

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—We congratulate "The Little Gatherers" of the Church Women's Missionary Association on the success of their Fancy Sale and Refreshment Table, which realized over \$320. Let the "big" gatherers beat that!

LAKELANDS.—This mission, which is attached to the Parish of Rawdon, and which under ordinary circumstances only gets one *Sunday* service a month has, through the kindness of the Rev. J. B. Uniacke, enjoyed a fortnightly one during the past summer, much to the gratification, and we trust, benefit, of the people. The church has hitherto been without a vestry and as a necessary consequence the clergyman has had to robe in front of the congregation, which during the winter months when before robing he has to divest himself of no small amount of over-wear is a rather unseemly performance. This has now been remedied by partitioning off one corner of the nave. The people deserve great credit for the prompt and liberal manner in which they responded to the appeal of the Incumbent for the accommodation thus provided; particularly Miss Isabel Davis who went round the mission soliciting and collecting subscriptions, and through whose kind thoughtfulness the vestry is furnished with mirror and sundry little toilet conveniences.

CRESTER.—The inhabitants of the outlying station of Western Shore had a rich treat on the morning of the 27th Oct., when his Lordship the Bishop visited that part of the parish for the purpose of Consecration and Confirmation. The building which was on that day set apart for Divine Service and the various ministrations of the church, was erected, boarded in and shingled some six years ago. It remained in that condition till the present Incumbent took charge of the parish, when the work was pushed on to completion. The church was opened for worship on the 27th July, but not consecrated till his Lordship's visit three months later. The 27th Oct. opened bright and beautiful, and crowds of people were seen wending their way to the church at as early an hour as 8 o'clock. Long before 10.30 the church was filled, and the arrival of the Bishop and the visiting clergy anxiously looked for. At a quarter to 11 the Incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Butler, met the Bishop, with Revs. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Grosor, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Harris, at the west door of the church, and read the petition for Consecration, which, being accepted, the service proceeded. After the usual service and morning prayers had been offered, and the preface to the Confirmation service read by Rev. Mr. Sutherland, his Lordship addressed the congregation and candidates. He spoke of the style of the church, which is something new in church architecture, and quite pleasing, in being odd, and expressed his pleasure at seeing more male than female candidates. 43 were presented for the Laying On of Hands, 11 of whom came from the adjoining Parish of Mahone Bay, as the stormy weather of the 25th prevented them from getting to their own church. About 120 partook of the Lord's Supper which was administered by his Lordship, assisted by the Revs. Mr. Snyder, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Harris, the whole congregation remaining the entire service, which lasted four hours, and although so long, the utmost order prevailed, and no one seemed to want to go. Indeed so interesting was the service that an old gentleman remarked the day after, "I could have stayed all day and all night." This service will be long remembered by the people as fraught with pleasure and profit to all. The hangings of the church are the gift of the ladies of the "Church Extension Association" of England. The collection of \$13 was devoted to the purchase of stoves, etc. The holy rite of "Laying On of Hands" was administered to 35 candidates in the Parish Church on Saturday morning. 19 males, 16 females, and the Lord's Supper administered to upwards of 90 persons. Four men came over from New Ross to receive the rite, as they were prevented from at-

tending the service there on the 22nd Sept. 68 belonging to the parish were confirmed,—one privately, on account of sickness; over half of whom were male candidates, and ranging in age from 15 to 80 years.

