

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

SPRINGHILL MINES.—On April 16th, the Rev. C. E. Mackenzie, Incumbent for the past two years, was inducted as first Rector of the newly constituted parish of All Saints. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. C. Moore, Rector of Albion Mines, Rural Dean, the Bishop's mandate of induction being read by Rev. V. E. Harris, vicar of Amherst, and the keys delivered by Mr. A. H. Payne, churchwarden. After Evensong, read by Mr. Harris, Mr. Moore addressed the congregation in his earnest and forcible manner. He first mentioned the circumstance that he had been second Rector of Pictou; that 53 years ago the first Rector of Pictou, Rev. Charles Elliott, had been inducted, and that to-day the speaker was inducting the namesake of this clergyman as first Rector of Springhill, with which mission also the speaker was formerly connected. He then dwelt on the fact that the ministry requires not only a commission from God, but also a mission by proper human authority. Lastly, he reminded the people of their duties as members of the lay priesthood, diligently to pray for their Rector, and to work with him in spiritual matters.

ANNAPOLIS.—Rev. J. J. Ritchie, rector of Annapolis was the recipient of an address from the wardens and vestry of his parish at Easter. Referring to the recent death of Mrs. Ritchie, the address contained this paragraph:—

While sympathizing with you in your irreparable loss in one so dear and near, whose counsel and cheerful aid tended so greatly to relieve the many burdens in the various branches of your parochial duties, we the congregation of St. Luke's deeply feel that by the death of Mrs. Ritchie we have lost not only one of our most beloved, respected and active members, but one who while ranking high in our esteem, was ever ready and willing to join in every good work, and to toil and labour for our comfort and interests; one whose zealous christian influence and purity of example as a faithful servant of Christ in our church and Sunday-school services, awakens in us a true sense of deep gratitude and affectionate remembrance.

HALIFAX.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The programme for the year has been issued and is as follows:—

April 28.—Social Re-Union, Freemason's Hall.

May 4.—Model Lesson, Rev. K. C. Hind, B. A., S. Luke's; Paper, Mr. F. C. Sumichrast.

June 11.—Annal Festival, S. George's Church, Preacher, Rev. A. D. Sylvester.

July 7.—Conference of S. School Teachers.

Oct. 18.—Anniversary Childrens' Service, Cathedral, Preacher, Rev. W. C. Wilson.

Oct. 19.—Anniversary Meeting, Freemason's Hall.

Nov. 2.—Devotional Meeting, S. Luke's, Address, Rev. J. O. Crisp; Paper, Mr. J. Godfrey Smith.

Dec. 2.—Model Lesson, S. George's, Rev. F. R. Murray; Paper, Mr. D. H. Whiston, 1886.—Jan. 4.—Children's Concert, Freemason's Hall.

Feb. 1.—Model Lesson, with black-board illustrations, S. Luke's; Mr. F. C. Sumichrast; Paper, Rev. David Neish.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.—Rev. W. C. Wilson read a paper on "How best to extend the influence of the Institute," last week, in the Institute Rooms. There was a large attendance, and an interesting discussion followed, in which the Lord Bishop, Dr. Partridge, Rev. F. R. Murray, and Messrs. T. Brown, Shreve and Jordan took part. Among other things the paper suggested that the influence of the Institute could be best extended by the erection of a first-rate

building, with a frontage for a Church book store and ecclesiastical furniture, and a plan of raising the money in \$5 shares was shown to be feasible. The ladies were to be brought in as valuable auxiliaries to the Institute work, and special accommodation provided for them in the shape of a parlour and refreshment rooms. The gymnasium was to make its influence felt by having its "Institute eleven" and "Institute Rowing Club." It was suggested that the Institute take up all Diocesan work of general import, such as, volunteers for Sunday-school and Mission work, systematic distribution of tracts bearing on the Church and her services; revival of the Water-side Mission, and the making of the Institute the headquarters of the Church Women's Missionary Society; the Girls' Friendly Society; the White Cross Army, and a Church Congress for the Maritime Provinces.

THE KING'S COLLEGE CASE.—The Halifax *Evening Mail*, has the following:

"**SUPREME COURT.**—In re Wilson.—An application by Prof. Wilson to be reinstated as professor of King's college. Judgment was delivered, sustaining the application with costs and allowing a writ of mandamus to issue against the governors of the college. Judges Thomson and Rigby delivered long written judgments. Judge Weatherbe dissenting."

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.—The appeal of the Amherst Deanery for a grant towards a travelling Missionary, was sustained by the board last week. There was quite an interesting attendance of the clergy from the country. There are still some 12 or 15 parishes who have not sent in their returns, which ought to have been in by the 31st January. It is to be feared that the negligence of the clergy will recoil upon themselves, as this year all the grants are revised, and the loss to the revenues of the board will entail a corresponding curtailment of the grants. Many of the parishes have done well, and some have increased their subscriptions of last year. Others have come far short of what might have been expected. There can be little question that the Board of Home Missions has the first claim upon the generosity of Church people.

