. P. Flewelling, of Dalhousie; Rev. D. I. Wetmore, of Clifton, and Rev. W. S. Wainwright. The burial ground was first consecrated, and then the consecration of the Church took place. At the completion of this ceremony, the usual morning service was conducted. The sermon was preached by the Bishop. At the close Holy Communion was celebrated, there being a large number of communicants. Miss Mary Flewelling presided at the organ.—*Globe.*

JACKSONVILLE.—A very successful sale and supper was held in Brodrick and Tilley's Hall, Jacksonville, on Thursday, October 15th, when the sum of about \$100 was received towards the Bell Fund of St. Peter's Church. This sum was further augmented by subscriptions by members of the Church the same evening, so as to provide sufficient means to purchase the new bell at once.

WOODSTOCK.—The Mission of Woodstock comprises the greater part of the civil parishes of Woodstock and Wakefield, together with the Parish of Northampton, including an area of 140 square miles. There are three Churches (with another in course of erection) and three Mission Stations. The Mission is served by the Rector, who is assisted by a Divinity Student as Lay Reader. The Mission includes 180 families, who are in whole, or in part professed members of the Church—and number, of all ages, 828 persons; of these 183 are communicants. There is a debt still due on St. Luke's Church of \$1,600, the interest for which is provided for the present year.

PERSONAL.—The Scholars and Teachers of the Sunday-school at Canterbury Station, together with the members of the Bible class, choir and other parishioners, lately presented the Rev. J. C. Titcombe with an address, and a very handsome gilt clock, as a token of their love and esteem, and of their gratitude to him for the work he has done in their midst during the time he has had charge of the Parish.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—*St. Peter's Church.*—A Confirmation was held in this church on the 11th of October by the Lord Bishop of Quebec, at which twenty-one candidates, who had been prepared by the Rev. P. C. Read, were confirmed. The Confirmation took place immediately before the Communion service, for which the candidates remained. The Bishop made an earnest address, and the service was most impressive throughout. His Lordship preached to a large congregation in the evening. The musical part of the services were finely rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mr. William Reed, the organist. At the morning service the *Te Deum* was sung to Smart in F, and the anthem was "Send out Thy Light," by Gounod. At Evensong, Tours' evening service was sung, and the anthem was "As pants the hart," Spohr.

At the conclusion of the service an organ recital was given by Mr. Reed, C. E. T. S.

A successful meeting of our branch of the C. E. T. S. was held in the Church Hall on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8 p.m. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. P. C. Road and Mr. H. A. Elkins, and a short programme of music carried out.

The Rev. George Thornloe, who has been appointed to the Rectory of this parish, is expected to enter upon his duties on Sunday, Nov. 8th.

IRELAND.—On Thursday, October 22nd, the ladies of the Lower Ireland congregation held a tea meeting in the Church Hall, the proceeds of which were devoted to the building fund of a new church, just completed. The day preceding the event was very wet, and there seemed to be little prospect of having fair weather for the much talked-of tea meeting. Thursday morning, however, was ushered in by a bright sun and clear sky, which gave every indication of a fine day. This did not last long, for about nine o'clock the sun had withdrawn his rays, and the whole atmosphere was darkened with very suspicious looking clouds, which seemed to be waiting for a pretext to pour down the rain they contained, in the manner, described by Southey, of the waters at Ladore. It proved, however, to be but a clearing-off shower. The wind arose, the clouds were scattered, and the autumnal rays of the sun once more gladdened the hearts of all whom they could reach.

About eleven o'clock in the morning, the ladies who undertook to supply the tables began to assemble with well-filled baskets. A long table extended the whole length of the hall. This was quickly laden with the contents of some of the baskets, and looked inviting to the most fastidious. A gipsy pot was hanging outside, in which the fragrant and refreshing tea was brewed. The crackling fire and the smoke curling up through the trees, with groups of men standing about engaged in conversation on the latest subjects of interest to them, formed a most picturesque scene.

By one o'clock in the afternoon the hall was packed. When all was in readiness, the long table was surrounded by about forty people, with the incumbent of the Mission at the head. These satisfied, another forty were in readiness to do their duty in the gastronomic line. One lot followed another in regular succession, till all were made happy in the consciousness of having done their duty to the inner man. The tables cleared off, the master of ceremonies called on the several persons who contributed to the entertainment of the afternoon to favor the company with song, reading or recitation, till a very enjoyable programme was performed in a most creditable manner. Before dispersing, a vote of thanks to those who had so kindly come from a distance to aid in the entertainment was proposed and unanimously adopted.

The proceeds amounted to \$66.65, which exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine.

At seven o'clock in the evening the new church was opened with a thanksgiving service. Besides the incumbent, there were present the Revs. T. A. Chapman, M.A., of Marbleton, the architect of the church, and W. Price, of Westbury, both of whom took part in the ceremonies of the evening. The clergyman who was to preach was unable to attend, in consequence of which the incumbent gave an address on "The growing influence of Christianity, and the futility of all efforts, whether on the part of infidel or heathen, to harm it in any effective way." It was shown by numerous illustrations and examples that man has a religious nature, and through this religion flourishes and is unassailable. Ingersoll's philosophy, that "life is an orange tree laden with juicy fruit, and that we should suck the orange of our life dry, and then say to Death that it is welcome to the peel which we have done with," was declared to be untenable by the fact that few can suck the juice or drain the cup of a full and happy life.

A large number had assembled in the beautiful church, of which the congregation are justly proud. It is 66 feet by 22 feet, with open roof, the spread being held by embraces of brown ash. The windows are all stained glass, the work of J. C. Spence & Sons, Montreal, and are pronounced good. The chancel window is a triple lancet, the centre of which is a beautiful memorial window presented by the Johnson brothers in memory of their father. The fur-