

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

It is proposed to hold a "Retreat" in Windsor for Clergy in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Divinity Students during the first week in October. It will be conducted by one of the "Society of St. John the Evangelist." Those wishing to attend will communicate at once with Archdeacon Gilpin, Halifax.

RAWDON.—The Bishop visited this Parish for the purpose of administering the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, August 27th. The morning was somewhat dull and cool, but during the forenoon the sun came out, and the day proved to be all that could be desired. Long before the hour for service people were to be seen approaching the church from every quarter, and by half past ten the church was literally packed. Every available bench and chair was brought in, and yet many had to stand during the whole service, and even standing room was very difficult to find, some having to stand in the Vestry. The Bishop addressed the candidates in his usual impressive manner, urging them to consider well the nature of the Rite, and to remember that the amount of blessing each received would depend upon the preparation of the individual heart. In the afternoon the Rector drove the Bishop over to Stanley, a distance of five miles, where another fine church awaited him. Here again his Lordship delivered a most earnest and affectionate address to the candidates. Service over, his Lordship was driven back to the Rectory; and after tea another service was held in the Parish Church, the Bishop being the preacher. A large congregation assembled, and the service was very heartily rendered. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung as a processional, the other hymns being 242 and 169 A. & M., the anthem being "I will lift up mine eyes," by Dr. J. Clarke Whitfield. The number of candidates presented were—Parish Church, 14; Stanley, 11. Total 25. But what is very discouraging to the Rector, only seven of this number are males. We can only hope for better things next time. The Parish Church has recently been shingled and painted and Stanley Church painted, consequently the people may be excused if they feel a little pride in the present appearance of the Parish. Notwithstanding that the Bishop delivered two long addresses, preached three sermons and drove ten miles, he was "up and off" early next morning so as to return to Halifax by the morning train, leaving behind him a "good impression," not among Church people only, but also among many who are outside the Church's pale.

DARTMOUTH.—The corporation advertize for tenders for the erection of a rectory, and propose to erect at once. The church, which has been closed for repairs, was opened on Sunday last, and the large congregations present at both services expressed themselves highly pleased with the appearance of the interior. It is very gratifying to be able to record the evident good feeling and liberal spirit which is being shown in many Parishes in the enlargement and beautifying of their churches. May the spiritual fabric be no less abundantly cared for.

WALTON.—A. McN. Parker and J. W. Stephens, Esqs., Chapel Wardens of St. Matthew's, Walton, hereby acknowledge receipt of \$100.00 from Foster Parker, of Georgetown, Colorado, towards defraying cost of Parish work. This young man is the second son of W. Dixon Parker, Esq., Superintendent of Whale Creek Sunday School. The thoughtful act is deserving of notice, and it would be well if the numberless young men leaving this Diocese, when they work in localities where the Church cannot attend to them, would consecrate a part of their earnings to God by aiding in maintaining the services in the Parish where they became "children of God," and where their hearts' affections are centered. Mr. Foster Parker has expressed his intention of remitting the above sum yearly while working away from home, unattached to any parish church. May God bless him with health and strength and His best spiritual gifts.

LONDONERRY MINES.—The annual Flower Service for the children of the Parish was held in Saint Paul's on Sunday, the 3rd inst. The children, each with a small bouquet, walked in procession from the rectory to the church near by, bearing three banners and singing as a processional hymn "Onward, Christian soldiers," etc. After a short service the children reverently proceeded to the chancel steps and presented their bouquets, each one of which was placed in a perforated device of wood work emblematical of the Blessed Trinity. A sermon was then preached upon the text "Consider the lilies." Even greater interest was manifested by the congregation on this than on the two previous occasions when such services were held.

LUNenburg.—The streets of our town on the morning of the 6th inst. presented quite a gay and attractive appearance, denoting that something out of the usual course was expected. Crowds of people were to be seen in the neighbourhood of the residence of W. N.

