

## NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

LIVERPOOL.—A stranger upon attending the services at Trinity Church is struck by the decent and orderly manner in which everything about the chancel and sanctuary is attended to. The weekly supply of flowers upon the altar is nowhere richer than here. On one Sunday one is delighted by a central cross and accompanying vases of all pansies,—on another all daisies,—on a third a clean cut cross of white, and vases of soft-tinted asters.

Upon enquiry he learns that the work of the work of the sanctuary is assigned to an appointed band, who are divided into courses for each month's service.

There is a complete set of altar cloths, frontal and hangings, supplied by the "willing workers," and only this week the same band of workers have put down a new chancel and sanctuary carpet of rich color and appropriate design; and have purchased out of their funds a new dossal, and a set of handsome altar-wings hung upon brackets of excellent pattern and workmanship.

During the past year a beautiful eagle lectern of oak was presented. The wood was imported and given by a member of the congregation, and the eagle, than which I have seen none handsomer or more perfectly executed, was carved by Newton Freeman, Esq., as a labor of love for his Church. Many parishes would do well to adopt the method of working, which is so effectively in vogue in this parish.

AVON.—The 46th meeting of the Chapter of the Avon Deanery was held at Newport on the 12th and 13th instant. Present, Rev. Canon Brock, D.D.; Rev. J. O. Ruggles, M.A.; Rev. F. J. H. Axford; Rev. R. T. Gwillim; Rev. K. C. Hind, M.A., rector; and Rev. W. J. Ancient, secretary. In the evening shortened Evensong was said by the rector, and the lesson read by R. T. Gwillim. Rev. Canon Brock then delivered a very telling address on the necessity of being definite members of the Church. This was followed by one from Rev. J. O. Ruggles on the advisability of those confirmed becoming, at once, communicants; and another from Rev. W. J. Ancient on personal holiness.

The next morning shortened Matins was said by the Rector, 1st Lesson by Rev. W. J. Ancient; 2nd Lesson by Rev. R. T. Gwillim. The sermon from 2nd Cor. v., 20, with Mat. ii., 7, was preached by Rev. F. J. H. Axford. The Dean was celebrant, assisted by Canon Brock; nineteen lay communicants partaking.

In the afternoon the Chapter met for business at the Rectory. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Dean, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The office for the ordering of Deacons was then read. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Chapter at Windsor on Dec. 12th and 13th. On motion of Rev. J. O. Ruggles, seconded by Rev. Canon Brock, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to Rev. F. J. H. Axford for his able, scriptural and exhaustive sermon. Next followed an informal and somewhat lengthy discussion upon the work of the Church Army and the advisability of extending its operations.

At 4:30 o'clock, the Dean having to return home, Rev. Canon Brock, on motion of Rev. J. O. Ruggles, seconded by Rev. F. J. H. Axford, took the chair. It was moved by Mr. Axford, seconded by Mr. Ruggles and carried, "that the subject of the Church Army and its work be further discussed at the next meeting.

In the evening several of the brethren drove over to Woodville, when shortened Evensong was said by the Rector, and Lesson read by Rev. T. R. Gwillim, followed by an address from Canon Brock on definite churchmanship, and Rev. Mr. Axford on church-going.

The visiting clergy were kindly entertained

at dinner and tea by the Rector. During their stay in Newport they were the guests of the following friends, to whom our thanks are hereby tendered, The Dean and Rev. J. O. Ruggles, the rector; Revs. Canon Brock and F. J. H. Axford, W. J. Ancient, T. R. Gwillim, Messrs. Nelson Woolaver John Poole, and Jas. Cochran, Esq.

ANNAPOLIS.—A meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of All Saints, Granville, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th of Sept. The members present were: The Rev. The Dean, Revs. J. J. Ritchie, John Ambrose, H. D. deBlois (secretary), L. P. Greatorox and R. A. Heath. Evening service was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. R. A. Heath was the preacher, taking for his text Gen. i, 13: "Let there be light, and there was light." The congregation was attentive and the services hearty and joyful.

