

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—St. Paul's.—An interesting and successful concert was given in the St. Paul's Sunday-school rooms, in which the following ladies and gentlemen took part: Miss Taylor, Miss Morrow, Mrs. F. J. Tremaine, Miss Beamish, Miss Wyld, Miss Schaefer and Miss Payne; Messrs. C. J. Ross, Huggins, Creighton and A. Tremaine.

St. Mark's.—The service for the dedication of the new organ was a very imposing one. The Rev. F. R. Murray preached on the occasion, and many of the city clergy were present. The choir of St. Mark's was supplemented by the choir of St. Paul's. The only drawback about the service was that the organ was not completed; only a few of the stops had been put in, and scarcely any of the pedals, consequently, the fine instrument was not heard to advantage. The offertory on the occasion amounted to \$57. Last Sunday the instrument was completed, and added very much to the effectiveness of the service. The organ cost about \$1,200.

St. Matthias.—A bazaar will be held about the middle of July, for the purpose of raising funds for the completion of this church; and as the work is strictly of a general and mission character, it is earnestly desired that the church people in town and elsewhere would send contributions for the same. About \$1,500 are required, in order to finish the building.

A Benefit Society has recently been formed in St. George's parish, which is steadily growing, and will prove a most useful organization. It is for working men, on the principle of the "clubs" in the Old Country. The members must pass the membership committee, who narrowly scrutinize every candidate as to sobriety and good moral character. They pay an entrance fee of 50 cents and a monthly sum of 25 cents, and do not receive any benefits until they have been members for six months. If a member is more than two months in arrears, his name is struck off the roll. In sickness each member is paid \$3 per week for the first four weeks, and \$1.50 for the second four weeks; if the sickness should continue after that period, the Society determines what weekly sum he shall receive. On the death of a member his family is entitled to \$30 for funeral expenses. The Society has been in existence three months, and already numbers 64 members. This looks well for the future usefulness of the organization, and there is no reason why it should not be extended to any parish where it would be practicable. The St. George's Society will receive any man in Halifax, not a Roman Catholic, as a member. The Rector is President of the Society.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Dr. Maynard, of Windsor, officiated in St. George's last Sunday morning, and preached in the Cathedral last Sunday evening.

The Rev. F. R. Murray preached in St. George's last Sunday evening.

The Rev. Dr. Partridge has been visiting Boston.

The Rev. J. L. Bell and family leave for England next week.

The Rev. Goschen J. Howie, a native of Mount Lebanon, lectured in St. George's School-room last week. The lecture was an interesting account of manners and customs in Bethlehem.

CORRECTIONS.—In our report of St. Margaret's Bay, in 13th May GUARDIAN, instead of "Beggars Cove," read "Peggy's Cove," and instead of "dudos" read "Reredos."—ED.

NEW GLASGOW.—Mr. Borden, the arboriculturist, has kindly presented to St. George's Chapel a lot of nice trees (horse chesnut, &c.), which, with a few native elms, have been planted out by the

Executive Committee, and add not a little to the beauty of the surroundings of our little Temple.

The choir has been strengthened lately by the addition of Miss Mason, of Tangier Parish, and Messrs. Godfrey, of Yarmouth, N.S., and Rogers, of St. John's, Montreal, have lent their aid as volunteers.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Anniversary Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, will be held (D. V.) at Fredericton, in the Church Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd day of July next, at 8 o'clock, p. m. The clergy and lay delegates are requested to meet in general committee, at the same place, on Tuesday, the 30th day of June next, at 9.30 o'clock, a. m., by order of His Lordship, the President.

W. Q. KETCHUM,

Secretary.

The clergy are especially requested to forward their reports to the Secretary, at the latest,—a fortnight before the annual meeting, in order that the report of the Society may be properly prepared. By a resolution of the general committee, it is required that the certificates of the lay delegates be forwarded to the secretary, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

The following are the appointments of the Most Rev. the Metropolitan for part of June:

June 7.	Confirmation at Hampton and French Village.
" 8 & 9.	" " Springfield.
" 12.	" " Sackville.
" 14.	" " Dorchester.
" 16.	" " Petitcodiac.
" 17.	" " Shediac.

The following are the appointments of the Bishop-Coadjutor for part of June:

JUNE.