Zwicker, Esq., or wending their way to St. John's Church. The event of the day was the marriage of James Fraser, Esq., of Halifax, to Miss Frederica Zwicker, eldest surviving daughter of Wm. N. Zwicker, Esq., of Lunenburg. Flags were to be seen on every hand waving in the gentle morning breeze from vessels in the harbor and from conspicuous places in the town. From the centre of the line of flags, which extended across the street from Mr Zwicker's residence, was suspended a bridal wreath, in the centre of which was displayed the family coat of arms. The floral decorations both at the house and the church were very attractive and much admired. The officiating clergy were the Rev. H. L. Owen, Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Wm. LeBaron McKiel, of the Diocese of Fredericton; the Rev. J. A. Kaulbaelt, of Truro, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, Curate of Lunenburg. The bridesmaid were Miss Fannie Zwicker, Miss Shreve, Miss Wilhelmina Zwicker, and Miss Annie McKiel. The groomsmen were Messrs. Arthur and Norman Zwicker. After the ceremony, amid the booming of the guns on Battery Point and the ringing of the church bell, the bridal party, with the invited guests, returned to Mr. Zwicker's house where the wedding breakfast was spread. Amid the oft-repeated good wishes for their health and welfare, and showers of rice, the young couple, accompanied by many friends in carriages drove away to Chester. The bridal tour will embrace New York, Niagara, with other places of note.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.—A most successful tea was held on the 28th ult. on the grounds of D. W. Palmer, Esq., to raise funds to pay for repairs and alterations on the rectory. The rector, in an address on the Sunday previous, stated that it was necessary to have the money, if possible, at once, and as the haying would soon be on, he suggested a tea to be held on the following Friday. Of course we were all taken by surprise, but the ladies, as usual, went willingly and energetically to work, and after three days' preparation gave to the Church Warden as the result of their effort between three and four hundred dollars—all expenses being paid.

A PUBLIC catechizing of the children of St. John's, Westmorland, and Victoria Sunday Schools took place in St. John's Church on the evening of the 9th after Trinity.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CLERICAL CONFERENCE.—The clergy of the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Fredericton are cordially invited to attend a Conference which will be held (D.V.) at St. John, N. B., on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24th and 25th, 1882. The Rector of Trinity Parish has kindly offered the use of Trinity Church and School room for the services and meetings, and accommodation will be provided through the hospitality of the Churchmen of the city of St. John. The Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada has consented to act as President of the Conference; the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Right Reverend the Bishop-Coadjutor of Fredericton will act as Vice-Presidents, and the committee of management consists of Rev. G. Goodridge Roberts (Chairman), Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. Canon Medley (Secretary).

TIME TABLE.

7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion. Offertory for the expenses of the Conference.
10 a.m.—Address by the President. Subject I.—Worship. 1st paper—"Congregational Worship," Rev. Rev. John Ambrose. 2nd paper—"How best to attain it," Rev. John Ambrose.
3 p.m.—Subject II.—Parochial Organization. 1st paper—"Associations," Rev. Francis Partridge; 2nd paper—"Sunday Schools," Rev. G. M. Armstrong.
5.30 p.m.—Prayers.
8 p.m.—Public Service and sermon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th.

9.30 a.m.—Prayers.
10 a.m.—Subject III.—Missionary Work. 1st paper—"Woman's work," Right Rev. Bishop-Coadjutor of Fredericton; 2nd paper—"Missionary effort an essential to Parish work," Rev. W. E. Gelling.
3 p.m.—Subject IV.—The Spiritual Life. 1st paper—"The true ideal of it," Rev. P. J. Billeul; 2nd paper—"Helps and hindrances to it," Rev. J. Padfield.
5.30 p.m.—Prayers.
8 p.m.—Public Meeting.—(1) Address from President, (2) Paper by Rev. F. R. Murray. Subject—"How to interest the people in the life and work of the Church." Rev. G. W. Hodgson and Rev. A. J. Townend will give speeches on the same subject.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to lead a discussion on the aforementioned subjects:—Worship—Revs. T. E. Dowling, Canon Brigstocke. Associations—Revs. D. C. Moore, J. Cam'bell, G. G. Roberts. Missionary Work—Revs. Theo. Richey, T. Neales. Spiritual Life—Revs. Canon Maynard, R. Shreve, L. G. Stevens.

