

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

When the matter of the Duties of Deans and Canons was up in the Provincial Synod, Canon Townshend very properly and forcibly pointed out that the diocese of Nova Scotia was not situated like other dioceses. The dean and chapter was a regular legal corporation possessing property. The canons were installed with solemn religious ceremonies had incomes assigned to them and regular duties to perform, as well as being obliged to obey the bishop's summons when he required them for counsel. And when the question of a General Missionary Board was being discussed, or rather afterwards, when the resolution respecting Algona was under consideration, Canon Townshend urged that all our contributions from the Dioceses, should be given to Algona and our own missionary work, in preference to sending any part thereof to the S.P.G., to which Society it would be of little consequence. These remarks of the Canon's seemed to meet the views of a majority of the members, and the resolution was finally adopted with that understanding.

DIARY.—Consecration of the New Trinity Church.—On Friday, 15th inst., this Church was consecrated by His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese. The Most Reverend the Metropolitan, who had fully intended to be present and had come from Fredericton to Saint John, on his way, was, just before the boat left for Digby, prevented by sudden indisposition (which we hope may prove but temporary) from crossing the Bay. The weather was all that could possibly be desired, and not only the surrounding Parishes, but places as far distant as St. John, Yarmouth, Halifax, and even Summerside, P. E. I., sent their representatives to rejoice with their brethren of Digby in the setting apart of their beautiful and frescoed Church to the service of God. The visiting clergy were: Rev. Canon Maynard, of Windsor, (who at the commencement of the building had laid the corner stone); Rev. Dr. Nichols, of Liverpool, (the donor of the handsome triple memorial window in the west end of this the new Parish Church of his native town); Rev. J. T. Moody, the venerable Rector of Yarmouth; Rev. P. J. Filloul, R. D., of Weymouth; Rev. W. M. Godfrey, of Clements; Rev. J. J. Ritchie, of Annapolis; Rev. F. P. Grestorex, of Granville; Rev. J. O. Ruggles, of Kentville, and Rev. J. W. Partridge, of Digby Neck. The Bishop, preceded by Rev. P. F. Grestorex as his chaplain, carrying the pastoral staff, and by the clergy walking in order of seniority of ordination, proceeded at 2 o'clock p. m. from the priest's door to the main entrance outside, where they were met by the Rector of the Parish, Rev. John Ambrose, and J. W. Partridge, as also by the Parish corporation. The Rector having read the Petition for the consecration of the Church, which was assented to by the Bishop, the procession advanced up the central passage, chanting the 24th Psalm, accompanied by the choir. The Bishop, from the chancel, addressed the parishioners, warmly congratulating them on having completed and provided with all things necessary for the decent and reverent worship of Almighty God, a beautiful Church, which—eschewing all shams and imitations—showed itself to be what it really is, a wooden building. The friends in England and elsewhere had shown a generous sympathy, he said, with the Digby Churchmen in their struggles, but still it was clear that the people themselves had contributed to the extent of their ability; and now, in the offering of this Church to God this day, would feel amply rewarded for all their self-denial, for he would not envy the feelings of the parishioners if they had acted otherwise, and could be content to assemble in a Church to which they had not contributed in proportion to their means, but had held back to take advantage of the generosity of others, thus pretending to worship God with that which cost them nothing. He then explained the meaning of the consecration service, by which a building, the property of man, was by a public and solemn act, with prayer and thanksgiving, made over to Almighty God. The Bishop solemnly exhorted the parishioners to make the best use of the building, and to discharge their great responsibilities to the Giver of all good,—thus not contenting themselves with having built the material edifice alone, but striving indi-

vidually to be built up into a spiritual house, an holy temple to the Lord. A debt of \$2,100, the Bishop said, still remained to be discharged, out of the whole cost of over \$10,000. This debt was not a lien upon the building, which in such case could not be consecrated, but had been assumed by the Rector and a small number of the parishioners, and this they should be relieved of as soon as possible. The sentence of consecration having been then read by Rev. Dr. Nichols, and duly signed by the Bishop, was ordered to be forwarded to the Registrar of the Diocese. The Bishop's sermon—an able one on the impossibility of serving God in man's own power, unassisted by the sanctifying and strengthening influences of the Holy Spirit—was most attentively received by the large congregation (numbering about 500). The offertory, towards defraying the debt, was \$193.17. On Saturday the Bishop held a service, and celebrated the Holy Communion at Rosaway, on Digby Neck. On Sunday he administered the Apostolic rite of "Laying on of hands," and celebrated the Holy Communion at Digby. Among those confirmed, were some who had joined the Church of England from the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist bodies. In the afternoon and evening, our indefatigable Diocesan preached at Marshalltown and Digby; and next morning, being St. Luke's Day, celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Digby at 7.30 a. m., and also assisted at the 10 o'clock service—this completing a visitation of which, we may well hope, the fruits will be long perceptible.

