

THE REV. ARTHUR W. LITTLE WRITES TO THE *Church Times*:—In your issue of May 21 you say: "We heartily wish the total invalidity of Cummins's Orders could be established, but the evidence as yet accessible does not disprove them." Permit me to call your attention to a fact not generally known, but which, it seems to me, invalidates the Cummins's Orders. Admitting that Dr. Cummins, as a deposed heretical Bishop, was capable of conferring Orders—even in spite of his lack of attention—it should be remembered that the only men on whom he laid his hands with the word of episcopal consecration, were priests already canonically deposed. The learned canonist, the Right Rev. John Williams, D.D.; LL. D., Bishop of Connecticut, maintains that it is a principal of Church law, laid down in ancient canons, that while a deposed Bishop can give Orders, a deposed priest (or deacon) cannot receive Orders. He is "*non capax ordinum*."

ST. ANDREW'S WATERSIDE MISSION.—The anniversary services of this mission were held on Monday, July 5. There was a celebration of Holy Communion in Heney the Seventh's chapel, Westminster Abbey, by kind permission of the Dean, when Canon Furse gave an address. The annual meeting was held in the afternoon in the National Society's large room, the Bishop of Gibraltar in the chair. The report stated that all the large dock parishes, with Tilbury and Gravesend in the port of London, received grants, through the incumbents, last year amounting to over £1,000. Grants had also been made to Brixham, Grimshy, Sharpness, Devonport, and Hastings. Grants to many foreign parts had been made, including Port Said, Genoa, Syra, Corfu, Constantinople, Sulina and Galatz, Odessa, Dieppe, Belise, Pernambuco, Newfoundland, Labrador, Japan, Hong Kong, Bombay, Rangoon, Aden, &c., to supplement local efforts for work amongst sailors in those ports. More funds were needed to keep up and further extend this important work amongst our sailors, emigrants, and fishermen, which this mission has carried on for twenty-two years.

CANON LIDDON ON THE SCOTCH CHURCH.—In another letter written by Dr. Liddon respecting his election to the Bishopric of Edinburgh, he says in closing: "It would be a matter of real distress to me, if it should be supposed in any quarter that I have been indifferent to the remarkable and generous confidence of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Edinburgh. No honor or blessing that has ever been vouchsafed to me in the whole course of my life has at all approached this election, considered as an expression of trust and good will on the part of my brother churchmen. They may have thought, and they would have been right in thinking, that the Church in Scotland has some attractions for me which are all her own. She has no part in the embarrassments which the unhappy legislation of 1833-34, aggravated by that of 1874 has entailed on us in England; she has theological and devotional traditions which we well might envy; and she has her action and her future—so far as it is right and reverent to say this of any Church on earth—in her own hands. It is, you will believe, from no insensibility to those blessings that I felt it right to decline the See of Edinburgh; but you would do me a great kindness if you would say as much to others who do not know me.

DEATH OF PREBENDARY DANIEL WILSON.—We deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. Prebendary Daniel Wilson, Vicar of Islington, which took place on Wednesday morning, July 14, at the Vicarage, Barnsbury Park. He had preached in the parish church the Sunday morning previous; but was taken ill on Tuesday, and the end came on the fol-

lowing day, at the ripe age of eighty-one.—*Record*.

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this Paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SPRING HILL.—At a meeting of the congregation of All Saints' Church, last week, the Rev. W. C. Wilson was formally and unanimously elected Rector of the parish. The reverend gentleman, who has been working with us for the past three weeks, at once took the chair, and proceeded to recommend that the present liabilities of the parish be fairly met and special efforts be made to pay off, or reduce, the very heavy debt which is hanging over the church. In the few weeks he had been here he had examined the accounts, and was surprised to find that debts to the amount of \$1,500 existed; \$800 were costing 8 per cent. interest, and another \$600 6 per cent. If only for the sake of saving the interest, an effort should at once be made to pay off some of the capital. The Rector then proposed a reduction in the running expenses of the church, increase of present contributions, the adoption at once of the envelope system, the ladies to work up for a bazaar, and the young ladies of the congregation to start a mite society. One other suggestion from the Rector is likely to prove profitable, viz., that the Sunday evening collections be exclusively taken for the debt, and the congregation be asked to always make a silver offering on Sunday evenings.

The Vestry then determined to meet and prepare a perfect statement of present liabilities, and embody in the proposals for the estimates the welcome suggestions of the Rector, whose evident experience in wiping out church debts will be of great service here.

