

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ALBION MINES.—On Sunday, the 9th, the Encyclical letter of the Lambeth Conference was read in Christ Church, and prayers and hymns were offered for the Bishop on the sea.

AMHERST.—A very pleasing Garden party was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., on the beautiful grounds of J. M. Townshend, Esq., in aid of the Church Fund. The grounds were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns and no effort was spared by the Committee to make it a success. The members of the Brass Band (who are always to the fore in any good undertaking) kindly discoursed sweet music during the evening. The gross amount realized was about \$70.

The Annual Flower service in connection with Christ Church Sunday-school was held on Sunday morning, the 2nd inst., at ten a. m., and on the following Wednesday, the Sunday-school picnic was held. The children were treated to a short trip on the train as far as "Au Lac," when they were feasted upon the good things of this life, and indulged in games, &c.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Canon Neales, M.A., Rector of Woodstock, has gone on a well earned holiday to Massachusetts. He is expected to return the early part of October.

The Rev. Horace Dibblee, Deacon in charge at Maugerville, is at his home, Woodstock, on a visit. During his absence from his charge his services are supplied by the Rev. Mr. Sterling, the former Rector of Maugerville.

The Rev. Jas. Simonds, who has been spending the summer with his numerous friends in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, returned to his charge at Pomona, Cal., on the 4th inst.

SHEDIAC.—So rarely is anything ever seen in the GUARDIAN as regards the progress of the Church in this place, that your correspondent must be excused, if trespassing too much on valuable space, to express the great satisfaction experienced in attending lately several services in St. Martin's in the Wood. The grand old service dear to the heart of every loyal child of the Church, was conducted with reverence and dignity; the responses and singing warm and hoarty, and would put to blush many a congregation of more pretensions. Your correspondent had the pleasure of hearing sermons from Rev. Father Davenport, of the Mission Chapel, St. John, who was spending a few weeks in this popular summer resort; also Rev. A. J. Reid, curate of St. Paul's, St. John. There is an administration of Holy Communion every alternate Sunday at 8 o'clock, except on the first Sunday in the month, when it is administered at the 11 a. m. service at St. Andrew's Church, two miles distant. Rev. Mr. Vroom is very much beloved by his parishioners and is doing a good work. The Rectory is a fine building, standing well back, and surrounded by beautiful grounds, indeed it can be called a model country rectory. The Church is old but kept in good repair, the Sanctuary receiving special care; the altar being adorned with the choicest flowers.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

AYLWIN.—Although the Mission bearing this name is but our portion of the whole district formerly so known under the hardworking care of the Rev. W. P. Chambers, it has two Churches, besides two out-stations, the one at Kazubuzua, and the other across the Gatineau River, in the township of Hincks.

One of these Churches, St. James', Wright, was visited by the Lord Bishop on Saturday, September 1st, where a large congregation gathered for Divine service at 10.30 o'clock.

Eleven candidates were presented by the new Incumbent, the Rev. L. B. Pearse, for the laying on of hands, and who together, with many others, partook of Holy Communion.

This was until recently the most northerly Church on the river (and probably in the diocese), but just about this time a new mission house and chapel at the Desert, some thirty miles further north, demanded the presence of our chief pastor, and His Lordships' visit to Aylwin Church proper was on his downward journey from the Desert.

Here too (at St. John's Church, Aylwin), a large congregation assembled. Both the Sacraments of the Church were administered, as well as the Apostolic rite of Confirmation, an infant being baptized—five candidates renewing their baptismal vows—and a goodly number receiving the Lord's Supper.

It is evident from the attendance at both Churches that the annual coming of our chief Pastor, is of much interest to many, who, though not in open communion with the Church of England, profess and call themselves disciples of the Lord Jesus.

LACHINE.—The Harvest festival was held in St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, the 9th of September. The sacred edifice had been previously decorated by the ladies of the congregation with flowers, grain, fruit and vegetables, and presented a very beautiful appearance being well done and *not over done*. The lamp stands were trimmed with wheat, barley, and oats, relieved with red berries. The window-sills, which are wide and well adapted to the purpose, were tastefully arrayed with the principal fruits of the earth, the chancel screen being one mass of flowers, as also the font.

The Holy Table vested in festal white had over it four vases of choice flowers and a basket of fruit and sheaf of grain. The re-table bore the appropriate text "Be ye Thankful."