HALIFAX.—Parish of St Paul.—Sunday and Monday of last week having been recommended by the Church of England Sunday School Institute as days of Intercession for all engaged in the important work of instructing, as well as for those instructed, a special service was held in St. Paul's on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The day was fine, and some three hundred children, with their teachers, librarians and Secretary, were present. As the Rector was to hold service at Trinity Church, the Rev. Mr. Troop, the Curate, officiated, and gave an excellent address on the verse, "Ask and ye shall have; seek," etc., dwelling particularly upon the difference between asking, seeking, finding. It was a bright, cheerful and encouraging service. On Monday, at 11 a. m., the teachers and Sunday School scholars who were communicants met at St. Paul's for the purpose of celebrating the death of their Lord in the memorial feast. A brief address was made by Dr. Hill before the Holy Communion was administered, and one and all seem to feel deeply the solemnity of the occasion. In the evening there was a devotional meeting in the school room at Argyle Hall, when two laymen—veterans in Sunday School work—Mr. Lynch and Mr. Pierson, of H. M. Dockyard, took part, lending most effective aid. An hour and a half spent in prayer, praise and exhortation passed rapidly away, but the influence, we trust, will be as permanent as the meetings were transient.

AMHERST.—As a stranger passing a short time in Amherst, I was fortunate enough to be present yesterday when the Harvest Home service was held in the beautiful little Church here, of which Canon Townshend is Rector. The day was perfect, so calm, and the air sweet and warm as in August. The Church was dressed with all the fruits and flowers of God's earth, and looked what indeed it was—a thankoffering from grateful hearts for all the abundant mercies of the past year. The services, both in the morning and evening, were one burst of thanksgiving. I never attend a service in the Amherst Church without being struck by the beauty and taste displayed in every part of the building, and by the true devotional spirit in which the whole service is conducted. The heart of the Rector is indeed in his work, and his entire life has been spent in building up both spiritually and temporally, a "Church of Christ" on earth, of which there is no equal, in my mind, in Nova Scotia. I think the coldest hearts must have been touched yesterday on entering the Church with the taste and beauty of the decorations—from the font at the door up to the beautiful chancel, all was one offering to God of the best and choicest fruits of the year—graceful wheat sheaves, bunches of grapes, cornucopias full of all "The green things of the earth;" flowers (God's most beautiful gift to man) everywhere in great profusion, and all arranged by loving hands, and in

that true spirit of devotion and thanksgiving which must surely render such acts acceptable in the sight of God. Then the services, so full of life and praise; the grand old words, not coldly read, but all coming from true and thankful hearts, with beautiful hymns and a few tender, loving words at the end from the gentle-hearted Rector, who one can see is indeed the friend and father of all his people. In the evening, a beautiful, scholarly sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Uniacke, and happy indeed is the Parish in which two such men minister at God's Altar. I venture to send this short account of yesterday's services to your paper, hoping it may interest some, and perhaps encourage them to follow this beautiful old English custom of a "Harvest Home" festival. "Oh, all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; praise Him and magnify Him forever." V. V.

LONDONDERRY MINES.—The Rev. V. E. Harris was inducted Rector of the new Parish of St. Paul's on the 8th, Canon Townshend acting as instituting minister. At the close of the service an address was presented to the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, referring to the deep interest he had taken in the work of the Church at Londonderry since he had become Vicar of Truro. The address was accompanied by a portable font in silver.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

MONCTON.—The Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on the 10th. The Church was tastefully decorated. Sheaves of wheat, with fruit and vegetables, stood in the chancel. A floral cross was on the re-table, with vases of flowers, and above were moss and vines. "The True Vine," "The Bread of Life," in white letters, were on each side the window. Pots of flowers stood on the choir steps, and the standards were trimmed with ferns and berries. The pulpit and lectern were trimmed, and the font was exquisitely trimmed with moss, corn-grapes, flowers, &c. Over the font were the words "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." Very large congregations were present at both services. In the evening the Psalter was sung antiphonally, and the anthem was: "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," from I Chron. 29.

Thirteen new scholars have entered the Sunday School within the past month, the whole number on the roll being now 105.