There are signs of life around the church grounds. The church is being beautifully painted, and the cross which surmounts the spire has been handsomely gilded, thanks to the kind contribution of Dr. Byers and some others. Improvements in the way of painting and papering the Rectory have been made. Nor has the special work been forgotten. A card containing a list of increased number of services, and urgent appeals to prepare for the judgment to come, has been scattered broadcast over the parish. Altogether, with God's blessing, we look forward to a successful future under the present enthusiastic management.

HALIFAX.—Church of England Institute Excursion.—About two hundred excursionists availed themselves of the cheap excursion rates to Londonderry offered by the Institute management. The great distance from town and tediousness of the railway journey probably hindered many from joining the band. The good people of Londonderry had prepared a bountiful repast for four hundred people, but less than half that number were present, and although this was disappointing to the friends there—who were to have devoted the proceeds of dinner tickets, etc., to the funds of the Londonderry church—the reception they tendered the visitors was a right royal one. Dinner and tea were provided in the rink, and in a field adjoining sundry games were indulged in, the village putting on a holiday attire, the interest of which was greatly enhanced by the Acadia Mines brass band. During the day the visitors inspected the rolling mills and blasting furnaces, and expressed themselves delighted with the operations at the works, which were intelligently explained to them by C. C. Freston. Several driving parties were organized, and various points of interest visited, including a

drive to West Mines, the Amherst bridge, etc. At the latter place "the flume" and waterfall attracted much attention. Shortly after dinner the Rev. J. R. S. Parkinson, the popular Rector, met a few of the visitors in the church—a pretty and well built structure—and gave a short address on church architecture, and the history of the parish of Londonderry. The party thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

FALMOUTH.—Hantsport.—The Incumbent of this parish begs to tender his grateful thanks to those persons who subscribed to the donation presented to him in Hantsport on Sunday last.

TANGIER.—Whilst the religious life of this parish was quite active from Confirmation services on the 18th and 19th ult., it received an additional stirring by a visit in the same week from the Rev. F. R. Murray, Rector of the Cathedral Church, Halifax. The newly confirmed, the communicants, and those desirous of Communion, were called by the Rector, Rev. E. H. Ball, to communicant class at the Tangier church on Friday evening, the 23rd ult. After prayers from Bishop How's little manual, the reading of a portion of St. John vi., and the singing of a hymn, the large attendance was most earnestly addressed by Mr. Murray, and exhorted to partake of Christ in penitence, faith, love, and reverence in this Holy Sacrament. Emphasis was laid on the fact that as we have within us death through the first Adam from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, so in the Blessed Sacrament we partake of life from Christ, the fruit of the tree of life, His Cross.

Classes were also held at Spry Harbor school-house on Saturday afternoon, and St. James' Church, Spry Bay, in the evening.

At the Sunday morning celebration at Tangier at half-past seven, there were forty communicants, and upwards of fifty at Spry Bay after Matins.

Mr. Murray's sermons at Spry Bay, Gerard's Island and Tangier (the churches and school-house being filled in each case) were so warm-hearted and plain that they have given him a hold on the people's hearts, which we hope will lead him to come amongst us again.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The Board of Home Missions met on the evening of the 20th ult. Little was done beyond discussing the various cases referred to it by the General Committee. The Secretary was, however, directed to issue a circular to the Rectors and Churchwardens of the assisted parishes, to call their attention to the fact that, under the new rule of the Society, no grant will for the future be paid to any Mission where the Church buildings are not insured to half their value.—*The Chronicle*.

AMALGAMATION OF THE SYNOD AND THE D. C.S.—The *Chronicle* says:—The Committees appointed by the Synod and Church Society to take into consideration the advisability of amalgamating those two bodies met at Trinity Church school-house, St. John, on Tuesday afternoon, July 20th. After considerable discussion, a sub-committee was appointed to obtain information from other dioceses in the Dominion as to how far the amalgamation of similar bodies had been found to be successful.

COMMITTEE TO INTEREST SUNDAY-SCHOOLS IN THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS.—The Committee met on the 21st July, at the residence of the Rev. G. O. Troop, and after organizing, by electing Rev. Mr. Troop as Chairman, and Mr. Hurd Peters as Secretary, adopted the following resolutions:—

That the sum of the Sunday-School offerings be devoted to the support of a Travelling Missionary, on the understanding that he organizes