

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS DEANERY.—A meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the parish of St. Luke's, Annapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd and 4th June. Members present: Rev. P. I. Filleul, D.D., Rural Dean, J. Ambrose, D.D., H. D. de Blois, A.M. [Secretary], J. M. Withycombe, A.M., L. Maynard, A.M., D. P. Allison, A.M., and Dr. Maynard from the Avon Deanery.

Service was held in the Parish Church at 7 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. Maynard of Windsor preached a very impressive and comforting sermon from John xvi. 18 v. On Wednesday, the 4th, service was again held in St. Luke's Church at 11 a.m., when among other things the newly elected Rector of Annapolis, the Rev. Mr. Howe, was formally inducted, the 'Mandamus' for so doing having been issued to the following clergymen, viz., the Rev. Canon Maynard, Rev. Dean Filleul, and H. D. de Blois. The inducting Wardens were Messrs. Hugh Gillis and Richard Uniacke. The sermon, a very able and instructive one, was preached by the Rural Dean from 1 Cor. iv-7. The services were hearty and responsive, the number of communicants large, and the music, under the able direction of Professor Porter [late choir master of St. Paul's Church, Halifax], well rendered. At 2.30 p.m. the business meeting of the Chapter was opened with the prescribed form of Prayer.

It was moved and seconded that Canon Maynard of Windsor be requested to take a seat in this Chapter—passed.

The rev. gentleman then thanked the members for their kindness, and made some very appropriate remarks, referring in touching terms to his long acquaintance with Rev. Mr. Gilpin, a former Rector of Annapolis, and also with Mr. Ritchie, who after a long incumbency of thirty years had been compelled on account of increasing infirmities to resign his charge.

Short addresses on different subjects were also given by all the members present. A communication from Shelburne Deanery with regard to the qualifications of candidates for Confirmation was read, but no action taken in the absence of definite official information before the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the order of business in future be as follows: The length of sitting shall be of one hour and a half duration, to be divided thus: opening ten minutes; offices of Priest and Deacon to be read alternately; Chapter from New Testament to be read in English with Greek comments; paper to be read on subject given out at previous meeting.

The subject of employing a travelling Missionary for the Deanery was earnestly debated and strongly recommended, the ways and means alone being wanting. The subject of a paper to be read at next meeting of the Deanery by Rev. J. M. Withycombe, rector of Clements, was agreed upon, 'The state of the soul after death.'

It was moved, seconded and passed that the next meeting of the Deanery be held in the Parish of St. Paul's, Rosette, on the Tuesday and Wednesday nearest the full moon in August. The meeting then adjourned.

The Missionary meeting in the evening was well attended and interesting addresses were given by all the members of the Deanery present. The clergy were hospitably entertained by the following hosts: Canon Maynard by J. M. Owen, Esq., Rural Dean Filleul by Judge Savary, Rev. J. Ambrose by Hugh Gillis, Esq., Rev. J. M. Withycombe by Miss Ruggles, Rev. D. P. Allison by Henry Rudolf, Esq., and the Secretary, Rev. H. D. de Blois by Chester McCormick, Esq.

The Collections, amounting to \$17.20, were

devoted to the following purposes: W. & O. Fund, \$10.27; Board Home Missions, \$6.93.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SPRINGHILL MINES.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

SIR,—I very gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a particularly valuable gift of thirteen pairs of blankets from the Church Woman's Mission Aid of Toronto, obtained for us through the kind offices of Rev. Dr. Sweeney. Cottage Hospital work appeals strongly to the sympathies of the daughters of the Church, and in this marked instance the response has been very cheering. We need a large supply of good towels, and also about thirty counterpanes. There may be many ladies who would consider it a privilege to contribute these articles in the name of Him who said that 'Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these my brethren ye do it unto Me.'

I also thankfully acknowledge the receipt of \$21.49, an offertory from the Church of the Epiphany, Parkdale, Ont., per Rev. B. Bryan. Total from Canada \$767.93. Amount required \$1,000. We evidently shall not be able to begin the building this year unless some kind friends send in very generous gifts.

I remain yours truly,

W. CHAS WILSON

The Rectory, Springhill Mines, N.S., June 25th.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

SHEDIAC DEANERY.—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at Shediac on May 19th and 20th. Rev. D. M. Bliss was absent because of illness. On the evening of the 19th service was held in St. Andrew's Church, Shediac Station, the prayer being read by the Rector, Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, and being followed by very interesting and helpful addresses by Rev. J. Roy Campbell, of Dorchester, on 'The Historic Episcopate in connection with Confirmation,' and by Rev. C. F. Wiggins, of Sackville, on 'The Duty of communicating after Confirmation.' On next morning, a celebration was held in St. Martin's Church, Shediac Cape, Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Rural Dean, being the celebrant, assisted by Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, of Moncton. Rev. Mr. Hooper gave an excellent sermon on 'Union in Church work.'

