

## News from the Home Field.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP of Nova Scotia recommends the Clergy of his Diocese to use the following prayer so long as circumstances shall require it:—

O Almighty God, our refuge and strength in every time of trouble, deliver our country, we beseech Thee, from the miseries of protracted warfare, and speedily restore the blessings of peace both at Home and Abroad. Direct the counsels of our Queen, that her arms may only be used in support of a righteous cause. Confound the devices of her adversaries, and grant such success to her forces by land and by sea, that we, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, the only giver of all victory, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

THE VENERABLE THE ARCHDEACON has left for a month's visit to England, his duties precluding him from making a longer stay in the Mother Land. He will return early in September.

ALBION MINES.—Christ Church Festival came off on Thursday, 3rd inst. Results, \$270. Rev. Pelham Stokes, Rector of Wareham, England, delivered a very able temperance address upon the grounds, and Rev. D. C. Moore publicly handed over to the Library Committee 100 volumes sent to them by the S. P. C. K. as a contribution towards renewing their Library destroyed by fire a year since. On Friday, the 4th, the Sunday School children had their feast, after a short children's service in the church.

AMHERST RURAL DEANERY.—The meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery, to have been held at Maitland on August 9th, has been postponed, and will be held, D. V., at Maitland on Wednesday, Sept. 20th.

J. A. KAULBACH,  
Secretary.

Truro, July 21st, 1882.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—Saint Paul's Church has recently been presented with the following valued gifts: the Reredos formerly in Christ Church, Amherst; a white frontal for altar from St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown; a white pulpit banner and stole from Miss Stewart, Strath Gartney; and a bourse and chalice veil from the venerable the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia. About one year ago a society called the Guild of the Good Shepherd was organized in this parish. It has without doubt proved a great benefit to its members, all of whom are young women, with few exceptions communicants, zealous and devout. A few weeks ago some very fine and beautifully worked altar linen was purchased and presented to the Church by the Guild, and since mainly through the exertions of the same society a picnic has been successfully held, and as a result an ash case exceedingly well made under the directions of Mr. Max Major, now encloses the pipes of our organ. A similar society, by the name of the Guild of the Holy Child, composed of a number of the Sunday-school pupils, have also shewn themselves zealous in Church work. By the help of a few thank-offerings, they have presented to the Church a valuable ash font cover.

HALIFAX—North-West Arm Mission.—Thursday next, 17th, three years will have elapsed since this Mission was reopened. Since then the congregation and the Sunday School have continued to increase and much good we trust, under God, has been done. In commemoration of this event an Anniversary Service will be held on that day at 7.30 p. m. in the Mission Chapel. The choir boys of St. Luke's will assist the Mission Chapel choir in the musical part of the Service, and the Anniversary Sermon will be preached by the Rector of St. Luke's, Rev. F. R. Murray. On the Sunday preceding, viz., the 10th after Trinity, the Anniversary Service of the Sunday School will be held at 3 p. m., and the children addressed by the Rev. Francis Partridge, Rector of St. George's.

CHESTER.—Thursday, July 27th, was a memorable day for the people in the Western part of this Parish, when their new church was opened for Divine Service for the first time since its completion. In spite of the busy season, when every hour away from the hay field was felt, the congregation gathered quite early, some coming ten or eleven miles to be present. Three of the neighbouring clergy, the Revds. W. H. Grosier, of New Ross, G. D. Harris, of Lunenburg, and D. S. Sutherland, of Mahone Bay, kindly drove over to assist the Incumbent in the service, which consisted of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, with an able sermon from Mr. Harris, followed by short but suitable and stirring addresses from each of the other reverend gentlemen. Mr. Grosier being the oldest Priest present, took the celebration, Mr. Harris acting as Deacon, while Mr. Sutherland and the Incumbent divided the morning prayer and lessons between them. The Psalms, Lessons, Collect, Epistle and Gospel used were those appointed by the Provincial Synod for the Consecration Service, and hymns suited to the occasion were sung. The singing was excellent, and the responding very hearty, for the former of which we were largely indebted to members of the neighbouring Parish, and to Mr. Edward Langille, of Martin's River, who kindly lent his handsome organ for the occasion, as well as to Miss Stanford, the organist at Chester, who so ably presided thereat. One of the most pleasing and promising features of the whole service, however, was the large number of those who came forward to renew their vows at the altar, and to seek, through participation in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of their Redeemer, for renewed grace and strength to keep those vows, several coming there for the first time, who, we trust, may be able, in the future, to look back upon that day and act as the beginning of a newer and more spiritual life. The Church, though perhaps not designed quite as accurately as it might be, yet presents a very neat and pleasing appearance, and as our brethren from the neighbouring Parishes told us in their addresses, really does reflect credit upon the people of the place, who have carried the work through, against many difficulties, to such a successful completion, and with such a small amount of debt, that we hope to be able to present it for consecration on his Lordship's next visit, and yet to leave the pews as they should be, free and unappropriated. Its size is 30x45, nave and chancel 14x19, with a seating capacity of about 300.