The morning service was choral, the Psalms being well chanted. The Church was well filled, and the rector, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne, preached an appropriate sermon from the text "While the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night, shall not cease." A large number remained for the Holy Communion, and the offertories were nearly double of last year. The afternoon service and the late service at St. Paul's Church were also encouraging and well appreciated by attentive congregations. *Laus Deo.*

ALLEYNE.—The Bishop made his annual visitation of this Mission on August 30 and 31. On August 30, Holy Trinity Church, Alleyne, was well filled to receive His Lordship who was accompanied by Rev. S. A. Mills. There was a very hearty and congregational service followed by a celebration of Holy Communion, at which 45 persons communicated. Then on Friday, August 31, His Lordship was driven out to St. Peter's Church, Cawood, where there was a hearty service and 17 persons communicated. The offertory on both occasions was given to the Mission fund.

Sunday, September 9, Holy Trinity, Alleyne, was filled to overflowing on the occasion of a Children's service when the Sunday-school children of the Mission underwent a general catechizing and exhortation by the Rev. H. Plaisted, M.A., whose earnest practical words were listened to by a reverent and attentive congregation. The offertory taken up was on behalf of the Sunday-school work.

CHELSEA.—The Bishop of the Diocese made his annual visit to Chelsea on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of September. A Deanery meeting was held in connection with His Lordship's visit.

On Thursday evening a Harvest Thanksgiving service was held, when effective addresses were delivered by His Lordship, and the Revs.

T. E. Cunningham, M.A., T. R. Smith, and N. A. F. Bourne, B.A. The Church was very prettily decorated with an abundance of choice flowers, fruit, vegetables, and grain, and the music was suitable and hearty. The offertory was \$10.69, which is to aid in paying off the remaining indebtedness upon the new Parsonage, about \$300. On Friday morning a Confirmation service was held, when seven candidates were presented. Holy Communion was celebrated, the clergy, confirmees, and a number of the communicants, partaking.

The Incumbent of the parish had the pleasure of entertaining the Bishop and clergy at luncheon on Thursday in the new parsonage, and on Friday the members of the Deanery enjoyed the bountiful hospitalities of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wright, at their charming residence.

N.B.—As many of the citizens of Montreal have cheerfully assisted in building the new Parsonage at Chelsea, the incumbent, being now comfortably housed in his new and commodious quarters, will be glad to see there any of the contributors and to show them round the building. The house is to be veneered with brick laid in black mortar, and to have a verandah around the west and south sides, in the Spring. It nestles amongst the trees on the hillside near the Church, and from its doors and windows can be had the finest view in the neighbourhood, including the Parliament and several other buildings in the Capital; and in the evening, nearly all of the electric lights can be seen. The Incumbent will be very grateful for any further assistance he may receive towards completing his undertaking.

RIVER DESERT.—The welcome visit of our chief Pastor to this northerly Mission of his Diocese was on Sunday, September 2. We are thankful that we were able to have him on that day—the day "when the most number of people were together."

Morning service at Northfield the most southerly station of this Upper Gatineau mission, 10 miles above the Pickanock (Mission of Aylwin), and about 75 north of Ottawa. Here there was a goodly gathering for the service which consisted of a shortened morning Prayer, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. Two of Christ's children paid their vows unto the Lord, drew near for the first time to His table.

A drive of twenty miles in the afternoon brought the Bishop, his chaplain (Rev. S. A. Mills), and Rev. H. Plaisted, to the Desert, a place of increasing importance, and likely to increase yet more with the railway that is now confidently expected.

Here at 7 p. m., a good congregation assembled in the Chapel of the Mission house for the Evening prayer and Confirmation service. In both Northfield and Desert, the offertory (for the Mission fund) was very gratifying.

The Holy Communion was celebrated at Desert at 7 next morning, when in the sweet morning hour a few (as we trust) earnest souls, met to be fed with food Divine. The service over the Bishop and his chaplain again took their journey southward down the Gatineau to the Mission of Aylwin and Wakefield.

Hearty thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Huestey, at Northfield, and to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, at Desert, for their kindness and hospitality.

The Mission house above mentioned is the first building belonging to the English Church in this district. It is a small log house with a little service Room or chapel attached. The latter had only been used once before the Bishop's coming and the house is not yet completed, although it is almost in a state in which it can be used, and the clergyman and his family who hitherto have been boarding hope in a short time to be under their own roof.

The means to complete, and also to build a small stable, are much needed. The missionary, Rev. H. Plaisted, earnestly hopes that any