After a useful business meeting the members separated to meet again in Sackville.

SHEDIAC.—On Thursday, June 18th, we were favored with a visit from the Bishop Coadjutor, and a delightful day to greet him. A class of 33 were confirmed in St. Martin's Church and two more in St. Andrew's, making 35 for the parish in all, the largest class which has been presented for 27 years. Large congregations were present at both services. On the evening previous the Rector baptized by immersion a woman who had been an adherent of the Baptist body. Besides herself two other Baptists were confirmed—three Methodist and one Presbyterian—all heads of families; there being fourteen married persons in the class.

ST. JOHN.—A large congregation attended St. John's (Stone) Church, on Sunday evening, 21st June, the occasion being a special service in commemoration of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the throne. The pulpit, lectern and galleries were draped with British flags. The music was of a very high order, the anthem being 'Zadok, the Priest,' Handel's great coronation anthem. The canticles, 'O Lord our Governor' and the 'Deus Miseratur,' were sung to chants composed for the occasion by Mr. James S. Ford. At the conclusion of the service 'God Save the Queen' was sung by the choir and congregation. The Rector, Rev. J. deSoyres, preached an eloquent sermon, taking his text from Psalm lxxi. 1: 'Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son.'

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.—The Convocation was held on the 25th June. Chancellor Heneker referred to the present position of the College and school, and to the changes which have been determined upon to the administration of both. The Ven. Archdeacon Roe, who had resigned, was replaced by the Rev. Dr. Allsatt. It had also been decided that Dr. Adams should be relieved of the Principalship of the School, confining his attention chiefly to the College proper, and Mr. H. J. Petry, an alumnus of the College who has been for several years connected with the School as Senior of the House and sub Rector, was appointed its head master. In closing his remarks the Chancellor referred to the gratifying fact that the degree of C.M.M.D. had been conferred by the Medical Faculty of the College upon the first lady Doctor of Medicine in the Province of Quebec, namely, Miss Ritchie, who had 'hailed from this township, her father having been the late well known and distinguished lawyer, Thos. W. Ritchie, Q. C.' The Lord Bishop of Quebec, President of the Corporation, and Dr. Adams also delivered addresses. The latter stated that three of their pupils had been ordained and that he considered the men sent out this year would be a credit to any college in the Empire. They had had eleven students in Divinity and twenty-six in Arts during the past year. The attendance at the School had been 105 against 62 six years ago, and it was steadily increasing. He stated that about \$7,000 was needed to complete the new school building and which he hoped would very shortly be subscribed. The Hon. J. G. Robertson, member of the local House for Sherbrooke, also delivered an address. Much regret was expressed at the compulsory absence of Dean Norman, the Vice-President, through serious illness.

In connection with the Convocation meeting the corner stone of the new Bishop's College School was laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The Diocese of Montreal was represented by the Revs. Canon Robinson, R. D. Mills and P. J. Hewton, and there were present a number of the clergy of the Diocese of Quebec and also the Hon. J. G. Robertson and the Mayor of Sherbrooke.

COMPTON LADIES COLLEGE.—The closing exercises for the scholastic year took place at Compton on the evening of the 17th June, when many of the friends of the College attended to show their appreciation of the work done in this Institution. The hall and the parlors had been tastefully decorated by the pupils and in them were displayed some excellent paintings and drawings, their handiwork. A programme of music, vocal and instrumental, interspersed with recitations, was well rendered under the direction of Miss Prince, the lady Principal. The class reports showed that the pupils had done well in the several branches and the senior class had all passed the examination prescribed by the Educational Department of the Province of Quebec. The President of the College, the Rev. G. H. Parker, M. A., presided, and there were also present the Archdeacon of Quebec and Canon Foster. The financial affairs of the Corporation were announced to be in a better condition than ever before, but regret was felt at the resignation of Miss Prince, the lady Principal. The young ladies of the College presented Miss Prince with an address and a bouquet of flowers in which was concealed a purse containing \$65.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

SYNOD NOTES.

Observance of the Lord's Day.—The Report read by the Rev. Canon Anderson, one of the oldest if not the oldest member of the Synod, on this important subject, was alike beautiful