

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

TAURO.—On Wednesday, the 7th instant, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop began his Confirmation tour through Amherst Deanery by Confirming seventeen, four males and thirteen female candidates, in St. John's Church in this town.

The Bishop entered the church, preceded by Rev. H. A. Harley, M.A., Rector of Picton, bearing his Pastoral staff, and accompanied by the Archdeacon of Nova Scotia, Ven. J. A. Kaulbach, M.A., who is Vicar of the parish, and Rev. Rural Dean Moore. We are sorry to say that the Archdeacon is suffering from loss of voice—in presenting the candidates he could only be heard by those nearest. The Rural Dean read the Preface. The Bishop's address was one of the most impressive we have heard him deliver. He began by saying he wanted to leave two words impressed on the candidates 'serious' and 'joyful,' and with these (at first sight somewhat opposing words) for his text he delivered such a flow of impressive advice, caution and exhortation, as held all in breathless attention, and solemnized each attentive listener. Mr. Faulkner at the organ; Mr. S. Chambers on the cornet and the choir, rendered the four hymns in most pleasing style.

The church, just newly tinted on its walls, with the lovely flowers and brilliant electric lights was lovely to behold.

The Bishop left by C.P.R. train at 9:30 for Amherst. The visiting clergy were indebted for most hospitable reception to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Kaulbach, and Dr. and Mrs. G. Hyde.

AMHERST.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese arrived in this parish on the morning of the 8th inst., and remained until the 10th inst. His Lordship is making a visitation of this Deanery, and very kindly came to this parish (although not his regular visit) for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation to seventeen persons who were desirous of receiving the same. The service was held on Friday evening, when the vicar presented seven men and eleven women for the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands. The loving and tender words of counsel, *serious* and *joyous*, which were addressed to the newly confirmed by our beloved Bishop will, I trust, never be forgotten by them, nor by the large congregation which filled every part of the church. We are looking forward to another visit from his Lordship in the summer, when a number more will be presented to receive the same rite, and it is also expected that the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, at Fort Laurence, will be ready for consecration.

Never perhaps in the history of the Church in this parish were the Lenten and Easter services more impressive, or better attended, than during the season just past. A full account of which was promptly mailed here on Easter Tuesday, but through some postal defect the manuscript never reached its destination.

TIDNISH.—During the fall and winter the Rev. C. A. French has kept up the services in this Mission. He has also visited a number of families in the neighborhood. Just now a great many men are coming into Tidnish to work on the Marine Railway. It is a good thing that the Church of England has had the forethought to give us an experienced missionary at this time. We are hoping very soon to see things spiritual and temporal developing in the direction of growth. This is truly the season of spring—the day of sowing. 'What shall the harvest be?' Who can tell.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

WINDSOR AND BROMPTON.—On Monday, 5th inst., the Rev. J. C. Cox, B.A., late of the Montreal Diocese, was inducted to the charge of

the above Mission. Besides the Ven. Henry Roe, D.D., Archdeacon of Quebec, and the new incumbent, the Rev. J. Hepburn, M.A., Rector of Richmond and Melbourne, and his curate, Rev. G. H. A. Murray, B.A., were present and assisted at both services.

The service at Windsor Mills was at 10:30 a.m., and was conducted as follows: First, the Induction service, as provided in the Journal of the Provincial Synod, was proceeded with by the Archdeacon and the Rev. J. Hepburn, acting as his chaplain; then the Rev. J. C. Cox read Morning Prayer, the Rev. G. H. A. Murray reading the lesson, after which the Archdeacon assisted by the Rector of Richmond and Melbourne, and the new incumbent as Gospeller and Epistoler, took the ante-Communion. Next in order came the Archdeacon's sermon, which being so full, pointed and clear, and delivered in his eloquent and inimitable style, applied alike to minister and congregation. The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Ven. Archdeacon, assisted by the Rev. J. C. Cox.

After dinner, provided by the hospitality of Mr. McHardy, the clergy proceeded to Brompton, where the Induction service was repeated, followed by Evening Prayer by the priest in charge. At the request of the Archdeacon, the Rev. J. Hepburn addressed the congregation. He showed plainly and forcibly the relations of pastor and people, and emphasized the fact that it was the duty of every congregation to receive and support whomsoever the Bishop chose to send them as spiritual adviser, because his authority had been handed down to him by the Christian Church from the beginning. The Archdeacon followed with an admirable charge to the new incumbent. After this service, the clergy were invited to take tea at Mrs. Alfred Knapp's.