Presentation to Mr. A. A. Rankin.—Mr. Rankin, who has most kindly acted as organist without salary during the past fourteen months, was presented, on behalf of the congregation, with a purse of \$54.00 as a slight token of appreciation of his services, and of his readiness to assist in all Church work, especially in the decoration of the Church at the different seasons. The address was read by Mr. George C. Peters, choir-master, after service on Friday evening last, and Mr. Rankin replied very appropriately.

DEANERY OF KINGSTON.—The Deanery Meeting will be held at Cambridge, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3rd and 4th. Meeting of Chapter Wednesday, 2 p. m.; Revelations xix. in Greek and Psalm iii. in Hebrew. Evensong 7 p. m. Thursday, Holy Communion 8 a. m.; Meeting of Chapter 9.30 a. m.

DEANERY OF SIEDLAC.—Meeting to-day (Oct. 28th), in the Parish of Sackville.

SUSSEX.—Mrs. Vail, widow of the late John C. Vail, died in St. John last week, and was buried in Sussex. She was a sister of Sir Fenwick Williams, the hero of Kars, and had attained the ripe old age of 84 years. During her long life she was loved and respected for her many good qualities. When the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise visited St. John last year, the Princess sent her carriage for Mrs. Vail, and expressed great pleasure in meeting her Reed's Castle. On her return to Ottawa H.R.H. showed her kind remembrance by sending her photograph and a copy of the "Life of the Duke of Kent."

ST. JOHN.—Church of England Institute Anniversary Services.—The fifth anniversary service was held on the 21st, at 8 p. m., in St. Paul's Church, Portland. The service was Tallis, full choral, with Wesley's *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*. The choir was composed of over 40 men and boys, under the leadership of Prof. Porter, organist of St. Paul's, Halifax.

Fifteen of the boys came from that city, nine being members of St. Luke's choir, and six from the Garrison Chapel. The singing was remarkably good. Rev. F. S. Sill, Curate of St. Paul's, intoned the service. Rev. G. Schofield read the first lesson, and Rev. Canon DeVeber the second lesson. Rev. T. E. Dowling preached from Ephes. v. 19, on "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." The hymns were "Forward be our watchword," "Crown him with many crowns," "Come forth O Christian brothers," "Holy offerings rich and rare," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow."

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE LORD BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND has been engaged during the past month in a visitation of the N. E. and E. portion of his extensive Diocese, and has visited in the Church many settlements. He has just returned to St. John's safe and well, having had most favorable weather.

NEW HARBOUR.—Our good Bishop has just paid us a week's visit here, to the satisfaction, and, I hope, profit of the people. On Wednesday evening, the *Lavrock*, leaving His Lordship on board, dropped anchor in Feild's Cove, just three weeks before the expected time. The people, however, were not quite without powder, and the fishermen's salute, soon announced the Bishop's arrival to the neighborhood. Evensong was just about to begin ashore, and the services of the Bishop's Chaplain the Rev. J. M. Noel, Rector of Harbour Grace, were secured for a sermon. The following evening, after Evensong, His Lordship furnished a plain weighty sermon on Continual Prayer. A temperance Meeting was held in the Schoolroom adjoining, with a view to establish a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The meeting was well attended, and a list, close on 40 pledges (total abstinence), were taken. The next day (Friday), the *Lavrock*, with the Bishop's party, and some members of the Parson's family on board, left the Cove for Chance Cove, settlement about 18 miles distant. The wind freshened soon after leaving, and we had a fine run there. Chance Cove was reached about noon; never before had a Bishop set foot here and very proud were the people to-day. The place never looked so gay, with flags of all colours and devices flying, and guns firing. Evensong and Confirmation service at 3, in the Schoolroom, when about 20 persons received that Sacramental Rite. Very plain and touching was the Bishop's address; at times tears stood in the eyes of most present. Then followed the consecration of the old Graveyard. About five p. m. the *Lavrock* spread her sails for Feild's Cove again; touching however on her way thither at Norman's Cove where the Priest of the mission, the Rev. A. C. Waghorne was landed to prepare for the Bishop's visit on the following day. About 10 o'clock on Saturday morning the *Lavrock* beat into Chappel Arm, where the Bishop received a hearty welcome from the Norman's Cove people. The services were Confirmation and Consecration of the old Graveyard. His Lordship will probably not visit these places for four years; then, we hope, it will be to consecrate a Church in each settlement. A smart breeze carried the *Lavrock* back to Feild's Cove in an hour, or a little more. Evensong came at 7 when the Bishop's Chaplain preached. On Sunday the first service was at the Cove at 8 Holy Communion, his Lordship being celebrant, when about 40 persons received at his hands the Bread of Life. Mattins Litany and Sermons by the Rev. J. M. Noel at 10.30 in the old Church at New Harbour, Confirmation service at Feild's at 3.30 when ten persons were confirmed. At 7 o'clock service was at New Harbour; and then occurred the terrible panic, related last week, which might have resulted in some shocking casualties to many present.