N.B.—After the selected speakers have closed their remarks any brother present who sends in his name to the President will have the privilege of speech for ten minutes. All clergymen desirous of attending the Conference will send in their names as soon as possible to the Secretary.
REV. CANON MEDLEY,
Rector of Sussex, N.B.

FREDERICTON.—The deep anxiety of our Venerable Metropolitan, caused by the long and serious illness of Mrs. Medley, has been warmly shared by this whole community, and earnest prayers for her restoration to health have ascended from many hearts; especially of those who have so often experienced her loving sympathy and help in sickness, in sorrow, or in poverty. The prospect of her recovery has grown brighter within the last day or two.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

YOUR news item column, so far as this Diocese is concerned, seems to have disappeared; probably it is that your correspondents have not found leisure after their return from their summer vacation. Their congregations are gathering in, and fresh work is coming before them.

OUR BISHOP takes no vacation; he has not even made the trip to Europe that Bishops customarily make soon after their consecration.

THE annual report of our last Synod is out. The Address of the Bishop is one, as all his have hitherto been, exhibiting tact and practical wisdom, avoiding all things polemical, and dwelling on those points that pertain to the Diocese and its ministrations alone. Judging from the many asterisks put to the names of the Lay Delegates, the Synod must have opened with a very slim attendance, and upon calculation we find that one hundred and thirty-two were absent when their names were called, leaving only eighty-eight as present, and of these more than one-half were city residents. How does this tell upon the question of confining country churches to elect their delegates from within their own bounds? A sentence or two from the Bishop's words on catechising will bear repeating and also insertion here; for coming from such a Bishop they may influence in the right direction such persons, for example, as that student in the Montreal Theological College, who, by a correspondent in your columns, is said to have been refused, or found himself unable to teach, in one of our City Sunday Schools because he could not accept the Church Catechism, being an unbeliever in it. The Bishop says, speaking of catechising, "You cannot have a better formula than our Church provides. It contains pure doctrine in concise language, and is eminently practical in all its teaching. It admits of enlargement by explanation and illustration from Scripture, whereby it can be made instructive to both old and young."

THE Rev. Fred. Robinson, of Abbotsford, has departed for a tour in Europe. The Rev. R. Irwin, of Rougemont, and others, will take his services during his absence.

THE foundation or corner-stone of the new church in Huntingdon, for which Rev. T. A. Haslam has been canvassing and working during the last summer, was laid by the Lord Bishop about a fortnight ago.

TRINITY CHURCH on Sunday 3rd had the first services of its new Rector, the Rev. W. L. Mills, M.A., late of St. Johns. This reverend gentleman has done a good work in St. Johns, and it is with great regret on both sides that the parting has been made. He has been able to teach the congregation over whom he was placed to realize under God what the worship of God is, and their duty and privilege to sustain that worship liberally and faithfully. Doubtless he will do the same among the people whom he will gather around him anew. The choir is to be under the direction of Mr. Fred. W. Mills, organist, late of St. James the Apostle's, which he has just resigned. As a musician he ranks high. What with an eminent "Mills" in the pulpit and a talented one at the organ, there is ground for believing that Trinity Church will once more have large congregations, and certainly better, heartier and more churchly services than ever. While speaking of this church under its new auspices one cannot but think it strange that in all the Episcopal utterances, both in "charges" and in the sermons from the pulpit, all reference to the work of the Rev. Mr. Walters, who kept open this church, and who gathered a good congregation during its financial troubles, has been studiously suppressed; apparently. When questioned on this, one has to answer that it looks as if the Bishop considered Rev. Mr. W. as an ecclesiastical Bedouin, having no relation to him or the churches around.

THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP of New Hampshire has been sojourning within the borders of this Diocese,