The congregations were not so large as they should have been, but the weather and roads were very unfavorable; however, those whose privilege it was to be present must have gone home deeply impressed and edified with what they had seen and heard.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

ATLWIN.—The roads up the Gatineau are something frightful to travel over and exceedingly dangerous just now. On Saturday, the 3rd inst., as the Rev. L. B. Pearse, was on his way to do duty at St. James' Wright, his horse gave a sudden plunge in one of the mud holes which sent the buggy, occupants and all over the river bank, some twenty feet below; but fortunately, unlike a similar accident two years ago, when Mr. Pearse sustained a broken arm; this time he escaped uninjured, and was truly thankful to get off with a fright and good shaking. This marvellous escape from certain death is only another grateful proof of our Heavenly Father's Providential care, and loving response to earnest heartfelt prayer.

The following are the Bishop's Visitations for May:

- May 14th, Wednesday, Philipsburg and Pigeon Hill.
- May 15th, Thursday, Bedford.
- May 16th, Friday, Clarenceville and Noyan.
- May 18th, Sunday, Farnham.
- May 19th, Monday, Rougemont.
- May 20th, Tuesday, Abbotsford and Milton.
- May 21st, Wednesday, South Roxton, North Shefford and Warden.
- May 22nd, Thursday, Boscobel.
- May 23rd, Friday, North Ely.
- May 25th, Sunday, South Stukely and Eastman.
- May 26th, Monday, Bolton Centre, South and East.

Letters needing immediate attention may be addressed to Waterloo until 29th April; Mansonville until 5th May; Cowansville until 8th May; Clarenceville until 16th May; South Stukely until 23rd May.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. A. J. Fidler, formerly of the Diocese of Ontario, has resigned the charge of St. Bartholomew's, Buffalo, N.Y., and has accepted a call as assistant minister in St. Paul's Cathedral of the same city. He will enter upon his duties on Trinity-Sunday. His address will be 128 Pearl st., Buffalo, N.Y.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PETERBOROUGH.—The members of the Deanery of Northumberland, which is composed of Peterborough and Northumberland, held its last meeting here when eight of the twelve clergymen of the district were present. At 8:30 o'clock in the morning Holy Communion was celebrated at St. John's Church, Rev. J. C. Davidson, Rector, officiating, assisted by Rev. C. E. Sills, of Brighton. From ten o'clock until one session of the members was held under the presidency of Rural Dean Davidson, of Colborne. At noon the members were entertained at dinner at the Snowdon House by the Rector. In the afternoon another session was held until five o'clock and in the evening a service was conducted at St. Luke's, Ashburnham. There was a fair congregation, composed of the members of both St. John's and St. Luke's. Rev. Messrs Walker, of Campbellford, and J. C. Cooper, of Hastings, read the lessons, and Rev. W. E. Cooper, of Grafton, preached the sermon. The matters under consideration during the day were practical matters affecting the welfare of the Church in this deanery and matters which will come before the Synod in June. It was resolved to hold the next meeting in Colborne on the first Tuesday in September.

St. Luke's.—The confirmation at St. Luke's was held Friday night, May 9. Lectures had been given on Thursday evenings to a large class and they had the advantage of plenty of time to make good preparation and search their hearts. When the appointed time at length arrived, the candidates met in the Sunday school and proceeded thence to the church. The Rev. J. C. Davidson, of St. John's, was present and read the shortened form of evening prayer, with its appropriate lesson from Acts vii. After a hymn the preface to the confirmation service was read, and then followed a real practical address from the Bishop of the Diocese, most suitable to the needs of the young people about to be confirmed. The fact that each one before him was a child of God from the time of baptism was strongly insisted upon and each was encouraged to go to God as a Father, tender and considerate, ready to overlook shortcomings and ever ready to help on to better things. They were specially urged to seek that required help in the Holy Communion. Thirty one persons were then presented to His Lordship and received the laying on of hands and one who was sick in bed was confirmed by His Lordship next morning in private. The service was then closed by singing the hymn, 'O Jesus I have Promised,' and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Bishop. After the service a few friends were entertained at luncheon in the rectory. The Bishop left for Lakefield at noon on Saturday, where he held confirmation on Sunday.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

EDUCATIONAL FUND OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.—As there appears to be some misunderstanding about the state of this fund, and its relation to our Diocesan Branch at large we have been asked to give an exact statement of how the matter at present stands.

The subject of the 'education of missionaries children' was first brought before us in the autumn of 1888 in a letter from the Bishop of Algoma to our corresponding secretary, in answer to one she had written to him asking