

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AMHERST.—A meeting of the Rural Deanery of Amherst was held at River John on 15th and 16th Sept. The following clergy were present: Rev. V. E. Harris, Rural Dean; Ven. Archdeacon Kaulbach; Revs. W. J. Ancient, S. Gibbons, H. A. Harley, T. L. Downey, Rector of River John, A. M. Bent and M. Taylor. On Tuesday evening, 15th inst., a bright and hearty service was held at Trinity Church, Talmagouche Road. Rev. W. J. Ancient spoke with much vigor and force upon the subject of systematic giving of alms for the service of God. Rev. S. Gibbons spoke with much eloquence upon the subject of Missions. The addresses of both speakers were much appreciated by all present. On Wednesday morning, 16th inst., Divine service consisting of Morning Prayer and celebration of Holy Communion, was held in the Parish Church at River John, the Rural Dean being celebrant. The sermon 'ad clerum' was preached by Rev. S. Gibbons, who spoke with much feeling of the love of Moses and St. Paul for those consigned to their care, and earnestly exhorted his fellow workers in the sacred ministry to follow their example. After lunch at the Rectory the business of the Chapter was begun, and many subjects of interest were discussed. A paper written by Rev. G. R. Martell on the subject of 'Candidates for the Sacred Ministry' was read by Rev. T. L. Downing, in the unavoidable absence of the writer. This excellent paper dealt fully with the important subject of increasing the number of candidates for ordination, and many valuable suggestions were given. A discussion then followed upon this subject. Another communication was also read, which had been received from Rev. T. Lockwood, of Port Medway, dealing with the matter of fire insurance for all church buildings in the diocese—all such buildings to be so insured that the money accruing from insurance should remain in the hands of the Church authorities, and be spent for the good of the Church. At first eight the suggestions of Rev. T. Lockwood seemed to be approved by the members of the Deanery, but it was thought advisable to refer the matter for farther consideration at the next meeting, as time would not allow of the matter being so fully discussed as the importance deserved. After business came recreation and refreshment, when all sat down to the ample repast provided by Mrs. Downing, the Rector's wife. In the evening a special service was held in the parish church, when a very good congregation assembled, and were addressed by Rev. W. J. Ancient. Rev. S. Gibbons again came forward with excellent addresses upon the subjects on which they had spoken the night before. On both occasions the organ was efficiently played by Miss Downing, and the choir on both nights were strong in numbers and in voice. The next morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., after which the visiting clergy dispersed to their several homes, with many a kindly wish for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish of River John, its Rector, Rector's wife and family, who had done so much to make the meeting what it proved to be, a most enjoyable one in every sense of the word. The next meeting of the Rural Deanery will be held (D.V) at Stellarton, on 25th and 26th November.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL FOR SPRING HILL MINES.

To the Editor of the Church Guardian:

Dear Sir,—I very gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions to the proposed Cottage Hospital:

Mrs. Oaler, Toronto, \$25; Dr. Oaler, Baltimore, per Toronto Synod Sec. Treasurer \$25.75; Toronto Diocesan Branch of Woman's Auxiliary \$5.

The receipt of the foregoing during the past week has been very encouraging. Although \$1,500 more is needed for the building, yet I had seriously resolved last week to make all necessary preparations for the immediate prosecution of the work, trusting in firm faith for the needful amount to come to us. The mail to day unexpectedly brought us \$60.00. Will some one to whom God has given much and has bountifully blessed send us an outfit of towels for the hospital? We also need a dozen and a half counterpanes.

I remain yours truly,

W. CHAS. WILSON.

The Rectory, Springhill Mines, Sept. 24, 1891.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

MILTON.—The Clerical Association of Prince Edward Island met here on Wednesday and Thursday, 9th and 10th Sept., and were heartily welcomed by the affable Rector, Rev. T. B. Reagh. On the evening of the 9th, a service was held which was well attended, and at which addresses, interspersed with hymns were given by the visiting clergy. The Rev. T. Lloyd, of New London, kindly acted as organist. On Thursday the proceedings commenced with celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., at which Rev. A. W. Daniel was celebrant. There after the clergy adjourned to the rectory, where the business session was held. There were present at it Revs. Daniel, Hamlyn, Simpson, Lloyd, Harper, T. Lloyd, Lowe and Reagh. Several business matters were discussed and an able paper on 'The Church in its relation to Infidelity,' was read by Rev. Mr. Hamlyn. The paper caused an animated discussion, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the writer. The next meeting will be held in the second week in December at Kensington.