ANNAPOLIS RURAL DEANERY.—A meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery was held in the Parish of St. Clement on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 14th and 15th of November. Present—Revs. P. J. Filleul, R.D., John Ambrose, Henry D. DeBlois, Secretary, F. P. Grestorex, C. W. McCully, J. Partridge. Evening service was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., at which all the clergy present took part. The Secretary, Rev. H. D. DeBlois, was the preacher. The congregation was large, the services hearty and joyful, and the singing excellent. On Wednesday morning, full service, with celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the Parish Church at 10.30 a.m., participated in as follows: Matins—Prayers, Rev. J. Partridge; 1st Lesson; Rev. John Ambrose; 2nd Lesson, Rev. F. P. Grestorex; Sermon, Rev. P. J. Filleul; text, 2nd Cor. i. xi.—a good practical sermon on the duty and advantage of intercessory prayer by the people for the clergy. Holy Communion—Celebrant, Rev. P. J. Filleul; Epistoler, Rev. F. P. Grestorex; Gospeller, Rev. John Ambrose. Rural Deanery business meeting at 2.50 p.m. Meeting opened with prayer by Rural Dean. Rev. the Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the Rev. C. W. McCully, the newly appointed Rector of St. Clements. He also gave satisfactory reasons why no meeting had been held since October, 1881, in Weymouth. After some discussion, it was moved by Rev. John Ambrose, "That in future four regular meetings of this Rural Deanery shall be held in each year, as nearly as may be at intervals of three months, and that the brethren assemble in any given Parish in time to attend and take part in an evening service with sermon. The next day an early celebration of the Holy Communion shall be held, if practicable, and the forenoon and afternoon be given to the discussions and business of the Rural Deanery. An evening service shall be held with sermon, as on preceding night." This was seconded by Rev. F. P. Grestorex, and passed unanimously. Moved by Rev. John Ambrose: "That any Parish not receiving this Rural Deanery in its proper turn shall be expected to make and forward to the Secretary of this Rural Deanery, within a fortnight thereafter, an offertory for the Mission Fund of this Deanery." Seconded by Rev. C. W. McCully, and passed unanimously. It was resolved, "That in order to carry out the more effectually the rule of the Rural Deanery to promote as far as possible the subject of organized efforts on behalf of the Board of Home Missions, the brethren of this Rural Deanery hold themselves in readiness to exchange Sunday duty with each other at fitting opportunities for this purpose, thereby giving effect to the resolution of the Synod touching this matter." Passed. Rev. C. W. McCully presented a blank register-book for the use of the Deanery, to take the place of the present much worn and unsuitable one. The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted him for his timely gift. It was resolved that the Rev. F. P. Grestorex be requested to read a paper at the next meeting on the subject of "Earnestness and Simplicity in Parochial Work." Passed. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Granville in February next. The collections in the different churches, amounting to \$7.87, were ordered to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Foreign Mission Fund. The meeting then adjourned. Evening Services were held at Moose River, Bear River and Clements Shore, where large and appreciative congregations were present. Thus ended one of the most successful and important meetings of this Deanery for some time past.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

NEWCASTLE.—Special services were held here on St. Andrew's Day in connection with "The Young Women's Guild of St. Andrew." Morning prayers, followed by a celebration, were said at 11 a. m., all the members of the Guild, with the exception of two or three, who were unavoidably absent, being present, and partook of the Blessed Eucharist

with a special view of asking God's blessing upon the members and work of the Guild. Evensong was said at 7.30, when a special sermon was preached by the Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, from St. Mark xxvii. 55. The preacher, after dwelling upon the fact that our Lord was pleased to receive the ministrations of women while on earth, reminded his hearers that we can still minister to Christ by working for His Church, and for its poorer ministers. Such labours of love our Lord receives as done unto Himself. The preacher concluded by exhorting the members of the Guild to value the opportunity given them of devoting some portion of their time in direct work for fact. Time was a talent given to them all, and for its use or abuse they would be called in question at the Judgment Day.

CLERICAL CONFERENCE (Continued.)

At 8 o'clock the same evening a public meeting in connection with the Conference was held in the large school room of Trinity Church, which was well filled. After prayers and a hymn, the Metropolitan, who occupied the chair, made a short introductory address. He said that this Conference had been confined to the clergy only, not because they had anything to conceal from the laity, but because this undertaking was only a tentative thing. The larger scheme of a Church Congress would, no doubt, come in due time, when they were prepared to make it a success. The question before them this evening was "How to interest the people in the life and work of the Church." When he looked at the meaning of that question he felt as if there must surely be some mistake. Could it be possible that "the people," meaning Church people, could be otherwise than interested, deeply interested, in the life and work of the Church, which is their Spiritual Mother? Do we believe the plain teaching of the Word of God? Do we believe that the Lord Jesus Christ lived and died for the salvation of men? Do we believe that He established His Church to bring men to Him, and make them His forever in the heavenly kingdom? Surely one grain of faith in such momentous truth would suffice to move the mountain of lethargy which weighs us down to earth. You are interested enough in a hundred other things. How is it that you take so little interest in this the most important of all? Take the life and work of the Church in our own Diocese. You must have heard of nine Missions vacant. Did it trouble you? Did any eat or drink or sleep the less? Yet think what a vacant Mission means. No opportunity to worship God together, to hearken to His Holy Word, to obtain Baptism for our children, or Holy Communion for the strengthening of our own souls, and this going on month after month. We are members of the Church, and our Lord has laid on us the duty of supporting it. Such meetings as this ought to stir people up to recognize that they are neglecting their duty to their Mother, the Church, and that the disgrace is the same as if children, living themselves in comfort, suffered their parents to die miserably in the poor house. Consider then the present crisis; the S. P. G. rapidly withdrawing its aid, the D. C. S. hampered and distressed for lack of means, the poorer Missions crying in vain for help. Must not this state of things lead you to ask yourselves the question whether you, as Christian people, are showing that interest which you ought in the life and work of the Church in your own Diocese. Numbers might give who give nothing; numbers who give might double their subscriptions. At the last Great Day you will be asked whether you supported the Church or not; for Christ our Lord will say, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

The Rev. F. R. Murray then addressed the meeting.

(To be continued.)

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondent.]

MONTREAL.—The ladies who held a bazaar in the city in behalf of Algoma realized some \$200 towards their pious work.

The ladies of St. John the Evangelist, who held