On Wednesday morning full service with celebration of the Holy Eucharist was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, at 10:30 a.m. The Prayers were said by Rev. H. D. deBlois; the Litany by Rev. James J. Ritchie, and the celebrants were the Rev. the Dean and the Rev. F. P. Greatorox. The sermon was preached by Rev. John Ambrose from the words, "But ye shall be named Priests of the Lord."—Isaiah lxi, 6, and few who listened to the sound practical doctrine enunciated therefrom will be inclined to forget the lessons taught. For a week day and such a busy season of the year the congregation was good. The choir, under the direction of Mr. LeBann Mills, fully sustained its reputation, and the number of communicants was larger than when the Deanery formerly met in the same place. A fine toned bell had also been added to the improvements of this ever improving church. We were reminded upon going through the churchyard, by the sight of two elegant and chaste monuments, that two pillars of the Church had fallen, viz: Messrs. Wm. and Samuel McCormick, and our hearts were saddened by the thought how hard it would be to make their places good: faithful and loving adherents of our Holy Communion we mourn the loss, yet have the blessed hope they have been but transferred from Christ's Church militant here on earth to His triumphant Church above.

After dinner the business meeting of the Chapter was opened by the Dean with the usual form of Prayer, at 2:30 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The chapter for discussion, Acts viii, was then read and critically commented on, affording, from its interesting contents, much food for reflection and debate. A very interesting discussion also took place on the subject of Apostolical-succession. Divine service was again held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 7:30 p.m., when the Rev. P. J. Filteul, Dean, preached a very impressive sermon from the words, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark xvi, 15. The Rev. Jno. Ambrose also gave a short address on Missionary subjects. The collections, amounting to \$5.90, were handed to the Secretary to be forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions.

SHIP HARBOR.—Rev. John Partridge, of this place has been appointed by the Bishop of Ontario to the Mission of Roslin.

SHELburne.—This large parish had the benefit for two months of the presence of Chas. H. Fullerton, B.A., Divinity student of King's College. The people unanimously testify to his zeal and ability in the discharge of his duty. They showed their appreciation of his valued services by the offertories taken up in response to an appeal by Rev. H. How. It is to be regretted that his appointment to a position on the staff of the Collegiate school, under the Rev. Dr. Willets, terminated, too hastily for us, his

welcome ministrations. His future career will be watched with prayerful interest by his increased circle of friends.

HANTSPOrt.—Services have again commenced here after the faithful being excluded for some weeks.—*Laus Deo.*

FALMOUTH.—The Harvest Thanksgiving service held here on Sunday evening last was very enjoyable. The Church had been tastefully decorated by the Incumbent and his wife, and presented a neat appearance. There was a large congregation present, and the collection will be devoted towards defraying the expenses of the coming Mission to be held in this parish, conducted by the Rev. W. J. Ancient, rector of Rawdon. The Harvest Festival and Sunday-school treat were held on Tuesday last in the beautiful grounds of Mr. Levi Deal, Falmouth. The day was all that could be desired and everything passed off well. The ladies of the congregation had provided abundantly for the wants of the little folk and the big ones too. There was a large attendance. A few fancy articles were sold, and the confectionary tables well patronized. At the close of the day's proceedings a good sum was netted.

WINDSOR FORKS.—Work has commenced at St. Michael's, and the Church already presents externally a neat and pretty appearance. Next week we hope to be able to do something to the inside of the building. All old students of King's College who manifested a warm interest in the spiritual welfare of this Mission will be glad to learn that the good work begun by them under the guidance and direction of the late Dr. Hensley and Canon Dart, is being greatly fostered under the present arrangement.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

PORT HILL.—Quite an interest has been taken in Church matters by the good people of this parish during the last few months. Their first step was to remove the burden of debt that remained upon the Church. To accomplish this they prepared one of the best of teas, and also provided sports for the amusement of all who desired to favor them with their presence. The day appointed proved fine. A large number of people came together to enjoy the good things provided for them, and cheerfully left their spare cash in the hands of the managing committee, in all about \$550.

Next in order came the Sunday-school picnic, an event of interest to the children of the parish. It was a very pleasant affair. In all, there were about 400 persons present, who enjoyed themselves in the best possible manner. During the afternoon the Rector was presented with an address and a very fine set of harness as a token of their appreciation of his labour in their midst.

A deep interest is taken in the Church by the parishioners, and there is on the part of all a growing love for the House of Prayer.

A very neat lectern of carved oak and two tables of the Commandments have been put in their places in the Church within the last few days. The former presented by the Hon. John Yeo, and the latter by Capt. Wm. Richards.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

ST. SYLVESTER.—A correspondent tells us that the funeral of the late Rev. William King, at St. Sylvester on Sunday, the 11th inst., was very largely attended. Between 350 and 400 people of that country district met together to view for the last time on earth a face long familiar to them, and to take part in the funeral procession. Men, women and children of all ages mingled together. Different denominations were largely represented. Very many Irish and French Canadian Roman Catholics joined in paying a last tribute of respect. Some