The Royal Yacht Club, of Halifax, we hear, are to hold a Regatta in Chester on Aug. 16th, and the ladies of the Sewing Circle purpose taking advantage of the occasion to hold a sale of fancy articles and refreshments in aid of the Chancel Fund of St. Stephen's Church. As the steamer "Edgar Stuart" now calls at Chester on her weekly trips, both going and coming, we hope to see some of our Halifax friends down for that occasion.

NEW GLASGOW.—The children of the class taught by Miss Glendenning during last winter have sent their kind teacher an illustrated copy of Keble's Christian Year. Miss Glendenning returned to Dartmouth with the hearty love of the little ones.

On Wednesday, July 26th, the Rev. Lewis M. Wilkins (Rector of this parish, 1864—1870) paid us a visit and preached in St. George's Chapel, New Glasgow. The service was also remarkable for the first use of the Baptismal service and the Font, and of the Churching service; the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. LeLacheur being christened and their mother "Churched."

The following explains itself:

To Miss Glendenning, Dartmouth:

Twice when you have been staying with Mrs. Drake, you have been so very good as to teach us on Sundays for several months at a time, and we want to thank you for your great kindness to us, and to tell you that we do not forget you, and hope not to forget your teachings. Will you accept from us, as a small mark of our love and gratitude, the book we now send. Mr. Moore chose it for us. It is "Keble's Christian Year." He says he thinks more of it than of any other book, except the Bible and Prayer Book, and so we trust you will like it too. Hoping to be taught by you when

you come again, we are, your affectionate children and friends, Henry Stirling, George Townsend, Henry Townsend, Robert Bradbury, John Bradbury, Joseph Barber, Evelyn Moreton.  
St. George's Sunday School, A. D. July, 1882,

ALBION MINES.—On July 9th the Rev. H. Pelham Stokes, M.A., Oxon, Rector of Wareham, Dorset, England, preached for us both in Christ Church and St. George's. Mr. Stokes is mission preacher for the Diocese of Salisbury, and an active member of the Church of England Temperance Society. We hope to have other chances of hearing Mr. Stokes' eloquent appeals on his return from Niagara, New York, &c.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Rev. Dr. Percival from St. Lewis is now in the city, and will assist the Very Rev. the Dean in the Cathedral, during the absence of the Rev. J. F. Renaud.

The Sunday School of St. Stephen's Church, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rector, held their annual excursion on Saturday, the 22nd inst., to Chambly, where a pleasant day was spent in the adjoining grove belonging to General Walker. The party altogether numbered about 300.

When Bishop Sullivan left Montreal for his distant diocese, a large and enthusiastic gathering of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the Bonaventure Station to bid him farewell. Previous to his leaving he was presented with a cheque for \$500 as a parting testimonial from friends and admirers in St. George's Church.

At the Diocesan Synod of Montreal, Mr. Thomas White's motion to adopt the Quebec plan of sustaining missions was adopted by a vote of 42 to 35.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

An anonymous donor of Toronto has sent \$50 as the nucleus of a fund for the purchase of a steam launch for the Bishop of Algoma.

## DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own correspondents.)

QUEBEC.—The new pulpit at St. Matthew's.—A pulpit of novel and artistic design is now in course of completion at St. Matthew's Church. It is composed mainly of English oolitic freestone, relieved with Derbyshire alabaster and many colored marbles, and is presented by Robert Hamilton, Esq., of this city.

The main outline of the work is circular, broken by the projection of massive square brackets placed at right angles. These are supported by columns, caps and bases. A projecting string course from which angled corbels depend, carries the statues, and the body of the structure which is openly arched; its clustered shafts are wrought in rare and highly polished marbles; the arches are deeply molded and enriched, the spandrels diapered, and the whole surmounted by a boldly carved capping course carrying the canopies, and terminating in a molding of Derbyshire alabaster. The break in the circular contour of the design is carried upwards by the disposition of the statues of SS. John Baptist, Peter and Paul. The massive structure is intended to idealize the rock upon which the Church is founded, and the statues the most powerful exponents of the preached gospel. The pulpit bears the following inscription in appropriate church text and is inlaid in color: "To the glory of God and the beloved memory of the Rev. George Hamilton, M. A. Oxon, Born January 18, 1850, died Ascension Day, 1880." The architect is Mr. Alfred Drew, of Margate, England, and the execution of the design has been carried out by Messrs. F. and J. Morgan, of Quebec, at whose suggestions several pleasing and important details have, with the approval of the architect, been incorporated.

SHERBROOKE.—A new society is being established in this city for the purpose of making known especially to tenant farmers in England, Ireland and Scotland, who are about to come out to Canada,