On Monday, Matins as usual at 9; Evensong at Feild's at 7, when the Bishop preached. After service there was a meeting of the men from different parts of the mission in New Harbour School, when His Lordship spoke on several matters of interest affecting the Church and the people's duties thereto. At 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning the *Lavrock* finally left Feild's Cove, to visit one of the outlying settlements, before quitting the Mission. Grave's Harbour is only 6 miles, but in consequence of the wind being dead ahead and light, it took

5 hours for the Bishop's party to reach it. It was then too late for the 11 o'clock service, including Celebration and Consecration, so that Evensong and the Consecration of the new Church were off at 3. The Church was thronged, many outsiders, Methodist and Roman Catholic, being present. Everyone admired the Church, which, though a plain building simply, yet looked very well. The windows, filled with Cathedral glass, won special admiration from those present, especially the rose windows at the west-end. They are, I fancy, the only ones of Mr. Spence's (Montreal) manufacture in this country. A few wreaths of fir across the pillars, and some flowers upon the Altar, gave a proper festive character to the occasion. After Evensong was over a meeting was held in the school room to inaugurate the Church of England Temperance Society. Fourteen took the total abstinence pledge, which is to be the basis of the Society in this Mission. An early celebration the following morning terminated the Bishop's labors of love amongst us, and at 10 o'clock the "Lavrock" might have been seen leaving Green's Harbour, bound for Heart's Content with a fine sail pressed her. She simply called at Heart's Content, we are informed, to convey a Clergyman—the Rev. Mr. Saunders—to the new Mission of Random, where His Lordship's next work lay.

GARNISH & ENGLISH HARBOR.—During the past summer, Rev. W. K. White, Lord Dean, of Fortune Bay, has had the pleasure of dedicating holy vessels and beautiful service books at the Churches of Garnish and English Harbor, in that Bay, procured by friends in England, and selected by Mrs. Feild, the widow of the late dear Bishop. The people of Garnish have done all the labor of their new Church without payment, and both they and the brethren at English Harbor were very pleased and grateful, and are encouraged to proceed.

ST. PIERRE, MIQUELON.—The members of the Church at the French settlement of St. Pierre, Miquelon, have erected a beautiful Church, in which services are constantly held. It has lately received a very handsome Altar Table, and it is to be hoped that a resident clergyman will soon take up his abode there. The services are, and have been, conducted by one or two Newfoundland Missionaries, who are living at St. Pierre, Messrs. Colley and White.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COOKSHIRE.—St. Peter's Church, Rev. E. C. Parkin, Incumbent.—This charming little country church was consecrated on Sunday, the 17th October. The Incumbent and people of Cookshire are to be congratulated on having carried out their undertaking of building a substantial stone church so successfully. The church, which is of early English architecture, consists of a tower and spire, nave and chancel, with an open, high pitched roof,—the nave is 54 x 32, chancel 18 x 20, tower 12 x 12. The interior is exceedingly chaste, and the furniture and fittings in very good taste, and it may be looked upon as the model country church of the Diocese. The successful issue of the undertaking is an encouraging instance of what patience, care, and perseverance can accomplish.—*Com.*

CONFIRMATIONS, &C, IN SEPTEMBER.—Places and number of candidates: Georgeville, 6; Stansted, 3; Hatley, 16; Waterville, 6; Lennoxville, 31; Milby, 8; Inverness, 26; Adderly, 5; Upper Ireland, 23; Lower Ireland, 15; total, 139. It is significant to remark that 8 of those confirmed in Hatley had just been baptised as adults. Much interest, too, was added to the occasion by the presence, in his robes, of Bishop Niles, of New Hampshire, at this his native place. The Bishop of Quebec consecrated the Church and Churchyard in Adderly, and a new chancel at Inverness. His Lordship also preached in Leeds, and addressed a missionary meeting at Upper Ireland. Such is the long list of some of the Episcopal duties performed in a single month over widely extended limits.—*Quebec Diocesan Record.*

QUEBEC.—The Young Women's Guild of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, have sent an order to England for 3 sets of altar vessels, consisting in each case of silver chalice and paten and crystal flagon. Their aim is to encourage rural congregations to provide suitable vessels for the Lord's Table.