5. Woodstock.	19. Prince William.
10. Centreville.	22. Canterbury.
13. Richmond.	

DORCHESTER, N. B.—On Saturday the 16th, His Lordship the Bishop Coadjutor visited this parish, remaining until Monday the guest of the rector, the Rev. J. Roy Campbell. His Lordship preached twice on Sunday the 17th in the parish church, and once to the prisoners in the Dorchester Penitentiary. His sermons were very good. At the morning service, sixty of the faithful partook of the Holy Communion. In the evening His Lordship pressed the claims of the Diocesan Church Society.

On the following day, Monday the 18th, a service of the consecration of the Gilbert family lot in the Dorchester Rural Cemetery, was held in the presence of members of the family and interested friends. We are looking for a visit from the Metropolitan who will hold Confirmation on the 14th of June.

THE BISHOP OF FREDERICTON AND THE REBELLION.—It is stated on authority, that a friend, whose good intentions were undoubted, was urging Mrs. Medley to use her influence to prevent Rev. G. G. Roberts, the Rector of Fredericton, from going to the North-West as Chaplain, and was answered by the noble-minded woman: "I will not; if the Metropolitan were not such an old man he would have offered his services, and I would have encouraged him." Bishop Medley is over 80 years of age, and was consecrated the first Bishop of Fredericton, by Archbishop Howley, exactly 40 years ago.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—A party of twelve children, under charge of a matron, sent out by the "Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strangers," arrived at their new home in Sherbrooke on Wednesday, May 13th. This Society, the President of which is the Archbishop of Canterbury, has for its object the receiving of

destitute children and the providing for their care. Last year the Rev. Mr. Bridger visited Sherbrooke to see about establishing a Distributing Home, which the Society was desirous of having in Canada. A delightfully situated property of four acres on the east bank of the St. Francis river, and within the city limits, was secured, and is now held by the Bishop of the Diocese in trust for the Society in England. The house, which stands in the centre of the property, has been repaired, and the ladies of St. Peter's Church have given much time and labour in furnishing and making provision for the reception of over thirty girls. The children are to be instructed and trained in the Home till places are found for them in families. If desired, some of the children may be taken for adoption. By the rules laid down by the English Committee, the children are in all cases to be placed with members of the Church of England. On the Rev. Mr. Bridger's return from Winnipeg at the end of the month, the Home will be formally opened with a religious service. It is proposed, if the Girls' Home prove a success, to establish one shortly for boys. The Bishop of Québec is the President of the Canadian Committee. The funds for carrying on the work are furnished by members of the Church in England; though much assistance has been, and will be, given by Church people in Sherbrooke.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR MAY (CONTINUED.)

May 27, Wednesday	—E. Farnham, Rev. J. Merrick.
" 27, Wednesday	—Adamsville, Rev. J. Merrick.
" 28, Thursday	—St. Hyacinthe, Rev. J. J. Roy, B.A.
" 29, Friday	—Upton, Rev. J. J. Roy, B.A.

St. George's Church.—On Saturday evening a meeting was held in the school-room of St. George's Church, under the presidency of Dean Carmichael, to present to the choir boys the prizes they had won during the year. Mr. Geo. Sumner, Mr. Geo. Lightbound, Mr. R. W. McDougall and Rev. Mr. Hood appropriately testified their appreciation of the services rendered by the choir boys during the year.

ABBOTSFORD AND ROUFFMONT.—The Bishop visited this mission on Saturday and Tuesday, the 16th and 19th May, and administered Confirmation to four candidates. The service at Abbotsford was held on Tuesday evening, the church being beautifully decorated with pots of blooming flowers and foliage plants, and a fair congregation was present. Miss Robinson presided at the organ, and ably led the singing, which was hearty and good. The Rev. T. Mussen, Rural Dean, accompanied the Bishop, and, at his request, made a short preliminary address to the candidates, after which the Bishop spoke to them and to the congregation in his usual earnest and impressive manner, assuring them and the congregation of his conviction that in answer to their fervent prayers the gift of the Holy Spirit would be made through this ordinance, and urging the candidates to show in their daily life the sincerity of their profession. Canon Robinson, the incumbent, presented the candidates, and read the evening service.

WEST FARNHAM.—The Bishop spent Sunday and Monday in this parish, and administered Confirmation.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

GANANOQUE.—The congregation of Christ Church intend holding a concert in the first week in June. Among the soloists are the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., of Brockville, and Rev. H. G. Parker. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. Rawnsley, choir master of Christ Church, who will be assisted by some of the best voices in this part of the Province, and a rich musical treat may be expected.