SUMMERSIDE.—The Ven. Archdeacon Weston Jones preached in St. Mary's Church here, and in St. John's Church, St. Eleanors, on the 2nd Sunday in Sept., and thereafter proceeded on a visitation to O'Leary, Kildare, Alberton and Bidford. On Thursday evening last he delivered a special address in St. Mary's Church on 'The claims of the Anglican Church to Catholicity.'

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

ST. JOHN.—Nearly all the members of the congregation of the Mission Chapel gathered in the Sabbath school-room Wednesday evening, Sept. 23rd. The occasion was the presentation of a farewell address to the Rev. J. M. Davenport. The address was read by Mr. H. W. Frith. Regret at the departure from the city of Rev. Mr. Davenport was first expressed, together with a grateful tribute to the services he had rendered the congregation and church during his sojourn here. The development of the church during the ten years of Fr. Davenport's ministry was plainly pointed out, and the opposition troubles and difficulties that he had to encounter were feelingly referred to. The church was initiated by twenty communicants, and it now has nearly twenty times that number, and through the liberality and personal influence of Rev. Mr. Davenport it has been able to contribute handsomely to the Diocesan Fund and to domestic and foreign missions. The following tribute was paid to the personal character of Fr. Davenport:

By the purity and simplicity of your life, and character by your self-abnegation and munificent charities, by your cheerful and unaffected participation in the pursuits, the pleasures and the philanthropic associations of your fellow citizens, and by your bold, unambiguous and intelligent setting forth of what you believe to be the true doctrine and correct ritual of the Church, you have turned opposition into admiration, suspicion into confidence, and obloquy into praise.

Of his work in establishing the Church school and the Sisterhood fitting reference was made. Then the address stated:

In the arena of controversy, not only this congregation but Churchmen generally throughout and beyond the Diocese, will ever be under deep obligations to you for your masterly defence, clear exposition and public vindication of the verities of the Catholic religion.

The address was signed by the vestrymen of the church.

Rev. Mr. Davenport replied at some length. He feelingly returned thanks for the high estimate of his work, which he felt far surpassed its real merits. He explained that while it might seem strange to some that he was leaving his work here just as new developments were beginning to be realized, that he did so without any misgivings or prickings of conscience. He had in no way sought his new field, but instead its pressing needs had been impressed upon him by an associate in the Order of St. John, and after prayerful consideration he allowed his name to be proposed. He referred at some length to the establishment of the school and the sisterhood, and predicted the success of each. In concluding he thanked one and all for their many kindnesses, and assured them that he will ever look back with pleasure to his ministry here. On behalf of the Guild of St. Monica, Mr. Frith then presented Rev. Mr. Davenport with a handsome silk stole, after which some excellent music was given, Rev. Mr. Davenport himself singing several solos—*St. John Globe*.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

GEORGEVILLE.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Bagg of Montreal, presented lately a very nice bell to St. George's Church here, to the gratification of the people.

FITCH BAY.—The Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at St. Matthew's Church on Friday and Sunday, Sept. 18th and 20th. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, grain, &c., the farmers taking great pleasure in sending the very best of things produced as a thankoffering of the harvest. The Venerable Archdeacon Roe made a short stay in the village a few days since to further the parsonage scheme. The people have well responded to their duty in the matter.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MISSION OF ARUNDEL.—The people of this Mission are endeavoring to raise funds to build a parsonage near Grace Church in the township of Arundel. They are also endeavoring to complete a new church at Laurel in the township of Wentworth, in the same Mission, and which will be at a distance of sixteen miles from any other in the settlement. The building is erected and there only remains requisite a sum of from \$70 to \$80 to complete this much needed work. Mr. Dilworth, the catechist at this point, working under Rural Dean Sanders, of Lachute, has been authorized by the Bishop to solicit subscriptions to these works, and is recommended by the Dean of Montreal, the Rev. Dr. Norton, Rev. H. J. Evans, and others, and doubtless the churchpeople of the city will not fail in supplying assistance as they may be able. Contributions may be sent to Mr. Dilworth, Catechist, Arundel, Que., or to Rural Dean Sanders, Lachute.

KNOWLTON.—Excavations are progressing rapidly upon the site of the new church, and it is expected that all will be in order for the laying of the corner stone by the 9th or 10th prox. The Lord Bishop of Montreal is expected to be present, and P.G.M., J. F. Walker, with the officers of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Quebec, will perform the beautiful ritual of the order, in the presence of prominent Church people and Masons from Montreal, Quebec and elsewhere.