CAPE BRETON.

MISSION OF LOUISBOURG.—During Lent, daily services, with readings from Birkett Dover's "Lenten Manual," were held in the church here. On Holy Thursday there was an address in the evening, on the Holy Communion, in connection with the duty of all participating on Easter morn. Good Friday the service was at three p.m. After the Blessing, the "Litany of the Passion" was sung kneeling. The offertory was for the Society for the Conversion of the Jews. We are pleased to notice that an increased interest is being shown in the service held on this day in this part of the mission. Fully as many dissenters as Church people were present, and the reverent demeanor of all betokened a deep sense of the solemnity of the service. With a few exceptions, it was, both for dissenter and Churchman, a *holyday*. On Easter Sunday, the services were at 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Although the walking was very bad, a large congregation assembled on this festival day to worship with their risen Lord. At the morning service there were forty-one communicants. In the evening the service, which was choral, was particularly bright and hearty; the sermon was upon "Confession, its aid and help to the spiritual life." The decorations, which were very neat and beautiful, were confined mainly to the chancel, although the nave was not forgotten. At the entrance to the chancel, there was a rood-screen of Gothic design, with the words, "Jesus Christ is risen to-day—Alleluia," in red letters on a white background, edged with spruce; at the bottom of the screen, which was divided on either side of the chancel gate into four small Gothic panels, was the word "Alleluia." Around the chancel was the text, "O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing

to sing praises unto our God," in white letters on a dark background. Behind the altar, which was veiled in white, was a reredos of the same color, divided into four panels, each of which was filled with an appropriate device, dorsal wings of white with a heavy bordering of old gold, projected from either side of the altar. Over the chancel window was the text, "Be ye holy, for I am holy," illuminated in colors and gold; below this, on each side of the window, were two very pretty banners, and under these and just above the dorsal were the texts, "Christ is risen," "He is not here." The lectern and choir desks were neatly trimmed with fine spruce wreathing. Above the west window was the text, "Him shall ye worship"; over the main entrance was suspended a banner with an illuminated text on either side. Spruce wreathings hung from arch to arch, and the windows were neatly trimmed with the same. Certainly the whole interior of the church was transformed, and apart from the character of the service, the stranger could not fail to notice that Easter was a time of rejoicing with the Church. On Easter Monday, after prayers, was held the regular Easter Meeting of this part of the mission. Mr. Elias Townsend and E. S. McAlpine were elected chapel wardens for the present year. It is hoped that the Mission House will be started as soon as the weather will admit of work commencing.

In Lorraine, tri-weekly services, with readings, were held during Lent. The service on Good Friday was in the evening, and the collection was devoted to the "Parochial Mission for the Conversion of the Jews." At the regular Easter Meeting, Mr. Samuel Frauder and Chas. Luty were elected chapel wardens. A new church is badly needed in this place; after a rain storm, the water comes in on all sides, much to the discomfort of the missionary, who has often had this winter to stand on ice while celebrating Holy Communion. An effort will be made (D.V.) next spring, if the coming fishing season be at all prosperous, to erect a new building.

In Main-à-Dieu, daily services during Lent were very irregular, on account of the very stormy weather, and the distance from the missionary's residence, Louisbourg. On Good Friday, there was Morning Prayer with sermon at 10 a.m. It was intended to have had a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament on Easter Sunday at 8 a.m., but the roads were so bad Mr. Draper could not get down. On Monday, April 13th, the regular Easter Meeting was held. Messrs. J. E. Marbell and Freeman Lewis were chosen chapel wardens for the ensuing year. On Tuesday, at 9 a.m., there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, with thirty-eight communicants; the offertory was given to the Mission for the conversion of the Jews. A very pretty little church, of Gothic design, has been erected here last year. The nave is 44 x 22 feet, the chancel 20 x 16. On the north-west corner there is a tower with spire surmounted by a Latin cross. As yet, the exterior only is finished, and there is a debt on that of \$400. Up to the present time the total expenditure has been \$1,100, all of which has been provided by the congregation, who are only poor fishermen. About \$400, together with the grant of £50 promised by the S. P. C. K. would finish the interior. Will not some of our wealthy Canadian Churchmen send subscriptions to the Rev. T. Fraser Draper, Louisbourg, C. B., for that purpose, so that the building may be ready for consecration when the Bishop comes in the summer of 1886?

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—*St. Paul's.*—At the Easter meeting the Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald gave in his resignation as rector; the Rev. Dr. has been rector of the parish for nearly forty years. A most flattering address was presented to him from the congregation, in which it says: "All alike entertain for you and desire to express a strong feeling of personal regard and esteem, and trust it may please God to preserve you, and give you yet many years of residence amongst us and friendly Christian intercourse. They must include in all